

# PERSPECTIVES

● Jerry Enomoto  
Nat'l President

## MID-BIENNIAL REPORT

I recently sent a "Mid-Biennial Report" to the members of our National Board, which was intended to reflect my thinking about where we stood on some of the more important phases of JACL activity. As officers elected by the members to guide our organization, I believe that we have an obligation to take stock, as often as is practical, to assess our progress (or lack of it).

Except for chapter and district council meetings, which are often attended by too few (and a loyal few at that) there aren't enough avenues for mutual communication between our officers and the "stockholders", as it were. One of the few ways by which I can express my views and reflect, from the President's chair, the State of The JACL, is this column. Despite repeated invitations, very few expressions of member opinions have come to me. Neither has there been much feedback, especially on controversial matters, to the "Letters to the Editor." Please don't "enryo", tell us what you think.

## CONCERN

Appropos the above, I got a long distance call from a JACL officer about our National Legislative Committee Chairman Harold Gordon's, recent column dealing with Vietnam. The concern discussed was much like that in the "Letter to the Editor", appearing in the Oct. 6 PC from a Mr. Marts, obviously a JACL supporter from among our many non-Japanese friends.

In my imperfect judgment, I believe it is healthy that a national issue of concern to all of us, is being aired in the PC. With due respect to those who disagree, I cannot get excited about the fact that Harold's column might suggest that JACL is a "Dove" organization. We have tried to make it abundantly clear that, except for national staff, the things written reflect only the writer's opinions. If some who read the PC interpret Harold's views as the JACL's, this has to be their problem, not ours.

In my opinion, I don't consider the Vietnam issue a proper one for an official JACL stand, no more than I felt that the Capital punishment issue was. Yet, I feel it is quite proper that we use the PC as a "forum" for the exchange of opinions on some of these "hot" topics. Again, let's not stick our heads in the sand like the proverbial ostrich.

## MORE CONCERN

Something else in Mr. Marts' letter sticks in my memory. I too think it is regrettable that the PC appears to some as "pro-Democratic" paper. Regrettable because we can't seem to escape the "reality" that philosophies must have a political label. Although I am a Democrat, I know that many Republicans support "liberal" causes, including "open housing". Personally in my naive, nonpartisan way I prefer to consider myself "pro-people", and leave it to the political winds to determine what that means.

## OPTIMISM

The springing up of a number of Jr. JACL units around the country, gives us cause for optimism about our youth program. More power to all of them.

We recommend the "Head Start" project of the San Jose Jr. JACL to all of them as an example of a sound, constructive program effort. Also the "Tijuana Service Project" of the Pacific Southwest District Youth Council.

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## DEADLINE CHANGED

Until further notice, news and advertising deadlines are advanced to Saturday. The Pacific Citizen will actually be printed on Tuesdays though its date will continue to be on Fridays.—Editor.

## Back-to-School

MONTEREY — The Monterey Jr. JACL held its "back to school" picnic at Bolado Park, Hollister, on Sept. 30. Swimming was among the many events presented.

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## UC Berkeley's Euclid Hall leased to student co-op group

BERKELEY — Negotiations have been completed for the lease of Euclid Hall to the University Students' Cooperative Association on a year-to-year basis, it was announced by Harry Nakahara, chairman of the Board of Trustees of the California Japanese Alumni Association.

The 32-student dormitory built in 1925 as the U.S. Japanese Students Club long served as headquarters and the center of Nisei campus activities until the 1942 Evacuation. During the war years it was leased to the USCA and operated as a women's co-op dormitory.

In 1948 this lease was terminated and the dormitory reopened for occupancy by Nisei men students as Euclid Hall under the management of Tug Tamaru and Stephen Nakashima. During the past several years the occupancy rate has been about 50% because of the drop in demand for this kind of housing and the intensive efforts of the University to eliminate racial discrimination in local housing.

Faced with operating losses and deterioration of the property, the Board of Trustees voted to lease the property again to the USCA with its long history of capable administration and open housing.

More than 1,000 Nisei students have been members of the USCA in its 32 years of existence.

Students with reservations at Euclid Hall for the Fall quarter were given priority

for continued residence at this location or any of the other five men's co-op. Rates will remain about the same but the Japanese-type menu will be changed to the Co-op fare. The lease was drawn up by Attorney Mas Yonemura.

During the coming year Chairman Nakahara indicates that the Board of Trustees will place on its agenda the study of long-term plans for this property and the funds of the California Japanese Alumni Association and will invite the alumni to present their suggestions. Other trustees include:

George Kondo, v.p., Amile Okasaki, sec., Sei Kami, treas., Hirotsugu Inouye, Ryo Mishima, William Nakatani, Hatsu-ro Aizawa and George Yasukochi.

## S.F. schedules Bridge Tourney on Nov. 17

SAN FRANCISCO—Two sections are planned for the Annual Club Championship of the S.F. JACL Bridge Club to be held at 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17, at the Christ Episcopal Church on the corner of Clay and Pierce Streets. There will be a championship as well as a side section for beginners to tournament bridge.

Defending champions, Amy Hattukano and Grace Yagi; 1965 champions, Will Tsukamoto and Akira Watanabe; and 1964 champions, Bernard Hata and Magnus Nagase will be trying for their second win and the right to hold the San Francisco JACL Bridge Club's Perpetual Trophy for another year. Refreshments will be served throughout the evening.

Beginners and occasional players are urged to come and play in the side section.

## Inouye book popular, in 3rd printing

WASHINGTON — A political boost from Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield for Hawaii's Sen. Daniel K. Inouye, Democrat, was reported by Betty Beale in a special feature to The Fresno Bee.

The story said Sen. Mansfield, at a dinner given by Pat Munroe of Prentice-Hall Publishers for the first Japanese American to gain office in Congress, declared he expects Sen. Inouye to rise still higher.

"He wouldn't be surprised if he became Vice President," Mansfield was quoted as saying.

Inouye then told the story of his first invitation to the White House for President and Mrs. Eisenhower's dinner honoring Nikita Khrushchev. He was urged, he said, to rent a limousine and driver as well as white tie and tails. When he drove through the White House gates in a line of VIPs, he heard a sidewalk bystander say, "Why it's the King of Siam."

So, said Inouye to Mansfield, "Thank you for boosting me for Vice President, but I have already tried out for king."

The party was honoring the third printing of the Hawaiian senator's "Journey to Washington," which is the story of the shoeless class valedictorian that rose to become the Hawaiian legislator. The party was planned for the book launching last May, but the senator had to enter the hospital to have a tumor removed from his left lung.

Formerly an inveterate smoker, the report said, Inouye was so relieved when the tumor turned out to be non-malignant that today he is the most avid non-smoker in town.

## Heart Mountain films to be shown Oct. 21

SAN JOSE—Japanese American community organizations will host an Issei pioneer appreciation dinner program Oct. 21 at the Buddhist Church auditorium.

Highlight will be the showing of films taken by Eiichi Sakayue, dinner chairman, in which many local Issei appear. Sakayue's collection of films of Heart Mountain is said to be one of the most comprehensive.

Issei over age 75 will be special guests. Community organizations co-sponsoring the event include the Wesley Methodist Church, JACL, VFW, Nisei Gardeners, Buddhist Church, Konkogyo and the Chidori Band.

## Stockton to host

NC-WNDYC meeting

STOCKTON — The NC-WN District Youth Council will meet at Stockton Inn on Nov. 5. It will not be a concurrent session with the adult district chapters which are meeting in Salinas Nov. 19. Gary Fujino, host junior chapter president, is hoping for a good turnout of adult members at the luncheon.

## AN OUTSTANDING EXHIBIT RECALLS EVACUATION

## Evacuees only had a week to get ready to settle personal affairs before entering Assembly center

By BILL MARUTANI

Chicago

Like some unbelievable nightmare of the past, it struck me and with rising, frustrating anger I read it. As I had walked into the room, the two huge words on the posters stung me with full force: "NOTICE" and "JAPANESE". The letters were in heavy, bold black type about an inch-and-a-half high on white posters two feet high and about a foot-and-a-half wide. From the subsiding past, the ominous contents of these two posters surged forth and in the comparative security and feeling of well-being of the present they evoked a chill difficult of description.

The notices were dated April 24, 1942 and were directed "To All Persons of JAPANESE Ancestry" and ended with "J. L. DeWitt, Lieutenant General, U. S. Army, Commanding."

My anger continuing to rise, in cold silence I continued to read. The orders went on to direct that by May 1, 1942 "all persons of Japanese ancestry" were to assemble at

## 'What Now JACL' theme of IDC biennial confab

SALT LAKE CITY—Over the traditional Thanksgiving weekend, Nov. 24-25 (Friday and Saturday), the Salt Lake JACL will host the 14th biennial Intermountain District Council convention at Ramada Inn.

The district spotlight will be on the civil rights workshop planned for Friday afternoon with William Marutani of Philadelphia, JACLer of the Biennial for his civil rights defense work in the Deep South and the national JACL legal counsel, and Frank F. Chuman of Los Angeles, past national JACL president, and longtime chairman of the L.A. County Commission on Human Relations, as among distinguished members of the panel.

Marutani also will be the recognitions banquet speaker. Chuman will be keynote speaker during the opening ceremonies.

Rupert Hachiya is convention general chairman. To finance the convention, a souvenir booklet being edited by Jeanne Konishi is open for greetings and advertising. Inquiries may be made with Tats Misaka, IDC district governor, of 1886 Severn Dr., Salt Lake City 84117.

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FRIENDSHIP FUND campaign chairman Barbara Endo for Hollywood JACL will preside at luau kickoff this Saturday, Oct. 21, 5 p.m., at the Hollywood American Legion Post 43, 2035 N. Highland Ave. Ex-Islanders under chairmanship of James Kasahara will prepare all food; the Aikane Club will sing and entertain. The Friendship Fund was set up to benefit needy individuals in the Hollywood area, regardless of race or creed. Fund also contributes to community projects. Tickets are obtainable at the door at \$5 adults, \$1.50 for youngsters 6 to 12.

— Roy Hoshizaki Photo.

## WLA JACL plans memorial rites on October 29

LOS ANGELES — The West Los Angeles JACL is sponsoring a Nisei Soldiers Memorial Service in observance of the anniversary of the liberation of the town of Bruyeres, France, and the rescue of the "Lost Battalion" by the units of the 442nd Regimental Combat team. The event on Oct. 29 at 2 p.m. at the Sawtelle Japanese Institute, 2110 Corinth Ave., West Los Angeles, will also pay tribute to Korean War and Vietnam soldiers.

At a hallowed spot in the wooded area of northeastern France near the town of Bruyeres, a memorial park is located where on each Oct. 30th, the mayor of the town places a wreath to honor the Nisei soldiers who died to liberate the town. A flag that once flew over the Capitol in Washington is also flown there on this day.

In 1943, from behind the barbed wire fences of relocation camps and from Hawaii came the Nisei volunteers who fought to become the most decorated units in the history of the United States Army. In winning that honor, many gave their lives. The chapter feels that it is timely to remember and to pay homage to the men who served, suffered, endured and died for their country. Only because they made that supreme sacrifice that we today live in freedom and dignity, the chapter feels.

The memorial address will be given by Lieutenant Colonel Vincent T. Blaz of the United States Marine Corps.

Lt. Col. Blaz, presently assigned as the inspector-instructor of the 2nd Battalion, 23rd Marines at Santa Monica, is a native of the Territory of Guam. He attended the University of Notre Dame where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in 1951. He entered the Marine Corps following graduation becoming the first regular officer of Guamanian descent in the Armed Forces of the United States.

For his service in Vietnam, Lt. Col. Blaz was awarded the U.S. Bronze Star Medal and South Vietnam's Cross of Gallantry, that country's second highest award for bravery.

## Fowler JACL to mark 15th year

FWLER—Fowler JACL, in celebrating its 15th anniversary, will honor Issei pioneers who have contributed to the growth of agriculture in Central California at a dinner Nov. 11 at Bruce Lodge.

Akiji Yoshimura of Colusa, past national JACL vice-president, will be guest speaker. Ken Hirose is dinner chairman; George Teraoka, toastmaster. Others on the dinner committee include:

Dr. George Miyake, program; Tom Kamikawa, entertainment; Thomas Toyama, pub.; Kazuo Iiyama, history of the Japanese Pioneers; Harley Nakamura and Mikio Uchiyama, inv. and guests; Meso Nakamura, fin.; Mrs. William Kobayashi, and Mrs. Mikio Uchiyama, decorations; Mrs. Larry Ashida, corsages and bouquets; Harry M. Honda, printing; Rev. William Kobayashi, keynote speaker.

## Salinas to host NC-WN quarterly

SALINAS — Shirley Matsumura of San Jose, winner of one of four national JACL Japan Air Lines summer fellowships last summer and former chairman of the NC-WNDYC, will be principal speaker at the 4th quarterly session of the NC-WNDYC being hosted by Salinas Valley JACL.

The meeting will be held on Sunday, Nov. 19, at the Hyatt House, 808 N. Main St. (From the freeway, exit at Main St. and go north.) Business sessions under chairmanship of District Gov. Tad Hirota start at 1 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6 p.m.

Besides Miss Matsumura's speech, installation of new district officers will be conducted during the dinner.

Workshops are scheduled from 3:30 p.m. on orientation of new chapter officers led by Dr. Tom Taketa, secretary to the National Board; on membership by Eddie Moriguchi of San Francisco; and on program and activities by Frank Oda and Tad Hirota.

## Vocational Guidance Week set for October

WASHINGTON — Rep. Patsy T. Mink introduced a bill to authorize the President to declare the last week in October of each year as "National Vocational Guidance Week." Mrs. Mink is sponsoring this legislation at the request of the National Vocational Guidance Association. Senator Wayne Morse, Democrat of Oregon, has introduced an identical bill in the Senate.

Mrs. Mink pointed out how science and technology "have made the world of work a highly specialized one, posing considerable problems for so many individuals in choosing vocations" that will allow them to be productive and self-supporting. She paid tribute to the dedication of vocational guidance counselors.

## Public Welfare parley

LOS ANGELES — Some 25 Nisei were attending the western regional conference of the American Public Welfare Assn., which met here Oct. 9-12. Many were from Hawaii.

## WITH THE JACL TOUR:

## 'FREE WEEK' LOOMS TO BE MOST ADVENTUROUS ASPECT

By HARRY HONDA

Enroute to Tokyo

What tempts the National JACL Japan Tour with purpose and plaudits is that "free" week after the scheduled 14-day tour showing off the better face of the Far East between Tokyo and Osaka.

It allows the 100 members comprising the first group which took off from San Francisco last Saturday to explore Japan on their own, even looking under the veneer that surfaces lightly when tourists surge.

It allows them to meet their kith and kin in a most extreme posture — the Japanese "way", recalling those manners and phrases the Issei parents tried to inculcate in their Nisei by rote.

And it allows some to venture into early Christmas shopping for a change. Instead of a pithy "cash or charge" query, it'll be a "san-kyu beri much!" chime from the sales clerk.

This "free" week is well tagged. The adventure in one's soul will be free to roam. Even the most timid or chary will be seen strutting as a happy vacationer midst the cultural wonders, the natural beauties and the compression of human activity in Japan.

## Individual Plans

What are some of the tour members planning to do this "free" week? Those planning to stayover another day in the ancient capital of Japan at Kyoto will probably have to check in another hotel.

A sampling indicates many plan to recuperate for a day in Kyoto from the rigors of the 14-day tour that is so precise that the logistics involving moving 100 people in three groups (each member now has a Bus Number to remember) will be carefully plotted for future JACL tours.

Tour co-leader Mas and Chiz Satow will be among many viewing the Inland Sea by steamer from Osaka to Beppu. The tour guides call this route the most scenic area in the archipelago. A visit to the Hiroshima Peace Memorial is included.

Seiko and Grace Kasai of Salt Lake City, Frank and Rui Taniguchi of Berkeley, Hiro-mu and Betty Akagi of Alameda, Richard and Rene Kondo of El Cerrito, Miyoko Kiritani of San Francisco, Eleanor Rich of Hollywood, Mrs. Evelyn Scardigli of Carmel make up part of the informal tour group taking this leisurely but panoramic cruise.

Dr. Joe and Aki Abe of Pasadena will take the same cruise, but plan to go beyond Beppu to visit relatives in Kumamoto.

School Sessions  
The tour co-leader Pat and Lily Okura have relatives in the Yokohama area to meet. We have relatives near to Kure. We intend to meet for the first time and PC ad man Chas. Kamayatsu is probably the only JACL tourist with relatives in Aomori — northernmost prefecture on Honshu. The George Matsumotos of Stockton will visit his

father in Fuchu near Hiroshima.

Warren and Mary Watanabe of Philadelphia plan to inspect Hiroshima schools in session, the Treasure House and shrine on Itsukushima and the folk art and archeological museums at Kurashiki in Okayama.

Kay and Micki Nakagiri of San Fernando Valley will visit relatives in Okayama and may cross paths with the Warren Watanabes somewhere in Kurashiki. Mrs. Nakagiri plans to inspect schools in the area involved with teaching foreign languages at the grade school level. She works with culturally disadvantaged grade school students in the Valley.

Mary Enomoto of Wilshire-Uptown is another school marm in the group, using her leave of absence to enrich her professional background. She only completed a three week tour of eastern U.S.A. and Expo '67 on Oct. 7.

On the school kick — but not as a teacher — is Mitsuo Sonoda of West Los Angeles who shall be renewing friendships that began when she was a student at Keisen School in Tokyo. Honolulu Judge Masato Doi and his wife will also be in Japan the same time for this reunion of Keisen alumnae on Nov. 3 — Bunka-no-Hi — or Culture Day (prewar it commemorated Emperor Meiji's birthday).

One of the nine Japanese legal holidays, it happens to be the time when alumni of all schools convene their reunions, so Mitsuo will join her school. Didn't mean to ignore her husband "Doc" Kiyoshi, also on this tour, but he's not on a school kick.

Chapter Representations  
West Los Angeles JACL Auxiliary, which Mitsuo has served as chairman, has helped two orphanages in Japan and Mitsuo will represent the Auxiliary in visits of these places.

Tad Hirota of Berkeley is spending a week at Sakai, which is Berkeley's Sister City. The Berkeley mayor and other dignitaries will be in Sakai at the same time in special Sister City programs.

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## Dr. Kitano to address Orange County JACL

ANAHEIM—Dr. Harry Kitano, storm center of the "Enryo Syndrome" controversy and sociologist with the UCLA School of Social Welfare, will be the main speaker at the Orange County JACL dinner meeting Oct. 21, 7 p.m. at the Water Wheel Restaurant.

Jim Okazaki, meeting chairman, stressed the importance of this address to Nisei and Saneis in the community. The OC JAYS are expected to turn out en masse.

Dinner will be \$4 per person. Reservations are being accepted by Ann Morita, Ben Shimazu (541-2271), Ken Hayashi (826-1380) and Mas Uyesugi (542-9510).

## Prewar JACL secretary Ken Utsunomiya succumbs at 57

LOS ANGELES — Ken Utsunomiya, 57, longtime East Los Angeles JACLer and prewar national JACL secretary, died Oct. 9 following a prolonged illness. Final rites were held last Friday at Evergreen Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife Dorothy, of 1630 Wandering Dr., Monterey Park 91754, daughters Lyn, Amy, Kay Tanamachi, Joy Uyeiki, brothers Burei (Santa Clara), Darrell H., George T., sisters Yone Arai (Seattle), Uta Yoshihara (Santa Maria) and Kiyu Kuro-sudo (Riverside).

Ken was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Fujitaro Utsunomiya, Issei pioneers of Guadalupe-Santa Maria Valley growing produce after the turn of the century. Ken's father passed away in 1930 and the burdens of responsibility for the family shifted to him. Ken spearheaded the formation of a separate Nisei organization in Santa Maria in 1931, which then became a JACL chapter.

Ken served as national JACL secretary in 1938-40. He was married in 1942 to Dorothy Wads of Los Angeles.





By Mike Masaoka

# Washington Newsletter

BY ROGER NIKAIIDO

## SUPREME COURT DECISIONS

On October 9, the Supreme Court of the United States initiated its new term, October 1967-June 1968, showing far less ambition to tackle "racial" issues than it did during its last term. Having refused to hear three appeals against lower court rulings on (1) school desegregation of six Southern states, (2) "de facto" school segregation in the North, and (3) contempt of court conviction of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the nation's highest tribunal for the new term appears less activist on "racial" issues than was expected by veteran court observers.

In announcing the high court's decisions, it was noted that Justice Thurgood Marshall had not participated, having joined the court for the first time.

In a brief, unsigned order that gave no reasons for refusing to review the appeals of nine school boards in Alabama and Louisiana, the high court, in effect, upheld a lower court decision ordering an immediate and complete desegregation program of public schools, including faculties, school transportation, and all school related activities, in six Deep South states; Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas.

The basis of the lower court's decision to start a top-to-bottom school desegregation program was that despite the Southern states' adoption of the "freedom of choice" plan, theoretically permitting Negro students to choose white schools, there still existed identifiable Negro and white schools. Until these vestiges of the earlier Jim Crow school system are eliminated, the lower court ruled, the school officials "have the affirmative duty" under the United States Constitution "to bring about an integrated, unitary school system in which there are no Negro schools and no white schools—just schools."

In their unsuccessful appeals, the Southern school officials argued that the United States Courts of Appeal in the North have, without exception, ruled that there is no constitutional requirement that school officials take affirmative steps to reduce racial imbalance unless there is proof that the officials have been guilty of discrimination.

In another Supreme Court decision, Northern Negroes lost a "de facto" school segregation case when the high court declined to review a lower court ruling that Cincinnati school officials are not required by the Federal Constitution to take affirmative action to reduce racial imbalance resulting from neighborhood patterns, and not discriminatory action by public officials.

This case involving "de facto" school segregation in Northern cities marks the fourth time in recent years that the Supreme Court has declined to consider whether the Federal Constitution requires steps to correct such imbalance in public schools. Only Justice William O. Douglas dissented on the majority decision, stating that the issue should be given a hearing.

In another brief order without explanation, the Supreme Court refused to re-examine the contempt of court convictions of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and seven other Negro ministers, including Dr. King's brother, who led desegregation demonstrations in Birmingham in 1963.

Last June the Supreme Court affirmed by a 5-to-4 vote the convictions of the eight ministers for holding the Good Friday and Easter Sunday demonstrations in direct violation of an Alabama court order.

The N.A.A.C.P. Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., counsel for the ministers, argued that the court ruling would permit states to resort to similar injunctions to suppress meetings and publications that they found distasteful. The American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations also asked for court reconsideration contending that the ruling would give local officials and judges another means to destroy rights of free speech and assembly.

On the controversial and finely divided issue of State-Church doctrines, the Supreme Court declined to review two appeals that challenged the constitutionality of a 1963 Pennsylvania Law which permits the expenditure of state funds to transport students to parochial schools.

The appeal by a group of suburban Philadelphia taxpayers claiming such school busing "violated the First Amendment wall between church and state, was dismissed on the ground that it did not present "a substantial federal question."

The court's decision was far-reaching because it indicated that at least eight of the nine justices (Justice Douglas dissenting) saw no serious constitutional problem with the Pennsylvania's law requiring busing of students to nonprofit church-related schools. This should give some indication on the court's thinking when it reaches cases on its docks which attack textbook loans by school systems to parochial school pupils and the validity of a long-standing ban on lawsuits by individual taxpayers in federal court contesting federal expenditures.

The other important cases which the high court agreed to hear were: (1) the constitutionality of punishing chronic alcoholics, and (2) the constitutionality of an amendment to the Selective Service Act that makes draft card burning a crime.

The Supreme Court's first day for the new term highlighted several developments of interest to the JACL.

First, Justice William Douglas, on two separate court actions, voiced dissension against the other eight Justices. It seems that he is becoming increasingly isolated on the extreme liberal side.

Second, with the first Negro to serve on the Supreme Court, Associate Justice Thurgood Marshall is a well known activist and liberal interpreter of the Federal Constitution. In the past, on several occasions, he has written amicus curiae (friend of court) briefs upholding the JACL position.

Third, the recently concluded term of the Supreme Court was probably the most meaningful to Americans of Japanese ancestry since the 1947-48 term. During this past term the Supreme Court (1) ruled that technicalities regarding filing deadlines should not prevent the redemption of pre-World War II yen certificates in the Yokohama Specie Bank by Nisei depositors, (2) declared unconstitutional the interracial marriage bans of 16 states, (3) held that native-born and naturalized citizens may not be deprived of their American citizenship in the absence of voluntary acts of renunciation, and (4) decided that the California electorate voted illegally in upholding its so-called Proposition 14.

## NEWS CAPSULES

### Business

Yosh Inadomi, active in East Los Angeles community affairs and head of the JonSons Market, began his second year as first vice-president of the So. Calif. Grocers Assn. . . . Sho Tokyo Gekijo is the new theater opening in Li'l Tokio in late October, according to Frank Hirohata, owner and builder of the 416-seat structure. Daiei films will be featured. With some 600 titles currently available, the Sho Tokyo will be a "second-run" double features enterprise. Kokusai Theater on Crenshaw Blvd. near Jefferson will continue to run Daiei films "first run" in Southern California.

### Military

Sam Fujimura, Fresno druggist and Sierra Nisei Post commander, was selected national deputy chief of staff, Veterans of Foreign Wars. Among his assignments is to assist the state commander organize new posts. Fujimura has been active in district and department affairs.

Lt. Col. Timothy Osato, a 442nd veteran now at the U.S. Air Force Academy teaching, was presented chevrons denoting the rank of "Honorary Corporal, French Artillery" at a brief Pentagon ceremony. Osato was cited for the unusual honor, rarely bestowed on non-French officers, by enlisted men in his unit when he served as nuclear weapons adviser to French Forces Headquarters in Germany. Presentation was made by Brig. Gen. Howard Michelet, ARADCOM deputy chief of staff for operations . . . Lt. Col. Saige Okazaki, previously stationed in Korea, is now new commander of the 502nd Military Police Bn., Ft. Carson, Colo. . . . Capt. Walter T. Tomihiro is with the ROTC Dept., Kansas State University.

### School Front

Taking over as principal of Hillcrest Dr. Elementary School in southwest Los Angeles this semester was Roy Nakawata, 39, formerly vice-principal in San Fernando Valley. He is married to the former Terry Usui of Salt Lake City, has two young children and lives in Topanga Canyon . . . Mrs. K. Jessie Kobayashi, 32, principal at Mountain View's Adlai Stevenson school, was named director of curriculum for the Whitman school district. Her husband Harry is senior engineer with Applied Technology at Palo Alto. They have three children and reside in San Carlos.

### Government

John Y. Yoshino, assistant chief of the equal opportunity division with the Federal Highway Administration, of Washington, D.C., recently received a letter of commendation from Vice President Hubert Humphrey for his individual effort and personal concern toward the summer Youth Opportunity Campaign. Yoshino was praised for carrying the message to state highway departments and to local mayor offices.

### Organizations

Dr. Bright "Bill" Onoda, anesthesiologist, was re-elected chairman of the Chicago

## CALENDAR OF JACL EVENTS

Oct. 20 (Friday)  
Hollywood—Ikebana, Flower View Gardens, 7 p.m.  
Selenoco—Gen. Mfg. American Savings & Loan, Whittier 7:30 p.m.  
Ed Kakiya, spkr. "JACL-JAL Fellowship Program"  
Oct. 21 (Saturday)  
San Fernando Valley—Gen. Mfg. San Jose—Community Inset dinner, Buddhist Church Auditorium.  
Orange County—Gen. Mfg. Waterwheel Restaurant, Anaheim, 7 p.m.; Dr. Harry Kitano, spkr.  
Hollywood—Chapter Inset, American Legion Hollywood Post 43, 2035 N Highland, 5 p.m.  
DC—Chow mein dinner, Bladenburg (Md.) Firehouse.

Oct. 21-22  
West Los Angeles—Earth Science show, Santa Monica Civic Auditorium  
Monterey—Jr. JACL booth, Fine Arts Festival

Oct. 21 (Monday)  
Sacramento—U.N. dinner, Danie Club, 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd.  
Oct. 24 (Tuesday)  
San Francisco—Candidates' Night, Pine Methodist Church, 8 p.m.  
Contra Costa—UN Day, Contra Costa College.

Oct. 26 (Thursday)  
Sacramento—Gen. Mfg. Nisei Hall, 8 p.m.  
Oct. 27 (Friday)  
Chicago—Annual Mtg. Christian Fellowship Church, 812 W. Sheridan Rd. 7:30 p.m.; Panel: "People to People—Our Share", Yoji Ozaki, chmn.  
San Diego—Bd. Mtg.  
Seattle—JACL Night, Inset Memorial Hall.

Oct. 28 (Saturday)  
Mt. Olympus—Fund-a-Rama, Murray National Guard Armory.  
Oct. 29 (Sunday)  
Spokane—Inset Appreciation Night Dinner, Chuck Wagon Inn, 5:30 p.m.  
Contra Costa—Fishing derby, 8:30 a.m.

Nisei Ambassadors board of directors. Others serving on the board include:  
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### Sports

Mel Wakabayashi, Canadian Nisei who starred with the Univ. of Michigan ice hockey varsity, has been named to the Dekers Hockey Hall of Fame and has accepted an offer to play with the Seibu Railway Co. team in the Japanese industrial hockey league. He has received a leave of absence from the Detroit Red Wings.

### Music

Chief contenders for Leonard Bernstein's post as conductor of the New York Philharmonic include Seiji Ozawa, 30-year-old Tokyo conductor, who has been an assistant conductor at Toronto. Ozawa has been active with several summer festival symphonies. He is also mentioned as a prospect for the top post of the Chicago Symphony.

### Medicine

Dr. Dan Oniki was named president-elect of the Cottonwood Hospital Medical Staff in Salt Lake City.

### Churches

The 20th annual Western Adult Buddhist League conference chaired by Dr. John Koyama will be centered at the Gardena Buddhist Church, Feb. 10-11, 1968. Registration fee will include a Harbor tour, buffet dinner-dance, Sunday luncheon and Sayonara banquet at International Hotel.

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Oct. 31 (Tuesday)  
Prog. Westside—Hallow'en party, Seattle—Human Relations Comm Mtg. JACL Office, 8 p.m.  
Nov. 3 (Friday)  
Contra Costa—Bd Mtg.  
Nov. 4 (Saturday)  
Hollywood—Origami, Independent Church, 2-4 p.m.  
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NC-WNDYC — Stockton Jr. JACL hosts: Stockton Inn.  
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Nov. 7 (Tuesday)  
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Nov. 8 (Wednesday)  
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Nov. 10 (Friday)  
Philadelphia—Bd Mtg.  
West Los Angeles — Installation dinner Airport Marina.  
Nov. 10-11  
Sacramento—Benefit movie.  
Nov. 11 (Saturday)  
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Nov. 12 (Sunday)  
Contra Costa—Bd Mtg.  
Nov. 17 (Friday)  
Hollywood—Ikebana, Flower View Gardens, 7 p.m.  
Nov. 17-18  
Milwaukee—Holiday Folk Fair.  
Nov. 18 (Saturday)  
San Diego — Installation dinner-dance.  
Sonoma County—Sukiyaki dinner.  
San Fernando Valley—Board election Mtg.  
Dayton-Cincinnati—Joint installation banquet; Imperial House, North Woodlawn.  
Nov. 19 (Sunday)  
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By Bill Hosokawa

## From the Frying Pan

Denver, Colo.

**CONTROVERSY** — Most Americans are hardly aware of a major political issue occupying the Japanese, and having to do with the United States. It is the future of the Ryukyu islands, largest of which is Okinawa, situated some hundreds of miles south of the main Japanese islands.

The United States, which captured Okinawa at great cost in World War II, has established a major military base there. The United States recognizes the "residual sovereignty" of Japan regarding Okinawa, but is not about to give it up while world tensions remain as they are.

According to Japanese reports, Prime Minister Eisaku Sato declared last August that he would do his utmost to bring about the return of Okinawa through "frank talks" with the U.S. "It is extremely unnatural that today, 22 years after the end of war, as many as 950,000 compatriots of ours are still under foreign rule," he is reported to have said. "The continuation of such a situation is not only unfortunate for the people of Japan but we cannot say it will not in the long run have an adverse effect on the maintenance of smooth cooperative relations between Japan and the United States for the security of Japan and the Far East."

Since then, it may be that someone has briefed the Prime Minister on the American point of view. He is scheduled to visit Washington in November for talks with President Johnson and other top government leaders, and he indicated not long ago that he didn't intend to say much, if anything, about Okinawa in Washington. What he did not say was that he could expect to get a firm and frosty negative, if he did bring up the matter.

**NISEI ANGLE** — The Okinawa matter is of particular interest to a substantial number of Nisei who are of Okinawan extraction. Those who have visited Okinawa in recent years have found what almost amounts to Hawaii West — a society that uses United States currency, an island dotted with beautifully landscaped American military installations, and an economy heavily dependent on the spending of both the American government and American servicemen.

The Japan Times recently published results of a survey by the Ryukyu Shimpo, one of the two major Japanese language dailies published on Okinawa, which offers an interesting insight into the thinking of the Okinawans themselves. One of the questions asked Okinawan preference about the status of their islands. The survey showed these replies:

Immediate return to Japan, 43.8 per cent; phased return to Japan, 32.9 per cent; present status to be maintained, 8.6 per cent; Okinawa to become an American state, 0.7 per cent; no answer, 13.1 per cent.

Another question was: What do you think of the way the U.S. rules Okinawa. The answers: Slight dissatisfaction, 29.6 per cent; very much dissatisfied, 27.2 per cent; neither dissatisfied nor satisfied, 10 per cent; satisfied, 3.7 per cent, somewhat satisfied, 2.3 per cent; can't say, 20.1 per cent.

As the Japan Times points out, this would indicate only 6 per cent are satisfied with American government while 56.8 per cent are not, which of course is not a healthy state of affairs.

**ISLANDS TO THE NORTH** — Prime Minister Sato himself has pointed out that other Japanese islands, namely a number to the north, are still occupied by another power, the Soviet. While Japanese have relatively easy access to Okinawa, they can't even approach the Russian-held island and periodically Japanese fishing boats that approach too closely are seized by Russian warships.

While not intending to downgrade Japanese concern about the future of Okinawa, it might be pointed out that those who are most vocal about the problem are oddly silent about the return of Kunashiri, Etorofu, Habomai and Shikotan which have disappeared behind the Iron Curtain.

SAKURA SCRIPT: Jim Henry

## National Fear

Yokohama

In what kind of accidents are most Japanese killed? Statistics on accident deaths last year compiled by the National Police Agency bring out the following thought-provoking points.

A few unlucky ones are killed by lightning — but only 21 died this way. Only 33 were killed in snowy areas after being smothered by snowdrifts. 103 persons were killed in factory accidents, mostly by explosions. Ship accidents of small fishing boats in heavy seas accounted for 144 persons, 203 died in mountain accidents. Cave-ins and landslides 365, mostly coal-mines. 397 in aircraft accidents. 578 killed in typhoons and 810 killed by fires. Shockingly 3,695 drowned in rivers and the sea.

However, traffic accidents killed more people than any other cause — 13,904—nearly twice the total of the above listed deaths plus 948 assorted others. Dump trucks alone killed 794 persons. Besides these deaths there are the people injured—who number about 40 times the number of those killed.

A favorite phrase of those in charge of alumni meetings of old people is, "Not being hit in traffic accidents and not developing cancer, you must have all the devil's luck!"

In the case of most traffic accidents, the blame falls mainly on the driver. But whatever the circumstances of the accident itself may be, from a broader viewpoint, the driver, too, is a "victim" of

today's traffic hazards.

For example, at 7:30 a.m. on Jan. 30 of this year, a small dump truck driven by a 23-year-old man, hit two youths, one of whom was killed, the other injured. The driver was employed by a small construction material enterprise consisting of about five members (mostly from one family) and hardly any capital. The company had just recovered from a bankruptcy and was still unstable.

As for the family of the 18-year-old boy killed, it was composed of the boy's parents, two brothers and a sister, of which the victim, was the younger brother. The family is poor and the boy was working in a factory in Tachikawa to help out the family budget. Every month on the 30th the 23-year-old driver and his pregnant wife go to visit the victim's family and join in a memorial service. What he had been saving for his wife's hospitalization to have the baby has been spent for the victim's funeral. Moreover, he must pay 6,800,000 yen compensation for the dead boy. If he cannot pay the company that employed him will be called on; and the company will go bankrupt again.

His friends are all poor and cannot offer much help. He is even thinking of going to Vietnam on an LST as about his only hope of ever meeting his debts.

Traffic deaths are a national fear and considerable efforts by the government to help eliminate some of the careless causes of these deaths should be carried out.

## Negro delighted with Hollywood JACL scholarship

LOS ANGELES — A Los Angeles City College theatre arts major has won the first semi-annual scholarship for a minority group student to be awarded by the Hollywood JACL, Muriel L. Merrell, chapter president announced.

Aspiring actor Cal Wilson was presented with the \$75 check at the League's special board meeting Oct. 8.

The grant has been established as part of the chapter's civil rights program, which is aimed at "helping minority group youths in building better human relations for the future of America," states Ellen Endo, committee chairman.

Financial need is the main criteria set for scholarship recipients, with grades, citizenship and extracurricular activities serving as determining factors.

"We wanted to give the money to a student who, without the necessary funds for books and other items, would otherwise drop out of college and set aside higher education in order to meet expenses," Miss Endo said.

At Sunday's meeting, scholarship winner Wilson told board members of how his department chairman at school informed him he had qualified for a special workshop course recently. Although delighted by the news, the young Negro student feared he would have to turn down his professor's offer because he would need to have time in the afternoon to earn some money. It seems Wilson had recently been the victim of someone who burglarized his home and stole much of his clothing.

With his stipend from the Hollywood JACL chapter, he will attempt to "refill" his clothes closet and meet other expenses, but most important, he will be able to continue his education without interruption for the time being and take the honors course he deserves, Miss Endo added.

Cal, an above average student, was raised in Fresno and now resides in Los Angeles. He hopes to enter the acting field and has already held several major roles in LACC productions.

Screening of scholarship applicants was conducted through Virginia Netches, LACC student activities coordinator.

Cal was congratulated at the board meeting by active JACLer Paul Chinn, who generously added \$25 to the chapter's \$50 grant for the young scholar.

## 'BUDDY, YOU HAVEN'T SEEN A THING YET'

## EDC-MDC convention chairman's review of Chicago event belated but not belittling of production

BY DR. FRANK SAKAMOTO

Convention Chairman

CHICAGO — Although the theme of the 7th Biennial EDC-MDC Convention held in Chicago was "A Quarter Century After," an appropriate byline of the Convention was, "Buddy, you haven't seen a thing yet!" This reminds me of a story of a tourist who hops in a cab in Washington, D.C. and sees the inscription, "Past Is Prologue" on one of the buildings. He asks the cab driver, "What does 'Past Is Prologue' really mean?" The cab driver turns around and says, "Buddy, you haven't seen a thing yet!"

As in this story, activity after activity overwhelmed the delegates as our Convention progressed. Starting with the Mixer on Friday night, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Odanaka organized a most intimate reception for all Convention delegates, where friendships were renewed and new acquaintances made. The new Commander of the Nisei Post, Jack Isoda, was present and also the Chairman of the Drum Corps Board, Dr. Bright Onoda. It was nice to see the MDC Nominations Chairman and Past Chicago Chapter Chairman, Joe Sagami, sober and with his usual cigar, pouring everyone a good stiff drink. And I would say our dignified MDC Governor, Hiro, and EDC Governor, Kaz Horita, were feeling their best.

Opening session on Saturday morning was unique in the sense that all delegates were present and roll call was briskly taken. Governor Hiro Mayeda immediately got the show on the road.

After the opening session the delegates enjoyed a delicious luncheon in the Great Hall. As you have read in Karen Hanamoto's article in the previous issue of the PC, "Wear, But In Chicago . . ."

was certainly done in a professional manner. Credit for the highly successful luncheon and fashion show goes to Mrs.

Mr. Chairman, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen:

Thank you very much for your cordial reception. It is a great joy to me to meet the distinguished members of the Japanese American Citizens League because I know that you and I are both working in our separate spheres towards a common goal — that is, to try to build up a deeper understanding and stronger friendship between the United States and Japan.

This happens to be my first public speech after assuming my duties in Washington as the Ambassador of Japan and it is a very special pleasure for me to be able to deliver my maiden speech here in Chicago.

Chicago is the center of the Midwest which is the industrial heartland of the United States and it is rapidly becoming one of the most important U.S.-Japan relations. Until recently, many Japanese considered the Midwest as a "backwater" region within the United States, inaccessible to Japanese businessmen because of its reportedly protectionist attitude. But Japan has reevaluated the significance of the Midwest. We have discovered the Midwest is not protectionist at all, but rather that they are willing and ready to understand Japan and to establish closer economic ties with us.

Japan, as you all know, is a nation whose economic survival is totally dependent on foreign trade and hence it is only natural that we for our part are more than willing to expand our trade with the American Midwest. Midwest is not only a source of raw materials and benefit of increasing trade with Japan. In 1966, the twelve Midwestern states sold more than 10 million worth of farm and factory products to Japan. Within ten years by 1975, Midwestern exports to Japan are expected to be more than double to a figure of approximately \$1,500 million.

You will recall that last June an Economic Mission, headed by Mr. Katsuo Kikawa, President of the Tokyo Electric Company and one of the most influential leaders of the Japanese business community, visited the six Midwestern states of Illinois, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Indiana, Ohio and Michigan. His visit was a tremendous success. The fact that it received the warmest welcome everywhere and was able to exchange frank views with leading citizens of the Midwest indicates the already high level of understanding. That this mission specifically selected the Midwest as the area for its visit and that a large group of most important Japanese businessmen, in turn, are scheduled to visit Japan this November illustrate the strong mutual interest and desire to increase the level of economic cooperation. We are hoping that communication between Midwesterners and the Japanese will be established on a regular basis and all signs indicate that this hope is likely to be achieved.

But it is not just the prospect of economic gain alone that brought Japan closer to the Midwest. To a great extent this was made possible through the friendship and understanding that already existed between Japanese and Midwesterners. Twenty-five years ago, when persons of Japanese ancestry were expelled from the West Coast homes, it was here in Chicago and the Midwest that many received the warmest hospitality and refuge. Even during the unfortunate period of strained relations between the United States and Japan, the citizens of Chicago well demonstrated their good will.

The Japanese-Americans responded with a display of disciplined and dedicated conduct in

Jean Sakamoto, Mrs. Tsune Nakagawa and Miss Chiye Tomihiro and their committee. An added attraction was the coronation of the Convention queen. The Queen Contest was chaired by Yosh Yamauchi and Rich Okabe.

Bursts of laughter were heard all over Chicago from the Siroin Room at the Stock Yard Inn where the Whing Ding was held. Beside usual gaiety and cheerfulness, may I cite two items that we really appreciate. That night we recognized Mr. Mas Harada as a Life Member of the 1000 Club. Mr. Harada is from the Twin Cities Chapter. Also Miss Winnie Furusho made the honor roll of the 1000 Club, which we all appreciate, for she has helped me as secretary for the last six years.

Sunday held a busy schedule for many delegates. The highlight of the Convention was Ambassador Shimoda's visit to our Convention and thanks to much appreciated planning and advice from Mike Masaoka and Shig Wakamatsu and from the Consul General Kagei. The itinerary of his visit was so well planned that it went off like clock work from his arrival in Chicago to his appearance as the guest speaker at the Banquet.

And I must mention the Chicago Chapter Chairman, Henry Terada, who did a marvelous job arranging the stag luncheon at the Chicago Yacht Club for the Ambassador. The luncheon was attended by JACLers and leading Japanese business men in Chicago. And at the same time, in the Drake Hotel, the women were invited to a luncheon by Mrs. Kagei in honor of Madame Shimoda.

Following the stag luncheon, the Ambassador was escorted to the Pick Congress Hotel, site of the Convention, and viewed one of the outstanding items of the Convention: a display of graphic arts and crafts made in relocation camps. The

diative of truly first class American citizenship and their tremendous contribution in the past quarter century to bring about the current acceptance and understanding of Japan cannot be too highly praised.

I have long felt that the United States of America is a unique experiment in human history in the sense that it was founded, not on racial or national origins, but on the ideal of freedom, liberty and equality between all men. The United Nations is an attempt to translate a similar ideal into the international society, but it appears that the stern realities of international politics will keep the United Nations from realizing its full potential for some time to come. On the other hand, the United States of America is already a living reality, and no other country on earth offers such opportunities for such a wide range of diverse contributions from its citizens. It is a great source of pride and honor to be able to note that the Japanese-American contribution to life in the United States is gaining in importance and weight, and that the significance of such contribution is being recognized by your fellow Americans of different backgrounds.

The accomplishments of Japanese-Americans are living proofs of my belief, after many years of service abroad in various foreign countries, that relations between states always come back to the individuals, whatever may be the ties which bind them in to cohesive whole, and hence mutual understanding or feeling of closeness between them is but the sum total of numerous personal contacts. Before the war few Japanese resided in the Midwest or the East Coast and for this simple reason: Americans of these areas tended to misunderstand Japan or to consider Japan as a very distant nation. In the Far East largely irrelevant to their daily lives. But Japanese-Americans who moved to this area, dispelled by their excellent conduct, any myths or prejudices that might have existed previously, helped win recognition for the Japanese and Japan as a trustworthy people and nation, and laid the groundwork for the present excellent cooperation between the United States and Japan.

I should now like to say a few words about the nature of the existing friendship between the United States and Japan, and its relation to the present world political situation in general. During the last decade great changes have taken place in Asia and the Pacific region. First, Japan, starting from scratch, has more than recovered from the almost total destruction of the war. Economically it is today one of the five major powers in the world in terms of its gross national product, which reached the unprecedented figure of \$101.3 billion in 1986. Japan continues to be the leading shipbuilding country in the world, a position she has held consecutively since 1956, and is also the world's leading maker of transistors and other electronic products. Japan ranks second, only after the United States, in the production of automobiles, and her steel and steel products rank third, only surpassed by the United States and the Soviet Union. Politically, too, the so-called "post-war" era may be said to have ended when Japan ratified a treaty with the Republic of Korea last year, thus normalizing its relations with all the Communist China.

Japan is now entering a stage where it is actively formulating its new foreign policies from a fresh point of view. What then is this "new stage" that Japan is

artwork derived from Camps were impressively displayed thanks to the very professional chairing by Miss Chiye Tomihiro and John Kitazaki.

One of the surprise items was Governor Hiro Mayeda's scrapbook which was kept from the time he had received notice to evacuate, to the first meal ticket for the mess hall, to the last detail of camp life. I think every Sansei or Nisei who did not experience evacuation should see this scrapbook, for it is a very moving reminder of what took place a quarter century before.

Then the Ambassador was escorted to a plaza facing the hotel where the famed Chicago Nisei Ambassadors then played for approximately twenty minutes in honor of the Ambassador.

There is one man we must not overlook — he is our Shig Wakamatsu who planned the Convention Banquet. And like all projects Shig chaired, it was a huge success evidenced by a record attendance of over 700 people. The precise planning occasioned a very unexpected happening — the Banquet ended ahead of schedule. Ambassador Shimoda delivered an eloquent, moving, and timely speech. In appreciation to the city of Chicago for its hospitality in receiving Japanese-Americans who moved East, 1,000 Japanese flowering trees are being presented to be planted in Lincoln Park on the near North side of Chicago.

I think it was nice to have Congressman Sidney R. Yates, Roman C. Pucinski, and Barrett O'Hara, long time friends of the Japanese-Americans to do us honor at the Convention Banquet.

The Sayonara Ball brought to a close a highly successful Convention. I have just received an invitation from Tom Shimasaki, First National Vice-President, to attend the Central California Convention to take place Dec. 2 and 3.

## FROM THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

## Rep. Pucinski enters Ambassador Shimoda's first speech to American audience at JACL banquet

Following is the text of Japanese Ambassador Takeso Shimoda's address delivered Sept. 3 at the EDC-MDC JACL convention banquet at Chicago. It was his first public address since assuming his diplomatic post in Washington, which Rep. Roman C. Pucinski said, deserves to be read by all Americans, "for they represent all that is finest and progressive about modern Japan."



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# Irreverence of Time

An old Hawaiian gentleman once tried to convince me of the irreverence of time and memory by relating the story of Queen Liliuokalani.

Queen Liliuokalani was the last reigning monarch of Hawaii. She was a head-strong woman who tried to do battle with the money and power of the sugar planters and return the rule of the islands to the monarchy. The story goes that the planters got worried when the Queen started making fiery public speeches to arouse the native Hawaiians and had her kept under guard at Iolani Palace.

A virtual prisoner, she devised a scheme to reach her people. Since she could no longer make speeches, the Queen wrote a very sad, nostalgic song and asked her friends to have it sung everywhere so all Hawaiians could hear it. Although the verse seemed innocent enough, the words actually carried a double meaning which only the natives would understand; they would weep, become aroused, and in anger oust the foreigners from their position of power and rescue her.

The song was sung and all the natives understood as they wept openly—but none came to rescue the Queen from her prison.

It is bitter irony that today Liliuokalani is mainly remembered not for her courageous fight against the Sugar Barons or as the last Hawaiian monarch but as the author of that sad, nostalgic song.

The situation described to me by the old Hawaiian was hard to believe, so the next day when I saw my good friend, Sam, who had graduated from the all-Hawaiian Kamehameha School, I asked him: who was Liliuokalani? He had to think only a split second before answering, "she's the person who wrote 'Aloha Oe.'"

Remembering this story relating to the irreverence of time got me wondering: How will our 6th and 7th generations remember our Issei and Nisei?



West Wind Yosh Hotta

## Programs

The percentage of couples within the JACL membership during 1967 comes to 50%. It's good to be statistically accurate because it again proves that 50% of couples are male, although Steve Doi of San Francisco suggests this may not be a true reflection of couples in his city.

The ladies of the Washington, D.C. chapter are in for a rough evening at their annual chow mein dinner because Cherry Tsutsumida states, "Once ladies start arriving they will be treated like they treat their husbands the other 364 days of the year." Cherry observes that when the program was discussed, "the men began to pull out their calendars and discussed their schedules. I am sure even their wives have to make appointments with them to carry out routine family business." Some wives probably breathe a sigh of relief when they are on a schedule.

The Fremont chapter has a most unusual fund raising idea. They grow cucumbers and have a day when they all pick them. These special cucumbers are used for pickles and tsukemono. They say it's their most successful idea, and if nothing else, lets all the members get a lot of fresh, smog-free, country air.

The Berkeley chapter awards several scholarships worth \$300 each. One of them is awarded annually to a graduating senior of the local high school on the basis of scholarship, need, and contribution to inter-group activities. It's given without regard to race, religion, or nationality. Isn't there something about casting bread upon the waters?

By now the male members of the JACL Japan Tour have probably been to the Tokyo Onsen. Going to the onsen is like marriage, not so hot, once you get used to it.

Accent on Youth Alan Kumamoto

## Dear Mom and Dad

Jeffrey Matsui's "Sounding Board" hammered away at "Chapter Programs" (Sept. 22 P.C.) and mentioned a PSW Jr. JACL Project in Tijuana. The major portion of the November (first Friday) Youth Page in the Pacific Citizen will reflect on that endeavor but we would like to present an editorial which appeared in the September-October issue of the San Diego JACL Border-Line concerning the activity.

### ASPIRING TEEN NEED ADULT SUPPORT . . .

1. TO PROMOTE better relations among the peoples of Mexico and the United States.

2. TO PROMOTE in our members the quality of self sacrifice to help others.

These were two of the very admirable objectives of S.D. Jr. JACLers as they tackled the huge job of coordinating a recent PSWDYC Service Project.

The San Diego Jr. JACL most successfully served as the host chapter for this project, their own idea, which was to work at a destitute orphanage in Tijuana, Mexico, which is continually in need of supplies, funds and labor.

Coming from as far as Santa Barbara, Calif. and Phoenix, Arizona, some (65) youths gathered here for four days and gave of their talents and labor and love for these very deprived orphans. Singing with them, playing with them, bathing them, cutting their hair, mending their clothes, working with them—just naturally created a great bond of human love between them, so when Saturday, the day of

parting rolled around, there were tears in the Jr. JACLers' eyes and tears in the little children's eyes as they held on to their departing new friends. It is indeed most commendable of the District Youth for their humanitarian project. Helping others across the border who have virtually nothing, as we languish amidst plenty and luxury, I'm sure must have given them a new sense of values, and a new sense of understanding and love for their fellow men.

According to the advisors, their conduct was beyond reproach. At the Saturday night dance, which was the culmination of the week's activities, the caretakers of the Filipino Veterans' Hall were overflowing with adjectives as they told me of how well behaved this organization was at the dance.

Mothers and Fathers—don't sell these kids short. They are a great bunch. But they also need your encouragement, your help, your comments and even your praise. Give it to them—they're your children. And it's their future.—Editor.

## Politician still backs decision for Evacuation

VANCOUVER, B.C. — One of the best known anti-Japanese Canadian politicians was recently back on top his out-house platform again re-echoing in full flatulence. Howard Green, aging Conservative MP for Vancouver from 1935 to 1963 and rejected by voters in recent years, was again publicly reaffirming the decision for the internment of Japanese Canadians during the Second World War as "necessary for national protection."

Green, who served as external affairs minister, rejected a charge by a Toronto college president that the internment was an evil act.

"It was a matter of life and death," said Green in an interview.

"These fellows back east who say these things weren't concerned about that."

"They completely overlook the situation people on the coast faced."

Green also rejected an accusation that B.C. politicians coerced the federal government into its internment policy.

Both charges were made recently in Toronto by Escott Reid, president of Glendon College and a member of the Canadian diplomatic corps until 1962.

Green said the demand for internment was general in B.C.

"It wasn't a matter of a few politicians at all," he said.

He said much cause for alarm existed at the time.

As is now known, the Prime Minister of Canada, Lester B. Pearson has called the evacuation of Japanese Canadians "a black indelible stain in Canada's history."

## Evacuees not given ample time

(Continued from Front Page) "Jap"), etc. This collection was carefully assembled and preserved by Hiro Mayeda, the immediate past-Governor of the Midwest District Council.

I could not help but muse over Hiro's retention of hope under those immediate circumstances, obviously believing then that someday he could look back to all of this in the form of a scrapbook. I must admit that at that time through an admixture of bitterness, fear, frustration and anxiety, I then harbored no such hope of the future.

Can't Happen Here All in all, it was an outstanding exhibit, one that should have been seen by all other Americans as well as by those whose lives were hit. Yes, it can and did happen here. Moreover, it can and may happen in a different form, and just as invidious. The exhibit served to remind us that democracy is not simply an assemblage of words in the Constitution, that it is neither self-executing nor self-perpetuating; that democracy and freedom require constant attention and personal concern and vigilance of each and all of us.

(Editor's Note: The photographs from this exhibit are available on loan. Write Miss Chiye Tomehiro, Arts Club, 109 E. Ontario Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611.)



## Northwest Picture

Springtime in Seattle

At the September board meeting of the Seattle Chapter it was voted to perpetuate in the name of Albert Bonus, the various local library subscriptions to the Pacific Citizen that he has maintained for so many years.

In his homespun way, Albert would check at a branch library to inquire if the PC was being read. One branch librarian decided to conduct an inquiry on Albert Bonus, and we were so informed by a mutual friend at the main library, who wanted to know under what dates of PC issue the information about AB could be found. The inquiring people were referred to the issue of Feb. 3, 1956 for a starter.

The waves of vandalism which has been plaguing some schools was felt at Asa Mer-

## Fem crashes male meeting

By CHERRY TSUTSUMIDA D. C. News Notes Editor

Washington Have you ever crashed an all male committee meeting? Well, it isn't exactly like those stag parties Esquire Magazine writes about.

The setting should have been the tip off. It was at the highly respectable, and delightfully decorated home of Helen and Harry Takagi. As is always the case with these residence-held meetings, a few of us got lost.

Meanwhile the men began to pull out their calendars, and discussing their schedules. I am sure even their wives have to make appointments with them to carry out routine family business.

Just about that time, the hospitable, affable host suddenly turned from that role to "Hustler Harry," chairman of the Chow Mein Dinner (otherwise known as the "Lady's Night Out"). I don't know what was in his drink, but suddenly, he was down to business! "I believe in the democratic process," he said, "and we welcome comments and suggestions. BUT, when it comes to the decisions, we'll sometimes have to be arbitrary." (Official translation: "We want workers not talkers at this meeting.")

Well, to make a long meeting short, by the time it was all over, several people there had volunteered for major committee responsibilities, and even those who weren't there were being volunteered by their friends. (Who said, "With Friends like these . . . etc.")

In all fairness, these men showed that they can get very systematic and get things done in short order. How could they miss with business-like Ben Fukutome; Pentagon-trained Hank Wakabayashi, alert Johnny Asaki; cooperative Charley Pace; and "hadn't had supper yet" Kaz Oshiki?

Still, there is something missing at an all male meeting. After all, what good is a meeting if you can't pick up a few bits of local gossip, or if you can't see how short the ladies are really going to wear their skirt this fall?

## 25 Years Ago

Oct. 22, 1942

War Dept. official John J. McCloy says no major changes considered in relocation program; evacuation from West Coast to be completed by end of October . . . Indefinite WRA leave policy established . . . Women fire wardens take on posts at Minidoka . . . JACL officials investigate Montana beet work conditions, some evacuee workers from Manzanar and Tule Lake report unfriendly reception in western Montana . . . Fresh milk shipment to Gila River WRA Center protested by Phoenix Mayor Newell Stewart; Ariz. Senator Hayden requests powdered milk be substituted . . . Manzanar soy sauce project may supply all WRA centers . . . WRA camps initiate elementary-secondary school programs by mid-October, ending longest vacation for school children.

Noboru Miyake and George Wataue of Kauai, two of five successful Nisei candidates in Hawaiian primaries, withdrew.

Montana supreme court denies Caucasian woman married to a Japanese man in State of Washington to administer estate of her dead husband . . . Los Angeles Superior Court appellate department affirms misdemeanor charge against George K. Roth, who refused to give testimony to Tenney "Little

Dies" committee of state legislature, which sought names of American-born Japanese sponsors of his radio show.

Univ. of Arizona refuses extension courses to evacuees at WRA centers . . . Oregon School for Deaf at Salem shuts 15 evacuee students.

Alameda Buddhist Church converted to war production training center.

Hunters resent off-limit rule of land adjacent to Tule Lake WRA Center . . . Nellie Nagano crowned queen of Poston WRA Center county fair . . . Manzanar elementary school principal Marshall Miller killed in plane crash at Bishop airport.

Attorney General Earl Warren tells of danger of West Coast sabotage before Kiwanis state convention at Los Angeles.

Nisei USA: Snake River Valley.

Editorials: On Evacuee Labor (urging cooperative attitude by employers); Memo for Today (about problems facing evacuees); The Hawaiian Election (Nisei withdrawal called "misguided").

Girl Scout troop STOCKTON — The Stockton JACL is considering co-sponsoring a girl scout troop with the First Presbyterian Church, according to Mrs. Mitzie Baba.

By Elmer Ogawa

## Honda--

(Continued from Front Page) The Berkeley JACL has been in the forefront of such activities.

Dr. David Miura of Long Beach will be visiting his sister in Yamauchi, Akira and Toshiko Yoshida of Wilshire-Uptown will visit Hiroshima but plan to stay at least one night at the historic Imperial Hotel in Tokyo before it's demolished.

## MDC leaders plan biennium

DAYTON — The new MDC cabinet met in Dayton, Ohio on Oct. 7 for orientation and discussion of plans for the coming biennium. Present were: Henry Tanaka, District Governor from Cleveland, Ohio; Dr. James Taguchi of Dayton, 1st Vice-Governor; Joseph Tanaka of St. Louis, 2nd Vice-Governor; Kaye Watanabe of Cincinnati, 4th Vice-Governor; Hiro Mayeda, Immediate Past District Governor; Chiye Tomihiro, 3rd Vice-Governor; Ross Harano, MDC Youth Commissioner; Richard Okabe, MDYC Chairman; Esther Hagiwara, Midwest Regional Office Secretary, all of Chicago.

It was decided that the two main areas of concern for this administration would be youth and leadership training. Dr. and Mrs. Taguchi and the Dayton JACL hosted the meeting. The next meeting of the cabinet is scheduled for February in Detroit to help map plans for the May MDC meeting.

## San Francisco Issei leader dies, was 83

SAN FRANCISCO — Shichisaburo Hideshima, president of Nichibel Kai and board chairman of Kinmon Gakuen, died Oct. 5 after suffering a cerebral hemorrhage. He was 83.

A native of Saga-ken, he came to the U.S. in 1903 and operated an employment agency. After his retirement, he devoted most of his time to community affairs and was awarded the Order of the Sacred Treasure, 4th Class, by the Japanese government for his outstanding leadership. He is survived by his sons Noboru, Hikaru (Tokyo), Sata and daughters Teiko Kitagawa and Kazuko Kwan.

### Unity Council formed

LOS ANGELES—Formation of the Southwest Unity Council for Social Action was announced Oct. 9 by Bert Corona, president of the Mexican American Political Assn. The council aims to unify the goals of Mexican Americans throughout the United States.

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(Incidentally, Pat Okura, Tad Hirota and Dr. Dave Miura as bus monitors will receive airmail copies of the Pacific Citizen during the three weeks stay. We hope the copy is passed around inside the bus.—Circulation Manager.)

The full moon for October (last Wednesday, Oct. 18) is the harvest moon and the traditional time for Japanese couples to gaze at the cherubic face in the sky. They called it "tsukimi" — looking at the moon. (For us, it's a dish of noodles with a raw unbroken egg.)

We shall see for ourselves whether that "face" looks like a rabbit pounding mochi — which the Japanese see in the lunar countenance. There was the added phenomenon of a total lunar eclipse — which unfolds myriads of superstitious myths in whatever folklore.

One of the most fascinating studies in folklore are superstitions and Japan with its 8,000,000 deities, its spice of varied festivals and customs is a most fertile source. A Sansei on the cultural heritage kick shall find folk-faith and folk superstitions the most arresting research ever attempted. It will also show how modern Japan glimmers differently because of the traditions based upon folklore which still survive in the daily life of its people.

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## Ye Editor's Desk

### AMBASSADOR SHIMODA'S ADDRESS

A month ago, the Congressional Record published the first public address by His Excellency Takeshi Shimoda, the Ambassador of Japan, since his appointment to the United States. It was the speech given at the JACL EDC-MDC joint convention at Chicago over the Labor Day holidays.

Rep. Roman Pucinski (D-Ill.) had the speech inserted in the Sept. 18 Congressional Record, prefacing it by nothing "Ambassador Shimoda's remarks deserve to be read by all Americans for they represent all that is finest and progressive about modern Japan."

To the group of 100 JACLers now touring Japan, what the Ambassador said of their postwar economic recovery and ranking as among the top five in gross national product standing will be visibly recognized. And if Japan is to make its re-emergence in the world arena in a most refreshing manner, it shall be in efforts to fight poverty in Asia, the Ambassador assured.

And that part of the speech which explains why the acceptance of the Issei and Nisei helps present-day Japanese businessmen in America cannot be down-played. "Their tremendous contribution in the past quarter century to bring about the current acceptance and understanding of Japan cannot be too highly praised," the Ambassador noted.

Rep. Sidney Yates (D-Ill.), in the Sept. 11 Congressional Record, recalled the impressive banquet and acknowledged the fact that his district would be the site of the 1,000 flowering Japanese cherry trees as a mark of appreciation by the Japanese American evacuees who made Chicago their home. "Chicagoans share their pride in their accomplishments in their new home," Yates added as he had reprinted the speech made by Tom Masuda in the presentation of the arboreal gift.

Rep. Barratt O'Hara (D-Ill.), the third congressional member present at the EDC-MDC banquet, noted the happy occasion in the Sept. 12 Congressional Record by having Ruth Kumata's (not Mike Masaoka's as cited in O'Hara's remarks) account of the Chicago JACL and the history of the Japanese American in the Windy City inserted within the body of the House Minutes.

"Although JACL today continues its work of citizenship education and the correction of remaining problems related to Japanese Americans in the fields of naturalization, alien deportation, evacuation claims and immigration, the organization sees its part in the total picture of human rights for all Americans," Miss Kumata writes. "With the experience learned as a minority group in America, the JACL is in an unusual position to expand its work toward the attainment of equal opportunities for every citizen of the United States. To this end, work is being carried forth on the national and community levels toward further involvement in meaningful civil rights activities."

That is a paragraph each JACLer should memorize for, as Miss Kumata suggests in mentioning the fact that Chicago JACL being the 1970 hosts of JACL's national convention, "further great progress can be reported (then) toward the fullest implementation of the slogan of the JACL—For Better Americans in a Greater America."

We understand that reprints of the Chicago JACL history are being considered and that copies will be made available without charge.

Because of the historic importance of Ambassador Shimoda's address, we are having it reprinted this week elsewhere in this issue.

### WE'RE ON OUR WAY

Though this issue is dated Oct. 20, the paper is put to bed the Monday prior. It means writing the column by Friday a week before the date of the issue.

While it meant getting up early Saturday morning last week to catch the 7 a.m. flight to join the JACL Japan Tour departing from San Francisco on Japan Air Line's 9:30 a.m. flight, there was no excuse for missing a regular deadline. So, we had to title this closing portion: "We're on our way."

Many have been asking if wife Micki is accompanying us. No, she'll be home caring for Teresa and Patricia. And from the passenger list, it appears there are others who are making the tour under similar circumstances—if visiting Japan without your spouse or family can be called that. On our return, therefore, we hope to offer two versions of this tour: one point from the vantage of seeking Japan together and another as a single.

A reserve column has been set aside if we miss a schedule from Japan. It can be easily assessed by the contents. But we are planning to write from somewhere in Japan to fill the next three issues which are being co-edited by Fred Taomae, William Hiroto and Jerry Akahoshi during our absence. They're all busy men in their own field, but were willing to help us out so that the wishes of the Friends of Harry Honda Committee can be fulfilled. "Onegaishimasu."

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## Letters from Our Readers

### Vietnam Question

Dear Sir:  
Mr. Harold Gordon has written several columns in the Pacific Citizen (Sept. 29), "not so much to convince anyone, but to raise some questions in an effort to spur you to examine issues carefully." The questions raised practically point to answers and therefore are obviously assertions. To be brief, I should like to examine but two of his points.

Claim: "The climate in this country in 1942, which led to the ignoring of constitutional rights and the Evacuation, was clearly the result of emotional thinking."

But this emotional thinking was done by many such liberals as Earl Warren, Walter Lippmann, and President Roosevelt, who regarded themselves I'm sure as objective intellectuals. Such types of mentalities today give the impression of great compassion for the human race, but however sincere in this feeling, they blank out of their conscious the black cloud of slavery, torture, and death that has engulfed half the world and is about to engulf the remaining half, albeit in small increments. They give the impression of great vision, but however rationalized their outlook, their visceral reaction to today's events leaves them floundering and incapable of extrapolation into an abstract future — to envision that the sacrifices of today may determine the psychological and physical well-being of many generations extending indeterminably into the future.

They revel in the objectivity of their perception, but are so awed by the might and perseverance of the communist dictator that they cannot perceive that his strength derives from his gangster characteristics, that his prime concern is his insatiable appetite for power and not any fatherly consideration of his people, that he is largely devoid of the moral constraints that delimit his methods, that in communism he has discovered the most modernistic efficient means for permeating his iron grip into every crevice of the terrified households of the people.

If, as the most powerful nation in the world, we had refused dear "uncle" Joe Stalin the half of Europe that he has liberated, millions of people today, and untold millions tomorrow would be enjoying a freedom of political and social choice that remains now only a dream. If we had not subsequently demarcated the liberation front there, more millions today and many more millions tomorrow would be suffering a similar fate.

Incidentally, the JACL leadership must be commended for its war-time stand during W.W.II, for its vision that traversed the turmoil of war and Evacuation.

Claim: "There is general agreement that the Vietnam War is the most unpopular in our history."

This statistic is a pure invention, for no poll existed on all the previous wars. As Time Magazine (Oct. 6, 1967) points out, no U.S. war has been popular.

In the Civil War, General Meade was unable to pursue and vanquish the mauled and retreating Confederate Army after the murderous Gettysburg battle, because he encountered such extensive resistance to recruitment and because he had to assign so many of his men to controlling the riotous dissenters in such Yankee country as New York City.

More recently, the polls showed that at one time during the Korean conflict those who would withdraw U.S. troops and sacrifice Korea rose to nearly 70%. In fact, it is difficult to imagine any

war being popular anywhere anytime, outside of the leadership, fringe noisemakers, and some historians that strip ancient wars of their horrors and ancient conquerors of their viciousness and derive an asymptotic picture of glorious adventure.

The theory that people lovingly raise children to delightedly send them to wars is contrary to the family solidarity instinct locked deeply in our genetic code. Further, the existence of a fringe and its noisiness, amplified 10-fold journalistically, is no measure of the popularity of a war. The sad acquiescence to a war regarded as a necessary evil is not exactly describable as a popular expression either.

I hope that our emotional involvement today does not result in the callous disregard for the welfare of the billions of tomorrow.  
Yours truly,  
RAY C. MAKINO  
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### Chapter programs defended

Dear Editor:  
This comes as a general reminder of the thread-like frailty of recognition. In the Sept. 8 Pacific Citizen, some 40 inches of golden space was given to the community service of our Chapter — personal service all rendered within a 10-mile radius of our home base by members of our Chapter.

In the Sept. 22 Pacific Citizen, a total of 4 lines — 1 line of specific recognition (?) and 3 lines of hearsay — spelled out an activity version completely contradictory to the Sept. 8 account, in every detail. Hardly had the issue been home delivered before I began to receive phone calls. Hollywood takes exception to the suggestion that we do not wish to be "involved personally" with local community service and activity. It would not be possible for a governing body for any group to be more aware of the needs of their own community nor to be more willing to help those needs than are those who are presently serving on the Board of the Hollywood Chapter.

From the outset of '66, our entire year has been dedicated to "service" — to our community, to our members, to our sister Chapters. For expanded "service" we have in Committee for study and report (a) the "unacceptable" half caste children of Japan and (b) the physically handicapped of Japan who are attempting to help themselves to an adjusted way of life by "doing crafts" for a livelihood and as a means to paid therapy.

Our Board has also listened to discussion on periodic disbursement of funds to the libraries of our local jails and hospitals. BUT, all of these are pending. No conclusive action has been taken.

Everyone, who is human, is apt to misunderstand or to make a mistake occasionally. So, I just can't help but kid our mutual friends.

With tongue in cheek: confidentially, JM, just who is this Japanese orphan Hollywood wishes to take under its wing? Ummm? All joking aside, Hollywood is ever willing to open its heart — and pocketbook — to the less fortunate, wherever they are.

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## Evacuation, Vietnam and Civil Rights

Lindsay

I read with interest Harold Gordon's article on the disturbing parallels of the Evacuation and the Vietnam Conflict. I offer to enter Civil Rights in this discussion by stating that there are the same disturbing elements in the Civil Rights movement that parallel Evacuation and Vietnam. Since we as individuals and as a national organization profess our involvement in Civil Rights, we have reason to move on this subject as well.

I will open this discussion by proposing that all of the aforementioned have "protest" as the common denominator. Draft card burning and those illustrations presented by Mr. Gordon reflect "protest" to our part in Vietnam and the riots, marches, burnings and violence cast reproach on the problems of Civil Rights.

We acknowledge that "protest" was too few and limited in regard to the Evacuation. If this event were to have occurred now instead of 25 years earlier in our history, there is no question that protest would be clearer, louder and more definite. However, let us not discount the lack of protest in the Evacuation. Despite the fact that Evacuation was public policy and that it might have been unpatriotic to speak and act against Evacuation, the documentary record proves that there were those who were willing to stand up and be counted on our behalf. Even among us, there were those like Gordon Hirabayashi and Min Yasui who went to jail to test the constitutionality of the military exclusion and other orders.

What about the dissenters who answered, "No, no" on the Questionnaire and those who chose to relocate to Tule Lake? What about those who rose at 4:00 in the morning for calisthenics and marched up and down the roadways counting cadence in Japanese? What about the JACL decision to ask for the reinstitution of Selective Service for the Nisei and the subsequent volunteering of those young men from behind the barbed wire fences for service in the armed forces of our nation? These and many other instances will not permit us to deny that Evacuation was with protest.

Even though he did not say so specifically, I believe Mr. Gordon feels that there is something of worth in the Harry Ashmore peace suggestion and I would also go along with this. There are those such as Tom Lambert who would write Ashmore off as an amateur. (L.A. Times, Sept. 27). Our national history reflects that amateurs rose out of our business life during times of crisis to provide our nation with a kind of leadership that far overshadowed the "professionals." If Ashmore is an amateur, I would place my confidence in him as I would in Ronald Reagan who has been discredited as having lack of experience. I have to throw this in, lest some of our readers would further indict all the national officers as being Democrats.

Is it really unpatriotic to be critical of public policy, especially the administration's current policy on Vietnam? My answer is, "No." Lynwood Mark Rhodes writing in the Kiwanis Magazine (Oct. 1967) mentions several events out of the past that parallel the criticism of the administration's Vietnam policy, "Abraham Lincoln assailed President Polk for declaring an unjust war against Mexico. We may be embarrassing our country's leaders, but the nation's sense of values are being strengthened."

The stake that we Americans of Japanese Ancestry have in the Vietnam War is no greater or less than that of any American, so whether one is a hawk or a dove, it matters little insofar as the JACL is concerned since we have no national policy as such.

However, with Civil Rights, the color of the horse is different. We have a national policy by the reason of the Civil Rights Resolutions that have come out of our recent national council meetings. Many are not satisfied and the hue and cry of some is that we quit talking and start doing something suggesting that we exert all the means within our organizational framework and rise to the Negro cause.

I succumb to the belief that our involvement in Civil Rights should be careful and objective. We should give support to those arenas of the program which have been of proven worth.

For example: In the seven-county area here in the San Joaquin Valley of California, the Self-Help Enterprises have been of real constructive worth wherein farm workers of Mexican descent have been afforded the opportunity to build their own housing with their own labor under expert guidance. Over 120 homes have been built and occupied during the three-year period and there have been no foreclosures or homes put up for sale. I believe the persistency is that they have had to work to build their homes and when a man obtains a home by working for it, it gives him a kind of security and a sense of dignity and pride as opposed to those programs wherein money is handed to people. Such programs could be made available to enhance housing for our Negro Americans.

"Protest" might have and could have been uncontrollable in the Evacuation. We must show concern about the extent of "protest" in the Civil Rights Crisis. Detroit's 12th Street is a grim reminder to us that protest has to be contained; that credence has to be given to the proper leadership, the team of Roy Wilkins and Whitney Young as opposed to the team of Rap Brown and Stokely Carmichael.

With the passing of years, much has been forgotten about the Evacuation, but we know from our own experience that during those crucial months, the sensible collective voice of the JACL was heeded and this led us to the enviable position that we hold in America today. What would our lot be today had we heeded the agitating Rap Browns in our midst in the Relocation Centers? This is what is meant by, "proceed with caution" on Civil Rights lest we give violence a nod of approval.

### Fashion Show --

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hostess, removed her ranch mink jacket to work in her natty brown gabardine sheath. Busy ticket chairman Louise Koike carried out her duties in a green double knit dress. Toyoko Doi looked like a doll in her textured white sleeve-stage were special services chairman Sue Sumida, and wardrobe assistants Mrs. Lillian Kiyota and Mrs. Chieko Yukawa. Mrs. Kiyota in a dusty rose wool suit, Mrs. Yukawa elegantly attired in black lace over gold, topped by a silk butterfly brocade coat collared with mink. Auxiliary president Mrs. Toyoko Doi looked like a doll in her textured white sleeve-

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