



Ruth Tanbara Papers

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Talk Of The Town

IT WAS A MEETING OF OLD FRIENDS WHEN ROBERT Butler, former U. S. ambassador to Australia and Cuba, and Mrs. Butler were guests of Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther, supreme allied commander in Europe.



Amy Birdsall

Gen. Gruenther and Mr. Butler long have been friends. The accompanying picture was taken in Gen. Gruenther's headquarters near Paris, "NATO unclassified."

The Butlers, who have been traveling abroad, expect to return home soon, having sailed Friday on the SS United States. When the Butlers were in Paris the first of this month, they wrote me that Paris "is beautiful, and as gay as ever. Fall is here, as the leaves are beginning to turn."

WHEN MRS. EARL (RUTH) TANBARA,

218 S. Avon, returns from Europe I am sure she will have a most interesting story to relate of her experiences. Mrs. Tanbara, who is a member of the board of the Young Women's Christian association and program director of the Y's activities, is in Europe to attend the council meeting of the World's YWCA.

More than 300 women from 40 countries in five continents gathered at Royal Holloway College, near Windsor, England. The council meets every four years, each time in a different country. The last meetings were in China and Lebanon. The 1955 meeting is being held in England to

Mrs. Tanbara mark the centenary of the YWCA of Great Britain, first association founded.

The visiting council members also will be conducted on trips to Oxford, Cambridge, Harlow New Town and many other educational and social welfare centers and beauty spots of the countryside.

A reception in St. James palace, given by the YWCA of Great Britain, will take place Friday. They also will join in the British Centenary Service of Thanksgiving and dedication that evening in St. Paul's cathedral, in which the Archbishop of Canterbury will preach and clergy of other denominations will share in the service.

Mrs. Tanbara writes me that it is especially appropriate that the centennial council should be held at Windsor, because the closing assembly of the first conference was held in the Windsor deanery gardens, where Princess Christian received the delegates.

The reports and business to be discussed at the council will be translated into four languages.

Mrs. Tanbara spent some time in London and before returning will visit other countries.

Miss Tan Jen Chin of the Hong Kong YWCA, a delegate to the council, will stop in St. Paul on her return trip. Many St. Paul YWCA friends will remember Miss Tan Jen Chin. She was a member of the First International Study conference in 1948 and was assigned to the St. Paul YWCA for study and observation for three weeks.

En route to Europe Mrs. Tanbara met former St. Paul friends in New York. She had a delightful evening, she reports, with Werner and Winifred (Flannagan) Wartenberg. Mrs. Wartenberg once was executive secretary of the St. Paul International Institute. Mrs. Tanbara stopped at the YWCA headquarters and had a chat with Mary Proal Lindeke of the national YWCA staff. She met Ruth Gage Colby (Mrs. Woodward Colby) of St. Paul, who is a member of the press staff at the United Nations. Mrs. Colby is associate editor on the new international newspaper "The Community Reporter" published in the UN bldg.

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At YWCA Tea



Just back from Europe where she attended a world conference of the YWCA, Mrs. Ruth Tanbara, right, told something of the conference at the World Fellowship silver tea Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Robert Douglas, world fellowship chairman pours tea for Mrs. Tanbara while the hostess, Mrs. Hobart Setzer, 645 Sibley Memorial highway, looks on. — Staff photo.

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At Japanese Dinner



A sukiyaki dinner Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Tanbara, 218 S. Avon, preceded the presentation of some important records of the Japanese American community to the Minnesota Historical society. Russell Fridley, left, director of the historical society, is served a Japanese salad by Mrs. Tanbara and Howard Nomura, St. Paul chairman of the Twin City board of managers of the Japanese American community.—Staff Photo.

Society Gets Important Records

A contribution of importance to the history of the people of Minnesota was made Sunday when records of the Twin City Japanese American community, the latest ethnic group to settle here as citizens of the state, were presented to the Minnesota Historical society.

The presentation took place at a sukiyaki dinner served at 4 p. m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Tanbara, 218 South Avon. Preceding the dinner, Russell Fridley, director of the historical society, and Miss Lucile Kane, curator of manuscripts, conducted a group of the donors on a behind-the-scenes tour of the historical building where they were shown the methods which the society uses to preserve, and make available for reference, the resource materials collected in its 107 years as official custodian of the state's history.

The donated records, gathered from many places, contain all information that could be found on the group's settlement in this area, mostly during and after World War II—housing, employment, naturalization, adjustment to new surroundings, and progress. These will be augmented from time to time so that complete historical background material will be available for reference and research purposes.

Responsibility for gathering the records and for the presentation was assumed by the Twin City Board of Management of the Japanese American Community center, 2200 Blaisdell, Minneapolis, of which Earl Tanbara, of St. Paul, is a member, and whose officers are: Howard Nomura, St. Paul, chairman; Frank Kohout, vice chairman; George Yoshino, treasurer; Miss Reike Honda, recording secretary; Miss Rudy Harada, corresponding secretary, all of Minneapolis. Rev. Andrew Otani recently succeeded Rev. Dai-suke Kitagawa as director of the center.

The Japanese American Community center was started in the late forties under the auspices of the Episcopal Diocese of Minnesota, who own the building and provide the services of the director, but both the upkeep of the building and program development are in the hands of the board of management. While the center was started to answer the immediate needs of the Twin City Japanese Americans, the philosophy from the first has been to use the center as a means whereby the group can also make a contribution to the whole Twin City community, especially in the field of human relations.

Its program in both areas has been so successful that the board is trying to devise ways and means of enlarging the facilities to take care of the rapidly expanding needs.

That part of the program especially devoted to the Japanese American group has included the United Citizens league, concerned with the political education of the Nisei (American born of Japanese parentage) as an American citizen, the naturalization of the Issei (the Japanese born), elimination of racial discrimination; and a credit union; providing a meeting place for religious groups such as the Twin Cities Japanese Christian church, an interdenominational Protestant congregation of Japanese speaking people; and also for a religious group of the Buddhist faith.

Its work in the larger field of human relations includes providing a meeting place for and working with American Indians, Inc. and the Chippewa council; also the Rainbow club, an interfaith, interracial group whose emphasis is on healthy family relations.

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RUTH TANBARA TO LEAVE ST. PAUL YWCA STAFF

All the arts, all the crafts, all the loveliness combined with usefulness. Ruth Tanbara, YWCA staff member since 1942, personifies that which she has worked with for the past thirty years.

She's leaving the YWCA in July! "But," she says quickly, "I'll be a volunteer; I plan to help with the Holiday Sale." That sale is the big one in November at the YWCA. Ruth's creative designs in holiday decorations are produced by the crafts workshops and have been the most in-demand items for years.

Ruth looks very much as she did thirty years ago when she came with her husband Earl from the west coast to live in St. Paul. She began as a volunteer - now she'll continue as one.

She is one of the most versatile women we have ever known. Let's attempt a partial list. She is a Home Economist with a Masters degree. She is a gardener, flower arranger, glove maker, gourmet cook, foods expert, diver (!), photographer, tour leader, world traveler, hand-crafter, artist, interior designer, and most valued, well-organized, committed professional staff member.

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Ruth Tanbara

You are invited

to hear

today's woman unwrap tomorrow

at the 64th Annual Meeting of St. Paul's YWCA on Wednesday, April 26, at 6:00 p.m. Informal buffet supper is \$2.00 in the room with the fireplace on second floor. Shuttle bus from Harriet Island will run continuously from 5:30 p.m. Reservations can be made until noon April 25.

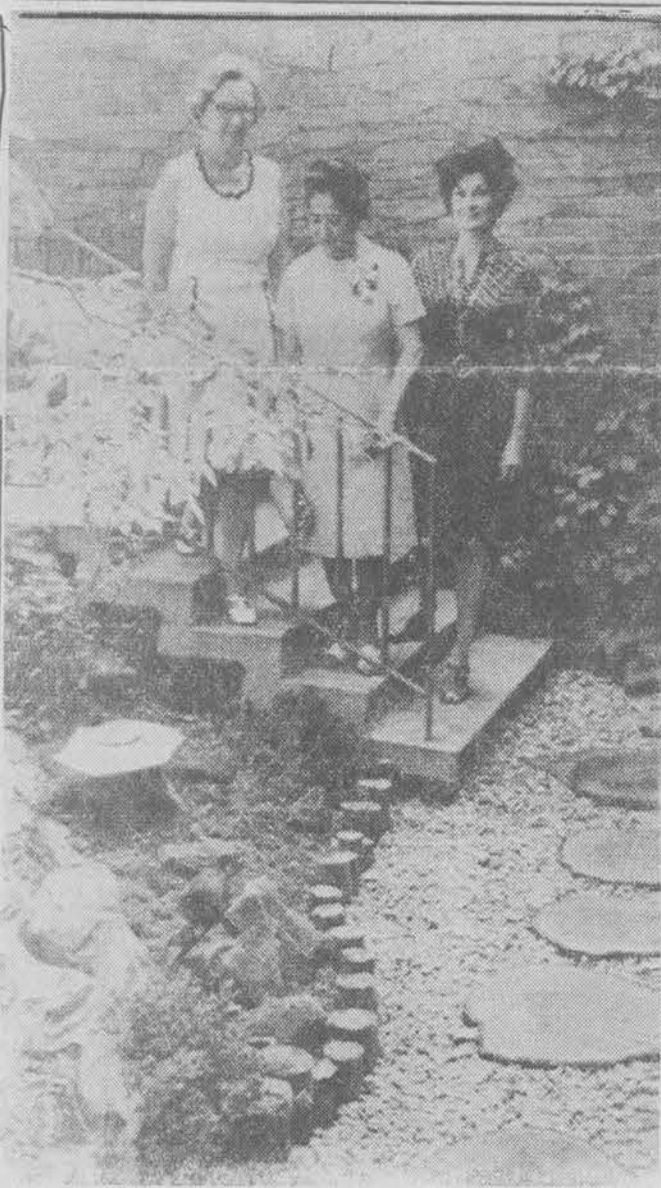
A few months ago, it was called to our attention that the UCLA Brain Information Service uses "Jap" as an abbreviation for Japan. The matter was subsequently brought to the attention of the Bibliographical Service Division, National Library of Medicine, in WDC. At the request of Dr. Min Masuda of Seattle, Washington, serious consideration will be given by the Division to substitute JPN for JAP to denote the language in which an article is published. It was noted, however, that the current usage of abbreviation conforms with the standards established by the American National Standards Institute and the International Standards Organization. Our feelings were communicated to the Institute. It was also noted by the Bibliographical Service Division that Japan does seem to be sensitive to the use of the term, "Jap", as an abbreviation for Japanese periodicals.

An apology from the managing editor of The Sun-Telegram in San Bernardino, California was received by James Urata of the Riverside-San Bernardino JACL chapter for its reference to "Jap Hill". The editor wrote, "I have informed all of our writers and editors that this term (and many others like it) are not to appear in the Sun-Telegram again".

Dr. Harry Hatasaka, Governor of NC-WN, recently called our attention to the fact that the official maps of the U.S. Department of Interior, Geological Survey, identifies a creek in central Oregon as "Jap Creek". Through the Washington JACL office, a request was made to the Oregon representatives and senators to help remove the offensive title from all official U.S. maps. Upon researching the files, the PC revealed that a recommendation was made by the Board of Geographic Names, U.S. Dept. of Interior in December, 1968 to change the name to "Bull Creek". The records noted that at one time the creek was known as "Bull Creek" and was cleared with the District Ranger of the area. The change to "Jap Creek" was made more recently.

Ted Inouye, Supervisory Cartographer, in Fremont, California, who has personally made efforts to remove the term, "Jap" from U.S. maps, reported that the change from "Jap Creek" to "Bull Creek" was made. He noted, also, that the title "Jap Hollow" is still used in Waco County, Oregon. It would ap-

global trade Japan expected lished in both English and Ja- this year. Forty per cent of panese.



YWCA GARDEN—Mrs. Clarence Peglow, president of the St. Paul, Minn. YWCA, Mrs. Ruth Tanbara and Mrs. Jerre Logan enjoy the Ruth Tanbara Japanese Garden on its dedication day June 10, 1973. Mrs. Logan and her husband were active volunteers in the creation of the garden.

—St. Paul Dispatch Photo by Mark Morson

RUTH TANBARA

Pacific Citizen
August 10, 1973

St. Paul YWCA dedicates tiny garden in honor of its longtime secretary

By DEAN S. POTTER

(Special to The Pacific Citizen)

In December, 1944, when the ban prohibiting Japanese to live on the west coast was lifted, a young Nisei secretary employed by the St. Paul, Minn., YWCA was interviewed by a local newspaper reporter.

The secretary, Ruth Tanbara, who had come to St. Paul two and one half years earlier with her husband Earl, told the reporter, "It is wonderful to know you can go home if you want to. We still have our home in Berkeley, Calif., but we will not return there."

She went on to say that Earl and she would be home for Christmas — "home in St. Paul."

Garden Dedicated

Ruth and Earl spent many Christmases home in St. Paul. Through those years Ruth graduated from a secretary to an executive staff member of the St. Paul YWCA, teaching, supervising and most specifically building understanding between different nationalities and races.

first newspaper interview and a year after her retirement from the "Y", Ruth Tanbara was honored June 10 by the dedication of the Ruth Tanbara Japanese Garden.

It is but a small garden in front of the new YWCA partially hidden by a latticed wall. Inside the main lounge of the "Y" people can look, contemplate and enjoy the garden through two plate glass windows. Someone said it was like a small piece of Kyoto planted in the "Y".

The garden is decorated by a bonsai tree, purple leaf plum, dogwood, Japanese yews, moss, a Japanese lantern, tree stumps to walk on, a waterfall, a footbridge over a rock filled stream whose water keeps bubbling even in winter and a plaque that proudly proclaims, "The Ruth Tanbara Japanese Garden."

Everything in the garden was donated as was the labor. One of the volunteers was well known St. Paul landscaper, Peter Blomquist.

Ruth's Idea

According to Mrs. Helen Richardson, chairwoman of the Y's building and manage-

reminded a design for the 1974 convention should be submitted by Aug. 10 to Al Abe, 7500 SW Crestview Lane, Portland 97223. Rough sketches will be accepted.

Emblem should capture the spirit of JACL in transition from its traditional interests of Nikkei rights to those of identity with other Asian Americans as a united minority group working for a common cause, Abe suggested. It should also express the new search for unity as well as dual concerns of identity and equality.

The design would be used on all official stationery, correspondence and printed material pertaining to the 1974 convention.

EEOC to zero in on most biased firms in nation

(The PC Washington Bureau)
WASHINGTON — The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission is devoting about half of its \$40-million budget for fiscal year 1974 that started July 1 on investigating the employment practices of four to six giant national corporations and 20 to 40 somewhat smaller companies that are alleged to be among the nation's most discriminatory employers.

If the cases cannot be settled, the agency hopes to start litigation by the end of the fiscal year, according to William H. Brown III, the commission chairman.

The names of the target companies cannot be legally disclosed by any EEOC official until law suits against the firms are filed. But the target companies undoubtedly know by now of their special status, Brown said, because the agency investigators have been talking to them.

Criteria of Target

It was pointed out that companies are being picked on the basis of:

- 1—Total number of individual complaints of discrimination already on file with EEOC.
 - 2—History of inability of the commission to conciliate and settle complaints against the company.
 - 3—Number of persons employed in the company and its industry.
 - 4—Growth potential of the company and its industry.
- Chairman Brown explained the consolidated approach was devised to make best possible use of the agency's limited resources, revealing EEOC has a backlog of more than 60,000 complaints now and fear it would rise to 90,000 by June, 1974. The agency has been disposing about 15,000

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First minority named to civil service board

LOS ANGELES — Attorney Ernest E. Sanchez, trustee chairman of Loyola-Marymount University, is the first minority community member ever named to the three-member Civil Service Commission by the Board of Supervisors. Appointment was announced Aug. 1 by Supervisor Ernest Debs.

The commission regulates a

Asian art given to museum

A wedding robe of heavily embroidered silk with ibis motifs is worn by Ruth (Mrs. Earl) Tanbara, trustee of Minnesota Museum of Art, who is standing at the Moongate entrance to the Weyand Room of the Asian Galleries. The robe was among recent gifts of Asian Art by Mr. and Mrs. Louis Weyand to the Permanent Collection of the museum. Other gifts were a Phoenix bird of wood overlaid with carved ivory and semi-precious stones and a carved coral female deity Mrs. Tanbara is holding. — Staff Photo by Buzz Magnuson



Buffet lunch to observe Japanese boys festival

Members of Minnesota Museum of Art and the Japanese division of 3M Language Society will observe the National Japanese Boys' Festival at a buffet luncheon Thursday in the Asian Galleries of the Permanent Collection Gallery, 305 St. Peter St.

Dr. Robert J. Poor, museum Curator of Asian Art, will review some of the recent gifts to the museum's permanent collection by Mr. and Mrs. Louis F. Weyand, San Francisco, formerly of St. Paul. Prior to his retirement in 1962, Mr. Weyand was executive vice president and director of sales for 3M.

Honored guests will be the Hon. W. Soren Egekvist, Consul General of Japan at Minneapolis, and Mrs. Egekvist. Also on the guest list are James Thwaites, president International Operation, 3M Co., and Mrs. Thwaites; George Hegg, area vice-president, Australia, Asia and Canada, 3M Co., and Mrs. Hegg; Dr. Kjell Hagemark, president of the 3M Language Society, and Mrs. Hagemark; Burt Sagawa, 3M Language Society Japanese Councilor, and Mrs. Sagawa; Richard Piper, past president and Charter member of the 3M Language Society, and Mrs. Richard

PEOPLE HERE AND THERE

Piper, coordinator of the 3M Language Society.

Malcolm E. Lein, president and executive director of the museum, will preside and Otto Theuer, director of the Permanent Collection Gallery, will introduce the program. Co-chairmen are Mrs. Earl Tanbara, museum director, and Mrs. J. Emmett Ryan, museum volunteer.

Reservations must be made by Tuesday with the receptionist at the Permanent Collection Gallery.

MAJOR FUNDRAISER for the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., will be the Black/White Ball at 9 p.m. Saturday at the Hotel Leamington, Minneapolis.

Honored guests at the ball, the first fundraiser for the legal defense fund in this area since 1966, will be singer and actress Diahann Carroll and Ghana's Ambassador to the United States Samuel E. Quarm.

Entertainment will be by Preservation Hall Jazz Band from New Orleans and the Hall brothers of Mendota.

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Japanese American activist Ruth Tanbara turned 100 on October 15. Her birthday was celebrated October 14 at Sakura Restaurant in downtown Saint Paul. Linda Hashimoto van Dooijeweert and Yoshi Tani are pictured with Ruth at the celebration. Tani and Tanbara both wrote short autobiographies about themselves in *Reflections—Memoirs of Japanese American Women in Minnesota* and van Dooijeweert wrote her late mother's, Haruko Hashimoto, biography for the same book. Van Dooijeweert and Tani are members of the planners and organizers of the event. The event had been planned for a long time, and on a day that is reached by only a few, Ruth accepted being honored with humbleness, gratitude and warm smiles. See story page 7. Photo by Dean S. Potter.

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In New Delhi, India, Governor Tim Pawlenty participated at the Starkey Hearing Foundation's "So the World May Hear" Mission to India. Governor Pawlenty is shown assisting with fitting a hearing impaired child with hearing aids for the first time in his life. In the background is Bill Austin, Founder and CEO of Starkey Laboratories, Inc.

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