



Washington Newsletter: by Mike Masaoka

JACL and Civil Rights Today

WASHINGTON. — Unfortunately, because the JACL currently is considering a thorough review of its national policy on civil rights in the light of the urgent circumstances of the day, the impression somehow seems to have been created in certain circles that the National Japanese American Citizens League has no stated program relating to the constitutional guarantees of equality and dignity for all Americans.

The fact is, as every JACLer should know, that the JACL from its very inception has had a forthright, comprehensive, and unequivocal policy on this vital issue, for the JACL has always known that without meaningful and enforceable equality of opportunity and consideration for all Americans, without regard to race, color, creed, or national origin, the civil rights of those of Japanese ancestry are in jeopardy.

That in the immediate past most of JACL's efforts have been directed toward eliminating racial discrimination against those of Japanese ancestry was dictated both by practical realities and by the belief that in reducing the area of prejudice and hate against the Issei and the Nisei, or any other minority for that matter, one helped to reduce the total area of racial injustice in this country.

Indeed, the record especially before the Congress, the Government, and the courts demonstrates that the National JACL has been in the forefront of civil rights organizations, particularly since the outbreak of World War II.

In fact, there are some knowledgeable observers of the national scene who credit the JACL for helping to ignite the current concern in civil rights through sparking its own efforts two decades ago to gain freedom and justice from the military evacuation of 1942.

1962 Resolution

To those who doubt that JACL has a clear and forthright stand on civil rights now, we refer them to the Report of the National Legislative - Legal Committee, which was adopted unanimously by the National JACL Council at the 17th Biennial National Convention in Seattle only last summer.

Under the subtitle "Continuing Responsibilities", there is a section entitled "Civil and Human Rights", which reads as follows:

"As the continuing struggle for civil and human rights and dignity for all Americans enters into what will be its final stages, the JACL should remain in the forefront of those organizations that have joined in the common cause—through legislation, courts, and constructive action on the national, state, and local levels—to secure equal opportunities and equal dignity for all our citizens without regard to race, color, creed, age, or sex in every aspect of our national life. The integration of our public schools should be accelerated; the desegregation of transportation, recreational, and other public facilities should be expedited; and opportunities for equal employment, for promotions, for housing, for education, for dignified living, etc., should be made immediately available to all.

"The JACL, while cooperating with others, should not ignore that Japanese American citizens too are discriminated in certain areas, particularly in housing and some employment, as well as promotions and upgrading once hired.

"The Washington Representative should be directed to participate fully in all efforts to secure civil and human rights for all Americans, before the Congress, through the courts, by administrative action, etc. Furthermore, the Washington Representative should continue to participate in, and cooperate with, such organizations as the National Civil Liberties Clearing House, the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, etc.

"In addition, the various district councils and the individual chapters should not only become more aware of the civil rights problems in their respective areas but also deliberately participate with other like-minded organizations in the general effort to secure equal rights and opportunities for all Americans. District councils and individual chapters should conduct educational programs among their own memberships to promote an understanding of civil rights problems and a will among JACLers to actively engage in helping to eliminate discrimination in all forms."

We are of the opinion that the policy statement reaffirmed only last summer by the National JACL Council in Seattle not only represents strong and realistic attitudes but also serves as an excellent starting point to review National JACL thinking on civil rights.

It may well be that a restatement of last summer's policy statement is sufficient for JACL even at this critical juncture in civil rights history.

Civil Rights Hearing

This past Tuesday (June 25), the Senate Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, under the chairmanship of Washington Democrat Warren G. Magnuson, began public hearings on probably the most controversial aspect of the President's civil rights program—the provisions to prohibit discrimination in privately owned public accommodations, such as hotels, restaurants, theaters, department stores, etc.

The Administration strategy in the Senate, where the final showdown is anticipated perhaps late this fall, is to divide the proposed program into as many different sections as possible, in order that the Senate Judiciary Committee, whose chairman is Mississippi's arch-conservative James O. Eastland, will have the least possible jurisdiction over the measure.

In the House, however, the strategy is to have the whole program considered as a single package, if possible, by the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Civil Rights, for the chairman of both the Subcommittee and the full Committee is New York's ultra-liberal Emanuel Celler.

In the House, the Subcommittee began its public hearings on the "Civil Rights Act of 1963" last Wednesday, June 26.

This monumental legislation, after setting forth the objectives of the measure, implements the aims in the following eight titles: I—Voting Rights; II—Injunctive Relief Against Discrimination in Public Accommodations; III—Desegregation of Public Education; IV—Establishment of Community Relations Service; V—Commission on Civil Rights; VI—Nondiscrimination in Federally Assisted Programs; VII—Commission on Equal Employment Opportunity; and VIII—Miscellaneous.

Kennedy's Program

Under existing JACL policy and mandate, we are studying the President's civil rights program. While there is no doubt that it goes far beyond any similar program ever presented by any Administration, there are, nevertheless, certain areas, especially in employment matters, where we believe that the President would have been well advised to have gone considerably farther.

In consultation and cooperation with the National JACL President, the National JACL Director, the National Chairman of the Legislative-Legal Committee, the National Legal Counsel, the National Chairman of the Public Relations Committee, and the Immediate Past National JACL President, we are attempting to formulate not only a statement to the Congress but also a program that will most effectively contribute to the attainment most expeditiously of a comprehensive and meaningful civil rights program for all Americans, and especially to our fellow Americans of Negro ancestry who today are the most obvious targets of racial discrimination and humiliation.

Hearings start on immigration bill

WASHINGTON. — Hearings on the Senator Hart (D-Mich.) bill to revise the national origins immigration quota system were to start on June 26 before the Immigration and Naturalization Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

The bill (S. 747) is being cosponsored by 34 other senators from both parties. It also has received widespread support from religious, civic, nationality and community groups.

PSWDC CHAIRMAN NAMED '66 CONVENTION HEAD BY SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

SAN DIEGO. — Masaaki Hironaka, current PSWDC chairman, this week was announced as general chairman of the 1966 National JACL Convention to be hosted by San Diego JACL. No convention dates were mentioned.

A steering committee comprised of past chapter presidents is being organized.

COMPROMISE FAIR HOUSING BILL PASSES IN STATE

Could Affect Up to 70 Pct. of All Housing, Say AB 1240 Supporters

SACRAMENTO. — A compromise fair housing bill with strict controls for preventing race discrimination in sales, rentals or leases cleared the State Legislature minutes before the midnight adjournment June 21. The Senate vote was 22-13 and the Assembly vote was 62-9.

This was the bill which JACL actively supported.

The compromise is expected to cover about 35 pct. of all housing in the state, according to a spokesman for the Senate Governmental Efficiency Committee, where the Assemblyman Rumford fair housing bill, AB 1240, has been bogged down since May 22.

Depending on the outcome of tests in court on its application to real estate brokers and tract developers, however, supporters of the measure claimed it could affect up to 70 pct. of all housing. This would include all owner-occupied single family dwellings assisted publicly through FHA, GI and Cal-Vet loans. About 20 pct. of all single family homes in the state are in this category.

Hailed by Governor

Governor Brown, who strongly backed the bill, hailed the compromise as a historic step towards giving every California the right to live where he pleases.

The bill also covers all publicly assisted multiple dwellings of three or more units and all non-publicly assisted dwellings of five or more units. It also encompasses all public housing projects and housing built in redevelopment projects.

The bill would provide new enforcement of the 1959 Unruh Civil Rights Act in its ban of discrimination by real estate brokers or tract developers.

The existing Fair Employment Practices Commission would be expanded from five to seven members and is given authority to enforce the housing act.

20-Day Restraining Order

Upon receiving a complaint in housing because of race, color or creed, the FEPC would be required to make a prompt investigation. If reasonable grounds for the complaint are found, it could go to court to stop the property involved from being sold, rented or leased up to 20 days. During this period, attempts would be made to settle the case by negotiations, which would be kept in strictest confidence.

If conciliation fails, then the FEPC could order the transaction if the housing is still available, order the sale or rental of like accommodation if available or the next vacancy is a like accommodation, or order payment of damages up to \$500 if the other two remedies are not available.

All commission orders could be appealed in court. The commission could also obtain an injunction to prevent violation of its order.

The bill also provides that the state pre-empt the field. No city or county fair housing laws, such as the one turned down by a narrow margin in the Berkeley referendum last spring, could be enacted.

Low Rentals Fade: The San Francisco Council for Civic Unity has found a critical and increasing shortage of low-to-moderate cost rental housing. The contention is that high land and construction costs for housing replacements are driving non-white San Franciscans to concentrate within a few neighborhoods.

Accordingly, it has asked San Francisco redevelopment plans which are reducing the supply of low-to-moderate cost rentals, be suspended temporarily "until such time as methods are devised to expand the amount of such housing in the city".

PUBLIC LIBRARY FILE OF 'PC' GOES BACK TO 1944

Special to the Pacific Citizen
SEATTLE. — The Seattle Public Library's periodical room on the main floor continues to display the Pacific Citizen for the reading public, thanks to the gift subscription which Albert D. Bonus has provided since 1944.

L.A.-type demonstration hit by Chuman, talks to continue

LOS ANGELES. — Frank Chuman, immediate past national JACL president, as chairman of the Los Angeles County Human Relations Commission believes in keeping the ship of orderly integration on even keel.

Until last Friday—involving four weeks of public meetings between the white and Negro leaders to avert a Birmingham-type demonstration, Chuman felt progress was being made.

Last Monday, the ship began to rock.

Positive Steps Made

In a progress report of the meetings held during the previous four weeks issued June 20, Chuman was hopeful that through the means of candid discussions in good faith, all of the grievances presented by the Negroes would be resolved, "so that the good name of Los Angeles city and county can be preserved as a place where peace and order and harmonious relationships with persons of all races, creeds and colors can be maintained."

In a full dress conference before radio-TV and press representa-

tives, the human relations commissioners reported that some positive steps toward integration in certain areas had been made, but Negro leaders withheld comment at the time.

"The solution to the grievances in other areas is being worked out by further discussions," Chuman declared. "Some of the grievances are extremely complicated and require further study to effect adequate and satisfactory solutions."

The report came at the expiration of a 10-working day deadline demanded by the United Civil Rights Committee, summoned into being by the local NAACP branch.

Committee reports were made on housing, education, employment and police practices. In view of the reports, Chuman said he felt that "any demonstrations at this time by the NAACP would tend to disrupt" further meetings scheduled by the working committees. Chuman also felt the Negroes were dissatisfied with progress in the field of education. "They wanted some positive start on the part of the City Board of

Education to redistrict school lines to eliminate de facto segregation," Chuman added.

Negro Reaction

The next day, the Negro leaders responded to the commission reports—asserting them to be "inadequate" and scheduled a series of protest demonstrations starting on Monday (June 24).

Dr. Christopher Taylor, local NAACP president and UCRC spokesman, declared: "We do not feel that those who call the shots in the fields of employment, housing, education and law enforcement really believe that we mean it when we say that we want integration now—or that they have seriously tried to meet our demands."

Only exceptions in the 10 days of negotiations, the Negro leaders noted, were programs worked out by the AFL-CIO and by Sheriff Peter Pitchess, both of which drew warm praise.

At the Friday press conference, Taylor refused to divulge the targets of the demonstrations or the nature of them.

"We have been preparing a program of selective demonstrations, selective buying and other peaceful means of underscoring the urgency and necessity of our requirements," Taylor explained. He characterized the forthcoming demonstrations only as "Los Angeles-type" to "intensify our demand and action."

School Defends Stand

Mrs. Georgianna Hardy, of the L.A. City Board of Education, declared that every issue presented by the NAACP has been under consideration by an ad hoc committee since last August. Its recommendations were presented seven weeks ago, she explained, and Superintendent Jack Crowther informed the board last week he would act in line with the recommendations.

Mrs. Hardy was chairman of the ad hoc committee, composed of three school board members and seven citizens, which found no gerrymandering of districts to create racially segregated schools. Although the NAACP was not satisfied with the ad hoc committee's recommendations, "other community organizations which made presentations did feel the Los Angeles program would be greatly enhanced," Mrs. Hardy said.

The UCRC contention has been that the school board should have acted to correct "gerrymandered school district lines without our having to ask for it." A spokesman said it was "unthinkable to us that an enlightened city like Los Angeles" had not taken action to transfer pupils from "overcrowded schools on half-day sessions in Negro areas into under-enrolled schools in white areas."

Chuman's Response

This past weekend, commenting upon the Negro press conference calling for a series of demonstrations, Chuman said: "For them to demonstrate is a clear sign . . . of an attempt to blackmail us into something."

On Sunday, the UCRC announced it would march on the Board of Education "to show Los Angeles and the world we mean what we say."

Seminary honors

CHICAGO. — Dr. Joseph Kitagawa, professor at the Univ. of Chicago Theological Seminary, was the recipient of an honorary doctor of theology degree at the Virginia Theological Seminary for his outstanding contribution in the study of the field of religion.

Future of New York JACL bleak-regarded as 'excess baggage' by Nisei community

WASHINGTON. — Because of its lack of activities and disheartening membership response, the New York JACL has thought of disbanding for a number of years, the D.C. News Notes revealed this week.

"Just how much longer it can continue to exist is simply a question of time," the monthly publication commented.

Out of several thousand Japanese Americans in New York and vicinity, only 60 are members at the present time. And there are many other Japanese American organizations which cater to virtually all aspects of a person's need, thus the JACL is considered "excess baggage."

Among the solutions advanced by

A little past Monday noon, some 350 Negro and white integrationists who had gathered at the First African Methodist Episcopal Church, 8th and Towne Sts. (two blocks from the 9th St. wholesale market area) commenced their march, carrying placards and walking on sidewalks on both sides of the street. They walked about two miles—going up Hill St. (major downtown thoroughfare) from 9th St. to Temple St. and to the Board of Education offices.

By the time, the marchers reached the board headquarters, their number had swelled to 1,000. One-fourth of them were white. They obeyed the traffic lights and observed instructions of their leaders not to obstruct other pedestrians. The leaders had also consulted with police to insure an orderly demonstration.

Chuman decried the decision to march. The decision to demonstrate "manifests an impatience by these leaders that borders on emotion and ill-considered judgment," Chuman said. The county commission will continue to convene the conferences for negotiations in spite of the demonstrations, he added.

Board of Education Meets

At the board meeting, Chuman invited board members to attend a committee meeting at the Hall of Records Wednesday.

Negro leaders, after confronting the board members, said they felt some progress was made when the board voted 6-1 to establish an urban affairs office in the superintendent's office to deal with problems of inter-group relations, dropouts, youth employment, compensatory programs and delinquency.

The ad hoc committee had recommended a full-time human relations director be hired.

Yesterday, the UCRC revealed a second demonstration this week against a Torrance tract developer, whose sales office has been subjected to sit-in demonstrations by CORE members.

'Shaka' disliked by Buddhists, ask fiction tag for film

SAN FRANCISCO.—The Buddhist Churches of America declared the Japanese film, "Shaka", was "most objectionable" to Buddhists and has requested the American distributors, United Artists, to include an explanation that the film story is pure fiction.

The film was described as a contradiction with the history of Buddhism, having no value as a religious film and unworthy of the title, "Shaka", the founder of Buddhism, according to BCA.

BCA said the film, produced by Daiei, placed undue emphasis on sex. The film would also create a distorted image of Buddhism in the minds of the public, jeopardize religious understanding, and hinder the cause of Buddhist education among its own members, especially the young people.

(Allan Byckman, PC contributor from Honolulu, reviewed the film in the Mar. 23, PC.)

Election Returns

Livermore School: JACLer Mamoru Masuda will serve another four-year term as trustee for the Livermore Elementary School board. He has been a trustee for the past nine years.

By the Board

NC-WNDC AT MID-YEAR 1963

BY JAMES MURAKAMI
NC-WNDC Chairman

SANTA ROSA. — The Northern California-Western Nevada District Council at the midpoint of 1963 finds itself deeply involved in a very active program of carrying on many District projects as well as carrying out the directives of the National Board.

Of primary importance to all is, of course, the enlistment of new members to meet our share of the National quota. Our National Treasurer Kumeo Yoshinari has indicated that a 15 per cent increase in regular members and a 10 per cent increase in 1960 Club members is necessary to meet the National budget. As of May 31, the District was still somewhat short of this quota; however, it is anticipated that by the next quarter the 1963 membership will have exceeded the past year's performance.

It is of particular significance that Contra Costa, Monterey Peninsula, Oakland, Sacramento, Siskiyou Valley, San Jose, San Mateo and Watsonville Chapters have all exceeded last year's memberships and many, many congratulations are in order to these "fireball" chapters of the District Council.

Youth Activities

Our District Council youth under the capable guidance of Jerry Enomoto, national 1st vice president, and Marie Kurihara, district youth commissioner, have been extremely busy holding talent shows, bowling tournaments and the latest function, a District youth queen contest. These "restless youth", I must confess, put the adults of District Council somewhat in the back seat with a high level of activity and interest.

San Francisco Junior JACL put on its annual talent show, "Urashima Taro", on March 30 at Lowell High School auditorium. The people involved in this program are to be commended for the very professional and efficient manner in which this production was handled and presented. I,

along with the many people who attended, thoroughly enjoyed a delightful evening. The program, due to its tremendous success, was repeated by popular demand on May 11 and was again as well received as the initial performance.

At the District Youth Council queen contest I was given the honor of being one of the judges in selecting the lucky girl to reign as Queen of the Council for 1963. I know that I have finally arrived and can officially be called "Ojis-san" now that I have been asked to be a judge for a beauty contest. I must confess though that it was a delightful and pleasurable experience for me and would willingly jump again at the chance to be a judge if asked again.

Miss Jr. JACL Selected

Winner was the candidate from Sequoia Jr. JACL, Miss Karen Sukekane. Runners-up were Miss Georgette Omi of San Francisco Jr. JACL and Miss Beverly Nakano of Sacramento Jr. JACL.

At the second quarterly NC-WNDC meeting held on May 5 at

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JACL POLICY ON CIVIL RIGHTS

"As Americans who have experienced and continue to experience racial discrimination, we Americans of Japanese ancestry condemn violence to the persons and property of some of our fellow-Americans, especially in the South.

"We earnestly request that the Congress of the United States enact the required statutes to assure to all Americans, everywhere in the land, the equal protection of the laws.

"We further earnestly request that the Federal government take whatever action is necessary to implement the law of the land as enunciated in the recent decisions of the Supreme Court to integrate the public schools, especially in those communities where local governments and peoples are either unwilling or unable to enforce the law of the land."—JACL Policy Statement on Civil Rights, adopted at the 1958 National JACL Convention.

Delegates also resolved to actively endorse meaningful civil rights and human rights legislation including: 1. Changing the Senate rules to prevent filibuster, 2. Fair Employment Practice laws, 3. Anti-violence, anti-poll tax, desegregation and similar statutes.

At the 1960 National Convention, special attention was paid to employment and housing as it concerned the Nisei in particular. But the National Planning Commission, instituted at the convention, noted: "... we can all agree that JACL has the responsibility and obligation as a citizen minority organization on all matters of discrimination and civil rights. The real issue is the extent to which we concern ourselves on broader issues."

At the 1962 National Convention, JACL went on record (1) to direct the Washington Representative to continue to participate to secure civil and human rights for all Americans; (2) that district councils and chapters be aware of civil rights problems and actively participate in their respective areas; and that the Washington Representative, national legislative-legal committee, and the National Board and Staff render assistance whenever requested and whenever possible to district councils and chapters. (The Washington Newsletter carries the complete 1962 resolution.)

Honestly speaking, the issue today is "Negro" rights. The Gettysburg address by Vice President Johnson last Memorial Day stated the situation well: "To ask patience from the Negro is to ask him to give more of what he has already given enough. But to fail to ask of him, and of all Americans, perseverance within the processes of a free and responsible society would be to fail to ask what the national interest requires of all its citizens."

The Texan urged both whites and Negroes to work within the law. There is no other way out of the present crisis that for both sides to work together. . . . And this is the mode the Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations, chaired by immediate past national JACL president Frank Chuman, has assumed. This common sense attitude displayed by the Commission and its members has been well received. That a person of Oriental background can sit as a mediator between the whites and Negroes suggests the Nisei does have a significant role in the process of racial integration, especially one who understands the sensitivities of both white and Negro.

JACL is presently preparing a policy statement on Negro rights that is expected to regard the change in the Negro's determination for "integration now!" At the time the JACL civil rights policy was drafted in 1958, the spirit of racial integration called for "all deliberate speed" but experience has shown that it was invariably interpreted to mean "only as fast as you absolutely have to go"; hence, the American Negro has come to the limit of patience.

Drafting of policy statements—if mere abstractions—are easier to compose than to know how to carry them out. For whenever we have to deal with persons, inevitably everything becomes complicated. How does one, full of goodwill, help a person at the end of his patience? He may have learned to respect and admire those Negroes whom he personally knows, the Martin Luther Kings or the Roy Elkins—but can this same respect and admiration be relegated to persons whom he doesn't know?

Though two writers to the "PC Letterbox" last week took exception to National President Pat Okura's commitment to have an up-dated JACL policy statement on Negro rights by the Labor Day holidays, the problems overruling an immediate declaration were described in Mike Masaka's Washington Newsletter in the same issue. Perhaps, these two writers (and others) can now suggest answers to the more difficult questions posed in the Newsletter.

SIXTY SCHOLARSHIP SEEKERS

That was, indeed, happy news to read 43 JACL chapters have named 60 candidates for the National JACL scholarship program, but crushing news for the judges. It will be a very painful process determining who will get the seven scholarships now available. The 53 who miss will know they're in a very competitive world.

Should JACL Demonstrate?

The Pacific Citizen, in an effort to present a nation-wide cross-section of Nisei opinion on whether JACL should join in the various Negro demonstrations, invited prominent persons in various fields to comment on this vital issue of the day as it affects the Nisei in general and JACL in particular.

BY DR. HARRY KITANO
Sociologist, UCLA
Los Angeles

There appear to be two main issues involved regarding Nisei and JACL involvement in the current civil rights demonstrations. The first deals with the matter of support and there should be no question about JACL affirmation of aid to the Negro. The goals and aspirations of the Negro are the same as those of the Nisei and all other groups in our society and the benefits gained by any one group in combating racism can be looked upon as a gain for all.

The second question deals with the "how," that is how we can go about supporting the demonstrations. This is probably the big issue facing JACL since mere verbal affirmation is no doubt insufficient. I would suggest that the JACL take the strongest possible action consistent with its purposes and objectives, working through established channels of leadership available in both the Japanese and Negro communities. It appears regrettable that the JACL leadership has appeared to procrastinate on the issue.

BY FRED HIRASUNA
Businessman
Fresno

Your telegram puts the question as to whether the JACL, as an organization, should join the various Negro demonstrations such as the Freedom Marches to demonstrate its support of the Negro's struggle for equality in civil rights.

There is no question that the JACL policy as an organization is for equal civil rights for all regardless of color or creed. This is much like asking a person if he is against sin. The policy of the organization in this regard should be obvious to all, and, if need be, forcefully restated so that no doubt remains.

There are those who would say that people who do not participate in these public demonstrations are ipso facto not sympathetic with the struggle of the Negro for his rights. You could just as well say that anyone who does not attend a church regularly is not a moral man; that one who does not fly an American flag on Flag Day is not a patriotic American; that President Kennedy is not in favor of civil rights because he did not go to Alabama in person to escort the Negro students into the University of Alabama.

Other Methods Shown

There are thousands upon thousands of decent citizens of goodwill in this country who are entirely sympathetic with the Negro

cause, but who do not choose, for any number of good reasons, to take part in these public demonstrations. There are many other ways to help the Negro in his struggle, less sensational and less ostentatious, but, perhaps, more effective in the long run—the teaching of one's own children to judge people as individuals, by their worth and not their color or creed; demonstrating to them that "bad" individuals are undesirable whether they are white, Negro or Japanese; talking quietly to individuals who are quick to condemn the Negroes as a group and explaining to them the possible reasons for such things as high crime rates, immorality and juvenile delinquency that are generally attributed to the Negroes as a group.

There is no question that many Nisei are prejudiced against the Negroes. This may have been the result of some unpleasant experiences with some Negroes, or the unfavorable publicity given the Negro group in regard to the unlawful activities of some of their members. Such Nisei need to be educated to the fact that in any group there will be the good, the bad and the indifferent, and that particularly in the case of the Negroes many complex causes have contributed to the seemingly higher percentage of undesirable.

The Negroes, themselves, need more than Freedom Marches to help their own cause. There is no question that equal civil rights are their just due. It is also true that social acceptance is quite another thing, even slower in coming, which must be earned as individuals. This is as it should be.

The Nisei generally are no different from any other group. We, too, have our good, our bad and our indifferent. In every facet of human characteristics, we have a representation, from good to bad, from high to low, that differs very slightly, if at all, from that of any other group.

Too often we have been led to believe that our Japanese heritage, per se, puts us on a higher plane than other Americans. Too often we expect too much from our particular ethnic group in the way of civic responsibility, intelligence, industry and other desirable characteristics, and quite often we have been grievously disappointed. All of us have seen how unfavorable environment has produced juvenile delinquency of the most serious nature among some of our Sansei, in spite of their racial heritage.

JACL's Role

The JACL cannot be the conscience of all Americans of Japanese descent, nor can it be held responsible for the actions of all Americans of Japanese descent. Indeed, it cannot be held responsible for the thoughts and the actions of even all of its members. In the individual things that we do, many times the only thing that we have in common is our ancestry.

The finger cannot be pointed at the JACL for its failure to partici-

pate en masse in Freedom Marches, and by that failure be censured for not standing up for civil rights. If this is to be the criterion, then point the same finger at all Japanese American organizations, including the churches, the veterans organizations and the service clubs. Indeed, point that same finger at all American organizations—the Rotarians, the Lions, the Kiwanis, the American Legion, the V.F.W., the churches and the various organizations based on racial ancestry.

JACL chapters should be credited with enough intelligence to chart their own course in their respective communities as best fits the circumstances without overly solicitous directives from National Headquarters.

JACL members, all Americans of Japanese descent, and indeed, all Americans of every kind should be left free to use their own individual judgments to march, or not to march, with his service club, with his VFW or American Legion post, with his labor union, with his political party, or with his fellow JACL members.

BY REV. GYOMAY M. KUBOSE
Chicago Buddhist Church
Chicago

Yes, we should support 100 per cent the cause of Negro equality. There is no second-class citizenship under our Constitution. Everyone has equal rights.

We can support the Negro movement by passing resolutions, giving endorsements, sending letters, giving financial aid, etc. But for JACL, as an organization, it is not appropriate to take part in an emotional street demonstration. I believe joining a demonstration is an individual matter.

BY JOE SAGAMI
(Legionnaire-JACLer)
Chicago

The recent civil rights demonstrations should be the concern of every JACLer, for the goals of these demonstrations are the applicability of basic rights under the Constitution. Regardless of the geographic - socio - economic backgrounds of any American, each has a definite view and expression in this matter.

The overwhelming majority of Americans and organizations, including JACL, seem to be in sympathy with the demonstrations. Whether constructive action, no matter great or small, has been taken to support these sympathies seems to be another matter. It's rather pathetic, but this majority, which professes such strong feelings and sympathy for the Negro cause, has done so little about this entire matter. Of what good are sympathies without translating this feeling into some tangible channel through action?

JACL and other organizations have expressed indignation at the police dogs and fire hose tactics used by the forces of law against these mass demonstrations. If we are justified in criticizing these mob control tactics, then, shouldn't

appeal to the courts; and for an educational campaign so that those who are opposed will realize the stake involved in the future welfare of our nation.

Way Must Be Found

The proportion of Negroes to the total population has reached such a state that to ignore them and their problem and status in our country and society would be a suicidal error. A way must be found to harmonize the position of the minorities of various colors, nationality background and creeds.

Not only must the majority as represented by President Kennedy and our government exercise statesmanship, but the Negroes must realize that extremism can be costly in the long run.

Even when we bring the demonstrations down to the local level, I cannot help but wonder. What can be gained by the Negroes in demonstrating when everything is being done to improve conditions. Marches will not change things overnight. This means that we are at a delicate point in cities like Los Angeles where the atmosphere has been friendly. The same type of procedures as applied in the Deep South may produce a reaction which would not do any good.

We are going to be involved with the results so we cannot remain indifferent. At the same time, direct action is not our course to take.

For good or bad, those who are most concerned should lead the way. If they should appeal for help, then it will be our place to participate in matters concerning which we are consulted.

The prospects afford grounds for optimism. The public is in the mood to help. Everything depends upon the strategy and timing to be employed. Public sentiment can become hostile, depending upon the conduct of the leaders and their followers. Any unnecessary violence arising from arrogance could bring about a reversal and real trouble.



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we also be in a position to possess sufficient knowledge as to how we would have handled these huge crowds? We criticize these tactics, but how many of us critics have any knowledge of mob control? Mob sociology and mob control are two entirely different matters.

Demonstrate Beliefs

From the past statements of JACL there seems but one course of action which we could take, especially in view of the overwhelming support for these demonstrations. This could be accomplished by the active participation of JACL at all possible levels in these demonstrations as our support for the Negro cause. When we reflect on statements such as, "... the Negro problem is the Nisei's problem, for whatever affects the Negro will also affect the Nisei in some manner at a later date," and if these statements are true, then we ought to clearly demonstrate by action our beliefs.

JACL participation could be effected in many ways of which two will be mentioned. The first could be the appointment of a Civil Rights Commissioner to participate and coordinate, and the second could be the recruitment of Nisei or Sansei to participate in these demonstrations. Both could be financed by the curtailment of immediate effect programs.

However, as an individual, I take exception to the overwhelming majority and do not condone these mass demonstrations which disrupt the civil rights of others, disrupt traffic and the free and normal flow of community life. Can these disruptions of community life be justified merely because it points out the inaction of the majority?

Are these demonstrations justified by virtue of the Negro being denied some of the basic rights, that they should be in a position to deny others their rights? Basically, what is the difference between denying a person's rights for an hour, a day, a week or a year? Since when does two wrongs make a right? Aren't we encouraging one group and castigating another by virtue of degrees? Shouldn't we look at the rights of all parties concerned before passing judgment?

By what reason do we as individuals make our decisions condemning the action of one and not the other? Who are we? Have we ever faced a huge demonstration whether strikers, freedom marchers, or peace movers?



SEAFAR QUEEN CANDIDATES—Collectively upholding the proud tradition of Japanese Community participation in Seafair are the four finalists in the community queen contest: (from left) Kathy Kinoshita, Pauline Fujino, Carolyn Muratani and Pamela Fukuda. In the foreground are the 1962 Seafair parade trophies and plaques. Queen will be announced tomorrow at a coronation ball to be held at Seattle's Olympic Hotel.

Personal Feelings

I personally feel that (1) if more people make known not only their feelings about Negro rights, but transmit these feelings into their every day life, (2) live their religion without compromise, (3) pass legislation making each citizen discharge basic civic responsibilities (in addition to paying taxes), (4) the passage of limited federal legislation on education and employment, then, and only then will these demonstrations become needless.

Our PSW Regional Director has stated the position of the JACL as clearly and more intelligently than anyone else in our organization. The amazing thing about the whole matter is that JACL's solution to our present dilemma has been with us for over twenty years. Hats off to Mr. Matsushige. We could use more men with earthly answers than dramatics.

By the Board —

(Continued from Front Page)

The Flamingo Hotel in Santa Rosa, the Council was privileged to have as the principal speaker State Senator, Joseph A. Rattigan, from Sonoma County and a JACL member of the Sonoma County Chapter, who gave an inspiring address of particular interest to all JACLers. The Senator has indicated that as soon as the hectic legislative session in Sacramento is adjourned, he will give us a copy of his address for all members to read in the Pacific Citizen.

In line with legislation at Sacramento, it is gratifying and significant that the Legislature has passed the controversial AB 1240, the fair housing law. Passage of this bill will have far-reaching effects and will be another stepping-stone for members of all minority groups in gaining the equality which we all seek.

DC Visitation

Internally within the District Council, the last half of the 1963 program will be highlighted by a project of chapter visitations by teams of DC officers and leaders in line with the internal public relations program as advocated by the National Board.

With the third quarterly meeting to be hosted by the San Mateo Chapter on Nov. 3, it is anticipated that the District Council will begin to carry out this project by the last meeting of the year.

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Impressions

BY ISAAC MATSUSHIGE, PSW Regional Director

NEGRO STRUGGLE

The current surge and struggle of the Negro people to gain complete recognition and equality here in the Los Angeles area has moved with such fervor and rapidity that one finds that some remarks made in particular concern of today for tomorrow, becomes but insignificant sayings of yesterday.

However, within these fast moving pace of events and actions, this tempo of rapidity has not obscured the position of realistic role of the Japanese American from the people of Southern California.

Within the most recent days and weeks, the Los Angeles people have been keenly aware of the forthright expressions and leadership of a Japanese American in giving complete dedication to the city and county in its titanic struggle for immediate racial progress.

We have seen and heard in midst of this explosive struggle, the role of the Japanese American in rendering influence, understanding, concern, leadership, words of counsel, courage in expression and conviction... and above all, with the good faith and the complete acceptance from the peoples involved.

It is with this faith and acceptance, that the Japanese American people are privileged to stand between the people involved... This must be our unique role.

Frank Chuman, chairman of the

1000 Club Report

First Half of June: The 67 1000 Club renewals and new membership received at National Headquarters for this period are as follows:

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Calendar

June 29 (Saturday)
Sequoia — Graduates party-dance, Palo Alto Buddhist Hall, 7 p.m.
June 29 — 28
Chicago — Jr. JACL Talent Show, Olivet Institute
June 29 — July 4
Sequoia — Fireworks sale, Modet Blvd., Mountain View
Clovis — Fireworks sale, E. King Canyon Rd. and Mendenhall
June 30 (Sunday)
San Luis Valley — Picnic, Aspen Glade, 10 a.m.
Chicago — 1000 Club golf tournament, Santa Barbara — JACL picnic, Elgin Township — Picnic, Lake Tennessee
Rexburg — JACL picnic, Rexburg Park
July 3 — 4
San Jose — Benefit movies, Okita Hall
July 4 (Thursday)
San Diego — JACL Community picnic, Silver Strand State Park, 10 a.m.
July 4 — 5
Chicago — Jr. JACL meeting, Olivet Community Center, 8:30 p.m.
Detroit — Japanese movie, International Institute
July 5 (Saturday)
Pasadena — Picnic, East L.A. — Steak bake, Oak Grove Park, Sec. 3, 10 p.m.
Oakland — NC-WNDC executive bd. meeting
July 12 (Friday)
Los Angeles — PSWDC Youth meeting, Daruma, 6 p.m.
July 13 (Saturday)
Philadelphia — Community picnic, Friends Central School, 2 p.m.
July 13 (Sunday)
East Los Angeles — Family picnic, Miyawake Picnic
Contra Costa — Picnic, Wildwood Acres, Lafayette
Pasadena — JACL's summer party, JACL Hall
Mile-Hi — Community picnic, Berkeley Park, Dunsmuir
July 15 (Sunday)
Ministry Personnel — Youth baseball trip, Caliente, Calif.

Jr. JACL regarded not strong enough now to nationalize

CHICAGO. — Although hopes were high to work out a national Jr. JACL, the general consensus of delegates at the recent Salt Lake youth meeting is that Jr. JACL is not strong enough on the local and district levels to maintain a national organization at the present time.

This was the gist of the report submitted by delegate Ross Harano in the current Chicago Jr. JACL newsletter published this past week.

The proposed National Jr. JACL will be patterned after the parent organization in both purposes and organization. "However, the objectives of the Juniors will put more emphasis on the civil rights of other minority groups," the Harano report declared.

Special Youth Problems

Special problems relating to youth organization enumerated were: (1) Jr. would be a transient group—active for only a year or two, (2) responsibilities upon its officers might definitely offset school grades, (3) financing national officers to biennial conventions will be great, and (4) need of a national youth director to coordinate activities.

Harano reminded that the proposals are still tentative and their adoption hinges upon action by youth delegates at the 1964 convention in Detroit.

Until the Jr. JACL strengthens itself in both local and district levels, the present group of officers and committee chairmen will continue to coordinate Jr. JACL planning. Ben Kawakami of Mt. Olympus Jr. JACL is youth assembly chairman.

There are only three youth district groups within the eight senior JACL districts: Midwest, Intermountain and Northern California-Western Nevada.

Harano's report concluded with the hope that current youth groups and districts would expand its program "vertically" (in depth) in the three years before 1966 to launch a national organization. National Jr. JACL—what now?

PSWDC Youth: Clarence Nishizu and Alan Kumamoto, representing the PSWDC at the recent Salt Lake youth meeting, will present their report at the Daruma Cafe, July 12, 6 p.m., at the PSWDC youth committee.

Two more introduced in Nisei Week queen contest

LOS ANGELES. — Two more Nisei Week queen candidates were introduced in the past two weeks: Jean Yatsui, 18, by Long Beach Harbor District JACL and Helen Funai of Southwest L.A. JACL.

With one more to be announced tomorrow by Orange County's Nisei VFW Post at its coronation dance, the field for Miss Nisei Week will be the smallest in years at six.

Nisei Week Parade: Film star Shirley MacLaine will be the grand marshal for the 23rd Nisei Week Festival parade Aug. 18, according to parade chairman Wilfredo Funakoshi, Mayor Kiyoshi Sugito of Nagoya, the sister city of Los Angeles, will also be guest of the Festival board during Nisei Week, Aug. 10-18.

Organizations, commercial or service, planning to enter floats in the parade should inform Funakoshi (MA 6-5275) by July 31.



WASEDA HIKERS GREET MILE-HI MAYOR

Waseda University hikers greet Denver Mayor Dick Battleron seated at his office desk. Standing (from left) are Min Yasui, MPDC chmn.; hikers Noboru Tajima, Takashi Yagi, Mitsuo Shida, Shichiro Ohnishi; Lt. Lt. Hiroshi Takahashi, Japan Air Self-Defense Force, stationed at Lowry AFB; and hiker Katsuyuki Takahashi. The five cross-country hikers left Denver June 15, expecting to reach Topeka, Kans., via US 40 by July 19. —Photo by Howard Oda.

After Denver, It's Topeka

Special to the Pacific Citizen
DENVER. — The five Waseda hikers trekking eastward on US 40 are expected to reach their next major city, Topeka, by July 19. But during their week's stay here (June 7-15), resting their weary legs after negotiating the Continental Divide and filling up on Japanese food, the program arrangements were made through the Mountain-Plains JACL Office.

Rep. Selji Horuchi, designated by Governor John Love to extend greetings on behalf of the state, met the hikers upon their arrival at the State Capitol steps June 7. The hikers, who left from San Francisco Mar. 16, visited Rocky Mountain National Park, Univ. of Colorado, Air Force Academy, Colorado School of Mines, Denver University, Regis College, Lowry Air Force Base, Colorado Springs, local museums, juvenile court, and the 28-story 1st National Bank of Denver.

In addition to the Kiwanis clubs of western Colorado extending hospitality to the cross-country hikers, they were hosted at various dinners and luncheons, welcomed by the Japan Society of Colorado of which Bill Horokawa is board chairman, by the Nikkeijin Kai of Colorado under the presidency of Dr. F.E. Hayano, and by Mr. and Mrs. Masakuni Iguchi at a farewell party.

The Waseda collegians also worked out with students at the Denver School of Judo, were guests of the El Jebel Shrine at their annual circus, of the Boy Scout office to see "How the West Was Won" at the Cinerama Theater, and visited the Denver mayor's office.

Women Drivers: Hideko Mural and Kane Takazawa, both of Tokyo, who are driving their Toyota 700 around the world, "caught up" with the five Waseda hikers just west of Denver and accompanied them to the Air Force Academy to hear President Kennedy at the commencement rites. Their brief stay in Denver was programmed by the Mountain-Plains JACL office.

The ladies, who are demonstrating ikebana and chanoyu in the cities they visit, plan to stop in Omaha, St. Louis, Chicago, Florida, Washington, New York and Canada before heading to Europe.

'Wider World of JACL' theme of joint meet of EDC-MDC at Cleveland Labor Day week

CLEVELAND. — The "Wider World of JACL" was announced as the theme of the forthcoming joint EDC-MDC biennial convention here over the Labor Day holidays (Aug. 30-Sept. 2) at the new Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel.

This joint convention which does not take a second to a national convention, according to convention chairman Masy Tashima, will be a fun-filled and educational weekend.

Dr. Frank Sakamoto of Chicago

Doctor handed 20-year suspension seeks regress

MONTREAL. — Dr. George Hori, 51, former administrator of Jean Talon Hospital, will seek to have the 20-year suspension issued against him last week by the College of Physicians and Surgeons set aside by court order.

The Vancouver-born Nisei was suspended following government inquiry into the operations of 385-bed hospital which he founded. Besides questionable professional practices, Dr. Hori was accused of disposing funds to political friends and others to secure advantages for himself and the hospital.

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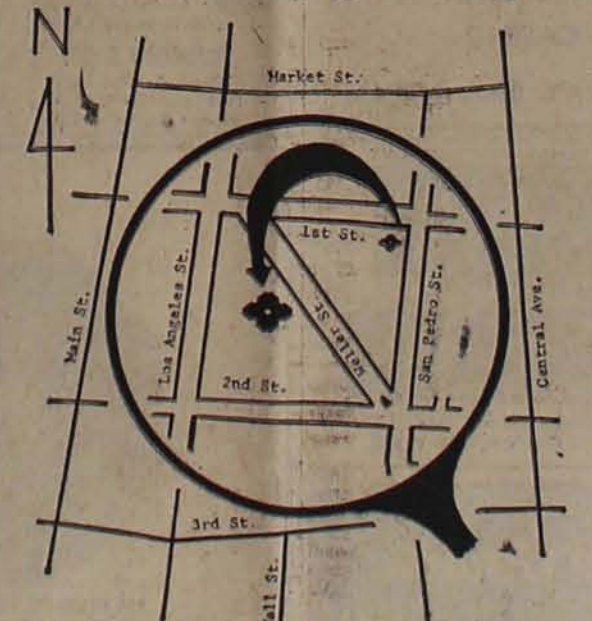
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'Asumari' beckons record turnout

PHILADELPHIA. — Record turnout of 135 members and friends enjoyed Philadelphia JACL's Asumari at International Institute on June 14. Program included judo demonstrations, Uta and Ono and

Chapter Call Board

Portland JACL

Chapter Picnic: Portland JACL's picnic on Aug. 4 will be near the swimming pool on the Lewis and Clark College campus from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Japan Night: The chapter is co-sponsoring with Veleda club the Japan Night program of the annual Music Festival Aug. 18 at Washington Park. The festival is staged by the city parks and recreation from Aug. 4-18.

San Diego JACL

4th of July: San Diego JACL again hosts the annual community picnic on July 4 at Silver Strand State Park (surfside) from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Soft drinks and prizes for races and games are on the chapter.

Pasadena JACL

Joint Outing: The annual Pasadena JACL steak bake at Oak Grove Park, Section J, on July 7 will be a joint affair with Downtown and East Los Angeles chapters. Dinner will start at 4:30 and picnickers are reminded to bring their own plates, cups, and table service. Fruit, vegetable, relish, coffee or punch are included in the dinner, \$1.50 for adults; \$1 for juniors. For the children, hamburgers will be available at 50 cents. Highlight will be the white elephant auction. Picnickers should wrap up as many odds & ends as possible for this sale.

Sequoia JACL

Fireworks Stand: Sequoia JACL's annual fireworks sale to raise funds for youth activities starts today through July 4 at Moffett Blvd., next to the Travel Lodge trailer court, in Mountain View. Stand will be open from 9 a.m. till 10 p.m. after June 30.

San Jose JACL

Benefit Movie: The annual San Jose JACL benefit movie nights are set for July 3 and 4 at Okida Hall on N. 6th St., starting at 7:30 p.m. It was announced by chairman Henry Uyeda. Double features are scheduled.

Gilroy JACL

Family Night: Games, refreshments and prizes are in store for the Gilroy JACL Family Night program on July 6, 8 p.m. at the Community Hall, according to general chairman Spig Yamane. On his committee are:

Mr. & Mrs. Roy Uyeno, Mr. & Mrs. Shige Yamane, Mr. & Mrs. John Kado, Mr. & Mrs. Tom Obata, Mr. & Mrs. Lawson Sakai.
The chapter was recently commended for organizing a JACL blood bank as a community project by the American Red Cross through its area representative, Mrs. Robert Medley.

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IDAHO FALLS. — Some 300 adults and young people converged at the old Shelley High grounds June 9 for the Idaho Falls JACL picnic. It also served as an event to raise funds for the Japanese Humanitarian Project. Tak Hara and Len Hosoda were picnic co-chairmen. The JAVs were in charge of the concession stands.

SACRAMENTO. — The gay crowd at the Sacramento JACL community picnic, chaired by Frank Hiyaama, at Elk Grove Park was described as the "largest, single turnout of Japanese Americans in the Sacramento area" by chapter president Ralph Nishimi.

He also paid tribute to the 20 participating organizations and committees for the success. Co-sponsors were:

Sacramento Gardeners Ass'n, Baptist Church, Buddhist Church, Gedatsu Church, Nichiren Church, Parkway Presbyterian Church, Pioneer Methodist Church, Boy Scouts Trops 50 and 59, Explorer Scouts, Kato's & Noel Golf Clubs, Sacramento Church Little League, Santa JACL Membership, Nisei Post, Oda, YABA, Senator Linda JACL County, JACL Track Team.

Japanese refreshments provided by the Issei and the Japanese atmosphere created by Sumi Kobayashi's committee added to the success of the Asumari—a Japanese get-together.

Herbs and persimmon tea

FOWLDER. — Dr. Emma Y. Hatayama cautioned against use of herbs and persimmon tea by persons with high blood pressure and noted that Japanese use too much of salts and soy sauce in her recent address on Heart Disease and Stroke at the Fowler JACL dinner meeting.

Three teachers at Fowler Elementary School who are retiring this year were honored with a Fowler JACL plaque of appreciation.

It was the final meeting until the end of the harvest, chapter president Kenny Hirose, pointed

SAN FRANCISCO JACL TO SPONSOR ORPHAN

SAN FRANCISCO. — The San Francisco JACL will institute a new goodwill program to sponsor an orphan in a Japanese orphanage, according to Tad Ono, chapter president.

Since Osaka is San Francisco's sister city, chapter officials hope that arrangements can be made to select some orphan there.

The chapter has asked Consul General Toshio Yamahara for assistance in this project.

Sponsorship will consist of a modest monthly monetary contribution. Regular correspondence or reports on the youngster will also be arranged, according to Ben Tsuchimoto, chairman for this project.

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