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TO NISEI WHO INTEND TO FAVOR PROP 14

I particularly welcome this turn to communicate with us and other fellow Japanese Americans through this column. This time I write, not as National 1st vice president, but as state chairman of our campaign to defeat Prop. 14.

There have been many things written and said about Prop. 14. There will be much more for us to digest by Sept. 30. I am going to do something here which I feel we need seldom do, and that is to sacrifice the merits of Prop. 14 by speaking bluntly, and perhaps harshly, about unpleasant realities. I hope that the words are not too far to digest.

I am very disturbed by some evidence of fellow Nisei not knowing anything about Prop. 14 and apparently care enough to find out. Worse yet, I hear of, and spoken with, some Nisei who intend to vote for Prop. 14 because they are "forced to meet apartments to Negroes". Aside from the ignorance of the basic evils of Prop. 14 at this attitude reflects, I am appalled by this reckless irresponsible evidence of bigotry on the part of people who should know better. The only saving grace in this kind of attitude, and it is a dubious one, is that it is frank and honest, rather than the more subtle bits like "I don't want their rights", "they are going too fast", etc.

I hate to recognize that there are Americans of Japanese ancestry who believe in selective democracy for themselves, and to let others suffer for themselves. Maybe this is a "reality" that I refuse to face.

Do not believe that my anger stems from the fact that a crusader, because I am not, nor do I think of myself as a crusader. As a human being, I just find this hypocrisy too much.

On the occasion of this recently, I found myself reminiscing about the Detroit Convention and our tribute to Norman Thomas, Roger Baldwin, Dr. John Thomas, Ruth Kingman Clarence Pickard, distinguished Americans who did so much for us during the war years. I think of the ironical forces among us humans when such people, with their noble state in the problems of us Japanese, stick their heads in the sand on the basis of principle, while they are at the same time, hypocritical now see fit to use less fortunate people. Are our memories that short? No matter what is said or written about Prop. 14, the lies in what happens on Nov. 3. I can only hope that JACL and Japanese American voting age, within privacy of the voting booth, marks his or her ballot with an appreciation of our heritage and clear conscience.

A FEW ASIDES

There is a continuous stream of news now reporting progress of the Prop. 14 campaign. In these few lines I would like to share with you some personal experiences have granted me.

The other night the Stockton Chapter voted to contribute \$500 to the San Joaquin County Committee Against Prop. 14. This same chapter is sending a representative to the \$50 per plate dinner, being held by Californians Against Prop. 14. In the same area, being by a relatively small chapter, in the same area, I was just informed by President Kaname Miyamoto, the Cortes Chapter is sending Mark Kamiya as its representative to this dinner. . . . Our "Ichiban" chapter, Jose, is sending more than half a dozen people.

I recently submitted a rather lengthy letter to the Editor of the Stockton Record, a reasonably large daily paper, and quite a few favorable comments from co-workers neighbors in this area. A stranger even sent me a postcard. I would urge all areas to organize letter writing committees, as one good publicity measure against Prop. 14.

We are daily receiving endorsements from large and small organizations. The California State Employees' Board of Directors saw fit to decline to make a stand. I have written a letter to its president, Glenn Miller, and the Vice President, I have asked him, urging him to reconsider this stand. I have asked him to write to its members to do the same. Fellow Nisei Association's paper to print that letter. . . . Fellow Nisei Association's paper to print that letter. . . . Fellow Nisei Association's paper to print that letter. . . .

SECOND WIND

Let's all continue to push the second phase of this campaign, which is Education. This is not the time to relax, and it's time for that "second wind" to hold off the surge of money thrown into this by the California State Assembly.

JACL, through cooperation with other groups, as well as other groups, is doing a job—not too late the momentum.

D.C. CHAPTER INTERESTED IN 1968 CONVENTION

Membership to Be Asked If 20th Biennial Can Be Sponsored

WASHINGTON—Though the 1968 National JACL Convention is committed to a Northern California Western Nevada District Council chapter, the Washington, D.C. JACL will consider hosting the 20th biennial here in 1968.

This unprecedented action was taken at a recent D.C. JACL board meeting, which decided to rest the final decision as to whether the chapter should attempt to receive its last opportunity or not at a general meeting Sept. 26 at Howard University Center in Kensington, Md.

Kelly Koyakashi, board chairman, said the chapter had its golden opportunity to place its bid for the 1968 national convention at the Detroit meeting, but it was rejected. The chapter went unrepresented and uninvited at the chapter membership's bid to the vice president.

No Takers Yet

"NCCWDC Chairman John Yamamoto recently stated that no chapter in his district has expressed interest in hosting the 1968 convention, though there were hints of either the Eastern or Western District chapters might be induced."

The question will come after a report of the 1968 Biennial staged in Detroit and a progress report on the Japanese History Project are presented.

The chapter will determine whether it has the manpower, willingness and initiative to undertake the responsibility of hosting a national convention (with assistance of other JACL chapters) in lieu of the joint JACL-NCCWDC convention held in 1962, to which this chapter is already committed.

Support Indicated

A project of this magnitude and importance requires the full support of the membership (D.C. JACL averages about 250 members per year—about the same as Detroit's). Koyakashi noted that it has 281 members in 1964—an 8% increase.

"Should such support and interest be lacking, it would be wise to drop the whole matter. However, there was consensus among the Board members that, in the instance, there would be strong, widespread support for undertaking such a responsibility at this time, once the membership was informed of the full situation and the present predicament this chapter finds itself in," he said.

JACL remembers 5th FEPC anniversary

LOS ANGELES—On the occasion of the fifth anniversary of the California Fair Employment Practices Act, the Los Angeles Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) Regional Office commemorated its "outstanding record of accomplishment" in a message forwarded to Governor Brown.

"May the FEPC continue to assure and safeguard human dignity of all, irrespective of race, color, creed, sex, or age," he declared. "We commend the FEPC for its excellent work and salute its outstanding record of accomplishment."

The message was signed by JACL Regional Director, JACL regional director.

Citizenship Day audience latched by reading of Japanese American Creed

SALT LAKE CITY—The Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) Salt Lake Chapter, in its 1964 Citizenship Day observance, drew a large audience to the Salt Lake Convention Center.

The Salt Lake JACL participated in the program sponsored by the Salt Lake County Board of Education. Joyce C. Morris, Salt Lake County Board of Education, presided over the ceremony. Mrs. Hideo Shimoda of Granite has served a county officer, Nisei in the Salt Lake area.

Representative group, its members selected from the same high schools in the county regarding of Japanese ancestry, were present.

To publicize the event, a Mary Kato and Chieko Nakagawa, Nisei, were selected to read the Japanese American Creed.

The Creed, which is a statement of the Japanese American Creed, was read by Mrs. Hideo Shimoda of Granite has served a county officer, Nisei in the Salt Lake area.

SPECIAL ISSUE PLANNED FOR 'NO ON 14' PUSH

LOS ANGELES—The Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) will issue a special issue of Pacific Voices devoted to the "NO ON 14" campaign and endorsements to assist the state fair housing law.

While endorsements for the law have been printed for state-wide distribution to Japanese American voters will be distributed representative of the cross-section of the community.

The special issue will be published all names received by Oct. 12. The names may be sent to: Frank Chuman, Editor, Pacific Voices, 1400 S. Main St., Los Angeles 12, Calif. (213) 541-5296; or the JACL National Office, 200 West 2nd St., Los Angeles 12, Calif. (213) 541-5296.

History Project calls for interviewers in Los Angeles County

LOS ANGELES—The JACL is still doing off. We need to get more interviewers to help us with the project. You should recruit a large number of volunteer interviewers from the Los Angeles metropolitan area. The project is to interview Japanese American veterans who served in the military during World War II.

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Public Deeds

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If Nisei are thinking of voting 'Yes' on Prop. 14

MONTEBELL—This article is for Nisei thinking of voting "Yes" on Prop. 14 on Nov. 3. It is from the Monterey Peninsula JACL Newsletter.

"An Nisei home owners have stated or are saying to themselves, 'I own my home and it doesn't affect me.'"

That is true, but they overlooked one thing—Prop. 14 goes through, your children and their children may be denied the right to purchase property or homes when they grow up.

You will see restriction signs everywhere. We hope, everyone will think and vote "No."

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Oriental forces for 'No on 14' plan dinner with Gov. Brown

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tion of our feelings, not as hostile Americans, but as 1964 citizens concerned about the future of all Californians," the statement concludes.

Co-chairmen of the dinner committee are:

Willie Hahn, JACL, Albert L. Kato, JACL, George A. Kato, JACL, and others.

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San J. Brown
"We are not hostile, but we are the entire Japanese community of Southern California will help us to make this affair a tremendous success," Hahn concluded.

Sept. 25 Meeting
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SEQUOIA CHAPTER PUSHES LOCAL CAMPAIGN AGAINST PROPOSITION 14

REDWOOD CITY—Tetsu Sumida, Merlo Park geologist, and Leo Ikeda of L.K. Realty of Palo Alto, were recently appointed co-chairmen of the Sequoia JACL chapter's campaign against Prop. 14.

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California Congress of Parent-Teachers in unqualified vote to defeat Prop. 14

SAN FRANCISCO—The California Congress of Parents and Teachers, representing about 1,300,000, came out unequivocally against Prop. 14. Action was based on an exhaustive subcommittee report prepared for the two-day meeting of the CPTA board of managers here last week.

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