

# Issei-Sansei Generations: Separated but United

EXTENSION OF REMARKS  
of  
**HON. GEORGE P. MILLER**  
of California

In the House of Representatives  
Thursday, March 10, 1966  
(The Congressional Record)

Mr. MILLER. Mr. Speaker, on numerous occasions, I have had the privilege and pleasure of extolling the accomplishments of Japanese Americans. Our citizens of Japanese heritage are living and working throughout the country in various geographic areas and in numerous occupations. All of these wonderful Japanese Americans are contributing in their way to an ever-growing America.

All of us recall the loyalty of these people during World War II when working together as a group in the 442nd Central Postal Directory, they established an illustrious record of military service. The valor of these troops has become a legend in the history of our Nation, and we can all be proud of this contribution.

Recently, the Oakland Tribune in Oakland, Calif., had a special article entitled "Japanese Heritage in the United States." Because I so greatly admire those of Japanese ancestry who are doing so much for our country today, I am very pleased to insert this article in the Congressional Record. I believe it illustrates so graphically what 110,000 Japanese Americans on the west coast are doing to realize a better way of life for themselves and to assist in providing a better America for all of us.

The article follows:

BY BILL STROBEL

Oakland  
Koyuri Shibata and Ellen Yamamoto are separated by two generations and two cultures, yet they share many things other than their Japanese ancestry.

Both have a flair for the arts and they possess the delicate grace that makes Japanese women among the most charming in the world.

Mrs. Shibata, 70, is an Issei—a first generation Japanese American. She came to the United States in 1914, a kimono-clad bride, schooled in the ancient ways and the traditional graces of a Japanese lady.

## Third Generation

Miss Yamamoto, 18, is a Sansei—a third generation Japanese American. She is a college coed training for a career as a dental hygienist and she lives on a Castro Valley hilltop with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. George Yamamoto, and her Beagle-fan sister, Julie.

Mrs. Shibata, whose first name translates to "small lily," is a poet, an artist, and a practitioner of the graceful hospitality of old Japan. Her home has become a gathering place for visiting Japanese students, diplomats, businessmen, and even members of the Imperial family.

Miss Yamamoto is an accomplished pianist who sings with the First Presbyterian Church choir, and she is a member of the California State College tennis team.

## School Activities

At Castro Valley High School, she sang in student productions of "South Pacific" and "Damn Yankees," reigned as basketball queen, and directed the gathering of Christmas baskets for the needy.

And while neither Mrs. Shibata nor Miss Yamamoto can be considered typical, they do represent the past and future of the Japanese American in our society.

Certainly Mrs. Shibata was not typical of the majority of Japanese women who migrated to the United States as "picture postcard brides."

She was the daughter of a Buddhist priest, reared to be a lady of refinement, versed in the traditional arts.

## A Maverick

But among the nine children in the family, she was a maverick. When others in her generation were learning the tea ceremony, she liked to climb trees.

And she had a spirit of adventure and dreams that led her to question the feudal ideas that were no concern of well-bred young ladies.

When she became of marriageable age there were many suitors for her hand, all of whom ceremoniously followed the custom of contacting a marriage broker, who in turn made the arrangements with her father.

## An Adventurer

Among them was Junjuro Shibata, the son of a prosperous Japanese businessman who shared her spirit of adventure and had his own questions about the feudal ways of Japan.

He had left his homeland to seek work in the United States and to learn the American way. He also managed to build a prosperous floral business in Oakland.

When he returned to Japan, the girl who liked to climb trees prayed that she would be favored.

Her prayers were answered. The wedding ceremony lasted

for 3 days and the guests consumed nine 100-pound sacks of rice.

## Tried Farming

When Shibata returned to the United States with his bride, he sold his Elmhurst nursery and moved to Mount Eden to try his hand at farming.

And the hands of "Small Lily," skilled in the graceful art of flower arrangements, picked weeds and pushed garlic seeds into the muddy soil of Mount Eden.

She also made plans to create a Japanese landscape on a piece of rice paddy with the few strokes of a brush, but she knew nothing about painting a greenhouse.

"I got many blisters," she recalls, "but I learned."

As her husband labored to build the huge cut-flower business which the family continues to operate, she raised four sons and a daughter, poured tea for visitors, and found time to write poetry.

## Garden of Old

She also made plans to convert a barren Mount Eden field into a traditional garden of old Japan.

It must contain fish, she decided. So she ordered 10,000 carp and 10,000 goldfish from Japan.

"We were concerned with getting the business to prosper," she said, "and were not prepared for the arrival of the fish."

When the fish arrived, the family took time out from the business to build an earthen dam. Mrs. Shibata couldn't delay her dream garden.

"She started it with a fortune in fish and \$20 worth of rocks," her son recalled.

The garden and the home, which blended ancient Japan with modern America, became a showplace and a gathering place for international visitors.

The dream, which had become a reality, ended abruptly on December 7, 1941.

The Shibatas along with 110,000 other Japanese Americans on the west coast, were ordered to dispose of their property and nursery business for \$500 a year, and moved out.

## No Bitterness

Mrs. Shibata looks back on the war years with sadness but no bitterness. She is amused by the fact that one of her sons, who served in the U.S. Army, had trouble getting into the camp for a visit.

"We are on earth for such a short time," she said, "it seems so useless to spoil the precious days by destroying each other."

When the family returned to Mount Eden, they found their home virtually wrecked, the garden choked with weeds, and less than half the fish remaining in the slushy ponds.

## Rebuilding Job

They set about the task of rebuilding the dream, and Mrs. Shibata still found time to write poetry and welcome visitors. She also enrolled in night school to learn English and earn citizenship.

Today the gardens are restored, the business is flourishing, and Mrs. Shibata continues to dispense the gracious hospitality of old Japan.

Once when she was clad in dungarees, digging in her garden, a fleet of long black cars pulled into the nursery, and members of the Japanese royal family stepped out, unannounced.

"Mom really flipped her cork," a son recalls. "She gave the Japanese consul hell in two languages for his breach of etiquette in not giving her warning."

Throughout the years, good and bad, Mrs. Shibata has reminded her family of their cultural heritage, and she has kept it a living thing in her home.

"But let's face it," her son says, "we are Americans. We went to Japanese school, and we know something of our heritage, but the United States is our country. And our children are bound to be less conscious of their Japanese heritage than we are."

He recalled that in the years following World War II that the gardens were visited by a group of Japanese naval officers and cadets.

"I hope you guys aren't planning another Pearl Harbor," one of the sons told the guests.

While Mrs. Shibata regrets that her children have not learned more of the finer points of Japanese culture, she has no regrets.

"This is a land of freedom and opportunity," the daughter of the Buddhist priest says. "It is a fine country. It has been good to us."

And Ellen Yamamoto, the

third-generation Japanese American who does not speak the language of her ancestors, agrees.

She sat in the Oriental-modern living room in the hilltop home of her parents, and pondered for a moment. "I don't think our heritage will be lost," she said. "I think it is strong enough to blend with our heritage as Americans."

## Nisei Into World

The history of the Japanese American is one of paradoxes. And the Nisei are responsible for the greatest paradox of all.

When you talk with them, they will say they were caught in limbo between two cultures. Yet when the chips were down they drew strength from the heritage of their ancestors and their own heritage.

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ALBACORE LANDED from deep-sea boats embarking from San Diego are spread on the dock. By JACL Convention time, season will be peaking. Perhaps you can eat your sashimi at the outing.

## Fiesta en San Diego: Tad Imoto

### Seasickness or Sashimi

San Diego  
Convention delegates and boosters who have the inkling for Mal de Mer, otherwise known as seasickness, will have the opportunity to indulge during Wednesday and Thursday of convention week.

Co-chairmen Lloyd Ito and Mabel Hibi have firmed plans for both half-day and all-day sea-sickness.

Half-day trips are available both mornings and afternoons on an open party basis or charter depending on the number signing up leaving Mission Bay for the La Jolla Kelp Beds, where yellowtail, barracuda, bonita and kelp bass abound. Some of these yellows are known as lunkers, going up to 40 pounds, but the average will run around 18 pounds.

Fee for this type will be \$6 for adults and \$3 for those under 12, which doesn't necessarily imply that those over 12 are adults, but they are more abler fishermen as a rule.

So, all you anglers please send in your preference, when the pre-package information comes out to assure yourself of a place adrift on the Pacific, away from it all.

## Women Help Solicit Booklet Ads

BY PAUL HOSHI  
Booklet Committee

San Diego  
First deadline of March 31 has flown by and onto the final deadline of April 15.

We have received notes from several Chapters stating they had not received any order blanks. The supplies were sent out the latter part of 1965 to the Chapter presidents. It might be a good idea to contact them to see if they still have them lying around the house someplace.

As of March 26, we have received 23 Chapter ads and 4 District Council ads. I only hope that we still have the 88 Chapters in our organization.

Never underestimate or overlook the power and influence of the women folks: Mmes. Miyu Hara and Lilian Komatsu, who hold the helm for international freight forwarders and shipping firms at the 10th St. Terminal, have signed up over a page of ads for the book. . . . Mek Kawamoto, on her days off from the Miyako Restaurant, has signed up over a half a page. . . . Upton-Wilshire has come up with Kim Matsuda and Merian Amano with four ads.

Well, gals, there's still a few more days left, and we make a specific appeal for your support. We know you can do it because it has been done.

If you don't have any order blanks, don't let that deter

you. Just pick up a check for \$25 or \$15, made payable to the National JACL Convention and a business card, and we will do the rest. Just mail it to 2636 National Ave., San Diego, Calif. 92113. Also, remember, you don't need an official appointment to go out and solicit these ads. We'll pay the commission to you and you can spend it as you well please.

## Pearl Harbor

That time came on Dec. 7, 1941, when Japan attacked the United States.

As Ken Fujii, a Hayward nurseryman, puts it: "There is nothing in the U.S. Constitution that says any race has to prove itself. But we did."

And that too was a paradox for there are few ethnic groups that managed to come as close to the popular conception of ideal citizens as the Japanese.

They had a reputation as industrious, honorable people. Their children had respect for the family and for the free system of education.

And it was seldom that a

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## SOUTHEAST L.A. COUNTY CHAPTER BEING FORMED

400 Nisei Families  
Approached to Sign  
as Charter Members

LOS ANGELES — Invitations to some 400 Nisei families in southeast Los Angeles county have been issued this week to join as charter members of a new JACL chapter being formed there, according to Clarence Nishizu, PSWDC new chapter committee chairman.

Almost 50 have already signed up, more than enough to petition for a charter from National JACL.

First general meeting of the new chapter, being sponsored by East Los Angeles JACL, is being called by Henry Yamaga, president pro-tem, for Saturday, April 23. The place will be announced.

Name of the new chapter, election of officers and adoption of a chapter constitution are on the agenda. Membership is being drawn from such communities as:

Artesia, Bellflower, Brea, Dairy Valley, Downey, La Habra, La Mirada, La Puente, Los Nietos, Norwalk, Pico Rivera, San Gabriel, Santa Fe Springs and Whittier.

The initial meeting of the steering committee met at the Nishizu home in Fullerton in February. A second meeting this past week was a workshop to prepare the membership solicitation. On the steering committee are:

Jun Fukushima, Mrs. Nishizu, Rose Tao, Mrs. Ted Kunita, Mrs. Tanamachi, and Dr. James Today. Tetsu Iwasaki, Pacific Citizen Board; Mrs. Mable Yoshizaki and Hiro Omura, E.L.A. JACL; and George Nakao, JACL Major Medical Health Plan.

Formation of a JACL chapter has long been sought in the southeast area between East Los Angeles and Orange County. Another area under consideration is east of Pasadena covering the San Gabriel Valley communities.

## Portland officer killed in Vietnam

PORTLAND, Ore. — Marine 2nd Lt. Roger P. Okamoto, 23, was among three Portland marines killed in a battle near Da Nang, Vietnam, on Mar. 22. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Okamoto.

(He is believed to be the eighth Japanese American to be killed in Vietnam.)

Lt. Okamoto had been in Vietnam only a month, having completed Marine Corps officer training at Quantico, Va., earlier this year. He was student body president at Benson High in 1960 and had graduated in mechanical engineering from Univ. of Washington. He also was a member of the Naval ROTC at U of W.

He is survived by his parents, Dr. George Paul (Takoma Park, Md.), sis Karen and Nancy.

## Farm Cooperative

In Korea he visited a cooperative farm and found that American aid had been used wisely in flood control. The co-op nestled in a valley had always had floods followed by famine in the spring of each year. With American aid and Korean willingness flood control was started, and today the valley is no longer faced with this centuries old problem. He praised the Koreans for helping us with the war in Vietnam.

India, he said, is a nation of contrasts. In Calcutta he was depressed at the misery he saw. Many of the children were practically skeletons with just skin hanging on their bones. He said that somehow you see the faces

of your children on theirs. He took rupees out of his own pockets to give to the children to buy food with.

In New Delhi, the Capital of India, the streets are wide and clean and you do not see the misery you see in other cities, he said. In a country of 500 million some 11 million babies are born every year, or enough to equal Australia's population.

And because the population growth outstrips food production the problems of that nation continue.

Spark opened his remarks with the comment that being an Oriental was an advantage in his discussions with leaders and ordinary citizens he met on his tour. His trip covered Japan, Okinawa, Formosa, South Korea, the Philippines, Thailand, India and Pakistan.

Mistaken for Native

In almost every instance he was mistaken for being a native of the country he was visiting. In Pakistan, however, he was cheered because of being mistaken as a Red Chinese. When he explained that he was an American, a look of disbelief came across their faces. They could not believe that an Oriental could be elected to high office in this country.

His visit to Japan convinced him that its nation's leaders and a majority of its people stood firmly behind U.S. policy in Vietnam.

On Formosa Sparky got to visit with Chiang Kai-Shek. He remarked that Chiang had a most interesting face—a very good face for a politician to have. Sparky also visited one of the offshore islands that faces mainland China and is often under Communist attack from the big guns on the mainland.

For 1966 Membership Performance Chart (See Page 5)

## Nisei urges school change optional attendance rule

LOS ANGELES—Paul Tsuneishi, president of the Sunland-Tujunga Human Relations Council, urged the Board of Education Monday to correct racial imbalance at the crowded Mt. Gleason Jr. High School in Sunland.

The Nisei leader declared there are 400 too many (white) pupils at Mt. Gleason and "400 empty seats" at Maclay Jr. High School in Pacoima, which has evenly divided enrollment of Negro, Mexican American and others.

Students equidistant from the two schools have the option of attending either school. A school bus to Maclay from this area is used only by 22 pupils while 200 others prefer Mt. Gleason.

Tsuneishi has called for a change in the present optional attendance rule. A special hearing on the matter has been set for April 14.

## U.S. foreign aid has big role in southeast Asia development: Sparky

WASHINGTON—Taking time away from his busy schedule on Capitol Hill to address the Washington, D.C. JACL meeting Mar. 26, Congressman Sparky Matsunaga showed slides and talked about the extensive tour of Asia he made last November-December as a member of a congressional delegation.

There were 100 members and friends attending, according to chapter chairman Charles Pace.

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## Traveling to South Vietnam

He spoke of the courage of its nation's young leaders and their willingness to go back to civilian rule once the common enemy is defeated. Sparky said that already because of American help rice production in Vietnam increased over what it had been before present hostilities began. The problem remains though in securing the areas and providing access to markets once they have been freed of guerrillas.

His talk was illustrated with the many colorful slides he had taken on his trip.

In concluding, Sparky said: "We are helping in a struggle that all free men must play a role in if we are to survive and continue our way of life. He believes that foreign aid is playing an important role in the development of these nations and must continue until these people are able to sustain themselves."

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## Nihongo slated for Seafire curriculum

(Special to the Pacific Citizen)

SEATTLE—Courses in Japanese will definitely appear in the curricula of two Seattle High schools as the result of the aid afforded by a \$50,000 Ford foundation grant, it is announced by PNWDC Language Study chairman Ed Yamamoto of Moses Lake.

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## Dr. Tsuneishi of Yale appointed chief of Orientalia division for Library of Congress, assumes duty July 1

(Special to the Pacific Citizen)

WASHINGTON — Warren M. Tsuneishi of the Yale University Library has been appointed Chief of the Orientalia Division to succeed the late Horace I. Poleman; he will assume his duties at the end of June.

The Orientalia Division has custody of the Library's notable and extensive collections of (about 1 million items) in the languages of the Far East, Near and Middle East, and



Justice Stephen Tamura

Testimonial for ranking Nisei jurist on the mainland will be hosted by Orange County Nisei organizations and the Japanese Chamber of Commerce tomorrow, 6:30 p.m., at Anaheim's Wilbur Clark Crest Hotel. Tickets are available at the Pacific Citizen office and from various local JACL chapter presidents.

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## NISEI-MEXICAN AMERICAN TIES STRENGTHENED

West Los Angeles JACL Holds Meeting on Community Relations

BY TAKEO SUSUKI

LOS ANGELES — Progress towards better community relations was the theme of the West Los Angeles JACL meeting with Mexican Americans here Mar. 18 at Stoner Playground auditorium.

For the program, chairman George Nakao gathered local community leaders to participate on a panel, each member contributing their views on how best to improve the welfare of the West Los Angeles community. On the panel were:

Ed Stoner, pres., West Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce; Bob Kurowski, Police Officer, juvenile division; Lou Stroh, executive secretary, WLA YMCA; Chester Fena, pres., Argula Real; and David Wakumoto, pres. JACL.

Mrs. Toy Kanagai, who introduced the panel members, also recounted her grand jury experience on subjects allied to community relations.

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## Ye Editor's Desk

### REGIONAL DIRECTORS OR SPECIALISTS

This is the time of the year when students (regardless of race) call or write the JACL offices for help on their semester papers dealing with some phase of Evacuation. In recent months we have had as many as three a week. This steady diet of answering questions, providing background information and giving them leads will undoubtedly increase in the next few years.

On top of the students, there are newspapermen and writers who call—and our hoping that what they have printed is not misquoted or taken out of context.

When these documentary books on Evacuation are published and after the JACL-UCLA History Project has its volume out, our JACL offices might find the flow of inquiries ebb a little.

All of this leads to the interesting suggestion by PSWDC vice-chairman Ted Tsukahara that the next JACL regional director for Southern California might be a publications specialist among other talents needed to handle the position. He envisions a library of JACL publications, besides the JACL Story, Evacuation Facts, etc., to include the Youth Manual, chapter program guides and whatever of use to chapters and the membership.

The National Planning Commission seriously questions the need of a JACL regional director for Southern California, now that the chair has been vacant for a full year. (National Youth Director Alan Kumamoto and the PC editor have been pinch-hitting to date.) The Northern California chapters have long cried for a regional director, too, in which the National Director fills the assignment.

While the chapters in the Pacific Southwest and Northern California strongly urge regional directors for their respective areas to provide staff services (an all-around man doing JACL work in a given area and liaison with Headquarters), perhaps this column might veer their views to the broader, national scene.

A public relations director for National JACL working out of the So. Calif. JACL Office might be easier to find (and this is not a personal pitch for the job as I like mixing up typewriters and blackening my fingers with ink) than a "regional director" here. And a program director for National JACL working out of the No. Calif. JACL Office or Headquarters might be the answer for a "regional director" up north.

If a "regional director" is needed for the Midwest area, perhaps the title of "director of planning" or of some other key phrase of JACL activity requiring full-time attention might invite some inquiries.

The National Director will still be a busy man keeping all the gears in functioning order. In fact, there will be more gears to keep an eye on. He still needs an administrative assistant.

With these types of specialists at hand, they would help JACL nationally. This is not to suggest we're building up a bureaucracy within JACL—but acquiring the needed talents to do the work still before us. Some worthwhile proposals approved at National Councils hardly see the light of day for the lack of staff. By securing specialists rather than regional directors, some of the proposals may be launched successfully.

### NEGRO SOLDIERS IN VIETNAM

At the end of 1965, according to Pentagon figures, the Army in Vietnam was 14.8 pct. Negro, the Marine Corps 8.9 pct. Negro and between 1961 and 1965, the Negro death rate in the Army was 18.3 pct. and Marine Corps 11.3 pct.

Number of Japanese Americans killed in Vietnam, according to our own tally, is eight—a figure too small for percentages.

When Georgia Senator Russell wondered whether Negro troops were being assigned "in disproportionate numbers to the most dangerous areas in Vietnam", this possibility was strongly denied by the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Earle Wheeler.

No matter how one looks at statistics, it is known that Negroes in recent years have been volunteering for military service in increasing numbers and that the rate of Negro re-enlistment is triple that of white. It is this figure that beckons our attention. Does a young Negro find both economic opportunity and human dignity in the uniform of his country rather than as a civilian?

In any case, the nation must humbly and gratefully salute the Negro war dead in Vietnam.

Perhaps, the Vietnam war will erase the mists of intolerance and prejudice against the American Negro in the same fashion as World War II accorded honor and respect to Japanese Americans.



Another Docking

## - Letters from Our Readers -

### 'Exile of a Race'

Editor:

Mike Masaoka's Washington Newsletter (PC: Mar. 25) mentioned the two documentary books on Evacuation which are near completion.

I don't recall the PC having given much publicity to another book on Evacuation, completed and published earlier this year—the 'Exile of a Race' by Anne Reeplog Fisher (F. & T. Publishers, P.O. Box 6262, Seattle, Wash. 98188).

This book will help the American public be aware of what happened to Japanese Americans during World War II. JACL chapters might encourage their local libraries to make this book available to their readers. Recently, the King County Libraries (Seattle) obtained 12 copies and the Seattle Public Library two copies.

The Samsel might be especially anxious to read this revealing and well written book. CLIFFORD UYEDA San Francisco.

(Ye Editor's Desk devoted the entire column to this book Feb. 4. We recommend it for the myriads of facts contained in the 245-pages, though a student might wish an index had been included. Mrs. Fisher's interpretations, however, are likely to be questioned by the historians.)

### Kido Testimonial

Editor:

How fitting it is that at the 19th biennial National JACL Convention we will be able to pay tribute to one of our great leaders who piloted us through a turbulent era of war and distrust and delivered us to a port of security, respectability and hope for the future! Saburo Kido's sober appraisal of our past history as second class citizens, the depths of despair we experienced in war and Evacuation and our future chances as American citizens enabled him to chart a course that has brought Americans of Japanese ancestry to the threshold of a future we dared only to dream of before.

In the wake of racial riots, civil disobedience and an epidemic of self-pity among minority groups, we have reason to be ever grateful for the type of leadership that never once wavered from the doctrines of the "Japanese American Creed".

"Although some individuals

### West L.A. -

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able to have. This kind of thinking and unrestrained results in youngsters feeling irresponsible to their family and community and being free to move about without their parents knowing of their activities.

While children are beneficiaries of many breaks in this fast-moving world, it is paradoxical that this easement and non-discipline are the ingredients creating the juvenile problem. Officer Kurowski sternly expressed that juvenile delinquencies do not start at gatherings, or with playmates, or even at school, but begin at home and only in the home can proper teaching and discipline be properly exercised.

The meeting closed with refreshments served by Mrs. Marilyn Wakumoto and Mrs. Aiko Takeshita.

**Political Contributions**  
WASHINGTON - Rep. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) has introduced legislation which would allow a federal income tax deduction up to \$500 for political contributions to federal candidates. Taxpayers in Hawaii are allowed this deduction in state taxes.

## Poll Tax Outlawed

Washington. When the Supreme Court of the United States ruled on March 24 that the Virginia State poll tax was unconstitutional, it crowned with success the long campaign of civil rights advocates, including the JACL, against these levies as a prerequisite to voting in all elections.

Although the decision was by a 5-3 margin, even the dissenters did not express approval of poll taxes.

And the highest tribunal's opinion was couched in sufficiently broad language to assure that similar poll taxes in the three remaining States with such levies—Alabama, Mississippi, and Texas—were also invalidated.

Since the Supreme Court in 1937, and as late as 1951, had held that poll taxes were constitutional, civil rights advocates had turned to legislative activity. The 24th Amendment to the Federal Constitution, nullifying poll taxes as a precondition to voting in national elections, was ratified by the requisite 38 States on Jan. 23, 1964. And, in the post-World War II period, eight States had repealed their own poll taxes.

Moreover, though not legislatively outlawing state poll taxes, the Congress in enacting the so-called Voting Rights Act of 1965, condemned them in strong language and directed the Attorney General of the United States to speedily test their constitutionality in the courts. The Virginia case was a result of that direction.

Justice William O. Douglas, in speaking for the majority, held that the poll tax was irrelevant as a voting qualification and violated a State's duty under the 14th Amendment's equal protection clause. "The right to vote is too precious, too fundamental, to be so burdened or conditioned."

Although the plaintiffs in the two consolidated cases were Negroes, the Court's decision was based on economic and not racial discrimination. In both cases, three-judge Federal District Courts had found that the Virginia poll tax was not used against Negroes and had held that the laws were constitutional.

The Dept. of Justice entered the case as a friend of the court and agreed that racial discrimination was not involved. Solicitor General Thurgood Marshall, himself a Negro, argued instead that the law violated what he described as the First Amendment's guarantee of free political expression by imposing a burden on voting that had no rational connection with voting qualifications.

Justice Douglas avoided the First Amendment argument, but agreed that a tax was not germane to voting, saying that "To introduce wealth or payment of a fee as a measure of a voter's qualifications is to introduce a capricious or irrelevant factor. The degree of the discrimination is irrelevant. In this contest—that is, as a condition to obtaining a ballot—the requirement of a fee payment causes an invidious discrimination that runs afoul of the equal protection clause."

To conclude that the Constitution was violated whenever a State "makes the affluence of a voter or payment of any fee an electoral standard," Justice Douglas had to overrule a unanimous 1937 decision in which he and Justice Hugo L. Black had partici-

pated. In that decision, the Supreme Court had upheld Georgia's poll tax in broad language. And, in 1951, it had adhered to that position in another Virginia case, though Justice Douglas dissented.

In announcing the latest ruling from the bench, Justice Douglas acknowledged that the old 1937 case (Breedlove v. Suttles) "is rather pat on this point and if we followed it we would have to affirm" a three-judge Federal Court that felt bound by it. But, he added, "Breedlove was wrong."

According to the second oldest Justice in point of service, "The equal protection clause is not shackled to the political theory of another era."

Notions of what constitutes equal treatment for purposes of the equal protection clause do change," he said, noting that constitutional rulings by the Court have always been considered open for re-examination in light of changed circumstances. He cited the most famous example, the 1954 school desegregation case in which the almost century-old "separate but equal" doctrine was overturned.

Justice Douglas also relied on the recent reapportionment decisions. He said that a citizen's right to vote cannot be diluted because of economic status any more than place of residence. A State may still exact fees for many kind of licenses, but "the interest of the State, when it comes to voting, is limited to the power to fix qualifications . . . . Wealth, like race, creed, or color, is not germane to one's ability to participate intelligently in the electoral process. Lines drawn on the basis of wealth, or property, like those of race, are traditionally disfavored."

Of the nine justices who sat on the so-called Korematsu Evacuation Case, today only Justices Black and Douglas remain, although now Chief Justice Earl Warren and Justice Tom Clark, then the Attorney General of California and the President's Personal Representative to the Western Defense Command, respectively, played major roles in the events leading up to the Evacuation decision.

Because that Evacuation decision remains like a "loaded weapon" to authorize the arbitrary mass movement and detention of other American citizens in another period of hate and hysteria against certain citizens, the JACL remains committed to seek another case in which the Supreme Court may have another opportunity to pass on the constitutionality of such presidential war powers as that which authorized the 1942 Evacuation of all persons of Japanese ancestry from the West Coast.

Recent decisions of the Court, particularly since Earl Warren became Chief Justice in 1953, have tended to be more conscious of individual rights and dignity. And, even though Justices Black and Douglas voted with the six to three majority in the 1944 Korematsu decision, they are now counted among the Court's "liberal bloc".

In the light of the recent civil rights rulings, including this latest which stresses that changing times and conditions may result in different court holdings relating to previous interpretations of the Supreme Court, JACL believes that it owes a duty to the

cause of human rights to challenge once again, if an appropriate case can be found, the legality of the 1942 Evacuation.

### MISCEGENATION CASE

In Louisville, Kentucky, U.S. District Court Judge Henry L. Brooks held that "no Federal question" was involved in what may have been an indirect attack on the anti-miscegenation laws of that Border State.

In what may well have been the first case of its kind to reach a Federal Court, the District Judge was asked to determine two questions in a new and complex kind of civil rights conflict stemming from Kentucky's statute forbidding a white person from marrying a Negro.

Can a white woman, divorced for ample cause from the white father of her five children, be denied their custody solely because she subsequently married a Negro?

Can the Federal Judiciary, against an overwhelming body of precedent reserving questions of divorce and child custody to the State and local courts, "reach down" and assume Federal Jurisdiction on the ground that both the mother and the children have been denied civil rights guaranteed by both the Federal and the Kentucky State Constitutions?

Judge Brooks ruled that the mother had not exhausted her appeals in the State courts and that "no Federal question" was involved.

The Kentucky's court ruling did not pass on the constitutionality of the anti-miscegenation law, but held that the mother was "unfit" to continue custody over her children because, though she knew, or should have known, of the anti-miscegenation statute, she married a Negro, thereby "jeopardizing the health, morality, and general welfare" of the children. Her marriage too was held to be "detrimental" to the best interests of the children.

In the meantime, in the Maryland State Legislature, the State Senate on March 21, in a stunning reversal of an earlier rejection, gave preliminary approval to a bill repealing the State's ban on interracial marriages.

Two weeks ago, the Senate defeated the anti-miscegenation repealer by a 15 to 13 vote. Last week, by a 15 to 11 margin, it reversed itself. Final passage is expected soon in the Senate, although there are no indications as to how the House will subsequently treat this legislation.

Republican State Senator Gilbert Gude of Montgomery County, where most of the Nisei in Maryland reside, declared that "As a nation trying to assume leadership in the world, we have enough difficulties without an archaic law like this burdening us." Democratic State Senator Robert P. Dean of Queen Anne County, disagreed, saying "Foreigners don't know what we're doing here and they don't give a darn. I think the State Department should stop putting out that hallaballoo about the impression we make abroad." The last word before the vote was by Democratic State Senator James Clark of Howard County. "This is something from bygone centuries. It is an affront to every person in Maryland whom it discriminates against."

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By Bill Hosokawa

## From the Frying Pan

Denver, Colo.

**STEREOTYPES**—The Japanese ambassador to the United States, Ryuzi Takeuchi, and Colorado's Chief Justice Leonard von B. Sutton sat next to each other at the head table at the Japan Society's annual dinner meeting last week. For most of the evening they carried on a lively conversation, but a casual eavesdropper would have been baffled. They spoke, just for fun, in Russian, German, French and English, shifting gears effortlessly. Ambassador Takeuchi could have switched to Japanese and Chinese just as easily.

The Japanese have picked up a reputation over the years for being poor linguists, perhaps because of the atrocities they have committed against the English language. The inability of most Issei to speak or understand English well, even after a half century or more in the United States, contributes to the stereotyped picture.

But Ambassador Takeuchi is no stereotyped Japanese diplomat. Not only does he speak well in many tongues, but he speaks with refreshing frankness. (In this respect, he is the Japanese counterpart of the American ambassador in Tokyo, Edwin O. Reischauer who speaks flawless Japanese with a directness that may be the new trend in diplomacy, with straight talk replacing tea sipping as a diplomatic art.)

**FRANK OPINIONS**—Ambassador Takeuchi's address to the Japan Society of Colorado began with the inevitable citing of trade figures and a review of the economic inter-dependence of the two countries. He went on to say there were practically no major "economic irritants" to U.S.-Japanese relations. Then he warned: "Potentially, frictions between us will tend to increase as our two countries come to compete more and more freely in many sections of industry and in many markets both in and out of our two countries."

Such frictions can be prevented, he said, by keeping in mind the growing inter-dependence, and the common belief in democracy and free enterprise. Here are some other Takeuchi comments:

A large majority of the Japanese people understand the factors that have led to the American position regarding Red China—the problem of Nationalist China and Taiwan, the Korea war and the war in Vietnam—and are sympathetic to the position of the United States. Yet it is hard for us to really believe that the human characteristics of 700 million Chinese could have changed so drastically and fundamentally during the period before and after the war.

On the Japanese attitude toward Red China: A large number of Japanese people "are not really afraid of the possibility of Chinese aggression against Japan, either in terms of Chinese policy or Chinese capability. . . . The frequent violent, militant and provocative speeches by Chinese Communist leaders are interpreted as being aimed in the first place at the Chinese themselves, in order to raise the morale of the people for domestic economic reconstruction, and in the second place as propaganda toward the people of North and South Vietnam, and not as an indication that the Chinese are prepared to go to war."

On the war in Vietnam: "To some Japanese, the image of the war in Vietnam is that of an American giant getting wilfully involved in a fight between two small Asians. . . . However, with the exception of a very small minority, the Japanese people do not, of course, believe the United States is participating in the Vietnam war for its own private gains. The Japanese government and a large number of Japanese people know the real position and intention of the United States in Vietnam and they understand that the U.S. cannot very well withdraw from its present position because of its loyalty to its friends, as well as because of its future international reputation."

Of his own frankness before an American audience: ". . . It is my firm conviction that healthy differences of opinion can never cause permanent damage to a partnership which is based on common ideals and a mutual trust."

## Human Relations: by Phil Hayasaka

### Opportunity to Be Equal

The concept of equal effects and results is closely allied with equal opportunities, provided equal opportunities have injected a human meaning into it.

To be really meaningful, equal opportunity must be the opportunity to be equal. It is not enough to just eliminate artificial barriers to employment, housing and education, whether the barrier be legal or subtle, for even if these barriers were to disappear today, the American Negro would still not receive full equality.

The distance between the Negro and Caucasian is still far too great in all areas that make up this society. The cause of this distance is centuries of humiliation, discrimination and segregation. More than equal opportunity will be required to close the gap so that the Negro can take his proper place in society and share in the responsibilities and rewards of the total community.

It is like two men running in a track meet. One runs with track shoes on a cinder track. The other with lead shoes, carrying a heavy pack and running in sand. When the second man is finally relieved of his lead shoes and pack, the race is over.



THE SHIRT on the native boy in the picture at left was spotted in Northern Nigeria by Jack Prichett of Yuba City, a Peace Corps volunteer. Investigation disclosed the nomadic bowling shirt once belonged to Yoshio Kawahara of Sacramento, pictured at right

holding his current bowling shirt, who gave it to charity four or five years ago. Prichett took the photo at left. Kawahara's picture is a Sacramento Bee Photo by Frank Stork.

## Act of charity spreads JACL name to Africa

BY CLARK BIGGS

Little did Yoshio Kawahara imagine a simple act of charity four or five years ago would spread his name to other nations and other continents.

The last place Jack Prichett ever expected to see a touch of home was on a street in Zaria, Northern Nigeria.

It started when Kawahara, of 2721-17th Ave., donated a bowling shirt to Goodwill Industries back in 1961 or 1962. Sewn on the back was a design topped by "Sacramento" and including "JACL," for Japanese American Citizens League.

It was for a bowling team

which represented the Sacramento JACL in the national JACL bowling tournament in Denver, Colo., in 1960. On the shoulder was an identifying word "Kawahara."

Enter Prichett. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil F. Prichett of Yuba City and is in Northern Nigeria as a Peace Corps volunteer.

Prichett spotted Kawahara's discarded shirt being worn by a native boy in Zaria, photographed it and sent it to The Bee, suggesting the staff might be able to track down Kawahara and tell him of the bit of coincidence.

The first phone call turned

up Kawahara, a State Employment Department computer operator, who, coincidentally, competed (Mar. 7-12) in the JACL national bowling tournament in San Francisco.

"He saw my shirt where?" was Kawahara's startled question. "I gave that thing away in '61 or '62, I think. I wonder how in the world it got clear over there."

Prichett can offer little help. "The shirt is on the back of a local boy," he writes, "who

got it in the market. How it reached there one can only guess."

One can only guess. Jerry Winter of the Goodwill Industries could only guess, too.

"Someone could have bought it here and sent it over there," Winter theorized. "And then we sell unsalable items as rags. The rag people might have done something with it. I really don't know."

Anyway, as Winter said: "It's a small world, isn't it?" —Sacramento Bee

## Librarian —

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rean books of sufficient breadth and depth to support the university's research and teaching programs. Administratively he has coordinated the order, cataloging, reference, and circulation activities of his unit with those of the regular departments of the Yale Library.

Dr. Tsuneishi has also lectured on American politics and government at Quinnipiac College in Hamden, Conn., and on Japanese politics at Yale.

### Southland Nisei

A native of Monrovia, Calif., Dr. Tsuneishi received his B.A. degree in political science from Syracuse University in 1943 and then served for three years in the U.S. Army where he had intensive Japanese-language training and two years of duty in the South Pacific.

He entered Columbia University in 1946 and received an M.A. from its Department of Chinese and Japanese in 1948 and an M.S. in Library Science from its School of Library Service in 1950. He then went to Yale as an apprentice librarian and also continued his graduate study in political science, earning his doctorate

there in 1960.

A member of the Association for Asian Studies, he is chairman of the Union Catalog Subcommittee of the AAS Committee on American Library Resources on the Far East and a member of the committee's Executive Group. He also serves on the Far Eastern Materials Committee of the American Library Assn.

Dr. Tsuneishi is the author of a book, "Japanese Political Style" (1966) and among his articles is "Acquisition of Library Materials from China, Japan and Korea," which appeared in Library Resources and Technical Services, vol. 7, no. 1, 1963. His dissertation was entitled "The Japanese Emperor: A Study in Political and Constitutional Change."

Dr. Tsuneishi is married to the former Betty Takeuchi of Honolulu, and they have two teenage sons, David and Kenneth, and a daughter, Julia, who is in the first grade.

### Safety Patrol

WASHINGTON—The nation's nearly 1 million elementary school children who serve on local school safety patrols were recognized by Rep. Edward Roybal (D-Calif.) in a joint congressional resolution designating the second week of May as National School Safety Patrol Week.

## Nakaoka lone Nisei candidate in Gardena councilmanic election

GARDENA—Now the lone Nisei candidate in Gardena's councilmanic election Apr. 12, Ken Nakaoka announced his platform in the final days of campaigning.

Pointing out that the city had benefited in the past by the election of qualified businessmen to the city council, Nakaoka, 46, a realtor who has been long active in civic affairs, seeks to:

1—Work for even lower property tax rates through additional sources of revenue; 2—a program to secure additional park and parkette sites; 3—immediate action on the Rowley Park gymnasium; 4—establishment of a Health Center in the Civic Center area; 5—continue annexation efforts for desirable areas joining Gardena; 6—securing desirable new industry in Gardena as a source of revenue; 7—new programs to make Gardena a better place for our Senior Citizens to live and enjoy; 8—businesslike efficiency and economy while representing all the people who live and work in Gardena.

Nakaoka graduated as a CSF-Ephebion from Narbonne High and with B.S. degree in political science at UCLA. He did graduate study at USC in real estate, planning and business administration. During WW2, he served as an infantryman and as a military intelligence officer until 1953. He is active with:

VFW Post 1961 (past comm.), Gardena Rotary (past prez.), Gardena Valley Chamber of Commerce, All Nations Fair Committee of L.A. County (v.p.), Gardena

Sister City Committee (past chmn.), Gardena Board of Realtors (10-yr. memb.), Los Angeles Realty Board, Calif. Real Estate Assn., Nat'l Assn. of Real Estate Boards, Nat'l Institute of Real Estate Brokers, So. Calif. Japanese Chamber of Commerce (v.p.), Japan America Society, Gardena Valley Japanese Community Center (past prez.), Japanese American Treaty Centennial Scholarship Fund, Gardena Valley JACL (1000 Clubber).

A JACLer since 1938, Nakaoka was among those attending the San Francisco emergency meeting in March, 1942, as secretary of the Gardena Valley JACL, with then chapter president Jim Yoshinobu.

Frank M. Yonemura, ABC Nurseries proprietor, is chairman of the Citizens Committee to Elect Ken Nakaoka, assisted by:

Mas Fukai, Watson Noda, Gerald J. Kobayashi, Frank Totokuni, and Richard Arias, divisions; Don Dear, Kazuo Minami, campaign co-chmn.

Nakaoka and his wife Kimiko are parents of five children, ranging in age from 13 to 3. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Yasutaro Nakaoka, are pioneer residents of the valley.

Atty. Toshi Hiraide, who had announced his candidacy for a councilmanic post, has officially dropped from the race (though his name will appear on the ballot) and will bid the Democratic nomination as assemblyman from the 67th district in the June primaries.

## Strobel

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Japanese name appeared in a police matter or a divorce case.

### Policed Our Own

"We policed our own. If anybody got into financial trouble, the community lent a hand. If anybody got out of line, he was told to shape up or ship out," a Nisei recalls.

But when the bombs fell on Pearl Harbor, the Japanese Americans were an enigma and the Federal Government ordered their removal from the west coast.

"It was a tortured time," a Nisei woman recalls. "It could also have been a very dangerous time. As Americans we knew it was our heritage to fight for our land as Americans have always done."

And from their limbo between the two cultures, the Nisei sought the guidance of their elders, whose memories of Japan were of a life that no longer existed, and the Japanese American Citizens League, which had been organized to protect their rights as Americans and to encourage their participation in the life of the Nation.

### Leave It to Time

The elders to whom patience was its own reward, drew upon their reserve of pride and dignity and advised them to comply with the law. "Time tells," they cautioned.

And the Citizens League

agreed. "Now is the time," they told them, "to prove yourself."

The Nisei have conflicting memories of the camps. Some are bitter, some are happy, but most of them will agree that relocation changed the life of the Japanese American for all time.

Mrs. Chiyeo Tahira of Walnut Creek says "it got us out of our tomato patches and into the world."

### Other Insights

It also gave the Nisei new insights into the world of their elders, which many of them admit they never were able to fully comprehend.

"The majority of the Japanese who came to the United States were peasants. They were unschooled and they never had the time to learn. They worked hard and long to give their kids the breaks, Fujii explained.

Yet, with time on their hands, the elders blossomed. They demonstrated their inborn artistry with woodwork and floral arrangement.

Most Nisei believe that the camps led to a breakdown of the strict family system, but at the same time it engendered a respect for the culture of elders and their ancestors.

"Art and beauty are just natural with these people," Fujii recalls. "I couldn't help but be amazed at the things they were able to create with their work-hardened hands."

For many of the second generation the task of proving

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## Accent on Youth:

## Nat'l Jr. JACL: Is There a Purpose?

BY TODD ENDO  
Pinch-hitting for  
Alan Kumamoto

Cambridge, Mass.  
A few weeks ago Alan asked me to pinch-hit for him and write on the Jr. JACL and the youth movement. I agreed since the subject is an important one, though I must confess that I know little about the inside planning concerning the national Jr. JACL.

Leafing through past PCs and recalling conversations with members of my family and acquaintances who are deeply involved in the Jr. JACL, I sense a serious gap in the discussions of the topic. I have noticed that ample constructive planning has been devoted to the mechanics and programs of the organization—such as, officers, committees, representation, and projects.

But I have not read or heard a detailed discussion of the purpose, philosophy, and policy of the proposed national Jr. JACL. Only vague talk of unity and coordination filters through.

## Cart Before the Horse

The idea seems to be that the organization should be formed first with only a vague idea of the purpose and that the particulars would and should be determined by the membership. Perhaps the organization is hunting for purposes to serve, rather than being formed in response to a need.

If so, this puts the cart before the horse.

If a national is not being formed in response to a clearly felt need it should not be formed at all. If an urgent need is recognized then the organizers should have arrived at a clear consensus concerning purpose by this time. This purpose, of course, would be subject to change by the membership but should not be originally drafted and determined by them.

If I am wrong in this feeling that no detailed statement of purpose has been drafted I hope that the Jr. JACL would correct my statements in a future issue of the PC.

## Many Questions Loom

Many questions concerning the purpose, philosophy, and policy of the national Jr. JACL occur to me which I think should be discussed. A national Jr. JACL is defensible only if it can provide leadership and services that the districts and locals cannot provide.

What are the special functions and capabilities that a national can have? One good answer is that it will act as a resource center disseminating workshop, convention, program, and organizational ideas.

What else? Why is there a national project? The Salt Lake City proposal suggests that the reason is "to establish a national unity among chapters." But what purpose would national unity serve?

In which direction will the national Jr. JACL leadership move? Being a Sansei organization will the purpose of the Jr. JACL be significantly different from the predominantly Nisei led JACL?

What will its relationship be with the parent organization? Does it see itself as providing the training ground for future JACL members and leaders?

Does it plan to analyze, criticize, and influence the existing JACL purpose and programs?

Or does it plan to be completely independent?

## Cultural Heritage

How does the Jr. JACL interpret the terms, "Japanese American heritage," "cultural pluralism," and "assimilation"? How can the varying interpretations of these terms affect the purpose of the organization?

Is preservation of our Japanese American heritage a goal for the Jr. JACL? Likewise, is greater involvement with the problems and activities of the greater American community a goal? Are these two compatible? If so, how?

What role does the leadership plan for itself? Activity coordinator? Leadership trainer? Long range policy maker? Liaison with the JACL?

## Some Observations

These are but a few of the questions which I would like to ask the Jr. JACL leadership. If I might be so bold, let me now offer a few personal observations.

1—Purpose of the Jr. JACL should not necessarily be to develop future JACL members and leaders. Rather, the purpose should be to develop future members and leaders of the greater American society. The latter purpose does not necessarily exclude the former but it might. Implementation of the latter purpose would mean that the activities of the Jr. JACL would be broader than the current ones of the JACL.

2—Relatedly, the Jr. JACL might well see itself first as a youth group and only secondarily as a Japanese youth group. That is, its purpose and programs might better be viewed with respect to its youthfulness than with respect to its Japaneseness. For instance, the question of identity may be more related to the quest of today's youth than to the hyphen in Japanese-American.

3—The Jr. JACL should seriously evaluate the JACL purpose, program, and future and seek to influence these. One means would be to seek status within the JACL organization. For instance, the Jr. JACL president might be a voting member of the national board; NYC chairmen might have similar status on the district councils; and likewise for local presidents on local boards.

4—Most important function for the national Jr. JACL seems to me to be research and disseminating ideas. The youth handbook, program guides, and newsletter are much needed attempts to spread good ideas to the local chapters and interested parties. The local units are the real core of the Jr. JACL and these should be helped by every possible resource.

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**SCHOOL-TO-SCHOOL Peace Corps Project**, which the National Interim Youth Council adopted as its concern this year, involves gathering \$1,000 from Jr. JACL chapters to provide construction material for a school to be built through Peace Corps efforts overseas. Each chapter is expected to raise \$35 as its share. Seven in the Northern California-Western Nevada District Youth Council have contributed. At left is Dave Hara, NIYC representative, accepting checks from Diane Taniguchi, Sacramento; Shirley Matsumura, San Jose; Irene Takahashi, Contra Costa; Ron Tanaka, Placer County; Roy Omi, San Francisco; Russell Kusama, Stockton; and Ken Kuramoto, Al-Co.

## Forecasts of Japanese life in America theme of 1966 Hi-Co Confab speakers

LOS ANGELES—Three prominent members of the Japanese American community will address the keynote sessions of the 1966 PSWDC Hi-Co Conference April 15-17 at the Lazy W. Ranch in San Juan Capistrano. They are Frank Chuman and Jun Mori, both attorneys, and Joe Grant Masaka of the Japanese History Project.

### Santa Maria JACL

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sei, if there is something valuable and to be appreciated in our Japanese heritage and culture, then the best transmission line of the past to the future is the formation of Jr. JACL chapters.

Joe Grant Masaka, JACL-UCLA history project administrator, was the evening speaker. He described the Isei Survey for which interviews by means of a questionnaire are being made. Random yet systematically selected Iseis are representative samples of the Iseis society. The sociological survey will be extended to the Nisei and Sansei.

Masaka reported that the historical studies are seeking the unique, out-of-the-ordinary stories of Iseis. Masaka believed that "... the Iseis ethnic teachings, properly employed in the upbringing of Sansei, may well be one of our most useful natural resources."

### Strobel

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themselves came during the war years. For some it came by hard labor in areas removed from the coasts. For others it came on the battlefields where Nisei troops wrote new chapters of valor for the annals of the American Army.

But for many, the proving came after the war. "We didn't scream for acceptance. We didn't picket. We may have been angry, but we kept it inside and just worked harder."

And while he would deny it, Frank Nakasako, a Newark High School teacher, was one who helped to prove his race.

## Further Changes

When he was in teachers college, he expressed an interest in a secondary credential and was told to forget it, that no Nisei would be hired as a high school teacher. That was 10 years ago. Today the Nisei high school teacher has ceased to be a novelty.

There have been other changes. The Nisei and his family are welcomed into neighborhoods that barred their parents. And Japanese names appear on political action groups and service club rosters.

And the Japanese American Citizens League, which work-

ed for years to get its members to take part in community affairs, is developing programs to renew their interest in the ancient culture of Japan.

Some members express the fear that within a couple of generations all of the cultural ties may be lost. There has been a revival of the Japanese schools and members of the League assist in promoting classes in floral arrangement and traditional dances.

"Unfortunately more Caucasians seem to be on a Japanese culture kick than our own kids," one Nisei reported. Recently a Buddhist Church in southern Alameda County presented a blossom festival that brought out the traditional costumes and the attendance was 80 percent Caucasian.

The Citizens League and its members are also disturbed by the fact that Japanese names are beginning to appear on police blotters and in divorce actions.

Part of the Price  
But this, like third and fourth generations who speak no Japanese and prefer pizza to tempura are part of the price of participation. And not all the Japanese Americans are bothered by it. Mrs. Tahira, whose home and way of life could be cited as an example of the best that can come from a blend of East and West and the old and the new, expressed as well as anyone in her generation.

"I think, perhaps, that you might consider us like a little delicacy on a plate of meat and potatoes."

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## Youth Delegate Luncheon

The San Diego Jr. JACL National Convention Board had one of its longest and, I feel, most worthwhile meetings last Sunday. There were long, constructive (even if somewhat fiery), discussions throughout.

Carrying the burden of hosting the junior portion of the national convention is a tremendous challenge to undertake for any group, especially one comparatively new. We have the same problems as any junior group, but the responsibility of the convention could prove to be the one necessary factor to make unification and organization a reality for us.

As times become more critical, the reins are tightening and no one can be spared. The time devoted to convention planning also involves thrashing out organizational problems within our own chapter. Although there are often crossed signals and some of us get a trouncing, I feel we will ultimately benefit. A lot of work is getting done and progress, if somewhat painful, is definite.

## Delegate Luncheon

One of the projects shaping up nicely is the Youth Delegate Luncheon. Under the chairmanship of Gloria Kobayashi, a junior at Hilltop, already has nine hostesses selected. They are Elizabeth Koba, Carolyn Takeuchi, Shirley Date, Karen Matsumoto, Vicki Takashima, Kay Matsumoto, Darlene Fujino, and Gloria and Bonnie.

Perhaps Gloria learned some of her organization and discipline as a member of Hilltop's Lancerette drill team. The committee reports that braised short ribs of beef will be served. The food will be served in and by El Cortez Hotel. Both youth delegates and adults will attend this luncheon. The Youth Delegate Luncheon is included in the Package Deal or \$3.50 general admission.

The luncheon on Tuesday will be the first opportunity for everyone to assemble in one group and get acquainted. For this reason, hostesses will mix delegates from different chapters seating them at various tables. Dress for the occasion will be sporty (shirts & sweaters).

**Chapter Call Board**  
**Delano JACL**

**Community Picnic:** Delano JACL's community picnic this Sunday at Woody Ranch will be chaired by Paul Kawasaki, assisted by:

Mariko Kono, purchase & program; Mrs. Sadao Yonaki, tickets; Dr. James Nagatani, emcee; Ed Nagatani, Mas Takaki, sanitation; Lily Misono, games; Joe Katano, locale; Sam Azuma, Mrs. Sam Okasaki, fin.

If it rains, the alternate date is April 17.

**Heart Fund**  
**DELANO—Seven Delano JACLers**, led by chapter president Sab Okino, participated as solicitors of the recent Heart Fund drive here. They were:

Mariko Kono, Sadie Yonaki, Sue Okasaki, Diana Kawasaki, Jane Nagatani, Karen Azuma, and Mrs. Sab Okino.

**Chanel officers**  
LOS ANGELES — Parents were proud witnesses at a candlelight installation ceremony of the 1966 Chanel officers recently at Imperial Gardens. Diane Watanabe is the new president. The all-girls' club is sponsored by the Westside (SWLA) JACL.

Carol Doichi, outgoing president, was program chairman.

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# A Weekend in Berlin

Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia  
To the reader: I must excuse myself for being absent from this column for so long, but the pressures of studies have not left enough time, the one big chunk of fairly uninterrupted time it takes to sit down and write an article with any continuity of thought (no guarantee itself, either). But now that vacation is here, I will again be able to resume this series of articles on these travels through Europe. This article takes off after the two-week trip we made before the start of classes, on which we hit Hamburg, Munich and Frankfurt in Germany and Zurich and Basel in Switzerland. Please overlook the obvious time-lag.—KTK.

## Berlin I

After three weeks of classes, we hit the road again on a weekend jaunt, but this time we had our own car. Still the 250-mile trip would not be an easy one. It was only the middle of November, but there had already been snow on the ground for a week. Furthermore we would be travelling through East Germany, risky enough in itself.

We headed north toward Hannover and then east through Braunschweig to the border crossing at Marienborn. We had to fill out a couple of forms, which is only to be expected in international travel, but which also seem to form an integral part of German bureaucracy. Fortunately the guards were at this time very courteous and informal. (After extracting 45 D-Marks—\$11.25—in "administrative fees" from the four of us, I should hope so.)

When our VW was to be inspected, the inspector, poking around with the beam of his flashlight, merely asked us if we were smuggling anything—which we politely denied.

Somehow we got into a wrong lane during the crossing of the border zone and inadvertently slipped past a checkpoint. Not wanting to take any chances, we stopped and told a guard of our predicament. He looked at our papers, told us to forget it, and stopped a lane of cars and a lane of trucks to let us into the steam of traffic. Looking back, we saw that the checkpoint was a pretty bad bottleneck which might have taken us a half hour to clear.

## Nearly Missed Sign

For most of the stretch across East German territory only one of the two lanes were usable and the darkness made it even more difficult. At the other end of the transit, we nearly ended up in East Berlin. We thought we were following the signs to the checkpoint at Drewitz.

Suddenly we saw a sign saying "Berlin" pointing to the other fork in the road and stopped dead in our tracks. There, in small print underneath "Berlin," was "Hauptstadt der DDR"—"Capital of the German Democratic Republic (East Germany)." On another sign below that in small letters, almost as an afterthought, it said "West Berlin" to the right.

Well, we call East Germany "die sogenannte DDR"—"the so-called German Democratic Republic." To West Berlin is not a part of the real Berlin. We call Pankow, a district in East Berlin, the East German capital. And we're caught in the middle.

The inspection process at

Drewitz required us to get out of the car and open the hood, while the guard checked under the back seat and stuck a wire rod into the gas tank. Mirrors were located on the ground to the side, set to show anything or anybody underneath the car. In a few minutes we were through and as each set of guards waved us on, we breathed a little easier. Although we had no trouble on the crossing, we felt the passing of the last gate almost as a burst into freedom. To our right was a no-man's land, barbed-wired, mined, and brightly illuminated.

## Midnight Drive

After getting rooms in a pension just off the famous Kurfuerstendamm or "Kudamm" (Bond readers will remember mention of it in "From Russia with Love"), we had a great dinner of Wiener schnitzel, pommes frites (French fries), and beer.

Although it was now nearing midnight, we decided to drive around and see a bit of the city. The Kudamm is lined with the most modern shops of all types, a shopper's paradise. The whole central area of the Charlottenburg district is certainly one of the most modern and beautiful downtown areas of Europe and would rival any American city.

Toward the Air France sign at the end of the Kudamm, you are confronted by one of Berlin's most beautiful sights, the Kaiser-Wilhelm-Gedächtnis-Kirche ("memorial church"), at night especially beautiful, a modern circular chapel that glows with a purple light. Beside it is the bombed-out bell-tower of the old church. The pair is often referred to as "the lipstick case and the powder box."

The inside of the chapel glows with cool, quiet, purplish, contemplation—mood tones. It was the first really modern church I had seen, with a simple, clean-cut interior design and unconventional architectural details that break away from conventional shapes, reflecting an aesthetic harmony with the modern world.

Right around the corner I find what I'm looking for: the Restaurant Tokyo, a great but somewhat expensive-looking place. I made up my mind on the spot that my next dinner was going to be there. I was starving for sashimi!

## Nearing the Wall

On with the story: we weave our way to the 17th of June Street, which commemorates the 1953 revolt of East Berliners. At the end of the street is the famous Brandenburg Gate. At the beginning of the last 200 yds. before the Wall is an open barrier; the little but to the side is dark. We start in slowly. Suddenly a light to the side. Paul D. goes to talk with a man who came out waving a flashlight. A nice bit of news he brings back. Cars are not allowed on the approach at night, he tells us. Although we are still far in the Western Sector, it is possible that the East German Vopos, who have asked that the area be kept clear at night, would open fire. Enough. We skedaddle.

About 15 minutes later we find ourselves along the Wall, a double wall, each topped with barbed-wire. The area is brightly illuminated, giving rise to a third-degree atmosphere. Broken glass glints atop the walls in the hard white light. It's dead quiet. A strange, eerie feeling begins to pervade your soul.

Buildings. The windows are cemented up. To the left, apartment houses, lights, a few people, life. To the right, the cold, gray, lifeless buildings. Not even ghosts. Only the hard white light, the barbed-wire, the glinting broken glass. Perhaps a 100 yards over the Wall are the first signs of life: buildings with lights. Do people really live "over there?"

In the car only silence. Heads turned, eyes fixed, staring—unbelieving. Each brain mulling over the stark reality before it, being soaked in the depressing, oppressive atmosphere. Maybe it's only the wintry night air, but a chill pierces the length of your spinal cord. Shoulders and head shudder involuntarily. Numbness.

Dead end. We drive up to a signpost a 100 yards from the end. No entry. Pause for a moment. Lights behind us. A car pulls up beside us. A policeman steps out, flashlight in hand. It's all over guys. We must be in East Berlin. Light on our faces. Don't go any farther, he says. We could be fired upon.

## A Turn Missed

That's twice! Time to go home, guys. In 20 minutes we're half way across town, have missed a turn, and are lost. We're all tired as heck. Paul R. has driven all the way, maybe some eight hours. A single light to the right, sort of high, coming this way. Something wrong, my mind says. "Paul?" I utter weakly, fighting through the mental fog as it slowly dawns on me what the matter is. "Paul!" screams Rich. "Look out!" Brakes. Lock. Skid. Slide. No sound.

Two objects in time and space progressing toward an intersection with each other in a straight line. Geometry tells us that there can be but one such intersection. That's all that's needed. Another law tells us that two bodies cannot occupy the same space at the same time. The small body decelerates to zero velocity. The larger body continues on. The intersection, but for a milli-second of time, a micron of space, does not take place.

Suddenly there's sound again. As the trolley passes perhaps six inches in front of our bumper, the woman conductor is shaking the bell angrily and shaking her fist. We fall back into our seats, drained and exhausted, physically, mentally, emotionally. Somehow, because somebody up there must be on our side, we make it back to our rooms at the pension.

So ends day the first.

Saturday morning, or noon rather, found us in a crowded kiosk down by the Gedächtnis-Kirche purchasing tickets for the Dec. 4 performance of the ballet "Raymonda." Not that we're true enthusiasts, but we figured that the opportunity to see Rudolf Nureyev and Dame Margot Fonteyn, the world's greatest dancers, was not one to be missed. Not at \$2.88 a seat.

After a few pictures of the church, we headed once more for the Brandenburg Gate. This time parking the car a safe distance away, we walked the last few hundred yards, slipping and sliding on the frozen ground. On the left-hand side of the approach, still in the Western Sector, is the Soviet War Memorial, patrolled by Russian guards. Access is understandably barred. The Wall. Twenty yards in front of it a barrier and in front of a sign saying "Sie verlassen jetzt Westberlin."—"You are now leaving West Berlin." We climb up onto the wooden viewing platforms and peer across the abyss of no-

man's land, take a few pictures. The streets of East Berlin look bare; a few people walking around. Two or three come up to the barrier, look over at us for a moment, turn, and walk away. Two Vopos slowly make their rounds around the Gate, which itself stands in the Soviet Sector, up to the Wall and back.

## No Sashimi

That evening my friends dropped me off at the Europa Center so that I could have my cherished Japanese dinner. Although the restaurant is a nice-looking place, I don't think I would recommend it. First of all I saw only three Japanese employees the whole evening. One was the half-check girl, one was the bartender, and one was a waitress, whom I saw but once. Not that I mind German waitresses, but in a place of that class I would expect Japanese waitresses. But that's not so bad.

To be sure, I had a filling dinner of sukiyaki, abalone, crab, and rice. It had been a long time. But they didn't have sashimi! That to me is a cardinal sin. That's the one big reason I go to a Japanese restaurant. My dreams were shattered.

My eyes did light up when I saw a bottle of real, genuine, honest-to-God Kikkoman shoyu, another item which I dearly missed. The German product is some miserable-tasting, watered-down, any-soy-sauce-in-storm sort of "thing." I meant to buy a bottle of them, but unfortunately I for-

(Continued on Page 6)

## Chapter Call Board

### Downtown L.A. JACL

School Sup't.: Downtown L.A. JACL will hear Dr. J. Crowther, Los Angeles City School superintendent, speak on the school bond issue at the regular luncheon meeting at the Elgiku Restaurant, Friday, Apr. 15, 12 n.

### Hollywood JACL

Flower Viewing: Rather than motorcading to the open spaces to see the wild flowers now in bloom, Hollywood JACLers will trek to the L.A. County Museum of Natural History at Exposition Park this Sunday from 2 p.m. where the annual exhibit of

## Deaths

LOS ANGELES  
Fukutaki, Ayako, 68; Pasadena, Mar. 16—William, Kobo, Robert, Edgar, Frederick, Albert, Edward, Charles, d. Kimiko, Elizabeth, Helen Kawagoe, Margaret Koyama, Mary Ann Ryono, Masuda, Elchi, 80; El Monte, Mar. 11—w. Toshiko, s. Shoji, d. Hideo Ogawa, Keiko Ohtsuka, Sakurai, Nobu L., 81; Mar. 12—w. Fanny, Yoshida, Fujiye, 67; Santa Fe Springs, Mar. 15—h. Tamotsu, s. Shoji, Hiroshi, d. Toshiko Masumoto, Yutaka Tanikawa, Fumiko Uyeda, 12 cc.  
SAN FRANCISCO  
Kaida, Kenneth, 54; San Jose, Mar. 14—p. Mr. and Mrs. M. Kubota; gp. Matsuro Kaida, tsuo, hr. Nobuo, sis. Mrs. Setsuo Suet, Miyamoto, Shuji, 74; Mar. 9—w. Kimiyo, Rokuta, 11—s. Katsuyuki Ikeda, d. Mrs. Riechi Yoshida.  
SACRAMENTO  
Okamoto, Naohiko, 79; Stockton, Mar. 12—w. Sachiko, s. Ben, d. Chizuko Iwanaga, Mary Umolol, Ota, Kiyono, 68; French Camp, Mar. 10—w. Noboru, Jiro Kambaray, d. Mmes. Joe Nakaniishi, Shigeru Ota, Nobutaka Matsumura, Hiro Terahawa.  
FRESNO  
Funahashi, Kame, 70; Hanford, Mar. 11—h. Ichitaro, s. Isao, d. Mrs. Tetsuo Inaba, hr. Benno-suke Tsutsumi, Kumakichi Tsutsumi, Jinmatu Tsutsumi, Akino-suke Tsutsumi, sis. Yachio Tsutsumi.

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The California Wild Flowers—some 100 varieties—has been scheduled.



## Kuroiwa —

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got. When my friends came to pick me up, I introduced them to sake, over which they commiserated with me and my sashimi problem. It sure warms you up. A great drink for a snowy winter evening. Feeling so nice and warm, we skated for a couple hours on an adjacent outdoor rink.

Now thoroughly exhausted, we went to catch the late showing of "The Sandpiper." Let me tell you, it's quite a trying experience after having seen several movies with the voice of Richard Burton (and Peter O'Toole) dubbed in German. Anyway the beautiful Big Sur country was sure a welcome sight. The beach, the ocean, the sun—and us in a cold wintry Berlin! California boy, what are you doing here?

### Without Skid Chains

Sunday morning greeted us with a foot of fresh snow and the poor little red VW was up past its hubcaps in the stuff, and with a foot of it on top of it, the bug looked like a joke. We also got the news that cars were not be-

ing allowed on the Autobahn without chains. It looked like we were going to have to call our professor-adviser and tell him we wouldn't be able to make it for our Monday classes. Joy in the morning! Now where do you go about getting chains on a Sunday morning when all the stores are closed and the gas stations either don't have them or are sold out? We finally decided to chance it anyway, without chains. We had to get out and push the car a few times (thank God, the VW is a small car!), but we succeeded in reaching the Autobahn. The bug is tough.

Being foreigners, we made it through the East German checkpoints in fairly short order. What the Germans have to go through is more rigorous, bureaucratic, and time-consuming.

Once back on the West German Autobahn, the roads were much better, but the weather was still terrible. At times it seemed that the steering wheel was in position for a right turn, but it was all we could do to keep going forward. When the wind would let up, the little car would swerve across the road. Add to that the darkness.

How four nuts like us ever survive any trip is beyond me, but we always manage to see another day.

## CALENDAR OF JACL EVENTS —

- April 1-3  
Seattle-JACL bowling tournament, Imperial Lane.
- April 2 (Saturday)  
Milwaukee—1000 Club w/h n g dng. Dr. Wilbur Nakamoto res. 8 p.m.
- Orange County—Justice Stephen Tamura testimonial dinner, Wilbur Clark's Crest Hotel, Anaheim, 7 p.m.
- San Jose—Dance class, Sunimoto Bank Hospitality Rm., 7:30 p.m.
- San Jose—Jr. JACL car rally, Municipal Stadium, 11 a.m.
- April 3 (Sunday)  
Pasadena—Buddhist Church / bazaar booth.
- Delano—Community picnic, Woody Ranch.
- Hollywood—Wild Flower Exhibit, L.A. County Museum, 2 p.m.
- Long Beach—Egg hunt, Silverado Park, 1:30 p.m.
- Monterey Peninsula—Spring potluck dinner, 6 p.m.
- San Francisco—Radio 1010 Tokyo amateur song contest, Scottish Rite Auditorium, 6 p.m.
- Stockton—Jr. ACL car wash, Buddhist Church, 12-5 p.m.
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- Wentworth—International Hotel, 6211 W. Century, 2 p.m.
- April 4 (Monday)  
Seattle—Human Relations Comm Mtg. JSCC, 8 p.m.
- Watsonville—Cancer drive, 8 p.m.
- Seattle—Dance club, Fukuma res. 8 p.m.
- April 5 (Friday)  
Chicago—Jr. JACL egg coloring. East Los Angeles—Egg coloring. Puallup Valley—Issei Appreciation dinner, Antone's Restaurant, Summer, 6:30 p.m. Consul General Nara, spkr.
- Seattle—Allen Land Law Mtg. JACL Office, 8 p.m.
- April 6 (Saturday)  
Chicago—Egg hunt, Montrose Park, 1 p.m.
- Orange County—Egg hunt, Irvine Park, 1 p.m.
- April 10 (Easter Sunday)  
East Los Angeles—Egg hunt, Belvedere Park, 2 p.m.
- Gardena Valley—Egg hunt, Freeman Park, 1 p.m.
- Sequoia—Egg hunt, Mitchell Park, 1 p.m.
- April 12 (Tuesday)  
Seattle—Scholarship Comm Mtg. JACL Office, 8 p.m.
- April 14 (Thursday)  
East Los Angeles—Egg Mtg. JACL Office, 8 p.m.
- April 15 (Friday)  
Watsonville—Japanese movie benefit, Buddhist Church.
- April 15 (Friday)  
Downtown L.A.—Luncheon meeting, Eglu, 12 n.; Dr. J. Crowther, L.A. City School supt., spkr.
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## NEWS CAPSULES

### Press Row

Atty. Thomas Masuda was elected chairman of the Chicago Shimpō board of directors, succeeding Kohachiro Sugimoto, now president of the only Japanese vernacular in the Midwest... Denver Post's Gallery of Fame cited 15-year-old Howard Tsuchiya, West High sophomore who won the Denver Jr. Chamber citizenship trophy. He is the son of Mrs. Fumiye Tsuchiya.

Fourth-graders in California schools are making Japan and the Japanese people their special study. PC advertising manager Charles Kamayatsu has been leading tours through L'il Tokio... Young students visiting the San Francisco Hokubei Mainichi received as a memento of their tour of the newspaper plant the Japanese type for "tomo" (friendship)... Family Circle magazine for the coming Christmas will include a Japanese room with a New Year motif. It was actually taken last Christmas at Donaldson's Dept. Store in Minneapolis and presented by the Twin Cities Buddhist Assn. George Ono and Chester Fujino were exhibit chairmen... Newsweek's special on Teen-agers (Mar. 21) concludes with Kaiten Miyake's poem appearing in the Chicago Sun High 1965 yearbook.

Oh how I want to be a Bob Dylan, a Pete Seeger, a Peter, Paul and Mary, an Illya Kuryakin, a Peter O'Toole, a Seymour Glass, a City seeder, a rate builder, a lemon flower, an umbrella mender, a roof beam raiser, a ball in the valley, a free, whole human.

I think I'll go to a bananafish. It's a hard rains a-gonna fall.

L'il Tokio's redevelopment plans are part of profiles of Japan featured in the new slick quarterly publication, International Press Bulletin, Nick Kovach. On sale for \$1 at Fuji Rexall Drug... San Jose Jr. JACL's newsletter is named "Nameless" (not quite an original title), but Twin Cities JACL's newsletter has a tongue twister, "Taintwinc", as a title with cryptic overtones.

### Flowers-Garden

A Japanese teahouse has been completed at Descanso Gardens, once the estate of publisher Manchester Boddy at La Canada. Scheduled for a June dedication, Sakae Fukawa, landscape architect who designed the roof gardens at Occidental Life Bldg. and Seibu Restaurant, is developing a garden around the teahouse... Takehara Landscaping Service, Sacramento, is expected in Hollywood to confer on a film of his life story. Named "Of Bombs and the Bible", it will star Gregory Peck and Toshiro Mifune. Fuchida, now 64, is lecturing in Canada.

Miyoshi Umeki and James Shiget star in the summer production of Flower Drum Song at Honolulu with Yuki Shimoda doubling as director and playing the role of Wang Chi Yang, the father... Whittier Civic Light Opera (OX 3-0058) has called for help to fill featured and dancing roles for the same play to be staged in June. Auditions are slated tomorrow... A Japanese version of "Snow White" presented by Caucasian students of Eagle Rock High (L.A.) at USC recently was a repeat victory for the class coached by Mitsuko Rosa Yamada, a Tijuana-born Nisei chemistry teacher who also has two classes in Japanese. They won the Japanese consul general's trophy for usage, fluency and accuracy of the language in the play and overall student participation. Gardena, Dorsey and Monroe high schools, where Japanese is taught, also competed... Ex-Gardena High student-body president Roger Minami, 19, appears in the ABC-TV song & dance program: Where the Action Is. The Hawaiian-born dancer teaches jazz classes at the American School Dance and is one of the eight regulars on the TV show... The futuristic robot in CBS-TV's Lost in Space was designed by art director Robert Kinoshita and prop man Bob Stewart at an estimated cost of \$36,000. It weighs 275 lbs., and stands 6 ft. 4.

Bunraku, coming to L.A. soon, drew receptive and enthusiastic acclaim upon its New York opening. Commented Richard Nixon, former U.S. vice-president: "It takes a little time, maybe 10 minutes, to get the feel of Bunraku, but after that we can really appreciate it... This is an unusual art which cannot be compared to anything."

### Medicine

The Canadian Cancer Society, studying the high incidence of stomach cancer among Japanese Canadians, says the answer may be due to the diet: more fish and rice and less beef, potatoes, bread and milk preferred by the non-Japanese. Extensive studies are being conducted by Dr. W.C. Macdonald of Vancouver, B.C., who is also contributing to a British check on why the rate of breast cancer is low in Japanese women... Dr. Agnes Niyekawa, psychologist at the Univ. of Hawaii, has a \$74,000 U.S. Office of Education grant to investigate how certain grammatical construction in the Japanese language may influence the way Japanese interpret personal relationships among individuals.

Subject of fluoridation before legislators evokes strong emotions among the citizenry, yet a question has been raised when those fighting fluoridation were strong backers of Medicare in the State of Hawaii recently. There were some 150 members of the Hokukai, a senior citizens of Japanese ancestry group, jamming a committee hearing room in protest of fluoridation. Lead-off witness was Dr. Ray Tachibana, president-elect of the Hawaii Dental Assn., who considered 7 of one part of fluoride to each million parts of water was enough to prevent children's tooth decay since minuscule amounts of fluoride are already provided by nature in Hawaii's water. Military water supplies on Oahu are already fluoridated, he said.

Hawaii physician Dr. Lyle Phillips testified government fluoridation was the "equivalent of medical malpractice".



MAYOR YORTY is on hand to greet "Mayor for the Day" Lani Higa, 17, of Verdugo Hills High School, when she visited City Hall at the recent Girl's Day in Government. A resident of Tujunga, Miss Higa is current student body vice president, is a senior and an honor student. Girl's Day in Government is presented in conjunction with Girl's Week sponsored by the Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc., and the Los Angeles City School District.

bright scholar and is currently a Boeing Aircraft art director.

Exhibition prints and original negatives of photographs of the Manzanar WRA Center by noted photographer Ansel Adams were donated to the Library of Congress. The collection had been exhibited in the Museum of Modern Art and published by U.S. Camera in 1944 under the title: Born Free and Equal. Until Adams attempted a pictorial survey revealing the character of the evacuees, only the grimmer aspects of relocation camp life has been photographed.

### Music

For the first time in New York, a Korean soprano Shin Sook Park sang the title role in Puccini's Madama Butterfly in a Lyric Arts Opera production last Sunday... New York Times called Alan Hovhaness' Fantasy in Japanese Woodprints, which featured xylophonist Yoichi Hiraoka in concert with the N.Y. Philharmonic, "an effective amalgam of Japanese and Western musical elements" while the Herald Tribune said it was "a big, buzzing piece or pseudo-Orientalism".

### Entertainment

The 2nd annual Larry Tajiri Memorial Foundation banquet to honor 1966 winners of bronze statues (designed by his brother Shinkichi) for contribution in theater and dramatic arts in the Rocky Mountain area will be held Sept. 19... Film producers of the James Michener's novel, Hawaii, have no plans to world premiere the production in Honolulu. So Sen. Dan Inouye has written the author to enlist his aid in adding the Hawaii capital to a list of about 10 cities for first showing later this year... Capt. Mitsuo Fuchida, who led the Japanese naval air attack on Pearl Harbor and now a Christian evangelist, is expected in Hollywood to confer on a film of his life story. Named "Of Bombs and the Bible", it will star Gregory Peck and Toshiro Mifune. Fuchida, now 64, is lecturing in Canada.

### Sports

Westside JACL president Jim Kozen and the So. Calif. Nisei Bowling Assn. met Mar. 21 at Holiday Bowl to layout plans for the 1967 JACL Nationals there. Chairman Easy Fujimoto says there'll be no exception to the rule that bowlers present their membership cards at the tournament... San Francisco JACL managed to stay ahead of San Jose JACL and Dave Sugishita's scoring spree of 25 points to win the 9th annual Berkeley JACL basketball tournament Mar. 18-20. The champions defeated Berkeley 57-41 in the initial round, Contra Costa 51-47 in the semis and San Jose 64-60. Stockton JACL up-ended Berkeley 56-53 for consolation honors. Tournament all-star selections: Dave Sugishita (SJ), Kenny Yano (SF), Ron Iwamasa (SF), Wally Kobayashi (SJ) and Robert Toriyama (CC)... Sacramento JACL Counts won the No. Calif. NAU A-Plus cage title on a 12-0 season triumph... Sacramento Community Church basketball league

closed its season with its annual champions vs. all-star games Mar. 19. Except for the Aye champ Buddhist quintet, league winning Florin Methodist (B), Florin Buddhist (C) and Pioneer Methodist Majestics (girls) turned back the all-star opponents. Season all-stars:

Class A—Russell Ogata (Parkview Presbyterian), Jerry Sano (Pioneer Methodist), Loren Takai (Sac'to Buddhist), Calvin Okimura (Florin Buddhist), Don Iwata (Royal Dukes); Class B—Don Kurosaka (Baptist), Ron Sano (Parkview), David Gai (Pioneer), Larry Marubashi, Wayne Ouchida (Florin Methodist); Class C—Mike Okimura, Dennis Kikutani (Florin Buddhist), Gary Okamoto (Parkview), Terry Kurosaka and Edmund Hosoda (Baptist); Girls—Betty Sano, Colleen Matsubara (Pioneer), Ginger Wong, Denise Amamiya (Sac'to Buddhist), Shirley Okimura, Diane Kuroda (Florin Buddhist).

Yamaha made racing history by repeating its record of 8 out of 10 first positions at the 100-mile American Motorcycle Assn. championships last month at Daytona Beach for machines in the 250-cc. class. Dick Mann of Crockett, Calif., and Robert Winters of Ft. Smith, Ark., both checked in 8 out of 10 first positions on their Yamaha.

USC baseball coach Rod Dedeaux is back from Tokyo, where he held conferences to stage an international amateur baseball tournament this summer in Honolulu. College and non-pro teams from U.S., Japan, Korea, China and the Philippines are being invited... Because he can pitch either left or right handed, Shozo Yoshinari is working out more than usual in Arizona with the Fresno team, a San Francisco Giant farm club. Hide Koga, 24, from Osaka is another pitcher in the Giant chain, assigned to Phoenix... Tommy Kono, instructing the Mexican weight lifters for the Olympics, has the story of his life in a new comic book—all written in Spanish... Frank Hatahita, 6th dan and Olympic judo coach for Canada, was re-elected president of the Canadian Kodokan Assn.... Hayward Nishioka, U.S. judo champion at Sac'to State, was in Costa Rica demonstrating at the Central American judo championships last week.

### Sister Cities

Delano and Arida, Japan, have affiliated as sister cities. It is Delano's second—the first being Asti, Italy... Berkeley formalized its sister city ties with Sakai, Japan, that began with a student from Sakai visiting Berkeley last October... Visalia and Miki (Hyogo Ken) are eyeing similar ties in the wake of a student from Miki who had studied at Sequoia College in Visalia... Oakland's sister city, Fukuoka, is sending its Nishitetsu Lions to meet an all-star baseball team from the California League next spring to dedicate the new Oakland Coliseum diamond. The park is slated for a February, 1967, completion date and will seat 55,000.

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### Big Island school official promoted

HONOLULU — Ralph H. Kiyosaki, superintendent of the Big Island School District, has been named Hawaii's assistant superintendent of education for curriculum, instruction and guidance.

Visiting Nisei beauty queens from Los Angeles, headed by Queen Carol Ann Kunitzugu, appeared on a two-hour radio program Sunday night, March 20, over KZOO and did themselves proud. Appearing with Queen Carol Ann were Barbara Ishii, Betty Ann Kishi and June Shioji... They were interviewed with Cherry Blossom Queen Sandra Shimokawa, Patricia Sato and Sharon Haraguchi in both English and in Japanese.

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### FEPC dismisses job discrimination plea

SAN FRANCISCO—Evidence presented to the state FEPC in public hearing at San Jose Feb. 14 accusing the Contadina Co. of discriminating against a worker because of his Mexican ancestry was ruled insufficient to sustain the charge.

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