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PERSPECTIVES

- Jerry Enomoto, Nat'l President
- JAPAN AIR LINES: Last Friday evening I was privileged to serve as one of the five judges, whose unenviable task it was to select the four recipients of the JACL-Japan Air Lines Summer Fellowship. A judge's lot in any competition is tough but, aside from the proverbial "wish everybody could have won" bit, this was a very pleasant experience.

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SAN FRANCISCO — JACL chapters in California are being made cognizant of certain human relations measures before the State Legislature this week, according to JACL Assistant Director Yoshio Hotta of National Headquarters.

Under the state constitution as amended by the voters last year, the legislature meets in regular session annually rather than general one year and budget the following year. The first 100 days are reserved for introducing bills and referring to committees.

The California legislature is currently holding public hearings and committee sessions preparatory to action by the Assembly or the Senate.

Housing Issue

National JACL President Jerry Enomoto has already called attention to SB 9, a bill to repeal the Rumford Fair Housing Act, already passed by the State Senate 25-15 and referred to the Assembly. Hotta said a number of other bills pertaining to fair housing have been introduced, some are package and some deal with specific portions of the problem.

The Equal Housing Opportunities Act (AB 2559—SB 1288), which incorporates the report made by the Governor's Commission on Fair Housing, has been filed to bring the report before the legislature. The report is the end result of the 14-member blue ribbon commission appointed by Gov. Brown and directed by Gov. Reagan to complete its work.

Essentials of the Equal Housing Opportunities Act provide:

- 1—A nine-member commission on equal housing opportunities.
- 2—A Dept. of Equal Housing Opportunities.
- 3—Jurisdiction over all housing except: (a) rental of not more than 4 rooms in a private dwelling, (b) rental and sale of owner-occupied single family dwellings not financed with government aid, (c) rental of apartments in 2, 3, and 4 family units where the owner occupies one unit whether or not governmentally aided, (d) non-profit housing operated by religious, fraternal or charitable organizations, (e) and transactions of financial institutions which relate to the above type of housing.

JAL summer fellowship recipients picked by JACL

SAN FRANCISCO—Winners of the first JACL-Japan Air Lines summer fellowship were announced today by National Director Masao Satow. The fellowship consists of a trip via Japan Air Lines and summer seminar in Asiatic studies at Sophia University, Tokyo, from July 6-Aug. 14, 1967.

At the same time, Japan Air Lines has announced the fellowship program would be continued in 1968.

Recipients are Edward Y. Nakamura of Los Angeles, Shirley Matsumura of San Jose, Kenyon H. Nakamura of Elmer, N.J., and Mary S. Soubasa of Chicago.

Kakita is a practicing attorney, legal counsel to the Progressive Westside JACL Chapter, associate member of the California Republican Central Committee, and member, Los Angeles-Nagoya sister city committee.

Miss Matsumura is a student at San Jose State College, majoring in education. She is chairman of the Northern California-Western Nevada District Youth Council, JACL, and active in the Young Buddhist League.

Nakamura is a student at American University, Washington, D.C., majoring in International Relations, specializing in Far Eastern Areas. He is a member of the Sea-brook JACL Chapter; on the governing board of the Eastern Young Buddhist League; floor chairman of the American University Young Republican's Club; and an Eagle Scout.

Mrs. Harry Soubasa is teaching at the Francis Parker School, Chicago, and is a board member of the Chicago JACL. She has been active in YWCA work in Colorado and Illinois, member of Childhood Education Association; and is interested in string instruments and the Japanese theater.

Judges for the fellowships were: Shigeo Kameda, vice president, The Americas, Japan Air Lines; Jerry Enomoto, National President, JACL; Dr. Wilson Riles, Director of Compensatory Education, California State Board of Education; James Stewart, Director of Research, Asia Foundation, San Francisco; and Akiji Yoshimura, National Public Relations Chairman, JACL.

The National Director's Report

By Masao Satow

Certainly, these fellowships are concrete examples of translating the often nebulous "cultural heritage" concept into program reality. JACL has had many friends and supporters in the business sector, but JAL has been a unique and leading supporter and contributor, in many ways. It is possible that JAL may continue this program annually.

JACL salutes them for the community consciousness and vision evident in this gesture. As National President I offer our congratulations and best wishes to the successful competitors.

YOUTH CONFAB

National Youth Commissioner Kay Nakagiri, and Youth Director Alan were up north recently for a meeting with the San Jose Jr. JACL, hosts for 1968's National Convention, and Dr. Tom Taketa, Convention Chairman. While they were here an afternoon was also spent discussing a variety of youth program matters. National Treasurer Yone Satoda, Assistant National Director Yosh Hotta, National Jr. JACL Council Chairman Russ Obama and Associate Youth Commissioner Mike Suzuki joined me, in both listening and offering suggestions.

Both from personal experience and reality awareness, I know that this is an extremely difficult program to guide. One of the things that I heard was that we are getting some static from adults who resist (or reject) attempts by youth to have "serious" discussion, speeches, etc. on "hot" topics, say Vietnam, birth control, etc.

Constructive and meaningful programming has been, and will be, a constant struggle in Jr. JACL. JACL's basic tenet in encouraging Jr. JACL is that the program offers the development of sensitivity toward good citizenship. Awareness of the issues of the day and a concern for their destiny, marks today's young people. Pretending that hot issues don't exist does not produce better citizens.

It will be a sad commentary upon our role as JACL leaders if we do not feel comfortable enough about our security, and confidence enough in our youth, to encourage this kind of program interest.

Incidentally, encouragement does not substitute for ongoing interest, help when solicited, awareness of what the youth are doing, etc. The typical adult concern that encouragement doesn't turn into license to break the law, flaunt authority, reject decency, etc. has something to do with the adults' frame of reference too.

PROGRESSIVE WESTSIDE

It was our pleasure to join members of the Progressive Westside Chapter at their Installation Banquet, ably emceed by Bill Chin, Chinese American born in Detroit and also Westside Optimist Club president.

This Chapter is an outgrowth of the Southwest Los Angeles Chapter, but to all intents and purposes is an entirely new Chapter whose distinction is that its active members are all young adults. Members of this Chapter served as charming hostesses at our recent National Bowling Tournament Mixer social.

SPUD COUNTRY

The Boise Valley Chapter, which has shown a surge in membership this year, hosted the April IDC meeting. Ex-presidents Tak Koyama and Jonji Yamamoto had an Idaho Statesman photographer on hand to record our arrival at the Boise airport before whisking us to Caldwell. The paper also carried a full account of our report at the joint Junior and adult evening banquet.

JACL-JAL FELLOWSHIPS

All our District Governors did a splendid job in cooperating to see that the deadline for the JACL-Japan Air Lines Fellowships was met in their districts.

Members are urged to think about this, should you be contemplating a Japan visit.

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Reverse Income Tax

A far reaching concept in social welfare under discussion in the United States at the present time is the "reverse income tax" proposal.

In reverse income tax, every individual would be guaranteed an annual income. In short, Hotta explained, income taxes would be paid by those who qualified for such payment and those who did not meet this requirement would be given money to come up to minimum standards of living.

Principal idea is to eliminate the multitudinous forms of welfare payments.

Economists are principal proponents of this concept, which states in essence that it is good business practice to cut the great administrative costs of many social welfare programs whereby very little financial aid filters down to the needy, and the greater portions of sums set aside by

Deadline nearing for scholarships

LOS ANGELES—The So. Calif. JACL Regional Office is gearing for a record number of chapters nominations in the National JACL scholarship program.

With a May 15 deadline when nominations are due in the hands of the National Youth Director Alan Kumamoto, he said several chapters have already submitted nominations.

Twelve undergraduate scholarships will be judged by a committee in Omaha and the graduate scholarship in Chicago.

Many 'First Times' Encountered

BY BRIAN MORISHITA

Idaho Falls

During my recent itinerary to the 19th Annual National Civil Liberties Clearing House Conference, March 21-22, at the Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C., I encountered many "first time" experiences; namely, traveling to the East, attending a civil rights conference, and having the opportunity to associate and discuss with Negroes.

Since I have been a native Idahoan for the past 18 years, I have never had any purpose in traveling to the East until the time of this conference. I should note that the East was quite impressive and I do plan to return someday for another visit.

Attending the Clearing House Conference coincided with some of the studies in my American Government Class. Also, I was able to collect much literature which could be used as references for term papers and pertinent to the civil rights movement.

CLCH Purposes

Many people have asked me what the purposes and objectives of the National Civil Liberties Clearing House are. The Clearing House is a voluntary association of national organizations for the promotion of knowledge, the development of understanding and the dissemination of factual information in the fields of civil liberties, civil rights, intellectual freedom and human rights. It is in no sense an action organization, and is prohibited by its constitution from

Opening Session

Jack Conway, executive director of the Industrial Union Department of the AFL-CIO said:

If we accept the figure of \$3,000 annual income as the poverty line, there are about 34 million people who live in poverty, aliens in their own land, faced with a growing sense of rejection, helplessness and increasing frustrations.

Nonwhite families have a much sharper line of poverty than do white families. Forty-three per cent of nonwhite households are living in poverty. What they, and the 17 per cent of white households are living in poverty, need are jobs, adequate income, more response, and more comprehensive human services within their communities and a proportional share of democratic power.

Conway affirmed that "full employment at decent wages would make a dent into poverty ranks. A decent minimum wage would lift about one out of three families living in poverty into something approaching a humane and decent standard. Full employment would also enable another million heads of poor



YOUNG ADULT CHAPTER — Progressive Westside JACL, successors to Southwest L.A., installs 1967-68 officers. They are (from left): seated—Dr. Roger Kame, pres.; Frieda Inouye, Darlene Hiroto, Jerry Higashi; standing—Ed Kakita, Roy Komori, Roy Fujino and George Yoda. Missing is Dr. Franklin Minami.

—Jim Yamaguchi Photo.

Mansfield questions Evacuation

WASHINGTON — Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield (D-Mont.) voiced hope last week that the Supreme Court would rule on the legality of the evacuation of Japanese Americans, while applauding the Supreme Court decision of April 10 ruling in favor of yen claimants.

In a speech on the Senate floor April 25, Mansfield recalled he was a teacher at the Univ. of Montana in 1942 when several thousand Japanese Americans were interned at Ft. Missoula.

As a teacher, he said, "I was one of those who sat as a judge to determine what should be done about these fellow countrymen of ours.

"I am happy to say that in Montana they were treated with dignity, respect and consideration.

\$100,000 granted Univ. of Hawaii for Korean studies

HONOLULU—The Ford Foundation has granted the Univ. of Hawaii \$100,000 for implementing and continuing existing studies related to Korea by the UH Social Science Research Institute.

"We hope to use this 'seed' money to make the University one of the leading centers for Korean studies in the United States," UH President Thomas H. Hamilton said.

A million and a half Americans have been in Korea since 1945 but less than a dozen native Americans are competent to do research in Korean studies, according to Dr. William P. Lebra, SSRI director. Two of them—Dr. Glenn Paige at Princeton and Dr. Herbert R. Barringer, sociologist now at Seoul National University—will join the UH faculty permanently in the fall.

Up to 14,000 persons of Korean ancestry reside in Hawaii, making it a natural location for Korean studies in the U.S., Lebra added.

Miss Japan chosen IBP

LONG BEACH — Hiroko Sasaki, 23, Miss Japan in the International Beauty Pageant here, was chosen Miss Photogenic by the press corps covering the week-long contest last week.

In the opening parade of some 90 aspirants, the Tokyo-born beauty in kimono was the lead candidate of the gala promenade viewed by some 200,000 spectators.

Nisei Weel. Meeting

LOS ANGELES — Tad Ikeimoto, 1967 Nisei Week Festival general chairman, presided at the first general meeting of the festival board today at noon at the Eijigku.

Iwakuni Mayor in Election Bid Embarrassed by Hawaii Support

(Special to The Pacific Citizen)

HONOLULU — Hawaiian supporters of Kyūichi Doi, incumbent mayor of Iwakuni City, Yamaguchi Prefecture, Japan, expressed regret their endorsement of him has touched off an investigation as a violation of Japan's election law.

The police departments of Yamaguchi and Iwakuni have copies of letters sent air mail, in sealed envelopes, from Hawaii which say, in part, "He (Doi) has contributed towards the goodwill between Iwakuni City and the service personnel of the American military base... I ask cooperation and

