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THE POPULATION PROBLEM

A steadily growing number of historians and scientists in Japan believe that the population problem will solve itself. Academically as well as fundamentally these scientists are inclined to support the view that birth is adjustable by nature, that population increases where and when there is room for more, but diminished automatically as the margin is exhausted, and thus without political restrictions against immigration or the artificial bridling of birth.

In support of this contention, it is cited that under the Tokugawa regime, which lasted for three hundred years, the population of the country, then estimated at 35,000,000, showed no marked increase. This is especially true of the latter years of the era.

From 1725 to 1800, there was practically no increase in population. This, scientists ascribe to the fact that Japan had reached what under conditions then existing, was her saturation point. An economic confinement existed then under the national policy of agriculturalism while inlets for foreign products were closed through isolation.

This situation was reversed with the Meiji restoration when the Empire opened its doors to foreign trade and commerce and, accompanying the new economic status of the people, the birth rate commenced again to rise.

History attests to similar transitions under like circumstances in other countries. Japan today again finds herself at the saturation point and should there be no other outlet for her surplus population, nature will take care of this problem in the opinion of some scientific men.

Speaking, however, of practical means of solving Japan's population problem, a plan has recently been advanced by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, which may, for a time at least, permit the Empire's statesmen to rest at ease.

According to investigations recently completed by this department, land yet to be cultivated in Japan, especially in Hokkaido and such sparsely populated districts as Miyazaki, covers not less than five million acres. In spite of constant encouragement by the Government, the development of such land has been very slow. In 1919, a plan for the cultivation of such land was laid by the Government

MAMMOTH DIRIGIBLE DESTROYED

N.3 Explodes While In Mid-Air off Oshima

Special to the Japanese American News

TOKYO, October 24—The N.3, sistership of the Norge I, in which Roald Amundsen flew over the North Pole, exploded in mid-air and sank off Oshima in Izu to-day.

According to officials at the Ministry of Navy, the N.3 was swept by a 20 metre gale on the night of October 23 while flying over Izu. The pilot lost control of the craft which went far off her course. To lighten her, all unnecessary goods were hurled overboard and the dirigible was again brought under control when it was found that the gasoline supply was rapidly running down, forcing a landing on Kamitsu Island of the Izu group.

The dirigible was tied fast to the coast and abandoned. It later stranded, being carried by stiff wind far out to sea where it exploded and sank.

Sergeant Nozawa, who was on board, was hurt from the cliff as he made an attempt to save the dirigible, and he sustained serious injuries.

Naval experts have called a conference to investigate the disaster. The N.3 was designed by General Umberto Nobile and had been brought to Japan early this year. It was the Japanese navy's greatest airship and the pride of the Empire.

Up to 1926, less than one-fifth of that land had been developed. In Japan, land is classified as paddy farm, upland farm, pasture, forests and mountains. The first three constitute agricultural land, which only represents about 20 percent, the remaining 80 percent being forests and mountains.

In other countries, the percentage of agricultural land is higher: 81 in the British Isles; 71 in Italy, 69 in France, 63 in Germany, and 25 in the United States. The land classified as "pasture", includes extensive tracts which may be transformed into rice farms or upland fields for other cereals.

The grave fault with this plan is that it has certain limitations. That is to say, the regions of Hokkaido and other sparsely populated areas will not permanently accommodate inhabitants at the rate of increase of population. It is estimated that through this process of land development the population can be taken care of until 1975.

Now this, and not birth control, is the simplest solution to Japan's problem.

300 DELEGATES ENJOY CONFERENCE BANQUET

Central California Wins Attendance Pennant at Conference of Young Christians

BERKELEY — Some three hundred people crowded into the banquet hall of the First Congregational Church on Saturday night at the Mothers' Banquet when the attendance pennant was presented to the Central California, or Fresno, section, by the Northern California Young People's Christian Conference.

The total registration up to Saturday afternoon was 248, which was distributed as follows, with point record for each section in the attendance contest:

Fresno Section: 28 members with 339 points; Sacramento Section: 50 members with 200 points; Bay Region: 139 with 139 points; Santa Clara: 12 with 120 points; and Coast Region: 17 with 102 points.

Yells and sectional stunts featured the banquet, which was presided over by Norman Kobayashi. The Santa Clara County gave an amusing stunt entitled, "The Coquette", in which William Yamamoto, Harry Takeda, Emily Sakamoto, and Lester Suzuki presented an embarrassing and humorous situation of a girl who was too popular.

The Coast section presented a burlesque of the recent Tunney-Dempsey bout, while Sacramento section presented a thrilling episode in silhouette of a famous surgical operation. Fresno section presented a "surprise" act. The last stunt was a pantomime farce presented by the Bay Region.

Following the banquet, the

Russ Ambassador Gets Paris Post

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TOKYO, October 24—M. Dovgalevsky, former Russian ambassador to Japan, has been appointed Soviet envoy to France, according to words received here from Moscow.

Chiang Is Guest Of M. Toyama

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TOKYO, October 24—General Chiang Kai-shek, noted Chinese Nationalist leader, will be the guest of Mitsuru Toyama at Shimbushibya, in the suburbs of this city, during his stay here.

population problem and one can be certain that lacking a permanent solution in the way of industrial expansion, this will be the measure that will most likely be adopted by the Japanese Government.

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TWO POEMS

By Iwao Kawakami

Cupid's Catechism

Does love live?
Give and forgive.
Does love play?
It works all day.
Is love selfish?
"I wish—you wish—we wish."
What is man?
From woman to woman.
What is love?
Hand and glove.

"Shigakko"

Some men sleep
In undisturbed sleep,
And feel not the gales
Or sweeping of white sails
Above their dormant dives.
But others lead higher lives,
And they must ever heed
The stringent call of need.
So, forced by fate
Did Salgo wait
On a beach of sand
Shimmering in the sunrise glow.
Then, from the vessel's prow,
A stern-lipped man,
An officer—a "shirei-kwan."
And he addressed Salgo
With: "Samurais of Shigakko,
Eager and ready for war,
Have gathered from afar
To seize the ammunition
For their swift invasion
Of Kumamoto-ken".
And these men
Call upon you
To lead them through."
Laconically answered Salgo:
"Sobaka shikataganai ikoh."

City "Y" Cage League To Open

The City-wide "Y" Basketball League will start the first week of November with a "bang". Four games will be scheduled on Friday of that week.

The following teams from the Japanese Y.M.C.A. will enter this league: 80-90-110-120 and the Unlimited Class.

Last year the 130 pound team romped home with the championship trophy and the 90 and 100 pound teams were runner-ups to the finalists.

The season will find all five teams of the Japanese "Y" ready to fire their best against their opponents.

Competition will be keener than last year as one hundred teams have made applications.

Club To Sponsor Mexican Night

Special to the Japanese American News

TOKYO, October 24—The Mayor of Tokyo has received a request from the Mayor of Chicago to send 3,000 maple trees which Chicago proposes to plant in the Jackson Park. The request came through the Foreign Office.

The International Club of this city will hold a "Mexican Night" program tonight at its headquarters, 1860 Washington street. Mexican dances, music, songs, and talks will feature the educational program of the evening.

Privy Council Member Dies

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TOKYO, October 24—E. Arimatsu, a member of the Privy Council, died this morning from hemorrhage of the brain.

CONCLAVE DELEGATES WELCOMED

Berkeley M. E. and Christian Are Hosts

BERKELEY—Last day, Sunday, of the Young People's Christian Conference held here from October 21-23 proved to be a glorious climax to more than 300 delegates from all parts of Northern California.

The local M. E. and Christian Churches were especially favored with visitors from the Coast Region, Santa Clara, and Sacramento sections.

"Nabby" Ide went the entire route for the Japanese, and he twirled a good game at center, chasing flies with the total sum of seven put-outs to his credit. James "Irish" Hanamura and "Nappy" Ide led the batting attack for the Islanders by slugging out two hits apiece.

The Taiku Babes were handily trounced by the Oakland Post Office mailers, in the preliminary, by a score of 10-3.

Ineffective hurling by George Rokutan and Susumu Takao, together with ragged fielding spelled defeat for them. Aside from the batting of "Lindy" Nakano and "Foosh" Inouye, there was nothing impressive about the local Region.

Following the discussion, an announcement was made concerning the Halloween party this coming Saturday night.

ALAMEDANS DROP WINTER LEAGUE TILT

BABES ARE BEATEN, 10-3, IN PRELIMINARY

SUNDAY

ALAMEDA—Poor fielding by the local Taiku team lost the second winter league game to the 250 Coast Artillery nine of San Francisco by a close score of 9-7, at the Japanese diamond here on Sunday. The game was played with the service of Captain Earl Tanbara.

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At the M. E. Church, young people, mostly from the Santa Clara section, attended the Sunday School and devotional services from ten o'clock in the morning.

In the devotional service conducted by Rev. Mr. Tagashira, the delegates were introduced, and many of them responded with words of appreciation. A very interesting talk was also given by William Yamamoto, chairman of the Santa Clara section.

Following the devotional, the visitors and members of the congregation enjoyed a noon luncheon prepared by the mothers of the church. A similar reception was also accorded to the Coast Region delegates at the Christian Church.

Judges Selected For Oratorical

OAKLAND—Eleven organizations have already made applications to participate in the Northern California young people's Japanese oratorical contest to be sponsored by the Gakusei-Kai of this city on November 6.

The following will act as the judges: Messrs. Ninomiya of the New World; Ogasawara of the Japanese American News; Yonezawa of the East Bay Gakuen; Morita of the Alameda Gakuen; Umeno of the Nichi-Bei (Oakland branch manager); Kyono of the Shinseki (Oakland branch manager); and Ikeda of the Hobukel Hyoron.

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WANTED

Wanted—Newspaper delivery boy with bicycle for San Francisco district. Apply at the Nichi-Bei, 650 Ellis street—Adv.

BERKELEY GROUP IN DISCUSSION

Fellowship Led by Professor Meyers

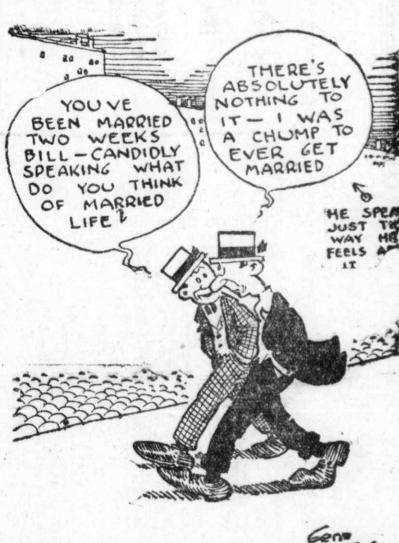
BERKELEY—"Is religion of any account in our daily life—in our business or whatever we may be engaged in? What are some of the professions in which the highest ambition is service of humanity? Is there any difference between a Christian farmer and a non-Christian one?"

Such were some of the stimulating "shots" fired at the members of the local Fellowship on Sunday night at the Christian Church.

Professor Meyers' questions aroused great deal of discussion and many minds were keenly tested as a result. Among the Young People's Christian Conference visitors who took part in the meeting were Misses Grace Murakoshi from Sacramento and Yuki Kuwahara from San Francisco, and George Takahashi from Irvington.

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THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN

「ホリ」の第十六回
ダラーセール

来る十月七日(木)の三日間
十
月
七
日
金
の
三
日
間

大山白粉

一升の品二個 \$1.00

レートボット白粉

六十仙の品三個 \$1.00

タラブ水白粉

卅五仙の品四個 \$1.00

レトメリー

七十五仙の品二個 \$1.00

御園ねり白粉(中)

六十五仙の品二個 \$1.00

化粧用美顔水

卅五仙の品四個 \$1.00

四季の花

七十五仙の品二個 \$1.00

クラブ美身クリーム

五十仙の品三個 \$1.00

御園クリーム

卅五仙の品四個 \$1.00

日本美人印大島白粉香油

六十五仙の品二個 \$1.00

チエリーオイク

六十仙の品二個 \$1.00

ミツワ石鹼

五個 \$1.00

クラブ肥洗粉(別大袋)

四十五仙の品三袋 \$1.00

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