

**Dates:** December, 1953 – October, 2005

**Size:** 6 lf (6 boxes)

**Abstract:**

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**Biographical / Historical Notes:**

The Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) was founded in 1929 and is the oldest and largest Asian American civil rights organization in the United States. The JACL was formed as a result of combining existing Nisei organizations in California and the state of Washington. It had two initial goals: lobby Congress to amend the Cable Act of 1922 which stripped women if they married men ineligible for citizenship, and to secure citizenship for veterans of WWI. Its current mission is to monitor and respond to issues that enhance or threaten the civil and human rights of all Americans and particularly to the Asian Pacific American Community. The JACL primarily advocates issues that benefit Japanese Americans and Asian Americans and has combated prejudice and bigotry throughout the years. Today it has offices throughout the United States with its national headquarters in San Francisco, California.

Created in 1929, the *Pacific Citizen* was originally called the *Nikkei Shimin* (translation: Japanese American citizen). Originally in San Francisco, at the outbreak of WWII, it moved to Salt Lake City, Utah. After WWII, the paper moved to Little Tokyo in Los Angeles where it currently remains.

**Scope and Content:**

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The newspaper focuses on “in-depth investigations, entertainment, sports, and late-breaking stories.” There are articles related to Japanese-American soldiers serving in the military during WWII as well to internment camps at the times of anniversaries of those events.

The holiday issues from December are much larger due to the culture of seasonal greetings both personal and from businesses appearing in the press at that time.

**Arrangement:**

The collection is arranged chronologically.

**Condition and Preservation:**

Box 1 is in poor condition with brittle edges to many of the pages.

Boxes 2-6 are in fair condition, but have retained creasing from being folded.

**Citation:**

The *Pacific Citizen* Newspaper Collection, AC 6, Japanese American Historical Society of San Diego Archives, San Diego, CA.

**Collection Access Restrictions:**

The collection is open for research.

**Collection Use Restrictions:**

The copyright is retained by the Japanese American Citizens League.

**Processing Information:**

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**Language of Materials:**

English

**Provenance:** N/A

**Accession:** N/A

SPH = Special Holiday Edition  
 SPNY = Special New Year Edition

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title/Subjects</u>	<u>Date</u>
1		Pacific Citizen: December 18	1953
1		Pacific Citizen: December 21	1956
1		Pacific Citizen: December 20-27	1968
1		Pacific Citizen: December 24-31 (SPH)	1976
1		Pacific Citizen: December 23-30 (SPH)	1977
1		Pacific Citizen: December 21-25 (SPH)	1979
1		Pacific Citizen: December 18-25 (SPH)	1981
1		Pacific Citizen: December 24-31 (SPH)	1982
1		Pacific Citizen: December 23-30 (SPH)	1983
1		Pacific Citizen: January 6-13 (SPNY)	1984

1		Pacific Citizen: December 21-28 (SPH)	1984
1		Pacific Citizen: December 20-27 (SPH)	1985
2		Pacific Citizen: December 19-26 (SPH)	1986
2		Pacific Citizen: January 2-9 (SPNY); December 18-25 (SPH)	1987
2		Pacific Citizen: January 1-8 (SPNY); December 23-30 (SPH)	1988
2		Pacific Citizen: December 22-29 (SPH)	1989
2		Pacific Citizen: June 22; July 23-27; October 26; November 2; November 9; November 16; November 23; December 21-28 (SPH)	1990
2		Pacific Citizen: January 4-11 (SPNY); February 1; October 4; December 20-27	1991
2		Pacific Citizen: September 25; October 2; October 16; October 23; November 6; December 18-25 (SPH)	1992
3		Pacific Citizen: February 19; March 5; May 7; May 14; May 21; June 25; September 17-23; July 2-8; December 17- January 6 (SPH)	1993
3		Pacific Citizen: February 4-10; February 11-17; February 18-24; March 4-10; March 11-17; March 18-24; April 1-7; April 22-28; May 13-19; May 27-June 2; July 1-7; July 8-14; July 22-August 11; December (SPH)	1994

3		Pacific Citizen:  Monthly editions– August, September, October, November	1994
3		Pacific Citizen;  January 6-19; Jan 20-February 2; February 3-16; March 3-16; March 17-April 6; April 7-20; April 21-May 4; May 5-18; May 19-June 1; June 2-15; June 16-July 6; July 7-20; July 21-August 3; August 4-17; August 18-31; September 1-14; October 6-19; November 3-16; December (SPH)	1995
3		Pacific Citizen:  January 5-18; January 19-February 1; February 16-19; March 1-14; March 15-April 4; April 5-18; May 3-16; May 17-June 6; July 19-August 1; October 4-17; November 15-December 19; December 1996 (SPH)	1996
4		Pacific Citizen:  January 10-23; January 24-February 6; February 7-20; February 21- March 6; March 21- April 3; April 18- May 1; May 2-15; May 16-June 5; July 4-17; July 18-31; September 19-October 2; October 3-16; November 7-20; December (SPH)	1997
4		Pacific Citizen:  January 23 - February 5; February 6-19; February 2-March 5; March 6-19; March 20- April 2; April 3-16; April 17-30; May 1-14; May 15- June 4; June 5-18; June 19 - July 2; August 21- September 3; September 4-17; September 18- October 1; October 2-15; October 16 – November 5; December (SPH)	1998
4		Pacific Citizen:  January 1-21; January 22 - February 5-18; February 19 - March 4; March 5 – 18; March 19 - April 1; April 2 – 15; April 16 – May 6; May 7 – 20; May 21 – June 3; June 4- 10; June 11- 17; June 18- 24; June 25 – July 1; July 2- 8; July 9- 15; July 16- 22; July 23- 29; August 6-12; August 13- 19; August 20- 26; August	1999

		27 – September 2; September 3- 9; September 10-16; September 17- 23; September 24- 30; October 1- 7; October 8- 14; October 15- 21; October 22- 28; October 20 – November 4; November 5- 11; November 12- 18; November 19- 25; <b>December</b>	
5		<p>Pacific Citizen:</p> <p>January 1-13 (SPNY); January 14- 20; January 21-27; January 24 – February 3; February 4- 10; February 11- 17; February 18- 24; February 25; March 2; March 3- 9; March 10- 16; March 17- 23; March 24- 30; March 31- April 6; April 7-13; April 21-27; April 28 – May 4; May 5-11; May 12-18; May 19-25; May 26 – June 1; June 2-8; June 9-15; June 16-22; June 23-29; June 30 – July 6; July 7 – 13; July 14-20; July 21-27; July 28 – August 3; August 4-10; August 11-17; August 18-24; August 25-31; September 1-7; September 8-14; September 15-21; September 22-25; September 29 – October 5; October 6 -12; October 20 – November 2; November 3-16; November 17 – December 14; December (SPH)</p>	2000
5		<p>Pacific Citizen:</p> <p>January 12 – February 1; February 2-15; March 2-15; April 6-19; April 20 – May 3; May 4-17; May 18-31; June 1-14; June 15 – July 5; July 20 – August 2; August 17 – September 6; September 7 – 20; September 21 – October 4; October 5-18; October 19 – November 1; November 2-5; November 16 – December 13; <b>December 2001</b></p>	2001
6		<p>Pacific Citizen:</p> <p>January 18-31; February 1-14; February 15-28; March 1-14; March 15 – April 4; April 5-18; April 19 – May 2; May 3-16; May 17 – June 6; June 7-20; June 21 – July 4; July 5-18; July 19 – August 1; August 2-15; August 16 – September 5; September 6-19; October 4-17; October 18-31; November 1-14; November 15 – December 19; December (SPH)</p>	2002

6		<p>Pacific Citizen:</p> <p>January 17 – February 6; February 7-20; February 21 – March 6; March 7-20; March 21 – April 3; April 4-17; April 18 – May 1; May 2-15; May 16 – June 5; June 6-19; June 20 – July 3; July 4-17; July 18-31; August 1-14; August 15 – September 4; September 5-18; September 19 – October 2; October 3-16; October 17 – November 6; November 7-20; November 21 – December 18; December (SPH)</p>	2003
6		<p>Pacific Citizen:</p> <p>January 16 – February 5; February 6-19; February 20 – March 4; March 5-18; March 19 – April 1; April 2-15; April 16 – May 6; May 7-20; May 21 – June 3; June 4-17; June 18 – July 1; July 2-15; July 16 – August 5; August 6-19; August 20 – September 2; September 3-16; September 17-30; October 1-14; October 14 – November 4; November 5-18; December (SPH)</p>	2004
6		<p>Pacific Citizen:</p> <p>January 14 – February 3; February 4-17; February 18 – March 3; March 4-17; March 18-31; April 1-14; April 15 – May 5; July 1-14; July 15 – August 4; August 5-18; August 19 – September 1; September 2-15; September 16 – October 6</p>	2005