

By Mike Masaoka

Washington Newsletter

HOUSING DISCRIMINATION

Washington. One of the major remaining racial discriminations against those of Japanese ancestry in this country is in housing, and more specifically in the purchase of so-called tract homes in certain "closed" areas of cities and suburbs.

It is for this reason that the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States on December 4 to consider whether suburban housing developments must be opened to Negroes and others on an equal basis with white persons is of such interest to persons of Japanese ancestry in general and to the JACL in particular.

The JACL has been in the forefront of organizations seeking equality in housing and rental opportunities. It was represented as friend of the court in the precedent-shattering case in which the nation's highest tribunal ruled in 1948 against racially restrictive covenants and held that the courts could not be called upon to enforce these discriminatory practices. This particular case was decided in the same year that the Supreme Court in the now famous Oyama case virtually invalidated the alien land laws which prohibited alien Japanese from purchasing and owning real property, even for residential purpose.

More recently, in 1964, the three California district council joined unsuccessfully in opposing Proposition 13, which would sanction racial discrimination in housing. And, the JACL was among those involved in successfully asking the California State Supreme Court, and subsequently the United States Supreme Court, to hold that Proposition 13 was unconstitutional, even though the citizens of California voted for it.

Even more recently, many JACL chapters, such as the Washington, D.C. Chapter, were involved in state, county and city efforts to secure fair and open housing laws and ordinances.

Ever since the immigrant Japanese some 75 years ago, and more were forced to live in their special ghettos, then called Little Tokyos and Little Osakas, and subsequently humiliated by the passage of alien land laws in 16 western states, those of Japanese ancestry have fought against bigotry and prejudice in housing. For to be segregated in one's housing brings segregation in fact in education, in employment, in opportunities, etc.

In a one-line order almost two weeks ago, the Supreme Court granted review to a case from a St. Louis suburb and thereby raised hopes among civil rights groups that the so-called private discrimination that confines mostly Negroes now to inner-city ghettos is on the verge of extinction through court interpretation.

Recent Supreme Court decisions have steadily eroded old concepts of the kind of "state action" that Negroes must show to invoke the 14th Amendment's equal protection clause, which prohibits racial discrimination by state and municipal governments.

In this St. Louis case, the National Council Against Discrimination in Housing, with which the JACL has cooperated from time to time, argues that the Alfred H. Mayer Company, developer of huge residential housing complexes, is itself a kind of government which is accountable in court for its whites-only policy. The National Council's position is supported by the Department of Justice.

The Mayer Company refused on racial grounds to sell a lot in its "Paddock Woods" subdivision to Joseph and Barbara Jones, a Negro husband, white wife couple who have the funds necessary to purchase a house in the complex designed for 2700 families, with golf, tennis, and swimming facilities for home owners.

The Justice Department's friends of the court brief suggested that this housing development complex has all the attributes of "a complete suburban community."

When the Federal District Court and the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit both held that existing law provides no remedy for persons who claim that they were denied their right to purchase real estate because of race, the Jones appealed to the United States Supreme Court on two basic grounds.

One is an almost forgotten civil rights law of 1866 that guaranteed the recently freed slaves the same right as white persons to "purchase, lease, sell, hold and convey real and personal property". The appeal contends that this statute was enacted by Congress to enforce the 13th Amendment, which prohibits slavery. Since housing discrimination is a "vestige of slavery", the appeal asserts that the court can invoke the law to prevent individuals from discriminating against Negroes in housing transactions.

The other argument is that the 14th Amendment, which prohibits discrimination by states, also forbids discrimination by suburban land developers who create new communities and thus assume the character and responsibilities of state agencies. The appeal argues that the developers' alleged racial discrimination was, in substance, "state action" because the state involved itself through licensing, zoning, and other regulations, while the developers constructed streets and playgrounds and provided garbage collection and other functions traditionally furnished by the state.

Justice Department lawyers stressed privately that victory for the Jones would not necessarily remove the need for federated, state, and local fair housing proposals, which would outlaw discrimination in individual housing sales and rentals.

The Jones case has to do only with racial discrimination in the sale of tract homes developed as a kind of community complex.

The information of the Washington JACL office is that there are some tract homes in California, Missouri, and in most other states in which homes will not be sold to Japanese regardless of their credit, business or professional, social, educational and cultural standing.

But, it is not for just Japanese Americans that the JACL is concerned in this particular appeal. The JACL concern is for all Americans, since it can recall that it was not so long ago that housing discrimination was the expected and not the unexpected for those of Japanese ancestry, and the implications of that segregation will continue to threaten all citizens until every person is free to buy or rent a home of his own choosing and ability to pay wherever he desires.

Proper perspective lost by U.S. history books in presenting one-sided story on accomplishments

(From the Seattle JACL Newsletter)

BY Y. PHILIP HAYASHI

Seattle. Pedro Alonso Nino, Estevanico, Crispus Attucks, Peter Salem, Salem Poor, Prince Whipple, Oliver Cromwell, Benjamin Banneker, Jim Beckwourth, Jan Matzelinger, Matthew Hinson, Andrew Beard, Charles Drew, and Louis Howard Latimer.

Any of these names sound familiar? They should, for they have made significant contributions that deserve a place in our history books. How many of us were aware that Pedro Alonso Nino was the pilot that arrived with Christopher Columbus in the historical year of 1492? Or that in 1538 Estevanico discovered what is today known as Arizona and New Mexico?

Many of us have read about the Boston Massacre in 1770, yet how many knew that Crispus Attucks was one of the first to fall there? Or that in 1775, Peter Salem and Salem Poor fought at Bunker Hill? Or that Prince Whipple and Oliver Cromwell were with George Washington in 1776 when he journeyed across the Delaware River, pictured as standing in a boat?

City Planner

When chairman of the committee that was charged with laying out the blueprint for the city of Washington resigned and took his plan with him to France, a member of that committee was able to reproduce those plans from memory. His name was Benjamin

Banneker. We have heard of the mountain men that helped make the West. One was Jim Beckwourth, who discovered a path through the Sierra Nevadas to California and the Pacific Ocean in 1884.

Perhaps next time we purchase a pair of shoes we might give some thought to how those were made, then think of Jan Matzelinger, who in 1883 invented the shoe lasting machine.

We think of the North Pole and immediately the figure of Admiral Robert Peary comes to mind (after Santa Claus, that is). Yet the first man actually to reach the North Pole (in April 6, 1909) was Matthew Hinson, who accompanied Peary on all of his polar expeditions.

Railroad Inventor

We take for granted the automatic coupling of railroad cars, yet there was a day when this was done manually and many men lost their lives, or at least, their names. Andrew Beard, in 1897, invented the device that coupled railroad cars automatically.

Medical technology has made large gains, and we now take things like blood plasma for granted. Dr. Charles Drew developed the technique for separating and preserving blood plasma.

And then there is Louis Howard Latimer, who in 1881 invented the first incandescent electric light bulb with carbon filament. What would we do without lights?

Quite obviously, these men have two things in common—they have contributed significantly to our country and they are all Negroes, and as the Negro Almanac states, there are many, many other Negroes who have also made significant contributions.

For too many years, the history books have omitted the Negroes' (and other nonwhites for that matter) part in America. To place into proper perspective the contributions made by individuals in making our country to be a leader in the world, we should not overlook, intentionally or unintentionally, those that traced their ancestry from other than European lands.

Business

National recognition has been awarded to Kay Fukushima, of Sacramento through the publication of his article, "Objections Are Like Hazards on the Golf Course," in the Insurance Salesman, a life and health insurance business journal. The article describes his methods of overcoming objections to the purchase of life insurance. Fukushima is a graduate of Sacramento State College and then entered the insurance field with California-Western States Life.

Civil rights and Vietnam

(From the Seattle JACL Reporter)

(Seattle JACL Newsletter editor's note: The writer is a veteran of the March on Selma. He participated in "People to People—Our Share" panel discussion during the Chicago JACL meeting. The topic of Vietnam is not strange — see By the Board, Oct. 27 PC; also letter to editor, Oct. 6 PC.) Dear Editor:

It may seem inappropriate

for a reader in Chicago to respond to Fran Wada's letter in your September newsletter, but in addition to my being an even newer member of JACL I share Fran's concern about JACL objectives. (See Ye Editor's Desk, Oct. 6 PC.) I will be participating in a panel with fellow JACLers at the Chicago chapter annual meeting on the general topic of human relations. I think it is about time the JACL began to realize that not all is well with the world and, in particular, with America.

My family and I marched with Father Groppi's group in Milwaukee. The cry of that march was "Black Power!" One did not hear the freedom songs of only a year ago. But one did see the virility of courage and defiance. On a recent Chicago television broadcast called "The Way It Is" one heard that the militant Negro is not going to march anymore; he is not going to appeal to conscience; he is going to take what he considers to be his share of the national destiny. I think if I see anything hopeful in the black power movement it is the growing identification of black people with their dark and underprivileged brothers all over the world.

I think it is about time that Japanese Americans began to realize that they, too, have affinities with their brothers all over the world. We are myopic about the evacuation of 1942. I think the real outrage occurred in 1945, Aug. 6, over Hiroshima. The official American body count is 75,000 dead. The Japanese count is 250,000 dead.

... And we are completely unaware of the horrors of refugee camps, for example, in which perhaps hundreds of thousands of South Vietnamese attempt to survive on less than 10 cents a day per family. We are unaware of the fact that everyone that our soldiers kill—except in an occasional news release about an "accident"—is regarded as VC... It is about time that the JACL had its eyes opened. If we think we have been transformed into full participants of American society, we ought to think soberly about our American action... in Vietnam. American freedom is not something founded by Madison Avenue Taste Makers, or our economic elite. It has no relationship to military success and power. We should have recognized it in those people who stuck

SANTANALYZING: Ken Hayashi

Monthly Torture Chamber

(From the Santana Wind, Orange County JACL Newsletter)

Santa Ana. Ask most anyone putting out an organizational newspaper and they'll tell you, "It's for the birds." Even for a living it's like being condemned to Hell, but for free, there ain't no "torture chamber" yet designed that could make you suffer like meeting a deadline.

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it's supposed to be out. And how about the mistakes... how could one make so damn many? And how come the sheet is just a lousy advertising directory?

A guy rolled up to our office with Seattle plates the other night. He happened to be an old Washington acquaintance. He happened to see an old copy of the WIND and his comment was, "You never learn, do you?"

At least he knew that our dad was in the newspaper business and that some form of printer's ink was in our blood from the days we were writing copy for the old Lincoln News and pounding out a teen age column for the now defunct North American News out of Seattle.

But don't mind us. We're really masochistic and we enjoy being tortured. All hell can break out, but we know the WIND must come out.

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Dec. 15 (Friday)
Watsonville—Benefit movies.
Dec. 16 (Saturday)
Sonoma County—Jr. JACL snow outing, Squaw Valley.
Arizona—Christmas party.
Sonoma County—Christmas party, Memorial Hall.
Dec. 16-17
PNWDC—Portland JACL, hosts: DC quarterly, Portland Hilton Hotel.
Dec. 17 (Sunday)
Hollywood—Hebana class, Flower View Gardens, 2 p.m.
Dayton—Christmas party.
Stockton—Christmas party, Buddhist Church.
Dec. 18 (Tuesday)
Pasadena—Bd Mtg.
Dec. 19 (Wednesday)
San Fernando Valley—Christmas dinner.
Seattle—Gen Mtg. JACL Office, 8 p.m.
Dec. 23 (Saturday)
Cincinnati—Christmas party, Nu Sigma Nu, Kasota and Harvey.
Dec. 26 (Tuesday)
Seattle—Human Relations Mtg. JACL Office, 8 p.m.
Dec. 30 (Saturday)
San Diego—New Year party (rescheduled from Jan. 1).
Dec. 31 (Sunday)
Arizona—Installation dinner-dance, San Francisco—New Year's Eve, A. Sabella's.
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By Bill Hosokawa

From the Frying Pan

Hongkong

BEYOND THE HILLS — Certainly this must be one of the world's most beautiful harbors. On one side lies Hongkong island, literally covered with towering, handsome buildings gleaming in the sub-tropical sun, packed densely along the waterfront and climbing tier on tier up the steep hillside. By night this is a fairland of light. Huge neon signs — most of them advertising the products of Japanese industry — blink and glare from waterside buildings, their reflections dancing from the harbor's dark surface. And up the hills, white and amber lights are strung like beads on a necklace tracing the course of roadways winding upward, ever upward.

On the other side of the harbor is incredibly crowded Kowloon, home of factories, apartments and tenements. Not far beyond the hills that rear up behind Kowloon is brooding, mysterious, tortured China. If one has time, he can take a sight-seeing bus to an old temple on a hill which overlooks a series of duck farms, on the other side of which runs a river that separates the leased territories of Hongkong from China proper. The land on the far side looks little different from the paddies, villages and vegetable fields one drives through enroute to the temple. But a psychological gap as wide as the world separates them.

PROSPEROUS HONGKONG — By the accident of time, geography and politics, Hongkong has become the place where the capitalistic system thrives in gaudy, striking contrast to the austerity of Chinese communism. Almost within earshot of the silent border, the textile mills of Kowloon clatter and rattle, supplying the needs of the people of many nations, proving jobs for thousands, bringing wealth to the capitalists who own them.

Hongkong knows the misery of poverty as well as the luxuries of wealth. In few places of the world is the contrast displayed more vividly. Women in blue denim work clothes shovel sand into a cement mixer next door to a store that sells only exquisite pieces of jewelry and the world's most expensive watches. A beggar asks for alms in front of an airline office where posters offer magic carpet trips to jet speed to distant capitals. Winter never comes to Hongkong, but Santa Claus in red, fur-trimmed shorts, welcomes children to a department store featuring expensive British exports.

But one is impressed most by the abundance, size and seeming prosperity of stores dealing in what by any standard must be considered the luxuries of life — rare gemstones, gold and silver ornaments, expensive cameras and watches, tape recorders and television sets, perfumes, fine tobaccos, British woolsens and Thai silks, shoes and handbags of alligator and kangaroo. These stores stand cheek by jowl along Hongkong's shopping streets, and the recent Communist demonstrations and bomb scares seem hardly to have dented their prosperity.

Fine bargains are to be found, too, thanks to the competition and the city's freeport status. Japanese tape recorders that sell for \$99.50 in the United States, and \$65 in Japan, can be picked up for as little as \$52 here with virtually no haggling. Swiss, British and Japanese watches are cheaper here than in the countries of their origin.

R AND R — Hundreds of American servicemen on Rest and Recreation leaves from Vietnam are contributing to Hongkong's prosperity. One source estimates that each serviceman spends about \$200 during the four or five days he spends here — more than the average tourist. The money goes for food, souvenirs, cameras, transistor radios and tape recorders, suits of clothing, and of course liquor and the companionship of bar girls. But the wild spenders of yesteryear are gone. The GI, airman or sailor is likely to nurse a beer and save his money for merchandise that he can take home. It's a fascinating place, Hongkong.

Accent on Youth Alan Kumamoto

Happy Ending, Maybe

We gather that most readers enjoy happy endings, and that way everything is pleasant. We also gather that people like humor and things which are less serious and bothersome. And we further gather that people like to use words rather than push action.

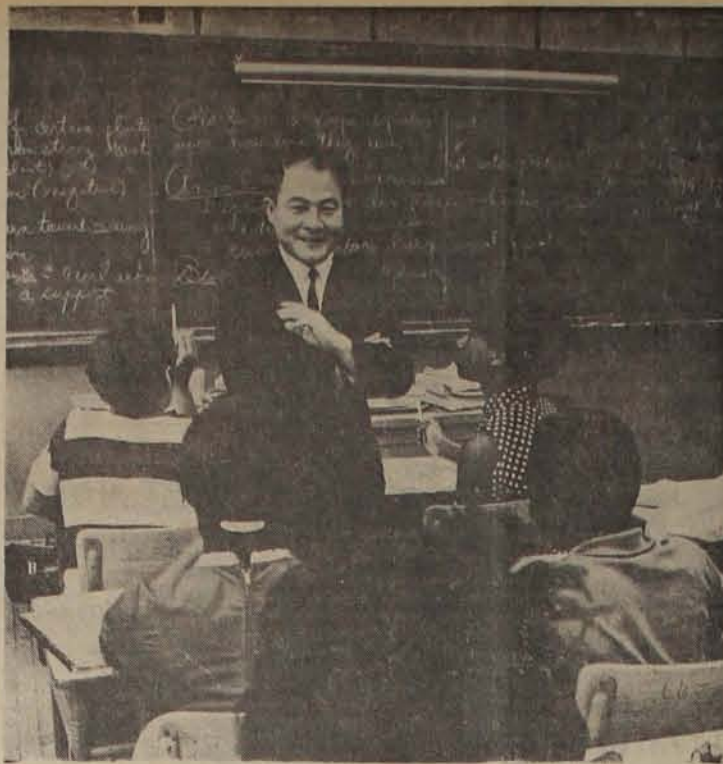
More than over 7,000 lonely, forgotten, patients at Napa and Agnew State hospitals for the mentally ill in Northern California exist. They exist the very second you read these words and you cannot forget them once you've visited them. You may want to, but you can't.

A challenge to Al-Co Jr. JACL has been issued by a response letter to their Christmas Committee's search for worthwhile projects. The letter reprinted in the chapter newsletter, Nanja Kanja was written by "Operation Santa Claus" chairman Kenneth M. Hill.

The request is for 200 dozen cookies homemade — not factory seconds. OK. Fifty volunteers making 4 dozen cookies can do it. We have that beyond the cookies and the gifts which are being sought that a personal gesture could be mustered together and the requested group party could take place for the patients. We know the youth can do it. Try it.

Jeffrey Matsui's column "Christmas Party" related a personal experience with the Progressive Westside JACL Chapter of young adults last year. He further sought support for this year's visit to Camarillo State Hospital on Dec. 10 (Sunday). It was well worth the effort for those that endured the Sunday traffic to that community 40 miles north of Los Angeles. Now as that season of giving is here it behooves each of us to think less ourselves. Give and find out the joy of appreciating life as you live it.

Does your Chapter (young or old) have a Christmas project (a worthwhile one or just a party)? Don't forget those 7,000 patients in Northern California. There are others all over. Stop thinking so much about yourself, learn to enjoy and appreciate life by giving your time and your love. Can you?



Principal of the O'Keeffe Elementary School, Sam Ozaki, visits a classroom for an informal chat with the students.

—Chicago Sun-Time Photo by Bob Kotalik.

CHICAGO'S FIRST AND ONLY NISEI SCHOOL PRINCIPAL:

Winning back white children to attend Southside public school to reduce 96 pct. Negro record aim

BY WILLIAM BRADEN

A man we know said we really ought to talk some day to Sam Ozaki, the Japanese-American principal of an almost all-Negro grade school on the South Side. We'd find him very interesting, we were told. So we paid Ozaki a visit the other morning, and he told us about the incredible thing that had happened to him 25 years ago in California.

"To the very last instant," he said, "I thought no, they can't do this to me. But they did, of course. It was completely shattering."

Ozaki sat at a neat desk in his office at the O'Keeffe School, 69th and Merrill, his back to a wall chart that asked: "What Did You Have For Breakfast This Morning?"

The principal played with a mechanical pencil as he talked. A soft spoken man wearing a conservative blue suit. Forty-two years old. The first and only Japanese-American principal in the Chicago public school system.

"I was born in Los Angeles," he said. "But I grew up in Wilmington, Calif. That's a rural area, and our neighbors were Japanese truck farmers. My dad was a fertilizer salesman."

Ozaki was one of six children, he said.

Man of War Slept Here

"I guess I was 17 when it happened. I remember hearing it on the radio, about Pearl Harbor, and it was just unbelievable, an utter shock. Then after that, I don't remember how they informed us exactly. It was probably by letter."

"Anyway, we all went out one day and got in the family car. They'd already taken Dad; so my oldest brother drove us there, to Santa Anita race track. Or the Santa Anita Assembly Center, as they called it then."

"Like something from Kafka? It certainly was. They issued us mattresses and then assigned us to our barracks. These were old stables they'd put some cots in, and it was kind of ironic, you know. Maybe I slept in the stable where Man of War was housed."

"They'd sent Dad to a special camp in New Mexico. I don't know why they thought he was an unusual case, and the only thing I can think of is, he was very interested in kendo — Japanese fencing — and he used to go to all the tournaments. Later they did allow him to join the rest of family, but we were separated at least a year."

Means 'Concentration'

"We were at Santa Anita about six months. Then they put us on a train, under guard, and took us to a relocation camp in Jerome, Ark."

"A concentration camp is what it was. They had barbed wire, machineguns and all the rest of it. We lived in Army-type barracks, in family units, with communal mess halls and washroom facilities. The lack of privacy was a new experience, and not necessarily a pleasant one."

They stopped drafting Japanese after Pearl Harbor. But we kept petitioning, and finally FDR approved a segregated outfit, if you will, the 442nd Infantry Regimental Combat Team. And I volunteered for it. We were a little naive, perhaps, but we jumped at the chance. We felt this was our opportunity to show our country."

"The 442nd supposedly was

the most-decorated outfit of the war. I was with it in France and northern Italy, a BAR (Browning automatic rifle) man."

He'd been wounded, hadn't he?

"I got a little wound, I guess. In southern France. But I was no war hero or anything like that. I just did my job, like maybe 10 or 11 million other guys."

A New Challenge

After the war he came to Chicago and earned degrees at Roosevelt University and Loyola University. Then he went into teaching. He was made principal of Shoemith School in 1964, and this fall he was transferred to the O'Keeffe School in the South Shore district.

Ozaki lives in an old house in Rogers Park with his wife and three children. He had an excellent record at Shoemith, where integration was a major issue, and hopefully he can repeat the performance at O'Keeffe. But it won't be easy.

O'Keeffe academically had been one of the city's top-ranked schools. A determined effort was made to keep it that way after Negro families began to move into South Shore. Among other things, this meant maintaining some sort of racial balance in the community and the schools.

There has been fair success so far in stabilizing the community. But it's been a different story at the school, where the racial count in 1963 was 548 white and 365 Negro. This year, with about 1,200 pupils, the O'Keeffe statistics read: 96 per cent Negro, 3.7 per cent white, 0.3 per cent others.

He smiled, shrugged. "Others," said Ozaki. "That's me. In statistics it's always white, Negro and others. Meaning Mexicans and Puerto Ricans, Chinese and Japanese, American Indians. They don't even give us an identity. We're just others."

He showed us the O'Keeffe School Record Book, where it says South Shore is "integrated heterogeneous community." Obviously there was nothing heterogeneous about O'Keeffe, and we asked Ozaki the reason.

"We have white families here," he said. "But sad to say, some of them send their children to private schools." Ozaki would like to change that. He's going to try, anyhow.

Win Some Friends Back

"I think it would be very nice," he said, "if just for once we could reverse this thing and climb back up, say, to 10 or 15 or 20 per cent white."

"This is kind of a dream, I know. But we have a very fine school here, and very fine teachers, and there is very good community support. We hope we can prove we have a good educational program, and we hope we can win some of our friends back."

"We have many number of community agencies doing all they can to help us. The teachers here have a real esprit de corps about it, to maintain the reputation of O'Keeffe. The parents are interested; and the kids, I think, have been really great. We're trying to instill in our kids a pride in their school, and I've been really impressed by them."

"We had our first PTA meeting the other night. More than half of the teachers were here,

all on their own time, and maybe a hundred parents."

"That was a good beginning. The main problem, I think, is just communication between the school and community. I told the PTA this definitely is an open school, and I hope a great number of volunteer parents will come in."

Open Door Policy

"Their mere presence is helpful. And I've told the parents, too, they should come to me if they ever hear a rumor about the school. My door will always be open, I've told them. And little things like this make a big difference. Showing people you trust them."

Fifteen of 39 teachers at O'Keeffe are Negro, the rest white.

"In the past we've had a turnover in staff," said Ozaki. "But I'm hopeful we have the beginning of a stable staff now, and the teachers have really produced. We're going to make a conscious effort to win back some of our friends, as I said, but that's not the real objective. I think of making O'Keeffe the best possible school for our O'Keeffe youngsters. And if that wins some friends back, that will be fine."

We walked through the school with Ozaki.

Maybe it was just a good day. But we were impressed by the clean and pleasant atmosphere of the hallways, the decorum of the classes we saw in session, the apparent dedication of the teachers we talked to.

We asked Ozaki why he had entered teaching.

Parents Encourage

"My parents had always encouraged us to go into areas of service to people," he said. "Before the war, though, there were very few fields that were open to the Japanese. As a boy, I dreamed of being a forest ranger. But you couldn't even think of it. And it was the same in other things. Then after the war I heard they were letting us teach. So I became a teacher."

But he was never bitter, he said. And Negroes today have it much worse, he thought.

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Issei transfers his rights to directory

LOS ANGELES — Hitoshi Nakajima, founder of Empire Printing Co. and publisher of the Japanese Telephone and Business Directory of Southern California, has transferred his copyright for the Los Angeles City and County directories to the Keiro Nursing Home fund drive.

In relinquishing the publication rights to his directories which have been printed since 1910, Keiro Nursing Home will derive the total revenue from the 1968 edition which is scheduled to be launched shortly.

William T. Hiroto, the Crossroads editor, will coordinate the compilation and publication.

Immigrant fete in Hawaii set

HONOLULU — A statewide commemorative celebration honoring the 100th anniversary of the first Japanese labor immigrants to Hawaii will be held next June 15 to 27.

It is hoped that Prince Takamatsu, younger brother of Emperor Hirohito, will be able to make the visit along with other Japanese officials, a navy band and a ship representing the Japan maritime self defense forces.

The celebration will honor the first group of 153 Japanese who arrived in Honolulu on June 19, 1868, after a 33-day voyage on the British vessel "Sciotto."

The group was the vanguard of a U.S.-Japan agreement to provide laborers for the sugar industry in Hawaii.

Sen. Inouye to chair statues unveiling

HONOLULU — The November Newsletter of Sen. Daniel K. Inouye announces he will be chairman of the Hawaii Congressional delegation for the unveiling of the two statues selected to represent Hawaii in the Capitol, Washington, D.C.

One statue is purported to be that of Kamehameha I, a native chief who united the Hawaiian Islands under his rule in 1795. The other is that of the Rev. Joseph Damien De Veuster, who ministered to the lepers of Molokai for 16 years.

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Japanese red tape on adoptions into American homes being eased

TOKYO — The once tight regulations and red tape involved in adopting children into American homes have become more relaxed according to the Japan Branch of the International Social Service (ISS).

"Adoption agencies throughout the United States are becoming more imaginative and more willing to stretch formerly rigid rules and practices," the service reports.

The service says it was formerly thought that families could only accept and successfully integrate very young children into a home, but agencies now feel the primary purpose of adoption is to help children who do not have a home of their own. This definition obviously includes older children and physically handicapped or retarded youngsters.

The service said: "Just as the definition of an 'adoptable child' has become more flexible, criteria for acceptable families applying for adoption have also broadened. Many social agencies no longer set an age limit for prospective parents. Instead, a total evaluation of the family's characteristics is studied."

Income Pattern

"Income is not necessarily a deciding factor now, but rather the steadiness of work patterns."

"Also, more flexibility is allowed for couples of different faiths. Agencies look for compatibility to assure that differences in religion are not a source of contention within the home."

Modern-thinking agencies are also willing to place children in homes which already have natural children of about

the same age, or in families whose children are grown.

Studies sponsored by the Children's Bureau of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare show that the majority of a group of 91 children adopted after infancy made good adjustments. Parental satisfaction with adopted children was high, even though every child in the study had suffered some earlier deprivation.

Emotions of Child

Most encouraging of the department's findings was the degree of emotional resiliency shown by the children. The adoptive home obviously played a large role stabilizing the children.

These findings and those from similar studies are the basis for the changing standards practiced by agencies in placing more children in more homes, according to the service.

The Japan branch of the service, located in the Masonic Building, near Tokyo Tower, is one of the agencies that has been practicing these broadened standards.

Since its inception in Japan just after World War II, ISS has been placing special groups of children in special homes, specifically mixed adoption placements involving Oriental-Caucasian or Oriental-Negro children.

These placements have been almost 100 per cent successful, ISS says, and much of the new freedom in making adoptions was started from the results of these intercultural adoptions.

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Weapon Is Waiting

The precedent established by the Evacuation for mass incarceration by the Government through its military remains unbroken and unchallenged. The many articles, books and editorials written on the Evacuation, especially within the last two years, have ended on this note of warning.

A Catholic weekly magazine, Ave Maria, ran a page article on the Evacuation in its Nov. 4th issue and Father Clement (past Downtown Chapter president and now in Pennsylvania) was quick to mail the magazine to editor Harry.

"Like a Loaded Weapon" is the name of the article and is authored by Dolores Curran. Although no new information is to be found in the article, Mrs. Curran relates the Evacuation in a fresh though exaggerated style. She tells her story by drawing three parallels between the behavior of the American people and the Germans which allowed the establishment of the camps.

"While the purpose and horrors of the American camps themselves cannot in any way be compared to Dachau, Auschwitz and Buchenwald, the parallels in the prevailing attitudes of the nation's majority people at that crucial time are striking... and since it did happen here, these similarities in American and German wartime behavior are important to expose.

"The first and most obvious parallel: Under the guise of wartime security lay rampant racism. Hitler didn't invent racism in Germany—he merely took advantage of anti-Semitism that had been smoldering for 50 years.

"Racism had a 30 year head start on the West Coast as far as the Japanese Americans were concerned. Long before Pearl Harbor, the fertile soil of bigotry was stirred up with charges that the yellow peril intended to take over America."

"A second parallel: greed... Even before the wholesale roundup and slaughter of Jews in general, individual German, Polish and Hungarian businessmen, wishing to rid themselves of business competition denounced Jewish competitors as traitors.

"... So it was with the West Coast growers. The manager of a grower-shopper organization was quoted as saying, 'We're charged with wanting to get rid of Japs for selfish reasons and we might as well be honest. We do...'

"A third parallel: 'We didn't know it was happening.' (The German people claim of being unaware of the concentration camps having been widely discussed in past years.)

"... If the American public didn't know what was happening, there was controversy aplenty being reported in the papers.

"On February 21, 1942, this appeared under a U.P. dateline: 'Pacific Coast leaders who have demanded curbs on J-As welcomed the order which was aimed principally at the approximately 60,000 second-generation Japanese in California, Washington, and Oregon.'

"... a month later a story on the actual evacuation began more colorfully: 'The luxurious box stall once occupied by Seabiscuit soon will be the two-room apartment of Mr. and Mrs. Taro Sato and their American-born son, George.'

"... We heard about the camps when Colonel Bendetsen received the Distinguished Service Medal for the Japanese evacuation..."

"... We heard about them whenever the bills were introduced in Congress and in the West Coast legislatures to deprive the Japanese of their very citizenship.

"... How could our nation, fighting to restore democracy, permit such sick paradoxes as decorating thrice wounded veterans while their parents and sisters sat behind barbed wire somewhere in Western mountains and deserts?"

As mentioned at the beginning of this column, most of the stories on Evacuation close with the same note of warning and Mrs. Curran's article is no different.

"... It must not be forgotten when we so willingly charge the German citizens with neglecting their duty to speak out during the roundup of Jews... that we, too, were guilty. Perhaps we still are, by permitting the Supreme Court decision to lie without further testing its validity. Otherwise, it is very possible that the very Chinese who felt safer wearing buttons proclaiming their nationality may find themselves in the next sweep of hysteria and racism. Or maybe it will be pacifists, or Catholics. The weapon is there waiting."



West Wind

Yosh Hotta

Happy Holidays

Once long ago during the Christmas season, I took a course in wrapping packages so that I could get a temporary job in the local stores. Everyone in the class except me got a job immediately. None was even offered to me. Some of you may say that I still haven't improved any in the wrapping of packages, but I chose to think that it was because of my race that I wasn't hired. Of course, I was disappointed for a moment, but as I didn't expect to make a career of being a stock clerk, I went on to other things.

Insularity and living in a small world is typical of the great majority of us. It is sometimes expressed in the individual when they feel as though the mismanagement of situations in which they are directly concerned is the cause for them to lose faith in the society in which they live; by such statements as a girl telling me in a pseudo-conspiratorial tone that she had lost faith in America because it hadn't solved her problem in being born black.

Accidents of birth are convenient excuses for not breaking out of one's confinement. The birth of the Baby in a manger long ago brought great changes for good in our society. It created among other things, the thought that the world tends to become better and that man has the power of aiding its betterment. It takes effort and as it has been said: "On earth, God's work is performed by man." I believe this for I have seen my world broaden and become better. I trust yours will be too. Have a happy holiday!

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Civil Rights Commentary

K. Patrick Okura Coordinating Editor

To Secure Equal Opportunities and Equal Dignity

Look Baby

Some voices from A TIME TO LISTEN... A TIME TO ACT... U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, November 1967:

"One minute we are looking ahead and we think we can see something and we turn around and again, all we can see is darkness ahead." Youth.

"Being a Negro in Boston is the worst thing in the world... you have no way to communicate with anybody. You can't find a decent job or a decent place to live."

On housing: "There has never been, except for the last few years, any concern for what the people wanted. They were not even made aware or informed as to what was really going to happen."

"They (welfare officials) seemed to think that to sit down and discuss the problem... was a ridiculous offer and what do we have to offer. They would be surprised. We probably could work something out that would actually help the mothers and fathers that are on the welfare programs. We are not even accepted as human beings."

Principal of a Cleveland School: "It had an effect because they were there and all they saw were Negroes and they were raised in an environment of poverty and the building was old and it had an effect I don't know of—of hopelessness. They didn't think that they could do anything because their fathers had common labor jobs and they didn't think they could ever get any higher and they didn't work, some of them."

Harvard psychiatrist: "They doubt what is, and become rather bitter, rather scornful, rather cynical, and I think at times, rather willful and un-

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"Much, much worse. You can't even compare us. I know how they feel, though, from my own experience. And we must help them all we can, beginning with the children. People must realize that our children are our most important resource, and that nothing is too much or too good for them."

For Japanese Americans, he said, conditions were much improved now.

"It's changed considerably," he told us. "We could probably go into any field now. I was in Washington this summer, for example, and had a nice chat with my old platoon leader from the 442nd. He's Daniel K. Inouye, now United States senator from Hawaii."

Ozaki smiled at that. "We still have our problems," he said. "But it's much better." We left. It was a nice day, and the American flag on the roof of the school looked very pretty as it snapped and fluttered in the warm, sunny breeze.

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Francisco, traditional businesses in which Negroes engage, such as cafes, barber shops, etc. are monopolized by other groups, and a Negro cafe in the main caters only to Negroes. If you cater to a poor clientele, you in the main will conduct a very poor and insecure business."

"Now it really isn't... necessary to say to a person, I am sorry, you can't have the job because you are a Negro. What happens more frequently now is that they say, you can't have the job because you are not properly educated, you are not motivated, you are not prepared. This is quite damning, because you see how this prejudice has operated for so long that now it is no longer necessary to say, I don't want you because you are black. I don't want you because you are just not prepared and it has been an educational system that has worked to create this condition."

Plumbers Union local: "I think everybody has got a place and everybody should stay in the place where they belong."

Church membership reaction to open housing: "When we took strong positions on certain issues a large percentage of the church membership deserted the congregation. The people said: 'Well, we like the Negroes, we have many Negro friends and are really not against equal rights but the church has no business talking about it from the pulpit, and we want to hear nothing but the gospel.'"

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—Yosh Hotta.

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Mainland had better ask their island friends for the right numbers.

Hideo Kawano, president of H. Kawano Co., on Nov. 30 was elected president of the Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce... The first direct flight from Seattle and Portland landed at Hilo Dec. 1. Pan American Airways inaugurated twice weekly trips Tuesdays and Fridays. Northwest Airlines is expected to follow suit on Dec. 15.

Stephen S. Kanda, until recently superintendent of Honolulu public schools, was honored Dec. 1 by the Kailahi-Palama Community Council at a testimonial dinner. He has served in island schools for 40 years.

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According to a popular Japanese Weekly's editor's note: "There is no end to the crimes of U.S. soldiers." Local newspapers back up this statement reporting on American soldiers who threw a teargas bomb into a bar. Other typical examples include robbing and beating of taxi drivers, striking passers by on the street for no reason, assault on bar hostesses and robbery of small shops.

What is the reason for this inexcusable behavior? It would seem, according to local statistics, that American soldiers are becoming "abnormally nervous" with the deepening commitment of the U.S. in the Vietnam war.

Previously this column reported on Japan's involvement in the conflict, however, in the case of servicemen, the subject is much more emotional.

Without a doubt, Japan is linked with the Vietnam war through its U.S. bases and soldiers who are coming from and going to South Vietnam.

Cases such as those cited, says the weekly, are not necessarily motivated by the soldier's evasion of transfer to Vietnam. But, on the other hand, authorities are reportedly searching for increasing deserters. This is not limited to soldiers, either. A recent desertion case concerned four young sailors who left their ship when it called at Yokosuka and deserted.

The bars and cabarets in the cities of Yokohama and Yokosuka are doing brisk business these days with men on leave from Vietnam and ships passing through. A Yokosuka cabaret which used to make 3,000 yen a night (less than nine dollars) is now taking in from 300,000 to 500,000 yen per night when a U.S. aircraft carrier visits the port.

However, in Iwakuni City (Yamaguchi Prefecture) it is a different story. The 1,700 princesses (nickname for prostitutes given to them by the Iwakuni police), are suffering from a tremendous decrease in income. A healthy prostitute that used to make about 100,000 yen a month now makes only 40,000 yen. The base is almost deserted.

Street girls complain that American soldiers have become difficult customers. When they get drunk, they become one of three types: The "crying type" begins to mumble how unlucky he is "because I must go to Vietnam soon," and then bursts into tears. The second type is the favorite of prostitutes. They get drunk quietly but seriously until they spend all their money. The third type is seen among soldiers who have come back from Vietnam or have volunteered to join the Vietnam war front. As they drink they behave more violently, breaking glasses or fighting with friends or anyone nearby.

The expression "beto-chiri" is now popular among Iwakuni people. "Beto" stands for "Betonamu" or Vietnam. "Chiri" comes from the Japanese expression "toba-chiri" meaning blow-by-blow.

Even the "onlies" (prostitutes who live like mistresses) have to have at least three masters these days, to support themselves. Some even have begun to fish for Japanese men, moving from the base area into the city. They call themselves "moving missiles."

In trying to find victims among those who are nonprostitutes, the weekly questioned Iwakuni police about crimes among U.S. soldiers. Their reply: "Crimes? No. Nothing has particularly changed because of the Vietnam war. But wouldn't it be better if we didn't talk about military affairs publicly?"

The police did say they are amazingly quiet. There are three reasons for this. First, they can't wander around the city as often as before since the authorities are restricting their leave. Second, entertainment facilities at the base have expanded. Third, MP control has become stricter.

Citizens have a different story. One anonymous individual claims he has seen the changes in American soldiers whether the police have or not.

He says the soldiers around the base are now very young. Some being only teenagers. Second, those who have returned from the Vietnam front are showing off. Some have become known as "kaminari zoku" (thunder tribe) because they race around the city on motor cycles while making noise like American Indians.

A school teacher complained that American soldiers tease passers-by and try to touch women on the street. "Children can't help seeing such a scene," he said. "As a result children have also become nervous."

U.S. Forces authorities are also cautious about the situation, ordering soldiers to "visit an orphanage, promote a walk-with-a-smile movement or clean up a local school ground, says the weekly.

It goes on to say that despite all this, the hell-like experiences of Vietnam are sometimes too much for a man to take. As an answer it cites the case of a 47-year-old Japanese base employee who was stabbed to death at night by a 21-year-old American soldier with the jungle knife he had used in Vietnam. "I thought I was hunting a Viet Cong man in Vietnam," he told police.

In Yokohama three young sailors held up a tobacco shop with a toy pistol and led police on an all day chase thus diverting them from their duties of preparing against an autumn hurricane.

While there is no change in the number of crimes by American soldiers, there is certainly a change in the nature of such. Where this abnormal misconduct will end is anybody's guess. Providing, of course, that the findings are true, and military authorities are hard-pressed to prove they aren't.



New Stadium ...

Construction of a new 35,000-seat stadium in Halawa at a cost of \$20 million is expected to get under way within a year and a half, Mayor Neal S. Blaisdell announced on Nov. 28. The stadium will be ready for occupancy in mid-1971 or early 1972, Blaisdell said. He said that some \$2.4 million already has been invested in the project in the form of land purchases, architectural and planning fees. "We don't plan to turn back," Blaisdell said. The population of Oahu at the end of 1966 was 620,000. By 1977 it will be one million, the mayor predicted. ... Hawaii's two U.S. representatives will be elected at-large again next year if a bill passed by the U.S. House of Representatives Nov. 28 becomes law. The bill bans at-large elections to the House in all states except Hawaii and New Mexico. As passed by the Senate, such elections were barred in all 50 states, a measure strongly backed by Republican Sen. Hiram L. Fong.

The Japanese government has invited Honolulu author Emily V. Warriner to cere-

Aloha from Hawaii

by Richard Gima

monies in that country next June honoring the memory of the man she made famous in her book "Voyager to Destiny." A statue will be dedicated in memory of Manjiro Nakahama, the first Japanese to visit the U.S.

Pearl Kadota, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kadota of Hilo, has been named a national award winner at the 46th annual National 4-H Congress in Chicago. The announcement was made on Nov. 28. Pearl is a freshman at Grinnell College, Iowa. She won a \$500 scholarship in the national 4-H leadership program. June Fukushima, 17, daughter of the Chester Fukushima of 705 Luakaha St., took part in one of the convention's main events, the "Fashion Formulas" show presented Nov. 27 at Chicago's Conrad Hilton Hotel.

Appeal to UN ...

Fifteen members of Congress, all of them supporters of the Johnson administration, have joined Rep. Spark M. Matsunaga in a resolution for United Nations' consideration of the Vietnam War. The resolution asks the President to request an emergency meeting of the U.N. Security Council "to consider all aspects of the conflict in Vietnam and to act to end the conflict in accordance with Article 25 of the

charter."

A group of Hawaiian high school students finally appeared on Moscow television Nov. 25, three months after their songs and dances were taped during a tour of the Soviet Union, according to a UPI story out of Moscow. The students, from Honolulu's Roosevelt High School, were on the second half of a program titled "Youth" on Moscow's second channel. A TV commentator said, "The art of Hawaii is as varied as the residents of these exotic islands. Our guests have visited many cities of the Soviet Union. They are filled with, Iridescent impression. This concert was their last in our country. We would like to wish these people success." There was no mention that the program had been taped in advanced, UPI reported.

Alfred K. Suga has been promoted to v.p. for operations of Pacific Concrete and Rock Co. by its president, Louis P. Price. Suga joined Pacific Concrete in 1964 as concrete and trucking manager, and was promoted later to production manager in charge of quarries and the block plant. He was formerly operations manager for Gilbert Kobotake, Inc.

Airman 3 Class Dennis M. Hamamura, son of Dr. and Mrs. Masami Hamamura of 525 Hondoapilani Highway, Wailuku, Maui, has been graduated with honors at Shepley AFB, Tex., from the training course for Air Force medical service specialists. Lauretta Hamamura of Lihue, Kauai, was among 47 youth honored recently in the Kodak-sponsored National 4-H Photography Program at the 46th National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago. ... Two Nisei are among 37 candidates initiated as Nobles into the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine in ceremonies at the Shrine Country home in Waimanalo Nov. 25. They are Richard T. Ariyoshi and James Y. Ohta.

Fuji-Miura ...

An AP story out of Tokyo says Paul Fujii, the world junior welterweight champion, has secretly married a Japanese seamstress whom he met two years ago while she was vacationing in Honolulu. Trainer George Fukuda said the Hawaiian-born champion's marriage to Tsutako Miura, 21, was documented in a Tokyo ward office Nov. 7—

nine days before he successfully defended his title against Willy Quatuor of West Germany.

Killed in Action ...

Army Sgt. Minoru Tanaka, husband of Ritsuko Tanaka of 2014-A Nu Place, was killed Nov. 28 in Vietnam action. He was the 113th Islander to die in the Vietnam War.

The Army announced here Dec. 1 that Sgt. Leonard M. Tadlos, 36, of Lanai City died Mar. 20 in South Vietnam, 27 months after he was captured by the Viet Cong. He was the son of Francis Tadlos of Lanai City. His death brings the total of islanders to died in the Vietnam War to 114.

A three-way race is on in Hawaii to corner the foreign car sales market. It's between Datsun and Toyota and the German-made Volkswagen. Volkswagen has been No. 1 in imported car sales here for several years, but both Datsun and Toyota are on their way up—fast. Toyota and Datsun in Oct. edged into second and third place in the nation behind Volkswagen in imported car sales. ... Japanese housewives soon may be serving fresh papaya for breakfast, according to a UPI story out of Tokyo. Dr. Kenneth Ottagaki, chairman of Hawaii's state board of agriculture, said in Tokyo Nov. 29 that chances are good Japan will lift its ban on papaya imports within the next year. Ottagaki said that was the impression he received after he had talked with Tadao Kuraishi, minister for agriculture and forestry, and other officials.

Rare bird—Nukupuu ...

A bird believed to have been extinct for more than 70 years has been spotted on Maui. It is the Maui Nukupuu last seen 70 years ago and believed extinct. Three other rare species also have been detected. They are the Crested Honeycreeper, Maui Creeper and Maui Parrotbill. ... Sen. Hiram L. Fong said in Washington Nov. 29 a meat bill approved by the Senate will strengthen laws in Hawaii and eventually compel the upgrading of meat inspection programs. The bill speeds out a program to insure wholesome meat for consumers.

The Hawaii Islanders of the Pacific Coast League has obtained the services of John Matias, who last year hit .279

for Elmira in the Eastern League. Matias, a Honolulu boy, has been laboring in the Baltimore Orioles farm system since 1963. He was obtained from the Orioles by the White Sox and assigned to Hawaii. ... Cappy Harada, general manager of the Lodi club of the California League, talked recently to Phil Piton in Mexico City about the possibility of Japan's joining the minors in the U.S., according to the UPI. Whatever action will be taken cannot come before 1969, said Piton, president of the National Assn. (minor leagues).

William Ing, 60, has been named chief clerk of the First Circuit Court. Ing, who has been with the First Circuit Court for 33 years, will retire Jan. 15. ... Attorney C. F. Hamon was elected president of the Bar Assn. of Hawaii Nov. 29.

Clayton E. Agena, son of the Clarence Agena of 872-B Panaea, Lahaina, Maui, was commissioned an army 2nd Lt. ... 2nd Lt. Earl K. Okawa, son of the Kiyotane Okawa of 67-151 Kanoea St., Wailuku, recently was commissioned at Lackland AFB, Tex., and will report soon to Adair AFB, Ore. ... Gilbert J. Matsuno, son of the Wallace Matsuno of 2014-Kahaloa Dr., was promoted to captain during ceremonies in Hawaii at the Army Strategic Communications Command Signal Group. ... Air Force Maj. Shigeo R. Okuma of Waimae, Kauai, has been decorated with the Bronze Star Medal at Hickam AFB for meritorious service while engaged in military operations against Viet Cong forces. Okuma was cited for his performance as special investigations staff officer at Tan Son Nhut Air Base, Vietnam.

Col. Robin Olds, the new commandant of cadets at the Air Force Academy, was born on July 14, 1922, in Honolulu. He was graduated from Punahou School and the U.S. Military Academy and was commissioned June 1, 1943.

Telephone Numbers ...

Some 54,000 households and offices got new telephone numbers on Dec. 1. All telephone numbers beginning with "2" and "9" — and many beginning with "62" — were converted the same day to seven digits. That takes in all of Windward Oahu, all of Manoa, McCully and Waikiki, and part of Waipahu. By 1969, every telephone number in the state will have seven digits. So former island residents now making their homes on the (Continued on Page 4)

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Ye Editor's Desk

ANOTHER WEEK TO GO

While the calendar says Christmas is but 10 days away and as this week's issue of The Pacific Citizen is being prepared over the Dec. 8-9 weekend, we are also in the midst of hustling out a major portion of the 60-page 1967 Holiday Issue at the same time.

As things stand now (and the end is no where in sight as this is being written), we shall spend another 24 hours without sleep—which is par for the first weekend dummyming out pages for the 24-page tabloid Reference Section and a 24-page standard section. Thanks to the expert assistance of Charles Fullert in the advertising layout, Alan Kumamoto's persistent drive with the Reference Section and the tender care of the one-liners by circulation manager Yuki Kama-yatsu—the deadline woes that worry an editor are abundantly diminished this season.

The consistent concern of Jane Ozawa, our PC bookkeeper and office secretary, and the sharp proof-reading eyes of associate director Jeff Matsui (if Yosh Hotta were in L.A., we'd use him unhesitatingly too) and just arrived PC circulation assistant Mrs. Mine Kido are helping to make the PC Holiday Issue chores a little more bearable—as far as I am personally concerned.

As a preview of what to expect—we have already announced the Chief Justice Warren speech on the Military and Bill of Rights, in which he makes his first public utterance about Evacuation since his appointment to the high judicial post.

But more gratifying is the special piece by Harold Gordon of Chicago, national legislative chairman, on Bill Marutani's appearance at the U.S. Supreme Court pleading the Loving Case last spring.

Inasmuch as this is PC's first in-depth treatment of the U.S. Supreme Court and the Nisei, the introduction to the theme by Washington representative Mike Masaoka will probably stand as a significant effort for some time.

And for sake of people who want the details of the Korematsu case—the most important issue directly involving Japanese Americans in our estimation—the ACLU brief eliciting the constitutional principles involved and how the decision was rendered in Dec. 18, 1944, are reprinted in toto. This is too-gray reading for the average reader—but he will easily remember in the future where he saw them.

Lightening the load, however, are pieces by the JACL-JAL summer fellowship winners (all did a bang-up in cooperating with the editor who asked for special areas be covered—and because of space, one might not get in) . . . Of course, we again thank the army of solicitors who help make our Holiday Issue possible. Without them, the PC financially would be something our board chairman would wait about before the National Council. We remember as a chapter delegate that PC finances was as hot an issue as the budgetary quotas have been in recent years.

MATA KAERIMASU—PART V

It was our fondest dream to wrap up the JACL Japan Tour report in the Holiday Issue—but the steady diet of coffee in the wee hours preparing for the Holiday Issue hasn't allowed time or the inspiration to properly put to rest this series.

We wanted to present a day-by-day series of impressions in the concluding piece. And it wouldn't be difficult to recall them after the box of souvenirs and memorabilia comes from Japan. To date, it hasn't come.

To those generous friends who made it possible for the editor to visit Japan this year, we want extend our personal regrets for not coming through by deadline which was self-imposed. However we are committed—just as committed as the wish to visit Japan again, which the title of this series—"Mata Kaerimasu—I Shall Return"—openly reflects.

To these same friends go, our prayers of gratitude during the Holy Season of Christmas and wishes of success and health in the new year.

THREE DOZEN WEEKS LEFT

People seldom count weeks like they do eggs or apples—but it's three-dozen (36) weeks till San Jose JACL's extravaganza—the 20th Biennial JACL national convention unfolds . . . We don't mean to pressure the convention board any further by emphasizing the number of weeks remaining when thoughts are more focused on the coming holidays.

But, in recent weeks the desk has received a number of special articles for the Holiday Issue and San Jose will be a hub of the kind of Nisei activity seldom seen in more convention-minded communities like San Francisco or Chicago.

Convention major domo Dr. Tom Taketa is angling for the family trade with the 1968 convention. A scientist by profession, we are sure his slide rule hasn't stopped since he assumed the responsibility over a year ago to make the 1968 event the most enjoyable for the delegate, his spouse and siblings. And some of the youngsters, we might add might be attending as delegates to their own Jr. JACL convention, which the San Jose youth are planning.

Only three dozen weeks left, Tom . . .

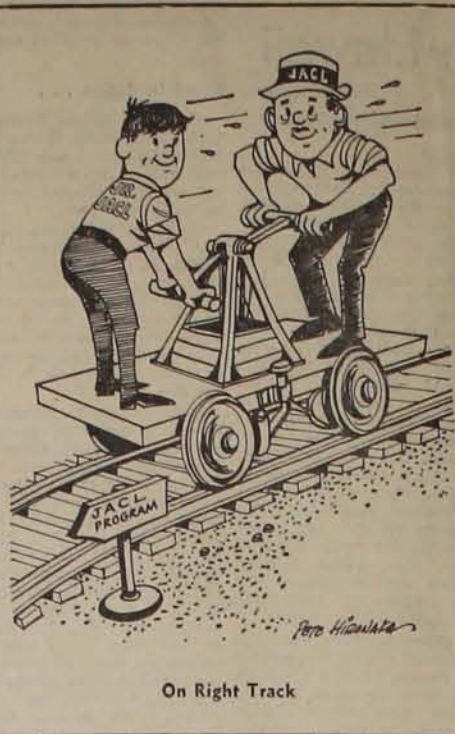
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Letters from Our Readers

2 1/2-million 'yen'

Dear Editor:

A challenge is a challenge only when there is a possibility of attaining the goal set.

2 1/2 million dollars by JACL for civil rights sounds great, but 2 1/2 million yen (about \$6,000) is more realistic. If anyone, including Mr. Chuman, disputes this, I challenge him to take the job of raising 2 1/2 million dollars, or even \$25,000—only 1% of the challenge.

JACL raised around 14 million dollars over a period some eight years when our cause was the greatest (during and after evacuation). We raised less than that for the Japanese History project. The membership's views on civil rights, as repulsive as it may be, varies from the ultra conservative to the ultra liberal. For this reason we have not been able to establish a meaningful civil rights fund and program.

Mr. Chuman's challenge shows up our weakness. Perhaps that was his objective. My concern is the effect it might have on other civil rights workers when we do not meet that challenge. I do not want them to be disillusioned into thinking that this can or will be done.

Something meaningful, however, can be done right here in Los Angeles, and Mr. Chuman's many talents can be most useful. Our district human relations chairman is contemplating a tutoring project in the Watts area. Japanese businessmen can be mobilized for job placement and job training projects. These projects can be started without 2 1/2 million dollars, but they do need the active leadership and stature of someone like Mr. Chuman to get general support.

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'Enryo Syndrome'

(Following letter appeared in the Santana Wind, Orange County JACL publication.)

Compacency is defined by Webster as "quiet-satisfaction, contentment, self-satisfaction, smugness." I am afraid that all of these definitions have been applicable to me lately. I had not been to a JACL function for some months, but I did go to the last one where Dr. Harry Kitano was the featured speaker. Ordinarily what a speaker says or does passes by me without a great deal of affect. Whether by design or otherwise, what Dr. Kitano said did not.

If Dr. Kitano represents the thinking of the majority of the Japanese American populace, then I must be far out of step. It appears that much in the way of material and comment is coming forth in recent months concerning the Evacuation and the Japanese Americans. Apparently, historians and sociologists feel that they can look back at the events of that dark day in the more objective light of today.

Coroner--

(Continued from Front Page)

were blocked by Burton Chace and Warren Dorn, who supported the medical schools.

Hahn said he met with Noguchi and found him "capable and best qualified to hold this important position." Bonelli argued the supervisors should not "knuckle under" to medical schools. "We went the civil service route on this and now for the medical people to be uncooperative is rather strange," Bonelli said.

Chace, chairman of the supervisor's coroner committee, argued that lack of medical school support for appointees could be "disastrous." He urged supervisors at least wait and see what kind of men the medical group could produce.

If I am not mistaken, Dr. Kitano is saying that the "Enryo Syndrome" of the Japanese American was the primary factor which allowed the evacuation to take place. I don't recall if the statement was actually made, but the inference was there that he did not believe that an event such as the Evacuation could ever take place again.

Time of 1942

The "Enryo Syndrome" seems to manifest itself in those symptoms such as non-aggressiveness, holding back, refusal to participate. Indeed, it is true that there was not much in the way of opposition to what happened in 1942. The Issei could not vote, and the Nisei were barely becoming of age to vote. The leadership and wisdom which comes through age and experience was just beginning. But what if we could have had the leadership and the wisdom which we have today and the events rolled back to the days immediately after the beginning of World War II. Would things have been any different? Perhaps, but not likely. The emotional temperament of the people was that of the lynch mob, which is still prevalent today, as shown by the activities in the South. Leaders in high places, one now the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, columnists who were supposedly learned people and now considered liberal in thought, unions which seemingly strove for the workers' right, all unanimously condoned if not requested the event which was taking place. Everybody would like to place the blame elsewhere, and mostly on the individual who signed the military order, namely General DeWitt. However, the order was effective and carried out because it was the feeling of the day, except for a few voices in the wilderness. It happened because either the people wanted it that way, or because they allowed it to happen. In either event, it happened because of a misguided leadership. It happened then and it could happen today.

Scars Have Mended

Dr. Kitano further stated that he has probably gone farther than he would have had the Evacuation not taken place. Adversity certainly tests the individual and could make a better man than before. This is not true for everybody. Merely because war and battle may make men out of boys doesn't mean that war is good. The scars of evacuation may have mended and provided the impetus to take some to the position and status they now enjoy, but the scars were not as pleasant to others who died in relocation centers, or twisted their minds to return to Japan or fostered a feeling of suspicion and distrust for his country.

This is not to say that Japanese Americans have not made tremendous strides from adversity, but rather than look back on the evacuation as the whetstone of advancement and possibly the only contribution which the Japanese American can give to American history, let us use that dark day as a reminder of things which might happen if we are not constantly under vigil to protect the rights of individuals, whether he be the drunk pick-uped for vagrancy, the narcotic violator, the Negro in the south for wanting to vote, or the Mexican alien who is here illegally.

The Evacuation is water under the bridge and we shouldn't live in the past, but history has a way of repeating itself, and the water which flowed for us may be making its way to another day in another era.

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A Banner Year

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The end of another year, this one the first of the 1967-1968 biennium, is suddenly upon us. The festive feelings of the holiday season have already become quite noticeable in the air. In a serious vein, this is the time of year when people traditionally tend to pause and reflect on the accomplishments of the past year. At the same time, they look ahead and gird themselves to the tasks of the coming year.

In retrospect, certainly the JACL has enjoyed a banner year in 1967. With our National President Jerry Enomoto at the helm and providing the spark, the organization has made positive advances in all areas of activity.

Financially, the 25% increase in regular membership dues from \$4 to \$5 per member was effected with a minimal, less than 1%, drop in total memberships. This outstanding effort on the part of the membership chairmen and other officers at all levels of our organization has assured us of another "solvent" year.

Program-wise, several new activities were successfully introduced. The JACL-JAL Fellowships to Japan accorded the selected four Nisei the opportunity to study and travel in Japan for six weeks. These Fellowships are being offered again in 1968 through the generosity of Japan Air Lines . . . The oversubscribed first JACL Japan Tour which left in October with 100 touring JACLers, was enthusiastically voted a unanimous success . . . A new chapter in San Gabriel Valley in Southern California was chartered recently bringing our total chapters to over 90 . . . Our new public relations brochure, an attractively designed and colorfully written piece which tells briefly the history of JACL was just released this fall. These brochures are currently in the process of being given wide distribution. (Each PC subscriber should have his by now).

Less spectacular, but equally effective, were the regular chapter and district activities which have sustained the interest and support of our members throughout the land.

In looking ahead, 1968 promises to be still another exciting and fruitful year. First, our 20th biennial National Convention in late August will culminate two years of intensive planning activities by Chairman Dr. Tom Taketa and his fellow San Joseans. The San Jose chapter, which was "trying harder" for several years as number 2, finally overtook the San Francisco chapter to become the Ichiban Chapter in 1967. Although seriously handicapped by the lack of physical facilities, the Chapter is going all out to make the 20th biennial another outstanding convention. If detailed planning can be a criterion, then their success is imminent.

Late in 1968 is the target date for the manuscripts of the long awaited Japanese History Project. This scholarly, scientific history of the Issei in the United States is now being written by Dr. Robert Wilson at UCLA, the Research Project headquarters for the past five years . . . At about the same time, late in 1968, Bill Hosokawa of the Denver Post will be completing his "popular" history on the Issei Story. Both of these works are eagerly awaited by all of Niseidom.

The coming year also portends of more positive activity by the various chapters and members in the field of civil rights. The recent contribution of \$1,000 to the Civil Rights Fund by the West LA JACL Auxiliary should serve as an impetus in gettings things started. As a human rights organization, the question has become not whether JACL should be involved, but rather how JACL ought to participate.

It is our hope that 1968 will see the establishment of a National Scholarship Foundation to administer our vital and growing scholarship program on a sound and professional basis. The National Board is awaiting a special study committee report and recommendation so as to be able to move in that direction . . . Meanwhile, the recent report that the Sumitomo Bank of California has gone on record to support a scholarship under JACL auspices is indeed very good news.

In conclusion, may I take this means of extending to all JACLers and friends my sincere wishes for a happy holiday season and bountiful year to come.

Would you believe David is 27 months old, knows 28 words, and two of them are "Mare Christmas"?

25 Years Ago

In the Pacific Citizen Dec. 17, 1942

JACL will enter court case on Nisei citizenship rights, Imperial County grand jury. Methodist Church group ad-vocates abrogation of 1924 Exclusion Act, expresses confidence in Nisei loyalty . . . Mass evacuation criticized by A. L. Wirin in radio talk over KFWB, Los Angeles . . . Top-paz WRA Camp residents eligible to acquire resident rights in Utah . . . Arkansas Gov. Adkins blocks plan to use evacuee workers at Norfolk Dam construction site . . . Story of defense of U.S. flag at Manzanar during disturbance makes practically every front page in America . . . Nisei shot down Japanese planes during Dec. 7 raid at Pearl Harbor, reports OWI official Bradford Smith.

Coast newspapers comment on Manzanar riot, many cite incident as "justification of evacuation" and recognize role of loyal Japanese Americans . . . "Actions of handful threaten to destroy future of evacuees," says Gila River WRA Camp newspaper . . . Rep. Leland Ford (R-Calif.) asks congressional investigation of Manzanar incident . . . L.A. County grand jury endorses move to bar all farm lands to Issei and Nisei, backs Shrine.

Nisei U.S.A.: In Harbin, Manchuria, 1936. Editorials: "Lessons from Manzanar," urge greater freedom for those who stand by America . . . "Christmas 1942," evacuees in camps walk with Christmas spirit in their hearts . . . "Ford of California," lameduck congressman taking last fling attacking WRA after Manzanar incident . . . "Crisis in Japan," of Emperor Hirohito's journey to Ise Shrine.

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