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East of the River: by Dick Akagi

Whites Only

New York

Mari Sabusawa Michener was on her way to Spain " . . . couple of days in London, couple of days in Paris," she was saying, "then I'm going to Madrid, and from Madrid to Seville. Mich is in Seville." Mich is her husband, James Michener.

"Is there anyone in London or Paris you want me to look up for you?" she asked.

No, I didn't know anyone in London or Paris but I did know someone in Madrid: Kozo Sanbonmatsu. (Later, my wife told me Kozo was in Malaga, not Madrid. Malaga is an artists' colony headed by Robert Graves. Actually, it wouldn't surprise me if Kozo was back on Third Avenue, the way he keeps traveling back and forth.)

"He's an artist," I said. "He goes under the name of San Bon Matsu. People who don't know him get the impression San is his first name. He did a cover for the 'Reporter' magazine about three months ago."

"Say," said Mari, switching the subject, "did you see the story in the 'Post'?" The "New York Post" had carried a full-page interview with the Micheners; it had been thrust at me but I had not read it, and I told her so. "Well, it was fine except for one thing," she said. "There was a line in it which made it sound as if we had left Hawaii because we couldn't get into the country clubs, but you know that's pretty silly."

The subject of racial discrimination in Hawaii was something we had talked about several times in the past, and I knew Mari had little interest in joining any of the clubs mentioned, except as her joining represented a break in the racist membership policies of the clubs.

Apparently the "white only" clause of the clubs applies only to membership. Orientals can eat in these places, if they go in as guests of members, and they can rent the facilities for social functions. In short, the clubs are happy to take the Nisei's money but they don't want them as members.

"What kills me," said Mari, somewhat exercised at the thought, "is that the Nisei spend their money in these clubs and consider it a privilege to be allowed to do that."

I suggested it was all a part of the Nisei's rather confused scramble for status, though it baffled me how anyone could feel happy entering a place through the kitchen door, as it were. I suspect that part of this attitude of being "grateful for small favors" is rooted in our servants' mentality. Most of our parents were menials of one kind or another when they came to this country and the Nisei have been conditioned to automatic servility.

Let me explain what I mean by "automatic servility": Back in 1948, as a representative of the JACL, I was in Atlantic City, along with spokesmen from the NAACP, the UAW-CIO, the American Jewish Committee, and others, to protest the "white only" clause in the by-laws of the American Bowling Congress, which prohibited non-whites from taking part in ABC-sanctioned bowling tournaments. We were in Atlantic City, site then of the national ABC tourney, to meet with the Executive Board of the ABC; but we wanted to draw some public attention to our being there so, through the NAACP representative, we tried to get the Negroes of Atlantic City to march with us in a "picket" parade. But since the Negroes of Atlantic City were largely in what is called "service" industry — waiters, porters, etc. — our man from the NAACP had a job on his hand convincing these people that they ought to involve themselves in this protest march. He did the job and they came out. In the light of the militancy of the "sit-ins" and the anti-segregationists, if the same situation occurred today, we probably would have no problem mustering a sizable army of protesters now in Atlantic City; but I do want to point out that there is such a thing as a "servants' mentality" which accepts one's "place in society."

I think the mainland Nisei have moved away from this attitude; I am not sure that our Hawaiian compatriots are even aware that they have it.



James Michener quits Hawaii home

How Michener felt about Hawaii in '56

HONOLULU. — The James Micheners left the islands in early 1960 and had intended to return to their Waikiki apartment late this year, according to letters to friends here.

In June 1956, the Micheners reviewed a 488-page book by University of Hawaii Professor Andrew W. Lind, titled: "Race Relations in World Perspective."

The book included papers presented at an international conference on race relations held in Honolulu in 1954.

The final paragraph of the Michener review said:

"We certainly do not blind ourselves to many of the acute race problems faced by these Islands right now, but as we read of the race-torn areas of the rest of the world we repeatedly thought: 'We're lucky to be in Hawaii.' "

'Refugee from Paradise' raps Hawaii

(Special to Pacific Citizen)

James A. Michener was quoted in a full-page interview in the New York Post of Sunday, April 2 as saying he and his Nisei wife (nee Mari Sabusawa) met with more racial discrimination in Hawaii than in Pennsylvania—and that's why he left the Islands.

The New York Tabloid's interview was titled "Refugee from Paradise", illustrated with a large photo of the Micheners and the caption reading: "They got tired of the guff in Hawaii".

(Read Richard Akagi's column this week, in which he interviews Mari Michener—active JACLer and onetime national board member. —Editor.)

Says the New York article:

"James A. Michener's novel "Hawaii" has been at the top of the best-seller list for 70 weeks and shows every sign of becoming the lasting literary monument to America's 50th state.

"But it is also a principal reason Michener and his Japanese-American wife, Mari, no longer live there.

A Lot of Guff

" 'I'm 54 now,' says Michener, 'and there's a lot of guff I just won't put up with any more. My wife is very soft-spoken and very quiet. But if she hears any guff, she lowers the boom.'

"The Guff which the Micheners won't take is any kind of racial or religious bigotry. They may not be able to stop it, but they won't hold still for it.

"And that is why James Michener, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of 'Tales of the South Pacific' and one of the most effective links between America and Asia, has left his Hawaii home to settle in the area where he grew up—Bucks County, Pa.

"Michener hoped to show in Hawaii how the Islands had been able to harmonize different races and cultures—and how the rest of the U.S. could benefit by the example.

(Contacted by the Associated Press Wednesday in Seville, the American author James Michener said he will not return to Hawaii during his working life while there is racial discrimination.)

"But on the day-to-day operating level at which my wife and I had to live," he says, "we met with more racial discrimination in Hawaii than we did in eastern Pennsylvania. The success of Hawaii made the Micheners an even bigger target for the bigots.

Evacuation Recalled

" 'Mari has been through the mill', Michener says quietly. 'She was one of the first Japanese-Americans sent to the California concentration camps after Pearl Harbor. Her family's property was stolen in the most venal manner. She was one of the first to be released and was allowed to go to Antioch College. She is very strong for civil rights for everybody, and strictly an anti-Uncle Tom.'

"Michener's wife, Colorado-born and a professional librarian, was held in the wartime camp set up at the Santa Anita racetrack. She once observed wryly that she had preferred treatment. 'I lived in Equipoise's stable,' she noted.

" 'We were both agreed we wouldn't take any more guff,' Michener emphasizes, alluding to restrictive covenants and country club discrimination in Hawaii, 'and that's one of the reasons we came home to Dylestown.'

Politics

"There was another principal reason: politics.

"In the summer of 1959, Michener had campaigned actively for the Democrats in Hawaii. His wealthy friends regarded him with horror. Rumors were started that he was really out of his mind and under the control of his wife, since Hawaiians of Japanese ancestry tended to favor the Democrats.

"Actually, Michener had not been much of a Democrat. He had registered as a Republican for many years and had voted for Eisenhower in '52—in the belief that was the only way the Republican Party could put the lid on Sen. McCarthy. It wasn't until 1956 that Michener swung over to Stevenson."

The rest of the article tells how and why Michener worked for President Kennedy's election; describes Michener's philosophy on writing books; gives his early background; tells about his teaching experiences and his conclusions therefrom.

It also briefly summarizes Michener's marriages.

"Michener's first marriage in 1935 to Patti Koon ended in divorce in 1948," the Post article says. "Shortly afterward he was married to Vange Nord, a writer. That union was dissolved in 1955 and Michener then wed Mari Yoriko Sabusawa."

Rep. Inouye points to Michener's support of Democrats in Hawaii as 'sore point' but that wouldn't be race prejudice

HONOLULU.—More reactions in the Star-Bulletin last week were published, including comments from Congressman Daniel Inouye, who said:

"I'm not shocked but somewhat surprised at Michener's comments. We who live in Hawaii know that we have not reached perfection in race relations. We do have racial discrimination in Hawaii, but not as severely as in other areas around the world.

"It's obvious to us here that we do have private country club-type organizations and for-whites-only residential areas that observe this policy under an unwritten gentleman's agreement.

"Then, there are the various racial institutions like the chambers of commerce that accept membership racial lines.

"These are the evidences that we hope will disappear someday, and I think progress is being made in these areas."

Much Criticism

The Nisei congressman said he knows Michener did receive a lot of criticism when he became a strong Democratic supporter here and also after the publication of "Hawaii".

But, he said, "we shouldn't tie those factors with racial discrimination.

"I'm surprised," he said, "at Jim's saying Hawaii's discrimination problems are so bad he had to leave, because only a few months ago, at the Civil Aeronautics Board hearing here, he spoke fondly of the harmony between races that existed in the Islands."

Housing Problem

Some of Michener's friends felt that part of his tirade against the Islands stemmed from the restrictive covenants which denied him the right to buy a home in Kahala because his wife is of Japanese ancestry.

Nonsense, said Frank E. Midkiff, a Bishop Estate trustee.

"If Michener had made any real effort to buy Kahala property he would not have been turned down by trustees of the Bishop Estate," Midkiff said.

Other friends attributed the end of Michener's romance with the Islands to social attitudes he could not accept because of principle.

"I know his wife did suffer here but I'm astonished at Jim's remarks," Island historian Clarice B. Taylor said.

"Haole women naturally resent a brilliant man marrying an Oriental woman. Some of our socialites and club women would go out of their way to ask me if Mrs. Michener was really educated or really intelligent.

Nisei Wife Suffered

"These were the women who tried to lionize the famous author and then found him quiet whereas his wife was gracious and outgoing. Yes, they made her suffer."

William J. Lederer, co-author of the popular though controversial novel, "The Ugly American," said this:

"Jim is correct. Even though there is less friction here between races than in most places, still a social, economical and emotional tug-of-war is present—even though it does not flare up physically.

"For example, the Hawaiians silently hate the Japanese. The Japanese, on the other hand, are working their heads off to accelerate their upward mobility.

"The motivation comes from the unpleasant recollections they have of the way their fathers were exploited by the landed gentry. And so it goes."

Robert P. Griffing, director of the Honolulu Academy of Arts, which proudly displays Michener's outstanding collection of Japanese prints, said:

Matter of Principle

"I hope we (the people of Hawaii) still are his friends. I don't think Jim gave a hoot whether he belonged to the racially restricted clubs or not. It's a matter of principle with him."

Hawaii's well-known woman novelist, Kathleen Mellen, questioned Michener's reaction to the discrimination against his Japanese wife.

"He made the statement that he would not go as an invited guest to the Oahu Country Club or to any other club that restricted membership," she said.

"Later, on a public opinion radio broadcast, I asked Michener editorially if he would apply this ruling to all clubs and ethnic organizations which restrict membership. (Michener was not present to answer.)

"I know Michener," she said. "Discrimination applies in all directions."

Said State Senator O. Vincent Esposito:

"I know the Micheners love Hawaii and have deep friendships and interests here."

Esposito, a close friend of the author and his wife, said Hawaii is like every other society, "a 10 per cent fringe of goofballs involved in racial and religious discrimination.

"Michener was marked as a man for attention, and this crackpot group tried to relate themselves to him," he said.

Aimed at Crackpots

He added that he does not feel that Michener's remarks were politically oriented, nor were they aimed solely at the Caucasians in Hawaii.

"That crackpot group also includes Japanese, Chinese and Hawaiians," he said.

If Michener "were to look at the problem full-facely," Esposito said, "I am sure he would say Hawaii is further ahead than any country, including Bucks County, in racial harmony."

Another reaction came from Mrs. Jean Ikeda, a long-time friend of Mrs. Michener. Said she:

"I don't think they left Hawaii in a huff because of discrimination. And from what I heard last they probably plan to return here because they both love Hawaii, although they did miss the stimulation of other cities and countries."

Chinn Ho, Honolulu businessman who is one of the Micheners' closest friends, said, "I'm very surprised at the Post story. In all the time I knew them, they gave no indication they felt they had to get out of Hawaii."

Belonging Still in Hawaii

Ho said the Micheners still have many of their belongings at Puuotea, on the north shore of Oahu, an area in which the author has some financial interest.

"I have been expecting them to return the end of this year," he said.

Ho, who handles most of the Micheners' business transaction here, said he never was consulted on the couple's reported desire to buy a home in Kahala.

Randolph A. Crossley, a long time friend of Michener, said:

"I know that Jim had strong feelings about the existence of certain exclusive clubs here, and we've had some arguments about that. But they were never strong battles."

"He certainly acknowledged that the Japanese and the Chinese, too, have their own exclusive clubs.

"To my knowledge he never spoke of any racial discrimination, as such, that he was personally faced with.

"In fact, he spoke very often about the great freedom he and Mari shared in their movements with the various races here.

"But I would say this. If the story quotes Jim correctly, I would like to say that in the past 10 years or so, I have noticed that Jim has become extremely sensitive to criticism, especially racial criticism."

After Politicking

State Representative Thomas P. Gill thinks that Michener began encountering social difficulties after he spoke out in favor of the Democratic Party.

He also said there may have been some racial feeling in some of the wealthy literary groups with which Michener associated, groups having Republicanism in their makeup.

Michener, when he left here about a year ago, did not expect to return to Hawaii until late this year.

He said he would visit Spain, where he is now, and in the summer would teach at Aspen, Colorado. In the fall he is scheduled to teach journalism at the University of Missouri.

It was his intention to return to his Waikiki penthouse home after that.

Failed to Understand Hawaiians

BY ALLAN BEEKMAN

Honolulu

James Michener's views on racial discrimination in Hawaii, as reported by the local press from his interview with the New York Post, like much of his writing about Hawaii, needs analysis to extract the meaning. Mr. Michener was in Hawaii long enough to be thoroughly exposed to the propaganda of the University of Hawaii, the local press, and the local government. Though evidently a man of goodwill, he does not appear to have been able to have groped his way through the gibberish of these mediums to the discovery of the actual facts of life here, nor to have acquired a vocabulary to cope with the phenomena, even if he had observed it.

For example, in his book "Hawaii," he describes the members of the 100th and 442nd as "Japanese boys" fighting to prove themselves Americans. Depicted as a foreign legion—valiant mercenaries—the "Japanese boys" are hurt and bewildered when, after their heroic efforts, not everyone is ready to accept them as Americans. How great a sacrifice must a "Japanese boy" make to prove himself an American? When will motor cars be recognized as submarines? Airplanes as office buildings? Up as down?

The "racial discrimination" referred to in the Post interview appears to relate to a reluctance on the part of some patrician Hawaiians to accepting social and marriage ties with the Nikkei. Such prejudice—which may have little or nothing to do with race—seems to originate with the patrician women, who have good reason to fear the result if they open the gates to this competition. It is the kind of class prejudice observed in the mainland between established and new immigrant groups.

Class Lines

Class lines are being effaced by the rising wealth, influence, and power of the Nikkei on the one hand, and the decline in status of the patricians on the other. The Nikkei will soon meet on equal ground with the patricians, even in those fields where they have not already met or surpassed them.

There should, therefore, be a proportionate weakening, or complete dissolution, of prejudice—excepting where kept alive by misguided persons like Mr. Michener, who refer to native residents of an American community as "Japanese boys."

Washington Newsletter: by Mike Masaoka

Congressional Resume

Washington, D.C.

THIS WEEK, after its traditional ten-day Easter recess, Congress returned to take up the legislative implementation of President Kennedy's New Frontier program. Historically, this recess marks the end of the organizational and transitional phase of the new Congress and the beginning of the "real" law-making. Presumably, the law-makers have taken personal grass-roots polls of the support for the President's objectives and are now better prepared to vote according to the "wishes" of their respective constituencies.

Although, prior to the recess, writers deplored the failure of the Congress to match the vigor, the enthusiasm, and the movement of the new Administration, the fact is that this First Session of this 87th Congress is far from the slowest in history.

While it cannot compare with Franklin D. Roosevelt's unprecedented New Deal Congress in 1933, Dwight D. Eisenhower's GOP 83rd Congress was even slower than the current one in launching the Great Crusade.

A survey just released by a private research organization reveals that this Congress has enacted three of the 16 legislative priorities listed by President Kennedy, while one or both Houses have passed six of the remaining 13 bills. During roughtly this same period, by March 31, 1953, that Republican controlled Congress had approved only two of the 19 requests made by President Eisenhower.

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CONGRESSIONAL leaders, as well as the President, have described the volume of pre-Easter activity as a "respectable amount of work". But, in the words of Senator Majority Leader Mike Mansfield, the "toughest" trials lie ahead.

This week, for instance, the Senate took up the President's $1.25 minimum pay bill, which the House badly compromised and passed by a one-vote margin, 186-185, for the Administration's only legislative defeat thus far in either House. An even rougher road is predicted for the President's aid to education program, which is already bogged down by the parochial school controversy.

A third major Kennedy proposal—medical care for the aged under the Social Security System—is in such trouble that it may not even reach the House floor this year.

There are also the traditional trouble-makers, such as foreign aid appropriations, highway financing, postal rate increases, and public housing.

Without doubt, the so-called congressional-presidential honeymoon that marks every new Administration is already over, especially with the strengthened conservative Republican-Dixiecrat Democrat coalition continuing to hold the balance of power on every major issue.

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THUS FAR, immigration liberalization and meaningful civil rights legislation have not even been suggested in minimal form by this Administration. To bypass the "reactionary" coalition on civil rights and to avoid a showdown that could well jeopardize the rest of his New Frontier program, President Kennedy has taken administrative action in this field by creating the Committee on Equal Employment Opportunities. But, the Administration may well not offer any suggestions in the immigration field on the grounds that this does not rate top priority, especially in a period of great unemployment when proposals to lower the immigration bars are particularly unpopular with certain congressional factions.

Since the Administration's emphasis is on the economic situation, and on the worsening international picture, this considered effort to placate as far as possible the conservatives in both parties by avoiding gratuitous legislative controversies that are not essential to his over-all objectives of peace and prosperity makes sense to most practical congressional observers, though it irritates and frustrates the ultra-liberals.

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THE political soundings taken during the Easter recess in the grass-roots may well determine the fate of the New Frontier.

Public support is the strongest force that the President can marshall against congressional resistance. And, if the recess visit to the grass-roots has not persuaded most congressmen to support him, the President has indicated that he will take other steps to rally public opinion on his behalf.

The Kennedy program means increased spending. And it is in this sphere that the Dixiecrat Democrat-Conservative Republican coalition is most effective. Though without the parliamentary devices, such as the filibuster, that the "reactionaries" in the Senate may employ against legislation which they do not favor, the real strength of the coalition is in the House. There, the Representatives from the rural areas outnumber those from the urban regions. Traditionally, conservatism is stronger in the "country" than in the "city" too.

A member of the House must be directly responsive to local attitudes, whereas a Senator often has more latitude because conflicting sentiment in a statewide constituency tend to cancel each other out. Moreover, a Representative with only a two-year term, is almost always a candidate "running scared" while a Senator, as one remarked recently, "can be a statesman for four years, half politician and half statesman for a fifth year, and wholly a politician only every sixth year".

Up to this point, the coalition has given the President several hard fights, but he has won them all except one. Two of his major economic proposals — unemployment compensation and feed grains—have already become law.

But President Kennedy, who has served in both the House and the Senate, is aware of the pitfalls ahead for his general program.

JACL members, as citizens of their respective communities and states, should take this opportunity to write their Representatives and Senators and to express their views on the key issues of the New Frontier. By so doing, they will not only help make democracy work but also have more influence than usual on the voting of their congressmen who, because of the President's narrow popular margin of victory last November may not be convinced as to which course they should follow insofar as the New Frontier is concerned.

Twin Cities elects Ted Matsuyama chmn. as '61 president resigns from office

MINNEAPOLIS. — Ted Matsuyama was elected chairman of the Twin Cities UCL board at a recent meeting here, succeeding Sei Tanaka who has resigned from the board. Tom Kosonayashi will succeed Matsuyama as vice-chairman.

The board appointments for committee posts were also announced as follows:

Mickey Kirihara, fin.; Mineko Futia, 1000 Club; George Ono, Issei Story; Tosh Abe, Jim Sugimura, prog. & activ.; Dick Kushino, pub.

Board officers elected to cabinet posts included Dr. Henry Tsuchiya, treas.; Mrs. May Tanaka, rec. sec.; Sumi Teramoto, cor. sec.; Tom Ouchida, hist.; Chet Fujino, Aquatennial; Dr. Paul Shimizu, bd. memb.

(As of Mar. 31, National Headquarters reported 154 members reported. The chapter has a goal of 250, which would be a new all-time chapter high if attained. Yuki Yamaguchi is membership chairman.)

Aquatennial Float

The UCL and Japanese American Center are working together to participate in two major civic events here this year: the Festival of Nations and the Minneapolis Aquatennial Parade. For the latter, a campaign to gather $500 for a float has been started. Contributions are being handled by the Twin Cities Aquatennial Committee, care of Hegry Makino, treasurer, 119 W. Diamond Lake Rd., Minneapolis 19.

The Festival of Nations, to be held at St. Paul Auditorium, April 20-23, is themed, America's Heritage through Legend and different programs staged by nationality and cultural groups in the Twin Cities area are presented. The Japanese program is scheduled for Saturday, April 22.

A group of 37 kimono-clad dancers will present a parasol dance, "Nozaki Kouta" and a flower dance, "Hanagata Ondo". A mixed group will round out the program with an ondo. Mrs. Michi Hirota is the dance instructor. Chet Fujino is staging the numbers.

Japanese dinners will be served during the four days, specializing in sukiyaki, chicken teriyaki and shrimp tempura. An exhibit of Japanese cultural arts at Stem Hall adjoining the arena is also planned.

Jikko Old Log

The UCL Board has initiated Jikko (Operation) Old Log, an ambitious fund raising program for the forthcoming EDC-MDC joint convention here over the Labor Day weekend.

The program, slated May 27, will consist a stage presentation at the New Old Log Theater and an outdoor Japanese gastronomical fiesta.

CHUMAN TO ADDRESS SAN DIEGO C.L. SUPPER

SAN DIEGO. — National JACL President Frank Chuman will be the principal speaker at the San Diego JACL supper meeting this Saturday, April 15, 7 p.m., at the Congregational Church, 35th and Oceanview.

George Kodama is general arrangements chairman and Mrs. Joe Yoshioka, food chairman.

The chapter has announced its current membership has surpassed the previous all-time high of 281 with a new high of 292, but is still hopeful for 500.

Designs winning emblem

CHULA VISTA. — Ronnie Nakano, 17, of Sweetwater High was judged winner of the contest conducted by the local Jr. Chamber of Commerce for designing an emblem to observe Chula Vista's 50th anniversary Oct. 17.

HAWAIIAN NISEI SEEKS PEACE CORPS ASSIGNMENT

HONOLULU. — Henry K. Iwasa, Jr., 23 year-old Univ. of Hawaii graduate student, has applied and received a questionnaire from the Peace Corps headquarters in Washington. Several others had written for information only.

Iwasa, who is the probably the first volunteer from Hawaii, has his bachelor of arts degree in government.

Gas-soaked rag cause of kitchen blast, 2 hurt

GILROY. — Gasoline on a cleaning rag exploded in the kitchen of the Mitsuo Takemoto farm home on Hecker Rd. last week, causing second and third degree burns on both the husband and wife. Their two children, aged 1 and 2, were not injured.

Mrs. Takemoto was cleaning grease spots off the kitchen floor with a gasoline-saturated rag, according to local fire chief Emil Zamzow. Takemoto was repairing a washing machine, which ignited the fumes when the motor was turned on. He was burned as he tore the flaming garments from his wife.

Committee chairmen named for San Francisco chapter

SAN FRANCISCO. — John T. Yasumoto, San Francisco JACL president, this week announced the chairmen for the following committees:

Chibi Yamamoto, Hank Obayashi, memb.; Steven J. Doi, 1000 Club; Richard Tsutakawa, hist.; Jack Kusaba, newsletter editor; Tomio Oswa, newsletter mgr.; Marie Kurihara, Jr. JACL adv.; Dr. Clifford Uyeda, Issei Story; Sam Sato, Jack Kusaba, FEPC, housing; Dr. Himeo Tsumori, Don Negri, int. rel.; Tad Ono and Shig Miyamoto, constitution.

School board candidate

STOCKTON. — A fourth Nisei, Hideo Morinaka, is running for a school trustee post in San Joaquin County school board elections April 18. He is the sole candidate for the Venice district vacancy.

Philadelphia Issei engineer, was 73

PHILADELPHIA. — Yosuke W. Nakano, chief engineer for the construction concern of Wark & Co., here, died April 4 in Kobe, Japan, where he was vacationing with his wife, Teru. He was 73 years old.

He became chief engineer for Wark in 1918. An authority on structural cement for building, he took part in the construction of many buildings here.

Nakano was born in Yamaguchi, Japan, in 1887 and came to the United States at the age of 19.

He was graduated from the Univ. of California in 1915 and received his master of architecture degree from the Univ. of Pennsylvania a year later.

In December, 1953, Nakano was hailed by the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce and 50 construction leaders for his "outstanding contributions" to his adopted city.

Nakano was a member of the Ridley Park Methodist Church.

Besides his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Naomi Tanaka and Mrs. Richard Graves, and six grandchildren.

Naturalized Citizens

In 1953, Nakano and his wife were among the first Japanese nationals in this area to become American citizens, after the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act of 1952 made it possible for Japanese who were living in his country to apply for naturalization.

Yosuke Nakano is a long-time supporter of JACL, a member of the 1000 Club, the first naturalized Issei to be elected to a chapter office in Philadelphia. His wife is also active in the chapter.

His daughter, Naomi, now Mrs. Joe Tanaka of St. Louis, was also active in the Philadelphia chapter.

His work was so important to national defense that in World War II he was among the few persons of Japanese ancestry and possibly the only "enemy alien" of Japanese ancestry to have "security" clearance to work on construction jobs in the vital defense areas of the Eastern Defense Command.

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Ye Editor's Desk

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This week was a veritable hodgepodge for us.

We finished filing the income tax reports—for Uncle Sam and "Auntie" California, worked on new PC advertising rate cards, listened to the founder of the John Birch Society on TV in lieu of watching a late movie, exuberated over the opening day victories by the Dodgers and the Angels, wondered whether our little daughter Teresa would break out with chicken pox and was prepared to help some Explorer scouts pass their merit badge in journalism.

At the beginning of this week, we seriously considered doing a piece on the Laos crisis, which might blow up any moment and involve direct U.S. action if only to save what little American face left in the Far East. We honestly feel the Nisei—as Americans interested in what is happening in the Far East—ought to watch this area.

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Then came those interesting reports from Allan Beekman of Honolulu, who passed along the reactions of mixed marriage couples to the Michener interview in the New York Post as published in the Honolulu Advertiser and the Honolulu Star Bulletin. Since many of our readers know Michener's wife, the former Mari Sabusawa, and since none of the mainland papers could spare the space to indicate the extent of the storm that has been unleashed, we felt the PC should handle the task. (And out went my Laos column to make room.)

Therefore, we are indebted to Allan Beekman, who thoughtfully forwarded the articles in time for this week's issue.

Richard Akagi, our New York contributor, this week gives us Mari's own reactions to the New York Post story—something the Hawaiian papers have not been able to obtain. And we suspect that we haven't heard the last on this unfoldment of Michener's latest views on Hawaii.

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Fred Taomae, English editor for the Shin Nichibei who hails from Honolulu and is the Hollywood JACL president, says: "Maybe it's time to start a JACL chapter in Hawaii", figuring that JACL's long history of fighting racial discrimination on the mainland might be just as successfully applied in the Islands.

Saburo Kido, an Islander himself, was against forming chapters in Hawaii at one time (this was before Statehood), but he admits conditions have changed and invites some consideration. And Frank Chuman, our National President who married a Honolulu girl, is not adverse to personally investigating such possibilities firsthand.

Of course, the quality of race discrimination in Hawaii is different from that on the Mainland. Racial prejudice is against the minority in the 48 States, while in the 50th State it appears a minority is against the majority.

Whether he same techniques so effectively employed by JACL can be followed in Hawaii is a question that those familiar with Hawaiian politics and psychology can answer.

The PC Letterbox is open to ex-Islanders now active in JACL—and we have many of them, I know—to tell us what they think on the Michener storm and JACL in Hawaii.

Chapter Chit-Chat

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Cincinnati JACL

Marvin Takahashi, son of Ed and Julia Takahashi, recently won the city-wide high school chess tournament. He is a senior at Western Hills.

Many JACLers joined with members of Hawaiian Club and Service Brides and enjoyed the Mar. 26 howing of "Ikiru" at the Wilson memorial Hall at the Univ. of Cincinnati campus.

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San Diego JACL

Chapter president **Jack Matsueda** and his wife Alice are former San Franciscans who moved here in 1956. They live in Chula Vista with three little Mitsuedas: Lori Anne, Ross and Scottie. He is with the San Diego City Schools System as an electronic date processing programmer (this title alone is worth an automatic 10,000 a year) and is serving his second year on the chapter board (which pays nothing).

Shake-up in the cabinet reported in the chapter newsletter, "Borderline", finds **Harry Kawamoto** doubling as treasurer and recording secretary; **George Fujito**, social chairman; and **Tad Imoto**, mimeographer. Harry is also a member of the credit union board. YABA president and a dancer of repute.

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Long Beach-Harbor JACL

Chapter is taking steps to secure a Nisei deputy registrar of voters. (This is in line with the oft-declared statement of National JACL President Frank Chuman who wants every JACLer a registered voter by the 1962 national convention.)

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Dayton JACL

Bridge lessons are being held at the Plaza Lanes. The women can attend the lessons while their menfolk nurse the bowling ball.

Ann Nagata will be competing in the Dayton Daily News regional spelling contest against 40 other top spellers.

Dennis Sakada was chosen chaplain of his fraternity, Tau Kappa Epsilon, at Miami University.

(The editor of this sprightly newsletter has a sense of humor that's tranquilizing in this game of battling deadlines. He writes: "Readers, I am not getting any informal news. This is no time to lead a dull life. Didn't you buy a new car and found that there was no engine? Didn't you have a perfect poker hand and still lost the game because it was a bridge game? Oh, come on Members!")

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Venice-Culver JACL

Three new 1000ers in the ranks all work at the same place: Yokoi Realty. They are **Tom Yokoi**, the big chief; **Fred Makimoto**, star salesman; and **George Inai**, who is also on the chapter board. Tom also coached his youth basketball team, the Bruins, to the CYC championships this year.

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Omaha JACL

Richard Takechi, who addressed the 1958 National JACL Convention in Salt Lake City as the youngest official delegate on the floor, has left Omaha for a year's study at the Tenri University in Nara, Japan, on a scholarship.

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Cleveland JACL

Mary Yoshida, who has contributed reports to the Pacific Citizen and is JACL Board member, and the **Rev. Kazumaro Fujimoto**, minister of the Cleveland Buddhist Church, are planning a June wedding.

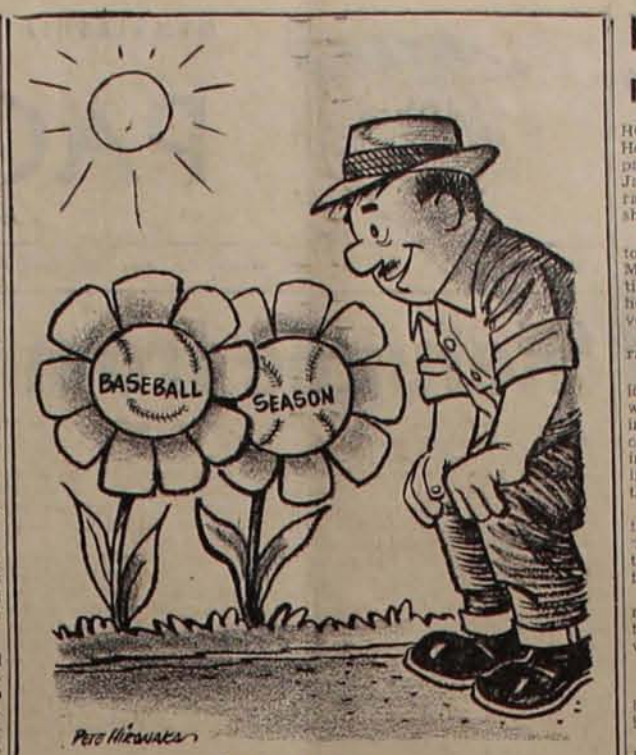
Peggy Tanji was elected to the executive board of the Cleveland Folk Arts Assn. She is also deaconess at Grace Church.

Diane Shiba is a finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Award examinations.

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Twin Cities UCL

Margaret Mayeda, University High senior, was awarded a four-year renewable scholarship to Grinnell (Iowa) College for a total value of $4,900. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Mayeda of St. Paul.



Spring Blooms

Los Angeles Newsletter: by Henry Mori

A Symphonette for Li'l Tokio

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Li'l Tokio may soon be blessed with a symphonic orchestra. The news from Katsumi Mukaeda, past Downtown L.A. JACL president, has it that Shigeko Iinuma of USC who is a classical singer is interested in forming one which can perform before Nisei as well as non-Nisei audiences.

As many as 25 applicants have already submitted their names to join the new group, the first of its kind here. Ten of them are violinists, reported Mukaeda, who is the chairman of the Japanese culture and arts division of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce.

Miss Iinuma also expressed great surprise in receiving so much support from outside the Japanese American community. Several educators have indicated their interest. A high school music department head will attend tonight's formation meeting at the Chamber's office.

One of the noted personalities in Li'l Tokio will be among the orchestra members in the drum section. He is Toyo Miyatake, of the Toyo Miyatake Studios. Mr. Miyatake used to beat the skin about three decades ago. He will also serve as the group's advisor.

It should be quite a thing when the orchestra takes shape.

CUB PACK-BOUND

The house has been humming with talk of cub scouting. Since the No. 1 heir apparent to the Mori's Dwindling Million turned eight years of age two Thursdays ago he has become definite material for the local Cub Scout unit. He has already donned his uniform—an unfamiliar sight during our days of youth—and is polishing off his Scout Oath with much zest awaiting next Monday's formal introductory meeting.

We don't begrudge Bennett's fortunate status to be able to join the Cub Scouts just a fortnight after his eighth birthday. But somehow we get the feeling that children now-a-days get things and their way too easily. It would have been a Roman Holiday for us in our days had we been able to get into any brand new outfit almost at the snap of the finger.

Only on very, very special occasions could we be surprised or be treated to something like a new scout uniform. Things came slow and hard those days.

Yet we wonder if we would like to trade those cozy and comfortable days and years of the 1930s to what Bennett and the younger generation today are destined to face in the future. Their lives, no doubt, are much more complicated and hectic.

At any event, one great task is at hand: the coming dad-and-son pack meeting at which time the old man has to present the group with a cake. (We've never baked anything like a cake in all our dreary lives!)

We are indebted to George Izumi, proprietor of Grace Pastries, for the terrific birthday cake for Bennett last month. Maybe we can imposed on George for another grand prize. (We're kidding George; we're going to beat this rap somehow, cake or no!).

EAST L.A. EGG HUNT

The East Los Angeles JACL annual Easter Sunday egg hunt was quite a banged up deal. The afternoon was perfect; there were more kids than before and everybody went home loaded with eggs, comic books, kiddie banks and writing pads donated by business houses and the two Japanese banks in Li'l Tokio.

Mrs. Mable Yoshizaki did a wonderful job of getting a hard working committee to run the event. Congenial Sam Furuta even had us helping. "No, you kids already had your share of eggs. They got five and they want more . . . ?"

Salt Lake JACLer re-elected head of Utah accountants

SALT LAKE CITY. — George Fujino of Ideal National Life Insurance Co., an active JACLer here, was re-elected for the third year as president of the Utah Association of Insurance Accountants last week.

Pan-Am tour to Japan

Five local Nisei will join a group of RCA-Victor color TV salesmen qualifying for a two-week's tour of Japan, leaving here via Pan American April 19. They are: Jack Kobayashi, John Akiyama, Herb Murayama, T. Arase and K. Tamura.

Mountain-Plains DC names chairman for convention

DENVER. — Dr. Takashi Mayeda, chairman of the 1946 Naitonal JACL Convention here, was appointed general chairman for the Mountain-Plains District Council convention scheduled here for the Thanksgiving weekend, Nov. 24-25.

GUEST COLUMNIST:

The Michener Storm

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BY SABURO KIDO

Los Angeles

Many people may have been surprised to learn from James Michener that there is discrimination in Hawaii. There is no denying such a fact. The truth of the matter is that it may not only be the "haoles" who are guilty. Persons of Japanese ancestry who live in similar exclusive districts are also prone to join them.

Discrimination in Hawaii is not as severe as those in the deep South. However, there used to be grumblings in the employment field. In other words, Caucasians from the mainland were paid more than others. Also, the upgrading was not entirely on the merit system. It is possible that statehood as well as the trend on the mainland may have changed since 1947 when I had the last opportunity of digging into this problem on the homegrounds.

I can picture to myself the reaction of Mari Michener when confronted with Hawaiian discrimination. She was used to such things on the mainland for she lived at Long Beach at the time of the evacuation. She was active in the race relations field while working in Chicago. Such being the case, she had sufficient experience and knowledge of racial discrimination before going to Hawaii. I believe Mari was calm and took things in stride while her husband must have been fuming until his explosion, which has drawn national attention upon Hawaii.

During her frequent visits to Los Angeles while going to and fro from here and there, we have heard from her on this question. We wondered how the problem was being handled during their travels. She said that Michener made sure that there will be no embarassment for all concerned. Consequently, whenever he has her accompanying him, he made it certain by writing in advance that his wife was of Japanese ancestry. If the welcome was assured, he would accept the invitation. If not, the hosts were told to find another person.

Disillusioned

Knowing this, I believe Michener, himself, was the hardest hit to find that the color line was being drawn in his favorite isles, Hawaii. His disillusionment must have hurt him more than the act of the discrimination itself.

Even persons of Japanese ancestry were not sympathetic to the fight which was being made on the mainland against racial restrictive covenants. It all depended upon the station in life which the person occupied.

Social ostracism and exclusiveness exists everywhere. I do not think much can be said on this score. We have all kinds of cliques and interest groups. Such being the case, all sorts of excuses can be concocted. It is not only in Hawaii that such a condition exists. The United States Supreme Court has stated that equality cannot be protected and extended to this extent.

The housing problem has improved considerably. There used to be exclusive residential districts in which non-whites were not able to penetrate in Honolulu. This pattern was upset when the war in the Pacific caused many Caucasians from the mainland to depart, dumping their real estate holdings at sacrificial prices. The persons of Chinese ancestry bought them up and thus drove the wedge which eventually improved conditions. Another factor was the rise in the economic status of non-Caucasians in Hawaii. Money became plentiful during the war years with the personnel of the Armed Forces crowding the islands and spending their pay checks.

Of course, California should prove to be an interesting testing ground for the Hawaiian legislature. With statehood, there should be stronger movements to eliminate the various types of discrimination which may not have come to the surface but which nevertheless existed.

Changes Under Statehood

Previously, there were many restrictions placed upon the powers of the Hawaiian legislature to act inasmuch as it was a territory. This has been changed. There is greater latitude permitted now so there is bound to be a study made to correct whatever inequalities and discriminations which can be changed by law.

James Michener may have been naive in believing that the Paradise of the Pacific was free from all types of racial discrimination. However, he rendered a valuable service by placing Hawaii on the spot by calling attention to the situation which he discovered through his unpleasant experience. It hurts more when such treatment comes home from the least expected sources.

Shin Nichibei

Full operation of JACS as welfare agency nears

The Japanese American Community Services is moving toward full operation of the agency with the appointment last week of several key chairmen, according to Kango Kunitsugu, president.

They include George Watai, membership; Mrs. Sakaye Aratani, banquet; Kiyoshi Kawanami, special activities; Kiyo Yamato, advance memb.; and Arthur Takei, pub. rel.

Vacations in Hawaii

Doris Fujino, selected as "Miss Friendship" of the 1960 Nisei Week Festival, departed on a week's vacation to participate in the Cherry Blossom Festival in Hawaii. The Orange County lass is scheduled to return today.

Honolulu's mixed marriages disagree with Michener's feeling more discrimination exists in Hawaii than in Pennsylvania

HONOLULU. — Reaction among Honolulu's mixed marriages this past week showed that author James A. Michener's charges of racial snobbery in Hawaii was not shared by most couples here.

Only one haole husband married to a Nisei agreed partially with Michener. He is businessman-politician Frank Fasi. "A lot of what he says is true," he told an Advertiser reporter, Bob Krauss.

Other opinions by Hawaii's many racially-mixed couples follows:

David Benz, executive vice president of Tongg Publishing Co., wife of Japanese ancestry. "I'm inclined to think only a portion of Michener's remarks were used in the New York Post story. I'd like to give him the benefit of the doubt.

"It would be foolish to argue that there is not room for improvement in Hawaii. But I can't think of a place on earth where there are better race relations.

"As for snobbery because of race, we haven't run into that out then we haven't gone out of our way to see it."

Barred by Crackpots

Fasi said "I personally have been barred from social gatherings by crack-pots who resent my wife.

"I know of one very prominent kamaaina woman who was very much impressed with me when she met me at my office but who is careful not to invite me to her home because of my wife.

"About a year ago my daughter came home from Central Union School and asked me, "Daddy, what's a buddha-head? A boy called me that today."

"Here we have a lot of racial harmony. But would we have the same racial harmony if we had two-thirds white and only one-third non-white?

"If Michener is right, he's running away from a challenge. Time and one more generation will change a lot of things."

Mrs. Clesson Chikasuye, a haole, wife of an attorney of Japanese ancestry, "I definitely didn't like what Michener said. I didn't agree with him. I haven't experienced anything like what he said.

Better than Denver

"We lived in Denver for a while before we moved to Hawaii. My, it is paradise here compared to Denver.

"Here, nobody pays any attention to you when you walk down the street. They all do double look in Denver.

"We have two children and I certainly wouldn't think of going back to the Mainland."

Tom McCabe, safety training director for McCabe, Hamilton and Renny, married to a Nisei. "Have I run into snobbery because of race? Not particularly. Sue and I have a wide circle of acquaintances . . . haole, Japanese, Chinese, Korean.

"On the other hand, we don't move in the circles Jim Michener moves in. I suppose he's subjected to more of that sort of snobbery.

"There's a certain psychological mechanism at work here. In Hawaii you learn to be careful when meeting someone so you won't say something embarrassing. To a man with sensitivity and perception, like Michener, this could easily be mistaken for a snub.

"But as far as our own experiences go, we haven't experienced that in Hawaii."

William Bachran, advertising executive, wife of Chinese ancestry. "There are two things I'd like to say. First, I would like to see Hawaii ignore Michener's statement. I think it makes us more intelligent in the eyes of the world if we don't snipe back at him.

"But I suppose that's too much to ask. In that case, all I can say is that Hawaii is very lucky that so many fine people are living here. As for racial snobbery, I haven't experienced it. Quite the contrary."

Gerald Lopez, News Editor of The Advertiser, wife of Japanese ancestry. "I think Michener is all wet. I've been married 16 years and I can't remember one case of racial discrimination here in regards to any member of my family.

"I'm flabbergasted that a man of Michener's caliber would come out with such a general shotgun statement."

VITAL STATISTICS

DEATHS

Abe, Honji, 82: Alameda, Feb. 18.
Bessho, Gentaro, 82: Montebello, Apr. 4.
Cho, Hatsukichi, 85: Acampo, Feb. 18.
Doi, Daijiro, 76: Sanger, Mar. 6.
Fujii, Toemon, 77: Los Angeles, Mar. 11.
Fujitani, Shige, 75: Sacramento, Mar. 27.
Fujiwara, Takaichi, 65: Fowler, Mar. 4
Fukuyama, Torajiro, 78: Sanger, Feb. 18.
Hamamoto, Miyamatsu, 80: Los Angeles, Mar. 11.
Hasegawa, Mrs. Kiyoko, 33: Los Angeles, Mar 30—(h) Frank, (s) Alan, David, (d) Sharon, Nancy, (m) Mrs Urano Hirata; (b) Kazuo, (s) Misao Kobayashi, Kinuye Shimizu.
Hiraki, Matsuye, 67: San Jose, Mar. 30.
Hisanaga, Ynkito, 37: Berkeley, Mar. 21—(w) Wakako, (s) Robert, (d) Diana.
Honda, Tokusaburo, 73: Redwood City, Feb. 6.
Ishikawa, Santaro, 83: Alameda, Mar. 9.
Kadowaki, Yasujiro, 81: San Francisco, Mar. 7.
Kanamaru, Junnosuke, 89: Sacramento, Feb. 19.
Kanekawa, Kenzo, 61: Los Angeles, Feb. 18.
Kataoka, Fujiyo, 74: Hanford, Mar. 5.
Kato, Gensichi: San Francisco, Apr. 2.
Kato, Mrs. Hisa, 64: Los Angeles, Feb. 25.
Kato, Kunio, 75: Chicago, Mar. 29.
Kawakami, Mrs. Shikano, 71: Oakland, Jan. 28.
Kawasaki, Kawichi, 90: Los Angeles, Mar. 10.
Kondo, Rikichi, 80: San Jose, Feb. 27.
Kuratomi, David R., 2: Gardena, Feb. 23—(p) Mr. and Mrs. Ray.
Masuda, Mrs. Kuni: Sacramento, Feb.
Matsuda, Jiroichi, 77: Pasadena, Mar. 25.
Matsuda, Tokiye, 32: Campbell, Mar. 9—(h) George, (p) Mr. and Mrs Kajir. Marupama, six brothers and sisters.
Matsushita, Hisaye, 67: Winters, Feb 7.
Matsushita, Mrs. Koito, 89: Sacramento, Mar 30.
Mitsumori, Masaji, 72: Guadalupe, Mar. 8.
Miyaoka, Kyuichi, 84: Irvington, Feb. 3
Moriyama, Seiji, 75: Berkeley, Mar. 21.
Mizunouye, Wataru, 62: Los Angeles, Apr. 5.
Mori, Tadashi, 62: Oakland, Feb. 6.
Morinaga, Yonekazu, 53: Los Angeles, Apr. 5—(w) Consuelo, (d) Yoneko.
Nakayama, Mrs. Saru, 81: Oakland, Feb. 4.
Niiyama, Emiko, 20: Watsonville, Feb. 25—(p) Mr. and Mrs. Yakuichi, (b) Minoru, Shigeru, Masaru, (d) Fumiko Tanimasa.
Nishida, Kumahei, 82: Oakland, Mar. 12.
Oda, Kinu, 74: Reedley, Mar. 7.
Ogawa, Michael C., 4: Pasadena, Mar. 11—(p) Mr. and Mrs. Kiyo, (b) Steven.
Oguri, Yasutaro, 82: Portland, Feb. 1.
Okada, Walter I., 51: Fresno, Feb 7—(d) Nobuko, (b) Eddy, Malcolm, (s) Mikoto Kakiuchi.
Okino, Shoroku, 85: Long Beach Mar. 12.
Omori, Mrs. Some, 71: Chicago, Jan. 29.
Ono, Tosaku, 90: Berkeley, Feb. 13.
Saito, Reisen, 76: Pasadena, Mar. 30.
Sakai, Shizue, 81: Walnut Grove, Feb 25.
Sakanari, Kiriye: San Francisco, Feb. 22.
Sano, Hiroshi, 76: Berkeley, Mar. 22.
Sato, Tomizo, 78: Los Angeles, Feb. 17.
Shimada, Teruko, 52: San Francisco, Mar. 22.
Shimamoto, Satomi, 19: Sacramento, Feb. 1—(m) Tomi, (s) Irene, Marilyn
Shimizu, Fred N. New York, Dec. 24.
Shimizu, Kosuye, 57: San Francisco, Feb. 13.
Shimizu, Yasukichi: Selma, Feb. 6.
Shishido, Tomo, 69: Morgan Hill, Mar. 12.
Sugihara, Tomo, 72: Los Angeles, Mar. 23.
Sumoge, Ruth M., 33: Hood River, Ore., Feb. 27—(h) Bob, (s) Gerald, (d) Lisa.
Tamaru, Otosuke, 73: San Francisco, Jan. 31.
Tani, Nami, 84: Chicago, Jan. 26.
Terasaka, Akiko, 30: Venice, Feb. 23—(p) Mr. and Mrs. Seizo, (b) Masao (s) Toshiko Uesugi.
Toyama, Kaneo, 62: Los Angeles, Apr. 6.
Tsuda, Matajiro, 86: Sacramento, Mar. 1.
Tsukuda, Hitoshi, 20: San Jose, Mar. 14—(p) Mr. and Mrs. Keichi, seven brothers and sisters.
Wumino, Geroald S., 54: El Cajon, Uchihara, Kaichiro, 79: Lomita, Mar. 23.
Ueo, Yoshito, 36: Torrance, Mar. 24 (w) Yoshimi, (s) Wesley, (d) Donna, (b) John, (s) Yacko Konishi, Yuriko Nerio.
Wada Toyo, 65: San Francisco, Feb. 5 (in Japan).
Feb. 15—(d) Mildred, Elizabeth Itatani.
Yamaguchi, Katoji, 72: Visalia, Feb. 1.
Yatabe, Mrs. Toku, 85: San Francisco, Mar. 9.

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Vagaries: by Larry Tajiri

Why 'Jap' Is Offensive

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Americans of Japanese ancestry are understandably sensitive regarding the use of the word "Jap" in reference to them. "Jap" is as harsh in sound as a slap in the face, and the word evokes the bitterness of the Yellow Peril campaigns on the West Coast a generation ago.

At a time when Japanese Americans are making giant strides toward complete social, political and economic integration within American society, "Jap" is a noun which sets them apart. It stirs the racial memory of the Oriental ghetto, of anti-Japanese activity, of the "No Japs Wanted" signs which once were not uncommon in California.

Without this history of prejudice, "Jap" might be tolerated. But "Jap" was the epithet hurled by the bigot and the professional racist. And the memory of the Japanese American is still long enough to remember this background, and the wound of racial mass evacuation in 1942 has not completely healed.

"Jap" should be consigned to share the oblivion to which a number of other racial epithets, "Wop," "Kike," "Nigger" and "Chink" are other examples, have been consigned by American society.

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THE regrettable fact, however, is that "Jap" still remains in contemporary usage, and magazines and newspapers of wide circulation still utilize the term to refer to Japanese-Americans, although generally it is used without intent to offend.

"Jap," because it has only three units of letters, happens to be handy when it comes to writing a newspaper headline. "Japanese American" is long and awkward, and doesn't fit into a one-column space for a headline where the maximum letter count is from 8 to 10 letter units. This is a problem of the newspaper copy desk, but it is one which remains real and accounts often for the fact that the word "Jap" appears in a headline. A copy reader, working under deadline pressure, may turn to it when he can think of no other synonym.

Many of the country's leading newspapers have alerted their copy desks against the use of the word—the New York Times and The Denver Post being two examples. Other newspapers, particularly in areas where few Japanese Americans reside, may not be aware that the word is offensive. A letter to the editor might be effective.

But protests are negative and a more affirmative action might be to provide the papers with a suitable substitute. Newspapers in Hawaii use the initials AJA (Americans of Japanese Ancestry) in reference to Japanese Americans, but the initials are meaningless in the other 49 states. This writer prefers "Nisei," used as a generic term to describe all Americans of Japanese descent, rather than in the light of the strict meaning of this Japanese word which is "second generation." The New York Times already uses Nisei in this general context.

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THE discussion inspired by "Jap" is a topical one as a result of a letter from the editors of Life magazine last Jan. 20 to a protest from Min Yasui of Denver regarding the use of "Jap" on several occasions by Elliot Chase in an article in the Dec. 26, 1960 issue. Chase's reference, incidentally, was not to Nisei but to Japanese in Japan.

Life, of course, was acting in good faith in their usage of "Jap" since the Luce publications have been outstanding in their condemnation of racial bigotry in the United States. But Life was mistaken in this instance, as Masaji Satow, national director of the Japanese American Citizens League, noted. Satow cited eight leading dictionaries of the American language, all of which define "Jap" as "derogatory," "offensive," "expressing contempt and hostility."

Because of its historical association with a time of bigotry, "Jap" remains a word which Japanese Americans consider offensive.

Seek naturalization rights for Korean conflict veterans

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Sen. Clair Engle (D., Calif.) is co-sponsor of legislation which would permit veterans of the Korean War to become naturalized U.S. citizens.

Introduced in the Senate April 6 as S. 1510, the measure extends to Korean War veterans the same naturalization privileges already accorded veterans of the First and Second World Wars.

"Non-citizens who served honorably in the armed forces during the Korean War are not now given naturalization privileges equal to veterans of former wars. Our bill corrects this oversight," Senator Engle said.

Authored by Senator Maurine B. Neuberger (D., Ore.), S. 1510 is also co-sponsored by Senator Oren E. Long (D., Hawaii).

"Simple justice calls for equal treatment of Korean War veterans when it comes to naturalization," Senator Engle said, adding, "after all, these veterans served the nation in the same manner as their predecessors in the First and Second World Wars."

Senator Engle first introduced similar legislation in the 85th Congress when serving as a Congressman. He reintroduced the measure in the 86th Congress and is now sponsoring it again in the 87th Congress.

He said that the bill has been endorsed by both the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Fremont JACLers to picnic at Half Moon Bay beach

FREMONT. — The Fremont JACL family outing will be held April 23 at San Gregorio at Half Moon Bay, with Y. Handa as general chairman. Games, prizes and fun for both young and old has been promised.

Picnickers are expected to bring their own lunches and drinks. Assisting on the committee are: Chuck Shikano, Michi Handa, Toyoko Yonekura.



WESTERN VERVE LIVENS SALT LAKE JACLERS

Salt Lake JACLers took a gay western mood to celebrate their 1961 membership campaign that appears to be headed for an all-time high in enrollment. Entertaining at the hoe-down (from left) are John Kikuchi, Ichiro Doi, Al Ju, Elna Miya and James Konishi.

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Salt Lake JACL on verge of passing 558, their all-time high in memberships

BY ALICE KASAI

SALT LAKE CITY. — That "hoe down" membership social recently enjoyed by the Salt Lake JACLers at Fudge's Barn was rollicking howl of a success. George Yoshimoto, chapter president, announced there were 548 signed, surpassing last year's efforts of 542—and ten shy of the 58 all-time high.

Indications were that the 558 mark would be replaced by the end of March.

Old timer Henry Kasai won the membership derby by signing up 70 members single-handedly. Others who signed at least 25 and thereby receiving JACL pins were:

Josie Hachiya, Al Ju, Chieko Mayeda, Kenzo Morishita, Elna Miya, Ben Oshita, Grace Tanaka and Izumu Watanuki.

All the touches of western atmosphere prevailed with barnyard caricatures of the chapter leaders done cleverly by Kaz Shiotani, a covered wagon, horse collar, straw and a corral.

Perhaps the warm spring rain beckoned the huge turnout for spirits were not dampened with John Kikuchi warming up the vocal chords in community singing and with "Tex" Tabata calling the square dance.

Amusing pieces picked from a museum scrapheap were given as door prizes, such as the sun bonnet worn by Martha Washington Miya in the Easter Parade of 1775, two jugs alleged to be keepsakes of the Brigham Old Watanuki family and a six shooter once used by Wyatt Morishita to keep law and order in the West.

Eden Township Jr. JACL postpones potluck date

OAKLAND. — The Eden Township Jr. JACL potluck dinner meeting has been postponed from April 15 to Saturday, April 22. National JACL Director Mas Satow will be guest speaker.

It will be held at the home of George Minami, 18800 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward.

West L.A. junior track meet May 21 at University high

The second annual West Los Angeles JACL junior track and field meet will be staged on Sunday, May 21, at University High. The meet is open to all West L.A. Nisei and Sansei between the ages of 8 through 15, according to Yo Tsuruda, meet chairman.

Jiro Mochizuki is directing the track events and Sueo Hirashima the field events. Other track officials include Art Hada, Tadd Tokuda, registration; Jose Sase, field chief; George Sakamoto, meet coordinator.

Entry deadline is May 10. Youngsters living in Santa Monica and West Los Angeles are eligible and may obtain entry forms from Tadd Tokuda, 2013 Purdue, GR 9-8373; or Art Hada, 1642 Centinela Ave., GR 8-1764.

Pat Ando, local candidate for the Nisei Relays queen contest, will present the awards as Jr. Track Meet queen, Steve Yagi is in charge of awards.

Competition will be in four age-groups: Aye—14 through 15; Bee—12 and 13; Cee—10 and 11; and Dee—8 and 9. Medals will be awarded to the first three places and the relay races will be restricted to organized groups such as the Jr. Hi-Y, Gra-Y, Sunday School groups, etc.

The program is part of the chapter's youth project to "keep youngsters occupied and they'll stay out of trouble".

San Jose pancake benefit breakfast postponed

SAN JOSE. — The pancake breakfast for the newly organized Community Youth Service scheduled this Sunday has been postponed to Sunday, May 28, it was announced by San Jose JACL, one of the sponsors of the CYS.

The chapter is meeting tonight at the JACL Bldg. to discuss a membership social, fielding a team for the San Francisco JACL Olympics and supporting the San Jose JACL youth basketball team entered in the Berkeley JACL Invitational Tournament this weekend.

Two baseball games this Sunday from 2 p.m. pitting the juniors and peewee teams of San Jose and Palo Alto will be played at Columbus Park, Taylor and Spring Sts.

NISEI JOCKEYS SCORE VICTORY IN 6 OUT OF 9 RACES AT GOLDEN GATE

ALBANY. — It was a grand day for Nisei jockeys Wednesday last week when veteran George Taniguchi booted home five winners out of his six mounts and Tommy Nakagawa, an apprentice, rode the winner in the featured race of the day.

Taniguchi won with Ali Van in the first for a $9.60 return, missed in the second, and then rode three straight winners: Najin $24.40, South Atlantic $5 and Speedy Contessa $7. His final winner was in the ninth race with Bold Capitol for $28.60.

Nakagawa rode the odds-on favorite Moirann for $3.60.

Sumitomo Bank sending Nisei officers to Japan for month's business tour

SAN FRANCISCO. — The Sumitomo Bank of California will have their Nisei bank officers visit Japan for one month to better appreciate and understand the parent bank, the Sumitomo Bank, Ltd., it was announced by Makoto Sasaki, president.

First Nisei officers to be chosen under this plan were Jack Kusaba of San Francisco and Frank Omatsu of Los Angeles, both active JACLers. They will meet with top Sumitomo Bank officials in Tokyo and Osaka and also visit affiliated companies comprising the Sumitomo enterprises.

Wash. anti-bias board hears Yakima complaints

OLYMPIA.—Because of the rising number of complaints and to provide local citizens with an opportunity to learn more about the operation of the board, the Washington State Board Against Discrimination holds its regular March meeting at Yakima.

Malcolm B. Higgins, executive secretary of the board, reported 10 charges of discrimination were investigated, ranging from denial of jobs and housing to denial of equal treatment in places of accommodation against Negroes in Yakima.

Red Cross official

FRESNO. — Harry Hiraoka of Fowler was among 19 Fresno County residents elected to the 39-member Fresno County Red Cross chapter board of representatives.

10 teams ready for Berkeley basketball invitational meet

BERKELEY. — High school basketball teams sponsored by 10 JACL chapters are tangling this weekend in the fourth annual Berkeley JACL invitational tournament at Garfield Gym, Willard Gym and Burbank Gym.

The chapter teams are San Jose (defending champions), Oakland, Stockton, Alameda, San Francisco, Berkeley, Contra Costa, Reedley, Sequoia and Sacramento.

San Jose and Sacramento drew byes in the opening round tonight at Garfield Jr. High and Willard Jr. High gyms. First tipoff is scheduled for 7 p.m. and the nightcap at 8:30.

The Saturday schedule has games scheduled for 12n., 1:30 p.m., 6 and 7:30. The tournament dance will be held at Burbank from 9 p.m.

The championship round Sunday starts at 12:30 with the consolation finals and the championships at 3:30 p.m. The awards are planned for 4:30.

The free throw contest will be held during half-time of each game, on the basis of one player per team, five practice shots and 12 shots in the contest. In case of tie, a sudden death playoff will follow.

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'PANEL OF AMERICANS'

The San Francisco Jr. JACL presented the San Francisco State College chapter of "Panel of Americans" at the U.C. Medical Center auditorium. Members of the Panel are (from left) Steve Okamoto, chairman; Peggy Sasashima (Japanese American), Douglas Stewart (Negro), Jim Mellen (Protestant), Charles Junior, Panel pres.; Tom Richards (Jewish); and Jerry Brown (Catholic). The other panel member, John Drieger (atheist), is not shown.—Steve Dei Photo.

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San Francisco Jr. JACL to offer films of 'Panel of Americans' for national usage

SAN FRANCISCO — Regarded as one of the most constructive campus groups in which students, especially one of a minority group, can participate, the "Panel of Americans" is dedicated to dispelling stereotyped notions of religious, racial or ethnic groups in America.

The panel is composed of five members: a Catholic, Protestant, Jew, Negro and an American of another ethnic origin. It appears before various groups and each panelist discusses issues from his personal viewpoint rather than as an "official" representative of his race or creed. Peggy Sasashima, Jr. JACL member, has appeared with the group as the Japanese American member.

The San Francisco Jr. JACL recently heard the San Francisco State College chapter and a film was made of the procedure. This production is now being considered for use by the national office of Panel of Americans in New York City.

The SFSC chapter is composed of 25 members with Charles Junior as president. He and Tom Richards, the Jewish representative on the panel, recently attended the national conference at the Univ. of Wisconsin.

The panel has a tentative summer commitment to appear on KPIX (educational TV) this year.

The Panel of Americans was first set up on the UCLA campus in 1942 in an attempt to ease racial tensions in Southern California. There are now 21 chapters on college campuses across the country.

Two of the national sponsors are Mrs. Ralph Bunche and Mrs. Robert Kintner, wife of NBC president. Members need not speak to be active in the chapter. Miss Sasashima is membership chairman here. Dr. William Hohenthal of the Dept. of Anthropology is the faculty adviser.

HOLLYWOOD TO SHOW TRAVELOGUE FILMS ON JAPAN TAKEN BY TAOMAE

Interest in spring tours to Japan will be spotlighted on Friday evening, Apr. 28 when Hollywood JACL chapter president Fred Taomae shows movies he took while on his trip to the Land of the Cherry Blossoms last year. The showing at 8:30 p.m. will follow a short chapter meeting.

Taomae will also comment on his impressions of his trip as a first-time Nisei tourist at the general meeting to be held at the Hollywood Community Center, 3928 Middlebury St., right off the Hollywood Freeway at Vermont.

Taomae, accompanied by Mrs. Taomae, traveled by BOAC and also wrote a daily column of his experiences for the New Japanese American News, of which he is the English section editor. The visitors to Japan also traveled to Hong Kong, Okinawa and Hawaii.

Chapter program chairman George Saito cordially invites the public to view a Nisei-eyed view of Japan via the color film. Refreshments will be served by the ladies of the chapter.

The showing is another in the series of events planned by the chapter cabinet, the next activity being the square dance scheduled for Friday, May 26 at the Elysian Lodge.

District Reports: CC-PSW

Delano chapter active in area

BY LILY MISONO

Delano

Delano is a growing city of some 12,000 inhabitants and is situated in northern Kern County in the heart of a rich agricultural area.

The Japanese population is approximately 125, somewhat smaller than the prewar figure. The Delano JACL chapter serves the Delano-McFarland area.

The Delano Chapter of the JACL was organized in December 1941 as a separate unit after having been a sub-chapter of the Tulare County unit for some six years. The membership was approximately 70. The present membership is 55, which includes virtually all the Nisei population. Among those figuring in the chapter organization in 1941 were George Nagatani, Noboru Takaki, Joe Katano, Sadawo Yonaki, Mrs. Robert Fukunaga (nee May Misono), and Ben Yabuno, all of whom are presently residing in Delano except the latter two.

Some of the chapter's major projects include the yearly sponsorship of a Babe Ruth team in the city junior baseball league. This activity is financed by proceeds from an annual rummage sale. We actively support the annual local homecoming days celebration in the selling of raffle tickets. Even though it is one of the smaller local organizations, the JACL is consistently at or near the top of the list of groups selling the largest number of tickets.

Each spring a Japanese Community picnic is sponsored by the chapter. The highlight of the holiday season is the annual Christmas dinner party, with Santa making his yearly visit to the children. This year the chapter distributed Christmas food baskets to several needy families in the community.

The Delano chapter was instrumental in the formation of the Bakersfield chapter in 1959.

Recently the local chapter co-sponsored a judo tournament and exhibition in Delano. There is no organized judo activity in Delano.

About Present Officers

President Ed Nagatani is engaged in farming with his father and three brothers. He and his brothers Jim and George have long been active in JACL work, served in various offices before being elected as chapter prexy this year. He has four children, one of whom, Jerry, 11, has won a Delano Music Memorial scholarship and only elementary school student to achieve this honor. He and his family are active 4-Her's.

Tom Watanabe, 1st vice president, moved his family to Delano approximately two years ago and immediately became actively engaged in the JACL, serving as treasurer in 1960. He is employed by Molica and Iafrati Farms.

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Orange County's PR role highlight

BY KEN UYESUGI

Santa Ana

It was with certain restraint that this task of endeavoring to piece together a column for the Pacific Citizen at the request of PSWDC Chairman Kay Nakagiri was accepted. Certainly I feel flattered to start this series but not without a twinge of incapability in complying to such a request.

For the past few years, I have been associated with the Orange County JACL's "Santana Wind", the local's answer to the Pacific Citizen. The title is derived from the old Spanish meaning "hot, desert wind". If the ensuing paragraphs feel that way, 'tis because I have been a mite too long in the environs of this "hot air".

An attempt shall be made to convey what our chapter has done most recently. Perhaps by omitting or adding here and there, other chapters may enjoy the best possible mileage in activities for the ensuing months or years after reading this report.

Annual Installation

The first item on our calendar is the annual installation and awards banquet. We usually endeavor to select a locale with a pleasant atmosphere. This year we chose the well-known Villa Marina in Newport Beach. An orchestra is convenient, but often times quite expensive. We hired the Taiheiyo Band from Ellay at a very nominal cost. The proteges of Arthur Murray certainly had a "ball".

This affair gives us a wonderful opportunity for public relations work. We had as our guests such distinguished citizens as: State Senator and Mrs. John A. Murdy, Jr., Assemblyman and Mrs. Richard T. Hanna, Judge and Mrs. Kenneth E. Morrison, Judge and Mrs. Robert Gardner, Sheriff and

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Calling the square dance is Skip Tabata at the microphone.
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By Kumeo Yoshinari, Nat'l Treasurer

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JACL Finances Off to Fine Start

CHICAGO

At the time when the JACL budget of $98,450 was approved by the 1960 convention in Sacramento, there were many caustic remarks tinged with pessimism as to the feasibility of attaining the proposed financial goals or the practicality of the means to achieve it. With current chapter performances made available from National Headquarters, it is gratifying to note that JACL has never in its history accomplished so early in the year the fantastic statistics which we shall submit herewith.

Space will not permit accounting by chapters, but the figures below are by district councils, as of March 31, 1961.

DISTRICT COUNCIL	'61 QUOTA	Remitted in 1961	Percentage Attained in '61	'60 Quota
Pacific Northwest	$4,810	2,682	55.0	$4,487.00
No. California-W. Nevada	21,143	20,033	76.6	19,982.00
Central Calif.	3,853	3,027	87.1	4,780.00
Pacific Southwest	33,383	9,778	46.5	13,750.38
Intermountain	7,513	6,137	81.9	4,721.66
Mountain-Plains	4,730	2,866	60.3	3,020.40
Midwest	11,285	4,155	25.8	3,645.00
Eastern	3,826	1,883	48.3	3,111.60
	$90,534	52,265	60.3%	$63,495.42
Anticipated Income from Endowment Fund and Other Sources	11,796			
TOTAL BUDGET	$98,450			

As can be perceived from the above exhibit, 60.3 per cent of our 1961 budget allocated to District Councils has been fulfilled. This unprecedented early return undoubtedly can be attributed to the fact that PC is a part of membership. Whatever the explanation, it is a remarkable first quarter report.

Hustling Chapters

Much credit must be given to the hustling chapters, which have done an outstanding job in not only fulfilling their financial commitments but, in many instances, surpassing them and thereby becoming eligible for rebates. Some chapters have established all-time new highs for membership and 1000 Club enrollment. Indeed, this is incredible when considered in the light of increased national membership dues and higher chapter quotas.

Special tribute is also extended to the National 1000 Club which, too, has reached an all-time high of 1,432, exceeding the previous peak of 1,401 attained during the last national convention at Sacramento. We salute genial Frank Hattori and his gallant cohorts for this big boost in bringing cold cash into the treasury! Without this financial supporters' group, it would be most difficult to operate the National organization.

'Fair Share Plan'

From the time of its adoption, much misapprehension exists over the present formula to establish quotas.

The principle of the so-called "Fair Share Plan" will be elucidated here. The basis for the formula is "per capita share" of the National budget.

In other words, the National budget is divided by the total National membership. The quotient is the member's share of the National budget. Multiply the quotient by the chapter membership and the result would be the chapter quota. (Chapter membership is derived from the average of the best two of the past three years.—Ed.) It is as simple as this.

The sum total of quotas for chapters within the district council constitutes the "district quota", which is stipulated in dollar-and-cent amounts at the National convention. The National Council does not stipulate chapter quotas. This practice permits districts to make their own adjustments when establishing chapter quotas.

The same basis was to have been applied to the 1000 Club originally. However, opponents against establishing chapter quotas for 1000 Club members argued a per capita basis here would be unrealistic and unfair. They pointed out that the potentiality for signing 1000ers is dependent upon local economic conditions and that they vary among the chapters. They also described the 1000 Club is well established and being supported by dyed-in-the-wool loyal JACLers, and that the revenue appears guaranteed. The opponents won their point by a close vote to exclude the idea of 1000 Club quotas for chapters.

But a convention post-mortem brought out the qualm of whether the 1961 National budget might suffer unless chapters were committed to a 1000 Club quota. District council leaders and our National Director felt that without 1000 Club chapter quotas, the responsibility to maintain the high level of 1000 Club activity might be ignored or waived.

It was, thusly, that district councils voluntarily accepted a modified 1000 Club quota and re-designated chapter quotas accordingly. These assignments were not made on the "fair share plan" along equitable lines but rather on the strength of past performances. Because of this arbitrary designation, the chapter assessments are again disproportionate. And this is the problem that is challenging our National Budget-Finance Committee to resolve in the coming months this unjust criteria.

Looking into Future

This wonderful news of the first quarterly report of National finances only serves to recall the "gripes" that prevailed until quite recently. These are the complaints and fears registered at the National convention.

Some regarded the new quota formula as penalizing the chapters with good performances since it would be a basis for higher quotas in subsequent years. While this may be true in theory, since the computations are founded upon actual memberships, by the same token if the national membership is low, inversely the per capita share will be higher—resulting in higher quotas for all.

On this score, the idealistic essence of alleviating this problem is by increasing the national membership, provided the budget remains constant. This knowledge should encourage every chapter to be responsible for doing its level best to boost the overall national membership and thereby mutually share in the reduction of the per capita tax.

Because of this, I feel a "moratorium" may be important to equalize gradually the performances among the chapters. This would enable the outstanding chapters the right to reap the profit of its hard-won performances as well as allow sub-par chapters to catch up (and meet their quota).

Perhaps the Budget-Finance Committee ought to consider "freezing" the present membership basis to determine quotas for the 1962-64 biennium. This is to say: we use the current membership basis for resolving the individual chapter quotas for the coming biennial period at the 1962 Seattle convention rather than calculating quotas on the new membership basis to be derived at the end of 1961.

Some say chapters or districts with unusual membership potentials be imposed with an anticipated increase in quota. To us, it appears as impractical as talking about the "birds in bush is better than one in hand".

JACL is a membership organization with specific identity—much like a church or other fraternal groups. The membership has an obligation to do all it can within its means of support, which is implied by the chapter quotas.

By our own good deeds shall we be known to the extent that we hope our positive actions for the welfare of Japanese Americans will attract others to join our organization. Therefore, in areas where the potential exists, it behooves JACLers to invest their total efforts to produce the desired results.

Able Assistants

JACL is "big business" and as such its growth and expansion into new ventures are contingent upon the capital available at its disposal. It is heartwarming to have a corps of able assistants personally aiding me in devising ways and means to keep our organization financially fluid. They are:

Mas Satow, the "pro", who gives stature and confidence to our committee and who through his years of experience is crucial situations during JACL's history enables us to avoid the pitfalls of inexperience. His critical and conservative attitudes in approving expenditures have many times in the past prevented major financial catastrophes.

Yone Satoda, assistant National Treasurer, has demonstrated his competence by using his professional talents as accountant. Moreover, as past NC-WNDC chairman, he brings into focus the understanding of the overall problems within the organization. These attributes make him particularly valuable to the committee.

Dr. David Miura will continue his tedious work in perfecting the quota formula. Dave adds much foresight and clear thinking to our committee. His youthful vitality and strong conviction stimulates all of us towards positive thinking. It's good to have him on the team.

Dr. George Miyake, national chairman of the JACL Endowment Fund committee, brings new philosophy to this trust. His astute foresight and enthusiasm is giving new spirit to this all-important committee, which in the years ahead will provide handsome subsidy to future budgets.

Congratulations go to all JACLers for having set this new pace in early financial support so that funds can be provided immediately to launch those projects as set forth by the 1960-70 Planning Commission.

Calendar

Apr. 15 (Saturday)

San Diego—Supper meeting, Congregational Church, 30th and Ocean View, 7 p.m.; Frank Chuman, spkr.
Contra Costa—Family Fun Night, Stege School, Richmond, 7 p.m.
Berkeley—Issei Appreciation Night, Washington School, 7 p.m.
Long Beach—Oriental Fantasy dance, Harbor Comm. Ctr.
Florin—Japanese benefit movie, Methodist hall.
Mile-Hi—Chow mein benefit, TSBC

April 15—16

Chicago—Issei Appreciation Nights, at Olivet Comm. Ctr. Sat., at Chicago Buddhist Church Sun.

Apr. 16 (Sunday)

Badger — Community picnic, Burris Park.
Fowler—Community picnic, Kearney Park, ser. 3-A.
Placer County —Community picnic, JACL Hall Park, Penryn. (Apr. 23 rain date).

April 17 (Monday)

Omaha—Issei Recognition Banquet, Arirang Gardens.

April 19 (Wednesday)

Monterey Peninsula—General meeting, JACL Hall, 7:30 p.m.

April 20 (Thursday)

Sacramento—General meeting, Nisei War Memorial Hall; Ed Palme, spkr., "Horse Racing and Parimutuels."

April 21—23

PSWDC— Hi-Co Conference, Camp Max Straus, Los Angeles.

April 22 (Saturday)

Eden Township — Jr. JACL potluck picnic at George Minami, 18800 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward, 6 p.m.; Mas Satow, spkr.
Cincinnati—Potluck supper, First United Church, 7 p.m.
Detroit—Spring Dance, Veterans Bldg.
Dayton—Stag Night, home of Mas Yamasaki.

April 23 (Sunday)

Fremont—Family outing, San Gregorio, Half Moon Bay.
Fresno—Community picnic
Bakersfield — Community picnic, Lowell Park.

April 23-24

Monterey Peninsula—Japanese movie benefit.

April 28 (Friday)

Hollywood—Meeting Comm. Ctr. 2039 Middlebury, 8:30 p.m.; Fred Tonnai's Film on Japan.
Reedley—Potluck meeting, Japanese Hall; demonstration on live-saving.

April 29 (Saturday)

Gardena Valley—Installation-Recognition banquet.
Southwest L.A.—Bowling League banquet, Carolina Pines, 7 p.m.

May 4 (Thursday)

West Los Angeles—Polio-tetanus clinic, Bicentennial Playground.

May 6 (Saturday)

Detroit—Mother's Day banquet.
San Francisco—Jr. JACL variety show.

May 6 — 7

Southwest L.A.—PSWDC convention, Sheraton-West hotel. Sat.—regis. 10 a.m.; sessions, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; banquet-dance, 6 p.m. Sun.—sessions, 10 a.m.; bowling at Holiday Bowl; 12 n., Buffet-fashion show.

May 7 (Sunday)

Alameda—NC-WNDC spring quarterly meeting.

May 13 (Saturday)

West Los Angeles —Benefit movies, Rafu Gakuen, 1:30 p.m.

5,000 expected at Placer County JACL community picnic

PENRYN. — All is ready for the expected 5,000 coming to the gala Placer County JACL community picnic this Sunday at the JACL Ball Park near here, according to picnic co-chairmen Hugo Nishimoto and George Hirakawa.

Three special events arranged as added attractions will be the band concert by the Mather Field 724th Air Force Band at 3:30, the distribution of 5,000 balloons by Scotty the Clown, Keith and Mac McDonald, and the demonstration of sending and receiving messages by members of the Foothill Amateur Radio Club. Hike Yego and George Nishikawa are in charge of special events.

Several major prizes will be presented during the day. Dick Nagaoka, Dick Nishimura and Bob Nakamura are in charge.

Log-Cutting Contest

Entertainment for both young and old will include foot races, novelty events and a log-cutting contest.

After the flag raising ceremony conducted by the local Penryn scout troops headed by Tom Miyamoto at 11:45 a.m., chapter president Ellen Kubo will extend words of welcome.

The grounds have been prepared this week by a committee chaired by Shig Kajimura and Kunio Okuda. Other committee chairmen are: Kay Takemoto, James Makimoto, souvenir booklet; Kay Miyamura, Arter Kendo, games; Howard Nakae, Junius Matsumoto, fin.; George Ishihara, George Hoshida, judges; Yosh Nakamura, Jack Perry, refr.; Frank Hata, Hiroshi Mikawa, Issei movie (Sunday); Tom Miyamoto, Mack Teshimoto, Percy Lanouyette, parking; Harry Sands, Dr. Hiroshi Takemoto, first aid; Jr. JACL, concessions; Homer Takahashi, Kelvin Mitani, pub.; Janet Tanaka, sec.

Reedley CL keeps busy April calendar

REEDLEY. — Mrs. Marjorie Bailey of Dinuba spoke on the "Guide Dogs for the Blind," of which she is a member, at the recent Reedley JACL dinner meeting. The chapter then voted $15 to the group.

The chapter is planning a pot-luck dinner next April 28 at the Japanese Hall with Dr. James Ikemiya demonstrating mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Film on the same subject will be shown.

Women of the chapter met at the home of Mrs. James Ikemiya to watch Mrs. Albert Munoz demonstrate Spanish cooking.

Car Wash Project

Other chapter activities this month included the recent car wash, proceeds of which go toward the chapter scholarship fund and youth activities. The chapter is sponsoring a team in the Berkeley JACL invitational basketball tournament this weekend. Assisting in the annual car wash project were: Ed Yano, Frank Kimura, co-chmn.; Mas Abe, Bill Minami, Kiyo Kawamoto, Kaz Kunishige, J. S. Kiyomoto and Terashi Ibara.

William Minami, local JACLer, is a candidate for the local Reedley School board of trustees. Election will be April 18.

Clevelanders to visit Niagara Falls, Canada

CLEVELAND. — Last year, a busload of Cleveland JACLers—Issei and Nisei—visited Washington, D.C., about the time the cherry blossoms along the Potomac were in bloom.

This year, the JACL Trip Committee has announced an itinerary to Niagara Falls and other points of interest in Canada for May 19-21. When visiting Toronto, the group will meet with the local JCCA.

Omaha JACL to recognize Issei pioneers April 17

OMAHA. — The Omaha JACL Issei Recognition Banquet will be held on Monday, April 17, at Arirang Gardens. Robert Nakadoi is banquet chairman.

The banquet is part of the chapter's Issei Story project.

Prune Growers elect

YUBA CITY. — Roy Hatamiya was re-elected as one of the two Marysville district directors for the Feather River Prune Growers Assn. recently.



HI-CO CONFERENCE LEADERS READY

HI-CO LEADERS pictured are the young people planning the conference set for Apr. 21-23 at Camp Max Straus in the Verdugo Hills. (Left to right) First row: Ed Kakita, Arlene Nakawatase, general chairman Lloyd Nakatani, Masako Uyeno, Sonny Morikawa, Jun Watanabe. (Second row) Joy Tanigawa, Joyce Takahashi, Emi Kawase, Amy Yutani Sharon Aono, Connie Hiruoka, Pamela Morikawa. (Third row) Roland Minami, Alan Kumamoto, Dennis Nakatani, Dave Kakita, Tom Okada and James Yokota.

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Mrs. Jim Misick, among many others.

The second annual "Sportsman of the Year" awards were presented in Golf, Bowling, and Fishing during the evening. The handsome perpetual trophy winners for the past year were: Jim Kobayashi, Seiji Yamauchi, and Yours Truly (I knew there was a place to put in a plug somewhere), respectively. Replica miniature trophies were awarded the previous year winners: Golf, Min Nitta; Bowling, Yas Minamide; and fishing, George Iwakoshi.

These awards were commenced primarily to retain some relationship in the various sporting events, of which there are numerous Nisei participants with JACL. The winners and their wives, if they are not JACLers, COME AS GUESTS —they discover that we aren't a bunch of "stuffed shirts", and a mutual benefit is reaped. Incidentally, the original golf, bowling, fishing, etc. clubs were all instigated by the local JACL members; but to keep them under jurisdiction was another thing.

Chapter Bulletin

We felt that a medium was necessary in a section such as ours, which covers a wide area. Consequently, the chapter newspaper was born. It is a monthly publication and goes to EVERY Japanese family in the county JACLer or not; as well as those outside the area who are related to a member. (It would surprise you to know the contributions that come in from them).

Does the bulletin aid JACL membership? I say, it definitely does! It not only assists in recruiting new members and renewing old members—they receive something for their membership dues.

The newsletter is printed by a local printing company at a nominal cost. With the numerous advertising obtained without undue effort, it is more than self-sustaining. In fact, proceeds from the ads have enabled us to: sponsor the JAYS (future JACLers); purchase sportsman trophies; defray expenses for the Easter Egg Hunt; and contribute to other worthwhile projects.

I sincerely believe other chapters that do not have newsletters and are not taking advantage of the media, are missing the boat here.

Easter Egg Hunt

Propagation of the species is still popular amongst persons of Japanese ancestry. This fact is well attested to by the growing number of eager youngsters participating in our annual Easter Egg Hunt held at Irvine Park.

This is an opportunity for the entire family to enjoy a day of outing with friends, and it's usually on a fine spring day.

The "hen fruits" are donated by the poultrymen in the county. (For the city folks, the grocers usually accommodate.) The women folks prepare the baskets and color the eggs; while the JAYS have the task of hiding the eggs and distributing the prizes; the JACL assumes all the costs of the event —soda pops, prizes, baskets, etc.

Membership Dirve

Our membership drive chairman Harry Matsukane and 1000 Club boss Elden Kanegae are striving to culminate the annual drive by May 1. Upon its conclusion, they are planning a gay "shin dig" with a specific purpose in mind —the getting together of old and new residents of the county. It is evident that there has been an influx of potential JACLers in this sector with the advent of many well-known industries in Orange County.

Regular Board Meetings

In order to generate interest and instill the spirit that the JACL is not merely an organization with a cognomen, it is imperative for chapters to, at least, hold regular board meetings. This is readily being adhered to by our Chairman of the Board, Henry Kanegae, prominent local rancher and a long time proponent of JACL undertakings.

In summation, I feel the JACL chapters, on the local level, should play integral roles in the public relations field, community projects, and in the assisting of the youth groups.

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Saburo Okino, 2nd vice president, and a past president, has served in various offices and committees. He is employed by City Food Basket.

Treasurer George Nagatani was the chapter's first president and was instrumental in the chapter's formation. He has been one of the leading members since that time. He is currently working on the Issei Story project.

Eiko Yonaki (nee Kodama) is a mother of five children and will have her hands full with her added duties as social chairman. She and her husband Sadawo come from old Delano families. She has also served on various committees during the past several years.

Recording secretary Masaru Takaki is a most versatile and willing worker. He has served in almost every capacity and many committees over the years and is also a past local president and CCDC 1000 Club chairman. He is in partnership with his brother-in-law in the Azuma Garage.

Corresponding secretary Jeannie Yonaki is a mother of four active young children. She has recently actively taken up bowling as an outside interest and participates in PTA activities. She is married to Joe Yonaki.

Last year's president Bill Nakagama is the local 1000 Club chairman. He is the only member who has served as president two times and is one of the more active members. He is engaged in farming.

Some of the local members who have served in CCDC offices include the following, all of whom have also served as chapter president: Dr. James Nagatani, CCDC chairman 1959; Joe Katano, treasurer; Paul Kawasaki, treasurer; Jeff Fukawa, currently on CCDC Pacific Citizen committee.

Thousand Club members this year are: Dr. James Nagatani, Noboru Takaki, George Nagatani, Masaru Takaki, Ed Nagatani, Ernest Takaki (Life Member), Bill Nakagama, Jeff Fukawa, Joe Katano, Paul Kawasaki, Tom Kawasaki, and Sadawo Yonaki. This represents over 20 per cent of our membership.



800 ENJOY WEST L.A EGGHUNT

There were nearly 800 children and parents enjoying the West Los Angeles JACL egghunt last week at Stoner Ave. Playground. Photo by Yo Tsuruda shows the happy faces of some of the youngsters and chapter officers (Aki Ohno in dark glasses; Jiro Mochizuki, event chairman; and Steve Yagi). The community affair saw 600 sacks of candies distributed and 40 gallons of soft drinks consumed. Others assisting in the preparations were Mable Kitsuse, Roy Takeda, Nobo Ikuta, Dr. Milton Inouye and Tani Sakaniwa.

Living with JACL: by Saburo Kido

'32 L.A. Convention

Part IV: Continued

The Los Angeles chapter was working hard to raise funds for the national convention that was to be held from July 27-29, 1932. There was the dinner which the Issei leaders attended, the benefit dance, and the benefit plays.

Los Angeles, however, was not a strong chapter according to present day standards. The membership was reported to be around 100 at that time although 1,000 members was the hoped for goal.

With the opening of the new year, Dr. George Y. Takeyama was elected as the general chairman of the convention. Since Karl Iwanaga, the chapter president, made it clear that he could not spend as much time as he wanted for the national convention, Dr. Takeyama was given the authority to take full charge of the convention.

Around this time, Mas Satow, our national director, is reported to have returned from his school in the East. He graduated UCLA in 1929 and attended the Princeton Theological Seminary for three years. This may not be fair information to reveal for he may still feel young in spirit. However, I thought it may help to confirm his age when he wants to say, "Age is creeping up on me." He was appointed the general secretary of the Japanese YMCA which was a single-room office in the Tomio Building, 312 E. First St., now known as the Taul Building. This was on July 2.

Ye editor, Harry Honda, was asking me the other day when I would get to the 2nd Biennial national convention. The preliminary groundwork has been laid through the previous installments. I am highlighting some of the events and mentioning names so that the younger generation may recognize the oldtimers who were active at one time with the JACL.

Another item I ran across mentioned the CPA for the Pacific Citizen, Sho Iino. He was the star basketball player for Manual Arts High School during this period. His team defeated the Hollywood High by the score of 20-16. Sho scored 6 points and was the leading scorer. The score seems too low; but this was a story in the Rafu Shimpo.

For the benefit show held on July 3 and 4, one was a Japanese play called "Nikuen." William Okuno, Aiko Yamada, John Matsuura, Miss Tomi Saito, Fred Mittwer, Mori, William Matsuura, and Hana Abe had roles in this production.

The English play was "A Wedding." Frank Onishi, Melba Hamamoto, Florence Suzuki, Harry Okida, Masami Furuta, Aiko Igasaki and Hiro Higuchi had parts.

Roku Sugahara gave words of welcome and appreciation to the audience. The admission charge was $1.

Vocal selections were rendered by the Oliver Club boys, including Charles Kamayatsu, Sam, Kenji and Shugo Seno, and George Kumai. They sang, "Swing Along," and "O Promise Me."

There was kembu and shigin. Jimmy Tsutsui, Shig Inouye, Gosui Katada, and William Okuno starred in this part of the program.

Convention Committee

The convention committee was announced around July 8. Compared to these days, it would be considered rather late. I do not know the reason for this because I was living in San Francisco.

Dr. George Takeyama and Karl Iwanaga, the chapter president, agreed on the duties each would assume. Miss Suma Sugi was placed in charge of registration. George Nakamoto was named publicity chairman. Louise Suski, Aiko Tashiro, Goro Murata and Hiro Higuchi were to be his assistants.

Kay Sugahara was to be in charge of banquets. Masao Igasaki and Suma Sugi were to be in charge of arrangements.

Toraji Koseki and Seiichi Nobe were to be in charge of speakers for the convention. Toyo Arai and Tomi Saito were to take care of the details for the closing dance.

Final plans were discussed at a meeting on July 20. Ken Matsumoto announced that badges with gold lettered-ribbons and a miniature orange at the end would be passed out to all those who register.

The registration fee was to be $1.

On July 13, wires were sent to all 22 chapters, inviting them to the convention. The chapters were:

California—San Francisco, New American Citizens' League; Sacramento Citizens' League; Citizens' League of Stockton; Fresno American Loyalty League; Santa Barbara Citizens' League; San Luis Obispo Citizens' League; Salinas Citizens League; Newcastle Citizens' League; Long Beach Citizens' League; Glendale Citizens' League; Hollywood Citizens' League; United Citizens League of Santa Clara County; and Brawley American Citizens of Japanese Ancestry.

Washington—Seattle Progressive Citizens' League; Auburn Valley Civic League; Puyallup Citizens' League, and Yakima Valley Citizens' League.

Oregon—Portland Progressive Citizens' League.

New York—Japanese American Citizens' League.

Hawaii—Society of American Citizens of Japanese Ancestry.



MT OLYMPUS JACL HITS ALL-TIME HIGH

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN Tak Iwamoto (left) is being congratulated by Mt. Olympus JACL president Bob Mukai for conducting a successful membership campaign that resulted in a new all-time chapter high of 235 in mid-March. —Jim Ushio Photo.

Mt. Olympus hits new all-time high

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SALT LAKE CITY. — Shooting for a goal is one thing—but making it is another.

This year, Mt. Olympus JACL was determined to surpass its all-time membership high of 188 and placed this responsibility upon the shoulders of Tak Iwamoto, 2nd v.p., whose enthusiasm and know-how started the campaign with a capable and equally enthusiastic committee.

In mid-March, when the official canvass deadline came, there were 235 signed. It was a matter of pride to see that the efforts were not in vain. And the committee is still pushing.

The Mt. Olympus area was divided and the membership committee called on renewal and new members. The work was well-planned and organized. While the various leads to potential members were followed through, it is a chapter policy not to solicit membership outside the area unless an explicit desire to join is expressed.

The committee members assisting in this successful venture include: Nob Mori, Joanne Sueoka, Tom Matsumori, Tomi Hisatake, Yuki Namba, Ken Noda, Bob Mukai, Kiyo Miya, Tomio Mitsunaga, Lou Nakagawa, Ted Iseki, Ida Taketa, Frank Harada, Bob Hirase, Yukie Inouye, Shig Nagata, Ruth Ozawa, Yuki Tadehara, Helen Onishi, Jun Sudeka, George Tamura, Hitch Okubo, George Fuji, Mary Sugaya, Thomas Akagi, and two Issei representatives, T. Shimizu and M. Ushio.

To assist the cabinet, headed by Bob Mukai, president, and membership-at-large, a roster of the chapter was prepared and distributed.

Oriental Fantasy dance at Harbor center tomorrow

LONG BEACH.—The annual Long Beach-Harbor District JACL spring dance on the theme of "Oriental Fantasy" will be held tomorrow from 8 p.m. at the newly-decorated Harbor Community Center, it was announced by dance chairman Kei Mochida.

Hostesses from the local area and out-of-town will be present. Bob Caro and his seven-piece Latin band will play with Mrs. Lily Arihara slated to render a few vocal selections. Admission will be $3.50 per gentleman.

Bowtie, derby and vest uniform for PSW whing-ding

Conventioners attending the seventh biennial PSWDC Convention's 1000 Club whing ding at 4:30 p.m., Saturday, May 6 in the Sheraton-West Hotel Wedgewood Room are in for nothing but fun, laugh and merriment, according to whing ding chairman Mack Hamaguchi.

With the able assistance of George Inagaki, co-founder of the 1000 Club, arrangements are well underway. Hamaguchi reminds 1000ers that bow ties will be a "must". A derby hat and vest will also be in order for the whing ding.

Chapters are also preparing skits to be presented during the festivities.

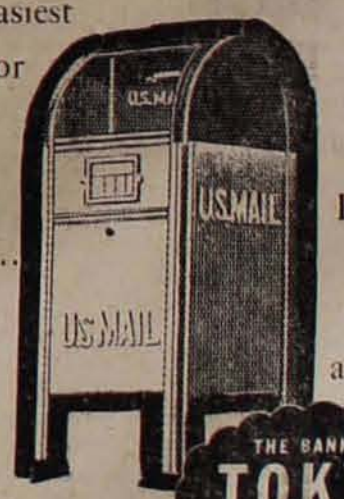
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