

JAPANESE-AMERICAN TRADE CONDITIONS STRENGTHEN AMITY

1927 Trade Surpasses That Of 1926; Japan's Trade With U.S. Rising

COTTON AND SILK LEAD

By THOMAS ARAI Foreign Trade Editor

The United States is considered the most near-perfect industrial nation in the world, but the majority of other countries are not so fortunate. Nations desiring certain indispensable commodities not grown or manufactured within their own domain have to rely upon other countries. Thus, foreign trade is a necessity. With the rapid extension of commerce, intercourse among nations are opened and international goodwill is created by use of just and impartial commercial policies. Commercial policies and treaties among nations as existing at present, although practical are not all sound, but in time that goal will be reached through unbiased better understanding. The United States, though being the most near-perfect self-sustaining nation, by no means have reached its ideal. Therefore, she, too, has to resort to foreign trade.

U. S. Japan's Best Buyer This year, as in previous years, the United States has a relation her. Although the complete value of the position as Japan's greatest buyer, Japanese-American trade for 1927 is yet unknown, the total values of export and import of merchandise by the United States for ten months ending October, 1927, showing the comparison covering the same length of period for 1926, is as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Year, and two columns of trade values. Rows include U.S. Export to Japan, U.S. Import from Japan, U.S. Export to Asia, and U.S. Import from Asia.

It is interesting to note that 80% of the total United States trade with Asia about half is with Japan alone. Business conditions in Japan are improving since the catastrophe of 1923 and, consequently, its trade with the United States this year will surpass the trade value of last year. The upward trend of trade conditions can be readily seen by comparing the above listed figures for the two years.

Leading Exports The greatest importing commodity of the United States from Japan is raw silk. It is interesting to note (Cont. on P. 4, Col. 5)

UNITY OF THOUGHT AND ACTION DEPENDS ON UNDERSTANDING

Mutual Understanding Between Groups Will Work Towards Community Harmony, Says Y. Fujii

NOT AGE OF EGOISM

By YOSHIO FUJII Pres., Japanese University Club A habit of mistrust is the torment of some persons. It taints their love and their friendship. They take up small causes or offenses. They expect their friends to show the same respect to them at all times, which is more than human nature can do. Among the various injuries inflicted by mistrust and not an infrequent one is the inability to pay the last good will to his neighbor. As to the possibility of mistrust, seems to me it is very natural. It is true that in all human affairs every person directly interested naturally has an admitted claim to a voice. But two persons have never exact opinions, due to the fact it may be speaking that two persons never see the same point of view of an object. Consequently, when one denies the other there would be disagreement of two opinions, which brings one's suspicion against the other. Here we can apply the same principle in the club affairs which insisted upon the joint opinions of each individual of the club. As a consequence of this fact, (Cont. on P. 4, Col. 4)

JAPAN'S AMBASSADOR WIRES FELICITATIONS

From Washington a message wishing the Courier success has come. The sender of the telegram is no other than Japan's foremost representative and ambassador, Hon. Tamoto Matsudaira. In the Capital City Ambassador Matsudaira is one of the most prominent and popular envoys there. His predecessor, Mr. Hanabara, was also a popular figure and belovedly called "Little Han" by the members of the foreign corps. Ambassador

Matsudaira today is equally as popular and it is common to hear him mentioned in the "Ambassador of Good Will." The telegram sent the Courier by the Ambassador reads: Japanese Embassy Washington. Heartly congratulations for publication of the issue of the Japanese American Courier; best wishes for its success. TSUNEO MATSUDAIRA.

PAPER A NECESSITY FOR UNDERSTANDING FELICITATES COURIER

Organ To Express Sentiments of Second Generation Needed For Mutual Understanding, Says H. Okuda

LEADS TO PROGRESS The local community is becoming to manifest keen interest in the new publication in English for the second generation. It seems that the first generation is very much interested and the general opinion is that of approval. Letters, showing a spirit of co-operation, are pouring into the office of the Courier.

Mr. H. Okuda, President of the Oriental Trading Co. of Seattle, and one of the prominent members of the first generation, has sent a letter congratulating The Courier. The letter reads: The Japanese-American Courier, I wish to congratulate you on the establishment of your paper, which has as its object the bringing together in mutual tolerance and understanding the first and second generation in Seattle.

Seattle Japanese of both generations have long felt that such a publication was desirable from every standpoint, more so considering that the attainment of your object; "the better understanding between the two generations" would lead to a very noticeable progress in the civic and mercantile life of the people concerned.

I am heartily in favor of your slogan and trust that through the valuable medium of your paper we can get the opinions and expressions of the community. At the same time I believe it will promote a closer friendship between Japanese Americans and Americans of other origins. It would lead to a better recognition of the political rights of the second generation as well as future generations of American-born Japanese.

May your paper prosper and be the leading spirit in the object we are all aiming for. Yours sincerely, H. H. OKUDA, Pres., Oriental Trading Co.

Edit Courier Fairly, Justly

'Cowardice, Falshood, Impurity, Levity,' Should Be Condemned Without Fail, Says Japanese Principal

APPROVES WEEKLY PAPER

My Dear Mr. Yoshinori Sakamoto: I was with the greatest pleasure I learned that you are going to place a weekly English magazine in circulation in January. To go through to the end of what has been started, demanding difficulty and mastering it by this way, you are doing a work while apart from what will be gained by the effort put forth—and I write to you a few words of sincere counsel. One of your first and most important duties as an editor will be the manifestation of fairness and justice all the time. The firmer you stand for this the better you will be able to carry your duty. Remember you are, in editing the magazine, putting yourself in a position of a leader or inevitably responsible for the well-called second generation of Japanese, parents, and their children. I hope you will have some determination. (Cont. on P. 4, Col. 4)

CHANGE OF ORDER FACING JAPANESE, SAYS H. OKAMURA

Japanese of Seattle Facing Same Problem As People of Europe

RIISING GENERATION HOPEFUL By H. OKAMURA Member Educational Board Japanese Association

The wake of the great World War left Europe in a confusion—a chaos. She was confused with the inevitable question that every country faces after a war—Reconstruction. Order: Changing Reconstruction in Europe is not yet complete. It seems apparent that the lover, conscious or unconsciously, his way of reconstruction is in the midst of the older people we, of the first generation, too, are conscious of the fact that a problem almost as great as the question facing the Europeans today is before us.

We, too, must reconstruct. Hitherto, we have retained too much of the slothfulness of the old country, and have tried to remain blind to the modernization that has been in vogue; while you, second generation, on the other hand, have turned your back to the culture that Japan's and tried your wings without sympathy or aid from the first generation.

But now, through this paper, we have a common bond. Let us join together, co-operate, and strengthen the bond of friendship and understanding between the first and second generation. The second generation of today are the community of the future. It must have a medium of expression. Let this paper serve as an outlet for your opinions, criticisms, ideas.

One time a statement was made that the second generation was no good, that they lack initiative. But, confidentially, second generation, is it true? No, a thousand times, no! Come on, second generation, let's go!

RIISING GENERATION GENUINE AMERICANS IN EVERY RESPECT

But First Generation Toiled Hard To Give Them The Benefits, Says Venerable Writer

By CHUZABURO ITO Member Educational Board, Japanese Association

That the stage is now set for the second generation is common talk in the Japanese community of the Pacific Coast. It was only yesterday, when the first generation braved the mighty Pacific to seek their fortune in America, bringing with them their particular culture and traditions. Pioneers in a real sense were they; for they sought opportunity on untrodden ground—facing obstacles in countless numbers, unfamiliar with the language and the ways of doing things' of the new country.

With the passing of years, however, a new generation has rapidly come to the front, and today they occupy a place of importance in the front pages of our community newspapers. They are the offspring of what the first generation transplanted in America. Unlike their forebears, to a certain extent they bear the earmarks of the American. They speak the best of English; they know the American customs, traditions and proficiencies and they possess the "goose" which the older generation lacked—under (Cont. on P. 4, Col. 3)

THE ACTING CONSUL

Courier Instrumental in the Promotion of Good-Will on Pacific

Acting Consul Hanawa Declares Dissemination of Correct News Necessary for Mutual Understanding

LAUDS THE COURIER

Forwarding the opinion that correct news should be disseminated by all papers, in a letter to the editor, Acting Consul Hanawa, hopes that The Courier will prove an agency for the promotion of good-will and mutual friendship on the Pacific. The letter from the Acting Consul is here reproduced: Jan. 1, 1928, Mr. Y. Sakamoto, Editor, The Japanese-American Courier, Seattle, Wash. Dear Mr. Sakamoto: I sincerely congratulate you upon having successfully issued the first number of "The Japanese American Courier," and am exceedingly glad to have an English periodical so efficiently edited by one of our people in Seattle.

Correct News, Duty The first duty of papers, I believe, is to furnish the public with information based on real facts. Misunderstanding is the main cause of great many troubles, not only between individuals but also between nations. On the other hand, good-will and friendship arise from the full knowledge of each other.

Paper Instrumental It is not necessary to say that the enduring peace of the Pacific Ocean is only attained by the best understanding between Japan and the United States, which are two great nations bordering the ocean. In this regard, a paper which is particularly equipped with the means of furnishing the American public with information concerning Japan and Japanese problems has a great responsibility. I am sure that your paper will prove, in the future, to be instrumental in promoting good-will and friendship between Japan and the United States.

Hoping that you and your paper will be ever successful in the New Year and in years coming, I am Very truly yours, Y. HANAWA, Acting Consul.

ORIENT-OCIDENT SOCIETY TO GIVE INTERPRETATIONS

To Be Held at Nippon Kan Hall, Jan. 4; Cultural Arts To Be Interpreted For Younger Generation

Recently an Occidental Oriental Women's Council was formed and as its introductory activity it is to give an entertainment at Nippon-Kan Hall on Jan. 4, from 7 to 9 p.m. The program will be comprised of Japanese and American music, dances and recitations in literature.

The Object The object of this Council, according to its constitution, is to work for a mutual understanding of the cultural lives of the Japanese and Americans. The Council sees a great necessity for the instruction of the second generation of Japanese, in becoming greater in number and is reporting to the fore.

Invites Articles

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Intends To Get Practice of Writing Age To Public, Proficiency in English Necessary

MEDIUM OF EXPRESSION IS ESSENTIAL

Necessity Seen By Popularity of English Supplement

By JAY EBBS

With this opening issue, the Japanese American Courier makes its bow to the public. There are today in the field of Journalism many entities, but none in its whole publication, is in English for the American-born Japanese.

That there is a necessity for a paper all in English for the Japanese community reads no arguments today. The increasing number of American-born Japanese and the numerous Japanese American voters at the polls are sufficient reasons why a paper in English is necessary.

Another substantial reason is that the rising generation finds it difficult to read Japanese, because of their lack of interest in the Japanese language. Of course, it is found that there are some who can read the Japanese journals, but the majority, even if they can read it to some extent, prefer reading Japanese news and things Japanese, written in English. This is natural, because their comprehension of the English language is much wider and better than the Japanese.

Political Necessity That such an organ's political merits are not worth considering would be a grave fallacy to indulge in. Its editors, though, in the political arena, may not carry necessary weight to move the American-Japanese voters at the polls, but it will be a great factor in getting them to the polls. In just this little duty of getting the voters to realize their obligation the paper will have been justified, to a great degree, in being founded. The outstanding problem today in the Japanese community is genuine political identification by American-born Japanese. In bringing this obligation home to the Japanese voter will be a worthy object in itself, inasmuch as political identification with the political life of the nation will serve to assist in breaking down the barrier of discrimination.

For Mutual Understanding The Japanese problem of the Pacific Coast from years back was chiefly founded on racial differences, but also largely on the economic distribution. However, through a recognition by Japanese-American citizens, the walls of misunderstanding can be surmounted at least to a satisfactory degree. In this regard, a mutual understanding and harmony can be attained by the Japanese-American people.

As another object of the Courier is to assist in building a firm foundation of mutual understanding between the peoples of Japan and America. It is the belief of the organ that such a foundation can be constructed by American-born Japanese to a substantial degree.

Papers, Realizing Necessity Other Japanese newspapers along the Coast are, it seems, beginning to realize this identical fact and they feel, as does the Courier, to propagate this spirit of good will effectively is to publish English supplements for American-born readers. The Courier goes a step further, and believes that a real understanding is not possible unless it can be built upon a certain basic principle. That principle is the political identification of American-born Japanese with the political life of the nation. In that way the fear of economic usurpation on the Coast will be forgotten by the American people and a mutual and harmonious understanding may be the outcome.

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AGGRESSIVE MEN ON ALL-STAR ELEVEN PICKED BY COURIER

Team Selected Light, but Fast with Impenetrable Line and Fighting Backfield

AERIAL ATTACK SPECIALTY

Courier's All-Japanese Team

- Fullback: Sam Arai, N.A.C.
Halfback: Chick Uno, N.A.C.
Halfback: Hideo Kono, Taiyo
Quarterback: Tomi Funai, Taiyo
End: Frank Suetama, Taiyo
Tackle: Tomo Takayoshi, Taiyo
Guard: Husky Yoshimura, Taiyo
Center: Rocco Okubo, N.A.C.
Guard: Kim Hamada, N.A.C.

For the fullback job, Sam Arai is the only candidate. The other outstanding real being Kono, who although playing full for Taiyo in the absence of a heavier man in a natural half. Arai's fierce thrusts into the line was the main offensive threat for his team. In Kono, there is the same powerful plunger, coupled with the would hammer any ordinary line for short, consistent gains. Uno's ability to pass with deadly accuracy accounted for much yardage for his team. In placing Uno in a halfback position, it might be said that he has an educated toe that was a constant source of worry and danger to his opponents as well as his talent to carry the ball. Kariyuki of the Taiyo was another outstanding candidate for halfback honors; he was the triple threat man for his team. Rotta was another valuable man. Kiba was a demoman on the defensive but lacked the weight to be placed on the mythical team. Takahashi of the N. A. C. was another good man, but the constant shifting around of his position handicapped him from consideration. Osawa was another hard-hitting half but his fell down on the defensive work. All in all, ability for football sense, teamwork and power, Kono and Uno stand out above the others.

Quarterback was a hard position to fill. The fast-footed, shifty Umomoto and the elusive, phantom Funai were both worthy returners of punts. Both were the spark pliers of their respective machines and both proved themselves heady, nifty generals. However, Funai's place kicking ability which accounted for a number of the Taiyo points, his passing, his defensive work, his knack of boxing out opposing linemen was the balance in his favor.

There were a number of good ends, Aoki, Poppo, Nakamoto of the Taiyo, the Arai brothers, Kaz and Anky, Okada and Yoshitomi of the N. A. C. being the leading candidates. Nakamoto was a bit to left, while Okada was an ideal end, but not too fast and a dependable man, but his lack of weight and his seeming brittleness prevented his being selected. Anky Arai and Aoki were sweet pass catchers. The tall, lanky Kaz Arai, with his weight as a big asset, was on the connecting end of many of the passes for his team. His ability as an offensive end, blocking and in opposing linemen, and his outstanding features of his play. Poppo's speed covering passes and going down on punts made him a threat to his opponent's side. He was a menace to all end runs and off tackle plays that came near him.

At tackle, Suzuki, Okubo of the N. A. C., Takayoshi and Sagiyama of the Taiyo were the best. Suzuki did not play much, but he was worth the honor, although he was as firm as the Rock of Gibraltar on the defense. Okubo played tackle, but he has every natural qualification of a guard, and in view of the fact that he was a Taiyo tackle, they were given the call over Okubo for that position. Sagiyama was the outstanding man of the Taiyo line in charged fiercely, tackled and blocked all and everything that came near him. Takayoshi.

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NEW TAIYO CAPTAIN DEPLORES MEAN TALK AMONG SPORT FANS

Declares Talk of Few Engineers Bad Feelings; Insists on Fair Play

PREDICTS POPULARITY FOOTBALL

By (Sparky) HIDE KONO (Captain-elect Taiyo Football Team, 1935)

Interest in athletics among the Japanese people of Seattle has certainly increased immensely during the last couple of years. Several years ago baseball was the only sport that the people took any interest in. It was both the old and young understood the game thoroughly. As baseball is only a spring and summer activity, the growing population of the younger generation has craved for something to do during the fall and winter periods and has introduced football and basketball for the respective seasons.

I believe both football and basketball will soon hold its own in interest with baseball, being games where plenty of action and courage is required and seems somehow adapted to the competitive Japanese temperament. With the increasing interest in athletics, various teams have been organized, and to promote further interest and co-operation among them, the Japanese-American Courier is making its first publication here. I understand it is to be a paper published not only in the interest of sports itself, but to establish a better Japanese-American relation and to such a worthy purpose, it should get the heartiest support by the whole Japanese community.

This occasion has given me an opportunity to comment on a certain thing that has been going along that has inflicted more damage than good. When the Nippon and the Taiyo clashed for the first time on the gridiron since the clubs were organized, quite a bit of excitement was aroused in the Japanese colony. The game was a success as the players of both teams showed good sportsmanship to each other after the games and the enthusiastic crowd was fair and clean in their behavior, except for a few who tried to make themselves conspicuous by making nasty remarks about the opposing team. It is evident that to insure the athletic relationship just built up between the two rival clubs, care must be taken to encourage better feeling. But still there are some who insist on making trouble by going around saying things to hurt the name of a player or the team of the opposing club. There are a number of instances which occurred concerning our players' conduct since that Nippon-Taiyo game and has been the indirect cause for much bitter feeling against the players of our rival club who were in no way to blame. People can realize for themselves any unsportsmanlike action displayed by the players without those people sneering around and telling lies and exaggerations about them. Why not be frank and bring up those things to our club officials when they happen?

With this opening issue of the Japanese-American Courier, the sports department would like to state the policy of the column and the department as a purely non-partisan champion of the athletic events of the Japanese community. However, as every editorial column must have its say and opinions, this department makes the statement editorially that there is too much politics in sports as far as this community is concerned, and too much sports politics to really give our little sports world an ace of the same degree, speaking geometrically, from a standpoint of circumference. Of course, it is to be gathered from this that there exists a very keen sense of rivalry between two factions athletically inclined.

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New it is to be wondered after all whether this existing rivalry will be for the best interests of good, clean sports competition in this locality. They do say that competition is the life of business. But what we say is for sports and it is hard to believe that the athletes indulged in by so many of our younger generation with a sense of competition more than with the motive of becoming an athlete far excellence will prove out the theory that rivalry sharpens the blade for competition. It might do just that, but in the long we are inclined to interrogate "where is the athlete or athletes after the ending of the feud and one or two competitions? Where is that team that is supposed to represent and become a standard of Japanese athletic progress?"

It is like the story of the Blue Ridge Mountains, where feuds are like hot cakes, a rival feudist trains

his eye for guerrilla warfare, but after the signing of a truce, peace comes and he doesn't care if he loses his shooting eye, as he wouldn't care for the butter after the hot cakes were gone.

What this community needs is not so much competition and keen rivalry, but unification. This community is altogether too small for two major teams in athletics, just as Philadelphia is too dead to have two baseball teams in the Major Leagues. Competition must be had to give life to the community probably competition in a minor degree would sufficiently satisfy.

The best plan is to make one representative team and form a sort of Major League to keep up competition, and from which better players can always be picked up, whether it is in baseball, football or basketball. In this case, of course, a Kennewick Mountain League will be needed. But such a thing is impossible, is what we are told, at least present conditions permit.

It must be impossible, if such a thing has already been tried and ended in failure. But common sense would tell you that it is not so impossible as one might think it to be if promoted along the right lines. First, however, all the petty jealousies that exist in the community must be cleared up. To clear up these petty jealousies would be like trying to clean up a nest of hornets, but should be done, and can be done if taken hold of in the right way.

The time is already here when this community should "get wise" to itself, so to speak. Petty jealousies and prejudices have no room. This community is not wide enough for all that.

INJURIES SET

NEW TAIYO CAPTAIN DEPLORES MEAN TALK AMONG SPORT FANS

Players from Hawaii and Yakima Bolstering Up Team

PRaises "SHAM" GREEN

(Captain-elect N. A. C. Football Team, 1935) The 1937 football season of the Nippon Athletic Club was not successful in the number of games won as the team ended the season in fifth place. This fall N. A. C. was in an enviable position in regard to football as the nucleus of the 1936 team back and new men from Hawaii, Yakima and other localities bolstering up the team. During the opening part of the season several telling misfortunes were dealt the team. Several men whom Coach Green counted on as mainstays were injured. These were hard blows but our coach and boys worked hard and succeeded in finishing the season with a team that played good ball and never out of the running in any game.

No little credit for the showing of the team during the past season should go to Coach "Ham" Green, for he gave his valuable time and service willingly and without compensation. His understanding and sympathy for the players as well as his likable personality made him a favorite with the team and all N. A. C. members. At the close of the season a banquet was given in honor of the team. Rocco Okubo was voted to have his name engraved on the Sayyo trophy. (This trophy was donated by the Sayyo Company to have the name of the most inspirational player engraved on it.—Editor's note.)

MANY JAPANESE ATHLETES TURN OUT FOR HI-TEAMS

Jun Okazaki Out with University of Washington Freshmen Hoop Squad.

There are many Japanese turning out for positions on the various basketball teams of the city and the vicinity. Kay Okimoto, brother of the N. A. C. clean-up hitter, Jimmy, looks to repeat as the high point man on the Kent High team. In the city, George Okada, Art Sasaki and Dave Yamaka have been working for berths on the Broadway Sophomore squad. Herb Okawa is trying out for a place on the Franklin first team. Jun Okazaki, former Broadway man, is now turning out with the Freshman hoopers at the University.

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Without a gesture of ceremony that attends almost every launching of a new enterprise, "The Courier" makes her introductory bow to the public in modest form, but without the subservient indication of an apology. Beseet by a lean treasury, the sails cannot be filled to show the swiftness with which she can apply her speed, but "The Courier" will endeavor to make up for all her inceptual defections in other ways best able to serve the public and purposes.

With the ever increasing number of American born Japanese in Seattle and the outlying districts, the fact is patent that there must be established some organ to be used as a medium in expression of their opinions and to guide them in the most commendable fashion, in their political actions as well as their social activities. That there is an urgent necessity for identification with the political life of the nation by the second and coming generations is also an obvious fact. The problem of how best to attain this object to a satisfactory degree has long been a problem and a bone of contention among the leading Japanese thinkers of the first generation. Yes, how best to attain their end with justifiable and rational means has been a prod of distraction to these thinkers, for the simple reason that there were no indications signifying the trend of thought among the second generation. Always and at all times the second generation remained an element unfathomable, and their ideas and the trend of thought remained a puzzle that only time in its gradual evolutionary process could solve. Yet the silent call was always there for some signal giving indication as to what channels of thought the mentality of the younger generation was running in.

It is high time now that that signal be given indicating the platform upon which the second generation stands. The time has also arrived when the American born Japanese must take his rightful place in the life of the community and discharge his obligations and duties that were inherited by him as a natural born American citizen. Identification with the political life and the institutions of the national state, and municipal governments has become a paramount obligation with him and that obligation must not be looked upon otherwise than the privilege that came to him by right of birth in this country.

"The Courier" is given to understand that there has always been established in this community a citizens' league to stimulate greater political action among the voting American born Japanese. It is commendable that such an organization has already been formed in this community, and it can well rest assured that it will receive the heartiest co-operation from "The Courier" on any measure or action that she deems will serve justly and genuinely the best interests of the American born Japanese and the community at large.

Let it be said in finale that no matter what the issues that confront this journal, it shall at all times voice its opinions regardless of factional politics, and take an independent stand, calling a spade a spade. There will be criticisms and protests that will arise from time to time as there ought to be and bound to be, and "The Courier" will see fit to print any written criticisms provided they are within the bounds of common decency and calculations. No anonymous epistles will be printed, since it seems that convictions and ideas placed on paper should have at least the strength of a signature.

Thus it is that "The Courier" will sail forth into the unknown, seeking her object, and whether she pleases any one it shall always remain loyal to her ideals and principal, and travail for the best interests of the second generation and the Japanese community of Seattle, as well as those of the outlying districts.

VENERATION

It is probably an impossibility to teach an old dog new tricks, not merely because of an advanced age, but more because of a lack of desire to learn. This is so with the first generation today. They have nothing more to produce for demonstration in their bag of tricks, but let us at least give them the credit of sagacity in not trying to learn how to perform new antics. It is worth considering here that their education has been different and harder to obtain than that of the present day generation. They have worked hard under difficult circumstances and laid a foundation upon which the second generation can build. But today they are coming to realize their limitations, although they still hold the reins of the economic life of the community. In the present day they are beginning to sit back in retirement and watch the novel spectacle of the rising generation perform from where they left off. They know enough not to try their hand any more at new tricks. They are wise enough to know their limitations. And they have the intelligence of trying not to hold the rising generation down and always underfoot. Let us give them veneration due them in their coming old age, for what they have done for us. They deserve it!

CORRESPONDENCE

The Japanese American Courier will be glad to publish any letter that does not hide behind anonymity and within the calculations of reason and common sense. All letters must be in by Wednesday evening of each week.

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POST MORTEMS

Everything and Nothing

Everywhere and Nowhere

By EPPA TAFT

Ladies and Gents and Ye Others, we shall open our program for this week on the need of an exclusive organization among the members of the fair sex.

Now that the organization is under way our President, Sazz McCoy, that diligent bit of Press Agency who made his debut with a hit and run from California, will preside on controversial questions.

After the act passes the Courier editor and Sazz Kawano McCoy, they will both stand a better chance of selling cosmetics and "copying the fashions of the French heels.

However, the object of this organization is to discourage the idea of becoming good looking and to enroll those who are more like us and unto the specimen of the Darwinian Theory is based upon.

Note that this organization is exclusive and it boasts such member or members as the editor of the Courier and that gentleman of such stupendous and active imagination, Sazz McCoy.

Not anyone can join this organization unless he shows the necessary qualifications.

Of course he will be enrolled if he goes to a notary or a surgeon and sets his statements and looks for authorization of his capability to qualify for membership.

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Pink Tea

Frank Okamura, popularly known in the local community as "Hoana," was a passenger on the Africa Maru, which left for Japan December 27. He has gone for a definite visit and is expected back within several months.

A regular Japanese movie house will be given opposition at Nissan Kan Hall, Maynard Avenue and Washington Street by the Fuyo Kai on February 12. Plans are going ahead to make it a successful affair. Latest reports are that a "Benah" will be imported.

Reports are in the air that the N. A. C. members are soon to hold a dance.

Another report of a highly promising nature is that the Taiyo will give a dance in the early part of January.

Why not a joint one?

ALL STAR TEAM

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the other tackle, had the most power of any man on his team. His weight in his fight made the success of the opponent's play through his tackle a precarious business.

For guards, Murakami of the Taiyo; Sakano, Okubo and Hamada stood out. Murakami and Sakano did not play a full season, so they had to be dropped from consideration, thus narrowing the choice to the two N. A. C. men, Okubo and Hamada. Okubo's weight, his ability to sense the opponent's play, and his pling up of their plays, made him a feared and dangerous man. Hamada had the fastest charge of any man in either the Taiyo or N. A. C. teams and coupled with his stellar defensive work, made him the logical man for the other guard position.

For center two light, nervy men who never knew how to stay out of the play, Taketa of the N. A. C. and Yoshimura, were carefully considered. There was really not much choice, one being almost as good as the other. However, in view of Yoshimura's experience and his force tackle, gave him the call. He was called the "little poison" of the Taiyo team.

Fuyo Kai is quite an active organization. Recently they dressed up a Paul and Joe, as they do in Greenwich Village, and escorted the fair dame of the Girls' Club to a dance at the Collins Playfield auditorium. The gentlemen were all very well behaved and cleanly shaved.

Every one seems to be Fuyo Kai these past few days. On the evening of December 28 a dance was given by them at the Japanese Consul's home. Quite a few prominent members of the Japanese community attended the affair.

Mr. Yoshitane "Tani" Kottabashi, son of Dr. Kottabashi, who recently came back to Seattle for a vacation, is to return to his Alma Mater shortly. He is at present majoring in a pre-medical course at the University of Oregon at Eugene.

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**Fuyokai Popularity  
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May Soon Form Chapters In Other Universities Working For Closer Relationship Between Japanese Women Students

**BIG YEAR SEEN AHEAD**

By **CHIKA KOITABASHI**  
(President, Fuyokai)

Fuyo-Kai is an organization composed of the Japanese women students of the University of Washington, which at present boasts a membership of 17 members and 7 pledges. It was founded in the spring of 1925 and at the time started with a nucleus of five charter members.

**The Purposes**  
Its purposes are threefold:  
1. To bring together the Japanese women students into closer relationship.

2. To aid them in attaining a better understanding of the highest ideals of Japan and America.

3. To be an instrument for service to their Alma Mater.

Regular business meetings are held on the first Friday of each month in the school year, while luncheon meetings every Monday tend to bring the individuals into closer relationship.

**Big Entertainment**  
We are an ambitious group, and if past performances are any criterion whatsoever, a great future for us is assured. Our activities are not far from being few, but they have not failed to succeed. Outside of parties, banquets, and minor activities, we have been in the habit of giving one great entertainment yearly. In 1926 a "Yodvil" was engineered and its reception was highly flattering. In 1927 two plays were given, one being in Japanese and the other in English.

The year 1928 finds us striving in broader fields. In January of the new year, a Mothers' Tea is to be given followed by an Oriental Tea for American friends on the campus. Also, a Japanese movie under our auspices is contemplated, as well as various dances and parties.

**Working For Oubhouse**  
But our main activity are not limited to having a good time. We have a wonderful dream for the near future, and that is to make Fuyo-Kai an outfit to have an organized house.

Our organization is not a clouded name, for its fame has spread to other states and universities. Southern California has already sent inquiries and many others are expected to follow suit. It is our sincere hope that a few years will see the installation of Fuyo-Kai chapters in other institutions in this country. The new year finds our hearts undaunted and our hopes undimmed. We have a wonderful year ahead of us and we MUST not fail.

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**Predictions Made,  
Laughs for All;  
Commands Courier  
In Community**

Predicts 31 Children and Probable Government Subsidy At Lotus

By **ISHI HAMADA**

The quiet dignity of the Buddhist Church was somewhat disturbed and forgotten on December 26th, as 16 sixteen young people, including Rev. Mizugami, were formally initiated into the Lotus Sutra.

Each and every name was arranged before President Mac, Kuroyama and requested to sign the ledger. The seat upon which they were to be seated was so devised that a slight shock electrically greeted them. Girls screamed, while the boys muttered something unintelligible under their breath.

**To ascertain the qualifications of the initiates, we enlisted the aid of the penny to tell us their past, present and the future. The copper piece unearthed the secret that Lefty Yamashita has been a good nine and a half times, a confession so shocking that the congregation nearly died laughing. On the other hand, Fred Yonemura has had thirty-one children and we sincerely hoped that the U. S. government will reward him with a gold medal and a subsidy for family support. Kinu Okamura, was requested to say "Whom do you love the best?" and she heart secret, which we will faithfully guard.**

**Turkey Satisfies Appetite**  
After the initiation, everybody sat down to eat the roast turkey and all its accessories, the Boston pie a la mode, fruits and candies. The feast was donated by Rev. Ike and Mizugami.

**COMMENDS COURIER**

"It was only a dinky paper when started, but look at it now. The Courier is doing now, a daily publication, voicing its creed of fairness in a bloody, firm tone, during the critical times. That, I hope, will be the comment on the Japanese-American Courier ten years from now. Somehow, I think of Lincoln's small beginning is to find a consistent future. Inasmuch as his success was won through fairness of policy, his unflinching effort, his love for righteousness and justice. The Courier will likewise be rewarded. It must fully digest the secret of Lincoln's fame and live up to its principles.

**Co-operation Needed**  
In this day, when the necessity of co-operation is being so keenly felt among the younger generation, the timely arrival of the Courier brings home an inspiration. Through its pages we will learn that co-operation is not a mere theoretical proposition. The new edition will truly be a messenger, calling us all to join the ranks of a useful men and women.

**RIISING GENERATION**

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which handicaps they struggled, but gave their best. It was the first generation, who cleared the land, broke the swamps and transformed the wilderness of the large Coast Cities into land flowing with milk and honey.

The second generation in their good fortune must not forget the pioneer spirit of their forefathers—that spirit that will recognize, notwithstanding the big obstacles confronting them. Furthermore, they must not give up the good qualities that are ever present in the culture of their parents, for there is good in all cultures. All have contributed to the great stream of truth—the reservoir of world's enlightenment.

**Paper For Understanding**  
With the new year, we have a new addition to our community, a newspaper published in English by one of the younger generation. The Japanese American Courier is in a position to encourage the synthesis of the two cultures—in bringing the two worlds closer together. The paper will not only give the younger group to the cultural problems they constantly face, and in a larger sense, also, closing the mythical gap between the two worlds. West may the new enterprise be a service to the community and its people and so the end, I wish the Japanese American Courier Godspeed.

**Local Girl's Club  
Powerful Factor  
In Community**

Important Departments Established For Training

**STRIVING FOR HIGH AIMS**  
by **SATO KAWAGUCHI**  
Pres. Girl's Club

To create better comradeship, to further the sound development for ideal womanhood and to promote welfare work in our community, that is the purpose of the Seattle Japanese Girl's Club. We aim to give the girls greater opportunity to build character, to round out their personal development and to prepare themselves for a full and rich life. There is nothing that we need more in this feeling. We feel that it encourages the growth necessary to progress from a selfish individual life to an intellectual life, to the broader interest in doing things together, even if those very things are not such as have yet made a special appeal to each one of the girls.

**The Owe Club Room**  
The foundation of the club must be the girls themselves. The only limitation by which a girl can be a member is that she be over 16 years of age at the time of entrance, which gives an opportunity to many girls in our community. Convictions deepen that our girls must be more adequately prepared for life and service. With this idea, the club was reorganized last spring, new departments were installed to work out our plans more effectively. During the past year, the Athletic department has forged ahead rapidly with their plans. Under the earnest efforts of the executive use they have acquired the exclusive use of the Y.W.C.A. pool on the first and third Fridays of each month; thus, having encouraged swimming to all girls. Until last year, we did not have any convenient meeting place. It was difficult to accomplish any work that we wished to do. However, through the kindness of the Seinenka, the Girl's Club received a room which is immediately set upon to paint and decorate thoroughly. With capable chairmen, each department, for educational, welfare, home-economics and employment, have plans which they wish to accomplish. Facilities, the hearty support and co-operation is a great encouragement in continuing the work.

**Help Others, Motto**  
All of these activities, which contribute to the building of character, contribute something towards our preparation for the larger things in life which should be ours with maturity and the ability to think of life in terms of other people comes through the opportunity for service given in the organized group. As someone said, "I shall in my own life consider a success a success only if I have definitely given myself and my means in the service of someone else," which should be the kernel of all true organized club of girls.

**UNITY OF THOUGHT**

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the disintegration of co-operative spirit has often caused the difficulty of accomplishment of any club activities.

**An Ideal Group**  
Now, coming back to our own students' organization, I sincerely say that it is a most idealistic one, and merely in its formation, but in every way, namely, its activities, and solidarity with integrated superiority of each individual. The former president, Mr. Shinoda, has once stated that there seemingly existed a channel which has long been a dividing line among our members, namely, American-born and Japanese-born students, but I have never realized its existence at present. It seems to me that previous situation which can justify the wide knowledge, and the real value, and I have believed that there democracy only exists where are found true understanding among the members.

If with equal virtue one is superior to the other in knowledge and intelligence, or if with equal intelligence, one excels the other in virtue, the opinion that the judgment of the higher moral or intellectual being is worth more than that of the inferior, which in the group activities only one's superiority would not amount to very much unless one truly integrates each individual superiority, because the integrated superiorities of individuals has higher value. One of the two as the wiser or better man, a claim to superior wisdom, the difficulty in ascertaining which of the two it is; a thing impossible as between individuals, but, taking men in bodies and in numbers, it can be done with a sufficient approach to accuracy.

**Understanding Lacking**  
It is true, probably in every young man's organization of our country, that we have experienced the difficulties in carrying out our group activities toward the bill of success, only because of lack of sufficient understanding among its members, due to slight different conceptions of life of people who have been raised and educated in Japan and America. I do not propose this situation would persist very much longer, but at the necessary to prevent greater distrust which has arisen from the insufficient knowledge of both conception of life.

**"No Day of Egotism"**  
Finally, concluding my writing, I hope all young people in our vicinity with the realization that this is no mean day of egotism and with your spreading knowledge and true education you will proceed, and perform the worth service in making to endure our splendid community life, which promotes a higher human happiness for all.

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Be sure to condemn cowardice, frailty, indolence, levity and selfishness, and never disgrace yourself by trying to avoid your responsibility. Be true to your cause and always remember your friends—those who are willing to stretch their hands to help you to succeed. Be assured that earnestness, that sincerity, that willingness to serve faithfully, and that honesty count.

You and opportunity are yours. Accept gladly and courageously the obligations they place upon you. Yours most cordially,  
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**JAPAN U. S. TRADE**

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that the United States alone purchased about 95 per cent of Japan's total export of raw silk. Japan's leading import from the United States is raw cotton.

Japan's leading exports and imports to and from the United States for the latest listed month, namely, September, 1927, are as follows:

Value in 1000's of Yen	
<b>Export</b>	
Raw Silk	\$1,900
Cotton Textiles	40,200
Silk Textile	10,900
Potteries	3,900
Knit Goods	3,100
<b>Import</b>	
Raw Cotton	30,200
Iron and Steel products	9,000
Lumber	9,000
Machinery	7,800
Wool Textile	7,100

**Monetary Issues 1928 Loss**  
Japan's 1928 commerce due to fluctuation in exchange, although volume in many lines increased, Mr. V. P. Copping, expert in foreign trade matters, stated in the Trade Review of May, 1927, that the steady upward trend in Japan's foreign trade since the earthquake of 1923 was somewhat checked in 1926 by the general business depression during latter part of the year and unsatisfactory conditions in important foreign markets.

Of export dropped to 2,044,721,000 yen from 2,205,559,000 in 1925; a decrease of 260,838,000 yen. Imports amounted to 2,377,476,000 yen, or 195,311,000 less than in previous year. The unfavorable balance of trade, consequently, was larger than in 1925, the import excess amounting 332,756,000 yen, or an increase of 65,587,000 yen.

**Fluctuation Affected Trade Value**  
Mr. Copping, in regard to fluctuation in exchange, stated that in 1926 quotations for telegraphic transfers advanced from a low of \$0.4312 in January to a high of \$0.4913 in November, with an average for the year of \$0.4711, which is an average of \$0.4103 in 1925 and a par value of \$0.4985. When reduced to gold dollars on the basis that 1 yen equal \$0.4103 in 1925 and \$0.4711 in 1926, it amounted to \$945,291,000 in 1925 and \$301,019,000 in 1926, or an increase of nearly 2 per cent. On this basis, imports totaled \$1,064,789,000 in 1925, and \$1,117,414,000 in 1926, an increase of about 6 per cent.

**Future Prospects Better**  
With the exchange rate of yen being near normal and fluctuation less accompanied by a larger volume of trade than last year, the benefit will be mutual for the Japanese and American traders in the field of foreign trade for 1927.

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**COURIER HOPES FOR**

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articles or op-eds written by the second generation that the real editor of the American-born Japanese may be shown on the various issues that arise through the foregoing, and in the respect that every American-born Japanese is its reporter will be the pride of the paper.