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AN EVENING AT DISNEYLAND

Ten years ago, about a 100 high school and college-age youths in Orange County were organized as a youth group under JACL sponsorship. Known as the O.C. JAYs, they held their biggest skin-dip Saturday at Disneyland Hotel with Mike Masaoka as the "name" speaker—and Mike lived up to all expectations, drawing edifies of the three Nisei daily vernaculars, some 350 youths, their parents and friends, and dramatizing before them in his eloquent fashion the significance of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the anti-housing Prop. 13 as it directly involved persons of Japanese ancestry.

It was a somber speech seldom heard in Orange County, but its impact upon the nearly 100 Japanese American audience was substantial since Mike remembered how things were in California a decade earlier before the JAYs were founded. In the 1940s, anti-Nisei hysteria was still clamorous. Though he didn't mention them, there were in the audience remnants of some of the JAY members assembled to celebrate their 10th anniversary who still haven't forgotten the "welcome" accorded them when they first came back to Orange County to resume farming.

The Hitoshi Nittas—the first Nisei to return to Orange County—were particularly touched by Mike's speech of those anti-Japanese vigilante days. The way Mike accented the situation, it seemed as though it was like yesterday for the Nittas. For the JAYs, it was an unforgettable speech, almost unbelievable.

And the evening was also a dominant milestone in the organization's history—the past leaders and honor students present to mark the occasion.
It was midnight when we stepped outside Disneyland from the highway from the hotel was still wallowing in rain. The monorail train, which has a stop at the hotel, quietly pulled toward the dazzling bath of lights. Visitors were muttering about as if time had no meaning. Fascination of this pleasure place knows no age.

Yet the lure of Disneyland failed to dislodge the uneasiness within, our thoughts smarting from Mike's message.

AND THE NEXT DAY

Nisei Week is back on the Los Angeles scene. Nine lovely girls were introduced as candidates for Festival queen at the Consul General's tea. Seven of them are being sponsored by local JACL chapters. Pasadena JACLers hosted the occasion with Consul General Shimomura.

Many of the candidates were born in WRA camps about two decades ago. But their refreshing—and delectable appearance and charm hardly haunted us as did Mike's the previous evening. Indeed, this is a cup of tea we favor.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

The Negro minority, regardless of how hard some of its new "militant leaders" talk... must still win friends and influence people. We can help matters along by recognizing that a punk is a punk, white or black, and by putting him in his proper place.
— Roy Wilkins

Press Comments—

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of the Youth Group, their enthusiasm, and their dedication to JACL... the future leaders of the association... the future leaders of this generation. This group is very anxious to form a national group working under the direction and leadership of the parent organization.

To have this opportunity to attend the convention was indeed an experience for me, and it certainly has given me a much more rounded "view in the arm"... In Canada there is still much more to be accomplished of which only the JCCA can undertake... the challenge is still there. The JCCA must continue to strive and meet the challenges so that all Canadians may enjoy the full measure of citizenship and opportunity that should be the birthright of every Canadian.

Convention—

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Special thanks go to Mike Masaoka as only Mike could picture a Traditional Banquet program and deliver the formidable battery of honorees who even now are active in promoting legislative reform and achieving civil rights.
Our thanks also go to our local guests whom we invited and welcomed about for fear that they might not feel at ease. Our roles were reversed and our guests put us at ease.

Having carefully kept account of all things during the Convention an attempt to discover the secret ingredient of a successful Convention, the analogy with a great university is painfully clear—a successful Convention, like a great university, is the gathering of great minds—thank you all for a successful 18th Biennial National Convention.



By the Board—

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American of Japanese ancestry. Incidentally, I had an occasion to speak to some of the hostesses at the restaurants within the hotel and I thanked them for their cooperation to all of us regarding the convention. The hostesses replied, "It was a pleasure to have your organization here. Everyone is so courteous and orderly and we enjoyed serving you. I guess I am too public relations minded and remarks as these make me very proud."

As a woman, and I am certain that all of the feminine members who were in attendance, will concur with me, that the Opening Ceremony was one of the highlights of the Convention. How wonderful it was to see two beautiful, intelligent and charming women (Mrs. Romano and Mrs. Casanaga) give their greetings from the State and City.

We women need not take a back seat ever and women are here to stay! Our own National President had a tough assignment to follow and he came through with flying colors.

WILD BILL WEAVER

The Thousand Club shindig was terrific in spite of the late hour. The entertainment was superb, but I am afraid our own Thousand Club Chairman, Bill Matsunaga, while the show, I overheard the "paid" comedian and band leader remark that they would like to hire Bill, Chairman Al Hatake and Bill made an amusing "Laurel and Hardy" team.

We were privileged to have the contingent from Toronto, Canada, sit at our table during this festive occasion and what a delightful

group. President of the National JACL, Earl Kido, in most charming and eloquent speaker. We found out that in the evening, that he had additional aspects. As the dinner came to a close, Earl Kido very modestly went to the piano and entertained a few of us with his modest playing and singing. What fun we had in the two hours of the morning dancing and singing. It was a privilege having this group in Detroit and we sincerely hope that they will continue to attend our conventions.

The hostesses were extraordinary. A little birdie told me that some of the members of the Chapter formed a "Traditional Club" just to have everything in perfection for the Convention. It paid off gentlemen—you can all be proud of the rule you played.

The four and a half hours was much too long to us at the banquet, especially with my sprained back (a recent airplane accident) but the speeches and testimonials were well worth the sitting. Thanks to Dr. James Taguchi for his assistance in perfecting the Convention. It paid off gentlemen—you can all be proud of the rule you played.

The Secretary Doree was most enchanting, but I am sorry that the Grand March had to be postponed, as I had looked forward to marching with the respect for Roger Baldwin. How sad it was to hear the last strains of the Auld Lang Syne played, as we bid adieu to a most successful convention.

I cannot close without saying thanks to Walt Miyano for taking time on Sunday morning to talk to me and to Mr. Windsor, who we could tell our friends that we had been to Canada. We thoroughly enjoyed the morning drive.

THANK YOU DETROIT FOR A MOST MEMORABLE 18th BIENNIAL CONVENTION. CHILDREN FOR A JOB WELL DONE!

Masaoka—

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presentation for the District of Columbia were played four years ago. This year the subjects are not even mentioned.

In foreign policy the whole line of the two platforms differ. The plank in 1960 stressed international cultural exchanges and the United States-Soviet agreement for a mutual American. It is the field of international trade and commerce, from the 1960 platform pledge to expand trade that

PC Letter Box

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Editor: We cannot begin to thank you for the kind coverage of the Convention in the July 10 edition of the Pacific Citizen. It was most gratifying for the host Chapter to see your paper give the entire Convention such a royal treatment, and your editorial gave it a summary endorsement of success.

DETROIT JACL JIM SHIMOMURA

Prewor candidates

Editor: The June 12 PC states that Steve Dill is the first Nisei to have his name on a San Francisco ballot. This is not true. Back in 1964, Karl-Hans ran on the Communist Party ticket for the 22nd Assembly District and received 1,017 votes.

The same year the late Clarence Aral got on the ballot in one of the Assembly Districts in Seattle as a Republican candidate and obtained 220 votes.

In those days it was difficult for any Nisei to run for a political office. It is heartwarming to see so many Nisei in and running for public office today.

KARL G. YONEDA San Francisco

DEATHS

Yoshiko Yamato, 84; Livingston, June 30, last, remaining member of the original 13 settlers founded the Yamato Colony here in 1908. Came to America in 1901 at the age of 12, survived San Francisco fire. Survived by wife, daughter, Mrs. Taniaka, Sacramento; Elmer Muto, Alhambra, Los Angeles, and five grandchildren.

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pressed "deep concern about the mounting nuclear arms race" and expressed readiness to negotiate for disarmament. The 1964 foreign policy section emphasizes caution in disarmament and in negotiating with the Communists.

Whereas the plank of 1960 spoke of "just settlements for the resolution of world tensions," the 1964 one declares that in negotiating "we must never abandon insistence on advantages for the free world."

Instead of defense of Communist aggression, the 1964 plank gives "victory" over Communism.

In the field of international trade and commerce, from the 1960 platform pledge to expand trade that

to the more historic protectionist policy that used to be the hallmark of the NCP in the '20s and '30s, but was repudiated by subsequent party platforms.

The Southerners who probably played a more prominent role in the past century were particularly prominent in the Platform Committee. Their generally segregationist and arch-conservative attitudes are identifiable in the final platform, for they forced the solid opposition to all efforts on the part of moderate, liberal in that Committee and on the Convention floor to bring about a more moderate, less extreme platform for the party of Lincoln, Theodore Roosevelt and Eisenhower.

Impressions

BY ISAAC MATSUHIDE, FW Regional Director

LOS ANGELES.—A teacher of mine once said, "For I was hungry and you fed me; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you entertained me; I was naked and you clothed me; I was ill and you looked after me; I was in prison and you visited me; inasmuch as you did it to one of these my brethren, even to the least of them, you did it to me." Some 42,000 feet above earth while speeding through the air on our return jet flight home from our convention in Detroit, Ye Editor thoughtfully suggested that I should jot down some significant impressions and the kind thoughts of the previous four days. He was a thoughtful fellow that I've assured of having something to write about for today's column.

As delegates to the 18th Biennial National Convention in Detroit will vividly recall, my thoughts were with the host of distinguished guests who sat before us at the (Traditional) Banquet of Friday evening, July 3, to receive the tributes and citations of recognition and appreciation from the JACL. Herein we were honoring those who two decades ago, cared enough, dared enough and risked to sacrifice enough to consider the fulfillment of our needs and hopes... to even the least of us.

Revisiting Chicago I also felt captured by another experience within that same week in another totally different environment. While enroute to the Detroit Convention, a stopover at Chicago captured by another experience within that same week in another totally different environment. While enroute to the Detroit Convention, a stopover at Chicago captured by another experience within that same week in another totally different environment.

With the landing of our jetlight at the Los Angeles International Airport, we realized that that as for us, the 18th Biennial Drive National JACL Convention of July 14 was now over. But the Convention Diner "Human Dignity—Our Challenge" however, continues to remain.

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