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## 74 PREVIEW

The week before Christmas the Portland Hilton was the scene of the PNWDC Convention, hosted by the Gresham-Troutdale Chapter. Despite newly elected Governor Henry Kato's description of his Chapter as being an "innaka" outfit, it certainly did itself proud as hosts. It was a good preview of the 1974 National Convention site. Our congratulations to Gresham-Troutdale and to Henry, who returns to the Governor's chair 10 years since he last served.

To Eni Somekawa, outgoing District Governor, go our thanks for a job well done. Characteristic of his sincerity was his anxiety to fulfill his obligation as Program and Activities Committee Chairman, as well as he could, now that her Governor's term had ended, to that end Mas and I offered some suggestions.

## YOUTH

The Convention was marked by the attendance of National Youth Commissioner Kay Nakagiri, who sat in on the DYC sessions, and scouted for a successor to Nobu Tsuboi, District Youth Commissioner. We are grateful to Nobu for her service, and note that her talents will now be applied to guiding the Portland Chapter in 1968. Congratulations! Madame President.

Since the Commissioner is the vital adult link between the District and the National levels, I hope that Kay will be able to line up an able replacement.

This Convention gave Mas, Kay, Alan and I another welcome chance to get together and compare notes. By the time you read this, all those named (except me), plus Russ Ohana and Mike Suzuki, will have conferred together in L.A. during the Christmas holidays. This reminds me of the memo I just sent to the Board and Staff on the youth program. I hope that there will be some reaction to it, after everyone recovers from the holiday whirl.

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Dr. Rademacher's speech at the PNWDC banquet was both timely and thought provoking. An academician, who has also known the farmer's life, and the life of the evacuee, (he was on the WRA staff at Anacapa, Colorado), he is a "tsukujin" friend, who knows Nisei and the JACL. From this background, he salutes our pioneer parents and the JACL for their achievements, but also admonishes us to fight complacency, narrow mindedness of any variety, be it racism or nationalism, and the forces of reaction. He said many things, but this is the essence of what I extracted, and I thought it was uniquely appropos for JACL at this point in its history.

## BUSINESS

One of the items that struck a familiar and discordant chord was the matter of Referendum 35 on the November 1968 ballot in the State of Washington. Discordant because it presents once again the spectacle of an attempt by certain interests to attack open housing.

Since this issue is analyzed elsewhere on these pages, my commentary will be brief. To those who say that this law is ineffective, I am in complete agreement, let's work to get a better law. The answer is not in repeal. To those who say that the law singles out real estate brokers to penalize, and is thus discriminatory legislation, I say let's strengthen it so it will cover home owners too.

Once again it seems necessary to point out that this kind of problem will never be solved until the real estate lobby decides to work for, instead of against, open housing. You don't have to be a genius to weigh the chances of passing an effective open housing law in Washington. One way for the real estate powers to help would be to aggressively educate people as to just what open housing means, instead of propagandizing and perpetuating the myths that hold back progress.

The PNW's decision to fight repeal of the law in question, by supporting Referendum 35, is in keeping with JACL policy and tradition. Necessary funding and staff help that may be needed will be worked out, and National Board approval sought, in the course of time.

## STUDY COMMITTEE

I am happy that longtime JACLer, Buddy Iwata, of the Livingston-Mercer Chapter, and president of the Board of Trustees of Stanislaus State College, has agreed to chair the Study Committee to give us some recommendations regarding the creation of a National JACL scholarship foundation. A uniquely qualified person for this kind of job,

## Non discrimination by realty industry makes Nov. '68 ballot

## JACL BACKS WASH. STATE REFERENDUM 35 ON HOUSING

BY PHILIP HAMASAKA  
(Special to The Pacific Citizen)

SEATTLE—On General Election Day—November, 1968—The voters of the State of Washington will decide whether or not they are for or against a law that will appear on the ballot as follows:

Non-Discrimination By Realty Brokers, Salesmen,  
(Official Title)

An act relating to real estate brokers and salesmen; adding discrimination because of race, creed, color or national origin as a ground for the suspension or revocation of real estate licenses. It provides that prior to taking any action to suspend, revoke or deny a license for discrimination, the State Director administering real estate licensing shall order the broker or salesman to stop the discriminatory act or practice. Upon receipt of a written promise to stop the discrimination, the Director shall take no further action unless within six months thereafter the broker or salesman engages in further discrimination.

This law, passed by the Washington state legislature and signed by the Governor on March 10, 1967, was to go into effect on June 8, 1967. However, prior to that effective date, and in accordance with the proper procedure for a referendum, a petition bearing sufficient signatures was validated by the Secretary of State. This permitted the law to remain without effect until the voters at the next general election cast their ballots to be either for or against it.

## JACL's Role on Issue

Between now and election day, much will probably be said about this issue, and unfortunately the chances are that there will be generated more heat than light on the subject.

The JACL may be of particular service in this instance, to be the source of light—to bridge the growing chasm of misunderstanding and alienation between the whites and blacks symbolic in this issue—by reaffirming and fulfilling the principles inherent in the JACL.

Towards this objective, the JACL chapters in the State of Washington, the PNWDC, and the leadership of National JACL have made their positions clear. The Washington state chapters of Puget Sound Valley, White River Valley, Spokane and Seattle have taken a position that is probably best exemplified by the motion passed by the Seattle chapter: "That it unequivocally states its position in favor of nondiscrimination in the purchase and sale of housing, and that it approves in principle existing legislation but recommends that more effective legislation be passed by the Washington state legislature."

## PNW Resolution

In addition, during the PNWDC convention in Portland, the following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, the National JACL motto is "For Better Americans in a Greater America"; and  
Whereas, the National JACL believes in promoting American democracy;  
Whereas, the National JACL seeks to secure justice and equal opportunity for persons of Japanese ancestry; and  
Whereas, the National JACL recognizes its obligation and responsibility of leadership in promoting equality of opportunity; and  
Whereas, the Pacific Northwest District Council of JACL is an affiliate body of the National JACL, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the PNWDC of JACL, in keeping with the spirit and intent of the purposes of the National JACL, therefore publicly declares itself in favor of retaining SB 378 and further urges all of its constituent members to actively support its retention, and be it further,  
RESOLVED, that the PNWDC of JACL seek ways of cooperating with other organizations in working to support Referendum 35.

Further, the National JACL expressed its position best illustrated through the following statement of National President Jerry Enomoto that was part of an open letter to all Washington state chapters:

"The National JACL would certainly endorse a strong and

## American PW in Japan

LOS ANGELES—Col. Leslie P. Zimmerman, an Air Force chaplain who survived the Bataan death march and a Japanese prison camp, will keynote the 442nd Veterans Assn. installation banquet Feb. 3 at Rodger Young Restaurant.

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# Washington Newsletter



FIRST SESSION, 90TH CONGRESS

Because of its 1968 presidential and congressional election implications, the Democratic leadership hailed the accomplishments of the longest session since President Johnson became Chief Executive, while the Republican leadership charged failures except where alleged Republican improvements were accepted. In truth, as we review the First Session, while it was not nearly as constructive and meaningful as we would have liked and enacted actually little in the way of new and innovative legislation, it was not nearly as unproductive as many would try to lead us to suspect.

From the viewpoint of specific bills in which JACL had a mandated interest, however, the First Session failed to approve any major civil rights measures or any meaningful immigration amendments.

No immigration legislation was enacted last year. A bill postponing the imposition of a Western Hemisphere quota ceiling on immigration beyond July 1, 1968, was passed by the House but the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization failed to report the measure for Senate action.

Three days before adjournment of the first Session, Congressman Michael Feighan of Ohio, Chairman of the House Judiciary Immigration and Naturalization Subcommittee, reported that his Subcommittee intends to take up consideration of bills seeking to amend the present Immigration and Nationality Act "early in the Second Session". JACL is most concerned with measures that would "liberalize" the so-called labor certification requirements of existing law and restore to the "natives" of New World countries the "nonquota" immigration status they enjoyed prior to the amendments of October 1955.

While the frustrations of the continuing war in Vietnam, the tensions and the troubles in the urban centers and with certain minorities, and the uneasy and uncertain economic activity cast their shadows on all legislation, a White House assistant noted that the President's domestic programs had been retained and even expanded. "The Great Society programs are here to stay. They are now clearly a part of the American way of life," exulted a presidential assistant who had feared that the 46 new Republican Congressmen elected in November 1966 would tip the balance in the House of Representatives against President Johnson's efforts to equalize and uplift the opportunities and the lives of all citizens.

Administration requests not translated into law last session include the proposal for a tax surcharge on individual and corporate incomes, a truth-in-lending disclosure bill, the control of firearms, the prohibition of wiretapping and eavesdropping devices, and trade with the East European Communist satellite nations.

In the area of foreign policy, the Congress indicated that it would hereafter demand a greater decision-making role. It cut foreign aid to its lowest level in its two decade history, imposed restrictions on the sale of arms and military equipment to underdeveloped countries, ignored requests for increasing East-West trade, blocked action on financing a Fiat plant in Russia, urged the President to take the initiative to bring the Vietnam issue to the United Nations Security Council, and adopted a resolution that the President should not commit American armed forces to hostilities on foreign territory without "affirmative action" by the Congress.

But, whatever the First Session accomplished or failed to accomplish last year is only a prelude to the Second Session that meets on Jan. 15. It will be in the Second showdown Session that the final record on which the President and 35 Senators and 435 Congressmen must run for election this coming November will be written.

## Courtroom

### Press Row

Popular Photography's Woman 1968 delves into the picture operation of Playboy magazine, of which Vince Taffari has been its picture editor for the past 11 years. Says Vince: "The most important thing in a photograph of a woman is her eyes. If a woman's eyes are not sharp, if they don't say anything, the picture doesn't run in Playboy."<sup>16</sup>

Barbara Hiyaama, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hiyaama, active JACL members of Sacramento, has been selected for membership in Chi Epsilon, Civil Engineering honor fraternity at UC Berkeley.

Sharon Fujioka, daughter of

Two Honolulu sisters, both Americans of Chinese ancestry, are on the editorial staff of Seventeen magazine. They are Arlene Lum, 25, and sister, Jocelyn, 22. They spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Koon Chew Lum of Waiialae-Kahala. Arlene is assistant home editor and Jocelyn is assistant to the editorial director.

Mrs. Jo K. Ong of Detroit, member of the Far Eastern-American Republican Club of Michigan, received the Ihmar Heinaru Award for outstanding services to the party Dec. 2. Lt. Gov. William Milliken presented the award named in honor of the director of nationalities division of the Republican State Central Committee.

Commended for statewide and local contribution to the agriculture industry, Snake River Valley JACler **Joe Salto** won a standing ovation from Malheur County farm leaders when Oregon Department of Agriculture Director Walter Leth presented a letter of commendation from Gov. Tom McCall upon completion of



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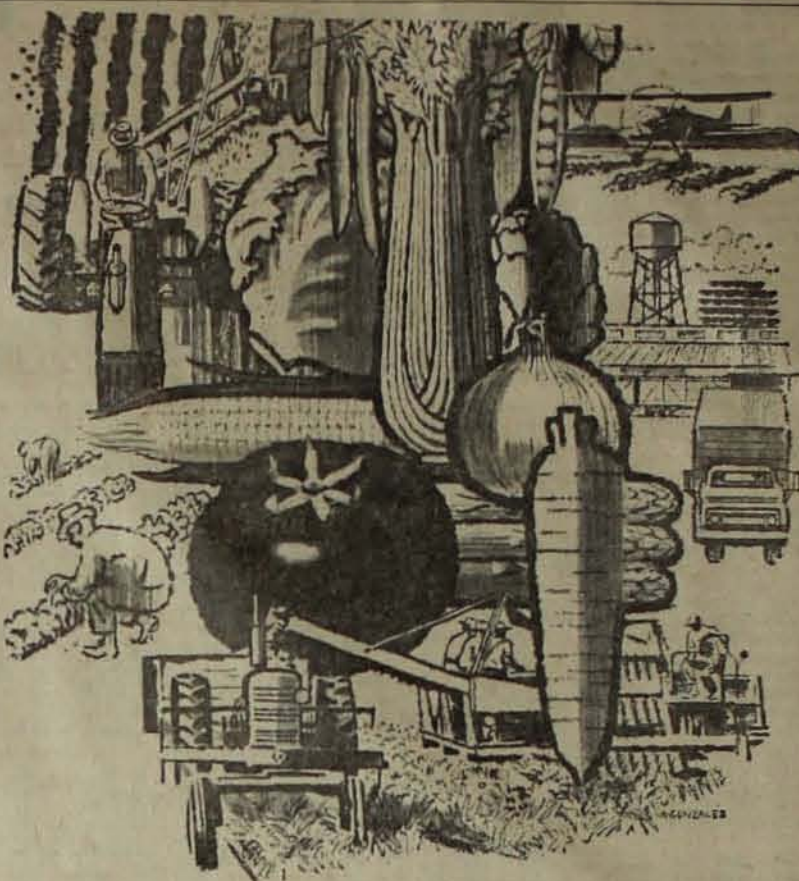
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p.m.  
Jan. 9 (Sunday)  
Dayton—Funeral Mtg. Mrs. Tacko  
Huntzberger's res. 3 p.m.  
Jan. 12 (Friday)  
Philadelphia—Old Mtg.  
Jan. 13 (Saturday)  
Contra Costa—Installation dinner,  
Walnut Creek Elks Club. Sacra-  
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Milwaukee—Inaugural dinner.  
Sonnoma County—Installation din-

Port. Anaheim 8:30 p.m.: Sun-  
 day. Stagecoach dinner.  
 Alameda - Installation dinner.  
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 Alameda, 4 p.m.  
 Jan. 21 (Sunday)  
 Hollywood - Installation dinner.  
 Jan. 27 (Saturday)  
 New York - Installation dinner.  
 San Diego - J. JACL membership  
 dinner.  
 Jan. 28 (Sunday)  
 Freshman-Frontalids - Banquet. GT  
 Hall.  
 Feb. 3 (Saturday)  
 Riverside - Installation dinner  
 and dance. Jack's. 8 p.m. Frontier,  
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The Cleveland Symphony under George Szell, conductor, will visit Japan in May 1970, giving 11 concerts in three cities: Osaka, Nagoya and Tokyo.



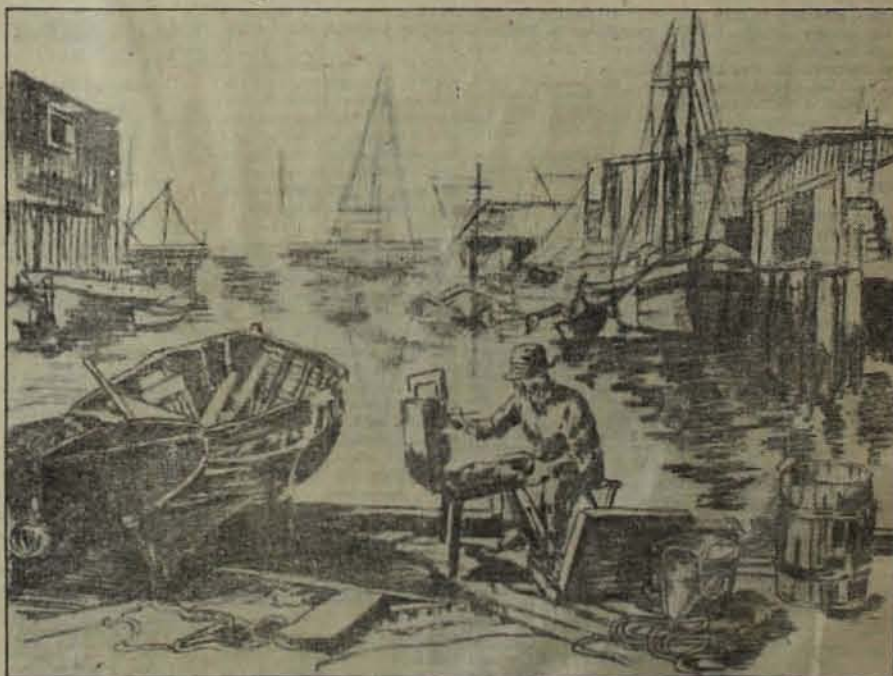
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By Bill Hosokawa

## From the Frying Pan

**GOODIES, CHINESE STYLE**—This series on the strange and wonderful Far East should not be concluded without reproducing items from a menu we saw in a well-known Chinese restaurant in Taipei. The prices are in New Taiwan dollars; since one U.S. dollar can be exchanged for 40 Taiwan dollars, each Taiwan dollar is worth 2½ cents:

Stewed duck feet with mushrooms	\$38.
Stewed sea slugs with duck feet	\$60.
Fried fish slices with distillery grains	\$30.
Stewed fish tails and snout with brown sauce	\$40.
Fried pig intestines (plain or with sauce)	\$32.
Fried shrimp with gizzards	\$40.
Sea slugs with shrimp roe	\$50.
Cold dishes: spiced gizzards, pig tripe, duck feet	\$45.
Pig tender with crab meat	\$68.
Sweet sow (sour?) pork	\$30.
Chicken kidney and bean curd skin	\$42.
Chicken feet and mushroom soup	\$32.
Chicken hands (heads?) and mushroom soup	\$40.

Although we were quite curious about what pig tender might be, and since we were afraid chicken hands was a printer's error for chicken heads, we settled for Chekiang pickle soup and shrimp with bean curd. Not bad, either.

**NONSTOP**—Several airlines have nonstop flights from Tokyo to American West Coast ports, by way of the Great Circle route that leads up along the Aleutians and back down off the Alaskan coast, and this time we decided to try it. Old friend Hatch Kita and his wife Kyoko drove us to Haneda International Airport on a Monday night over the toll road that is the only antidote to Tokyo's horrendous traffic jams. The Japan Air Lines DC8, heavy with fuel and freight, took off about 11 p.m. and 9½ swift hours later we were over the golden hills south of San Francisco. This flight, boosted along by the racing winds of the jetstream, dramatizes as no other the magic of air travel. One leaves Tokyo as a day is drawing to a close, and because of the International Dateline, he lands on the other side of the Pacific in mid-afternoon of the same day.

Our plane dipped low over the San Francisco peninsula, and it was hard to realize this was the homeland. It was easy to let one's imagination run as we floated down toward the airport. That scar across the landscape, marking the route of an advancing thoroughway, could easily be the raw earth being ripped up for a new airfield in Vietnam. That line of trees—I saw a similar row that sheltered a Viet Cong patrol from prying eyes aboard an American helicopter gunship. The mudflats of South San Francisco Bay—from 2,000 feet in the air it well might have been the Mekong Delta in flood season.

But the land below us was a land of peace and security, troubled but not despairing. Its people were clean, well-fed, adequately clothed and sheltered for the most part. They feared no attacks in the night, no midnight raids from police or guerrillas, no terrorist bombs. Food was to be had as close as the nearest supermarket, and one could drink from any tap without fear of dreadful diseases. What a blessed nation is ours.

Each trip abroad is an adventure, but it's always great to come home. And each journey makes this reporter more appreciative, more grateful, for America—despite all its obvious shortcomings. We are a nation built on improvement rising from dissent, but the dissenters and detractors in our midst might think more constructively if they could appreciate what we have.

TOKYO TOPICS: Tamotsu Murayama

## 1968--Year of the Monkey

The Japanese people are becoming more and more superstitious as compared with the generation of prewar years. As the Year of the Monkey (Sarū) — 1968 — is near, there were numerous wedding ceremonies being celebrated at the shrines, temples and hotels. The Year of the Sarū, which corresponds with the meaning "to return" or "to divorce," is considered unlucky for marriages.

That explains why so many young people are trying to get married within the Year of the Ram (Hitsuji), which expires on Feb. 3, according to the lunar calendar.

And babies born during the Year of the Monkey are considered to be as wise as the monkey.

As the Japanese monkey has a deep red face, some people interpret that red to mean "fire." And 1968 will see a lot of fires.

In other words, 1968 shall be stormy and troublesome. Something uncomfortable is believed to be brewing; hence, superstitious people are praying that real peace will come. And the Year of the Monkey will also see many losing their tempers and their faces becoming red with fury.

### The Monkey in Folklore

The monkey is a popular animal in Japanese folklore and fairy tales. Momotaro was accompanied by a dog, monkey and a pheasant when he went to conquer the land of the devils, Onigashima.

Another popular tale is that of the Monkey and the Crab. The monkey met the crab who was taking home a rice cake and deluded the crab into exchanging the delicacy for a persimmon seed. The crab accepted the exchange and planted the seed, which soon grew into a fine tree.

The persimmon ripening on the tree attracted the attention of the monkey and one day as he was going to help himself, the crab waiting under the tree asked him to kindly throw down some of the fruit. Instead, the monkey ate all the

### Enomoto--

(Continued from Front Page)

We look to Buddy for a blueprint that can be implemented at the San Jose Convention.

### BON VOYAGE?

Recently, along with fellow national officers, Yone Satoda and Tom Taketa and other JACLers, we were the guests of American President Lines for cocktails and luncheon on the President Cleveland. This treat was possible through the hospitality of Japanese Passenger Sales Representative Mits Akashi. Looks like a wonderful way to travel. Our thanks to APL and Mits for a very nice treat.

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**CURTAIN RAISERS**—Opening the Progressive Westside JACL program for the Christmas dinner-dance for retarded children at Camarillo State Hospital Dec. 10 were four magicians. The trio above are "Nino from Texas", a 20-year veteran; and Jose Frakson, life member in the Society of American Magicians with 50 years service, and Dr. William Robinson, a psychiatrist and amateur magician. The "Great Zakarti" also impressed with his act aided by his charming daughter.

## Progressive Westside's greatest Christmas lift--party for retarded

By GEORGE YODA

LOS ANGELES — Throughout 1967, the 250 young adults comprising the Progressive Westside JACL labored hard to finance their second annual service project, the Christmas dinner-dance for retarded children.

For the 125 members who trekked Dec. 10 to Camarillo State Hospital to host the 250 patients, they came home with hearts filled with a very satisfying sense of inner joy and happiness.

Leaving at 8 a.m. to set up the party, the Progressives (as they are popularly known in the PSWDC) decorated the hall, prepared the dinner, and entertained the patients. There were bright-colored corsages and has distributed. Four veteran magicians entertained. There was group singing and two very "alive" rock and roll bands played as patients danced with JACLers and others.

There was laughter and gaiety everywhere. The Progressives conversed with many. The patients had a hearty meal. And Santa Claus had at least three gifts for each of the 250 patients.

"It would have been simpler

## CONTRA COSTA JACL INAUGURAL TO HEAR JUDGE M. SAKUMA

RICHMOND — Superior Court Judge Mamoru Sakuma of Sacramento will be guest speaker at the Contra Costa JACL installation banquet to be held Saturday, Jan. 13, at the Walnut Creek Elk Club on Creekside Drive, off South Main Street, according to George Nakagawa, chapter president and installation chairman. Newt Leveskis of Walnut Creek is co-chairman.

Don Matubara of Richmond, incoming president, and his officers and new board of directors will be installed by Yoshio Hotta, assistant national JACL director.

Congressman Jerome R. Waldie, Mayor Douglas R. Page of Walnut Creek, Contra Costa County District Attorney John Nejedly and others have been invited. George Blumenson of Richmond will be toastmaster.

Reservations are now available by calling Leveskis (934-8679) in East Contra Costa or Nakagawa (233-5153) in West Contra Costa.

Peace was eventually restored and the offending monkey was invited to visit the son of the wounded crab to renew their friendship. The monkey was given the place of honor near the fire, and soon began to stir the ashes when, suddenly, the chestnut exploded and severely burning him.

Rushing to wash his burned hands, the monkey was stung by the bee. He then thought that he had better return home but as he was crossing the threshold he fell over some seaweed and the mortar and pestle fell from the roof, bruising him so much that the crabs were soon able to kill him, completing their revenge.

## Mid-Columbia JACL elects Dr. Akiyama

HOOD RIVER, Ore.—Dr. Saburo Akiyama, of 1419 Sherman St., was elected 1968 president of Mid-Columbia JACL. He succeeds Homer Akiyama of Parkdale, who will serve as board delegate.

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## Santa visits Philadelphia potluck fete

By KUNIKO OKAMOTO

PHILADELPHIA—The Philadelphia JACL turned out strong on Sunday, Dec. 10, for its annual Christmas Party. Bunji Ikeda chaired it with the help of his wife Eiko. A pot luck supper was a gourmet's delight.

The children as well as us adults enjoyed the games led by Mrs. Herb Horikawa and group singing led by Mrs. Sim Endo. During the "Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer" group singing, Wesley Marutani and Kelvin Okamoto pranced about as Rudolph with a red construction paper nose and two twigs held by both hands at their heads. Wesley, being older, was a reserved Reindeer while Kelvin, being much younger, was quite a sprightly Rudolph. Joan Okamoto was a cute Santa with a mask and bag during the "Santa Is Coming To Town" number.

The children's enjoyment was also enhanced by Father Clement who taped their voices and had them hear their own voices. "Jack Benny" Clement serenaded with a few strains on the violin during supper and the children gathered about him like a Pied Piper.

The Japanese Santa who couldn't even pronounce Japanese names but a darn good Santa was none other than Herb Horikawa. He really knows how to make the children happy. His children may or may not know their father's "it" but they seem to enjoy Santa, too!

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## Chicago YJAs planning February ski weekend

CHICAGO — The Chicago JACL and the YJAs will co-sponsor a "Before Ski Night", Jan. 5, 7:30 p.m. at the JASC Building, to get people in the "skiing mood" to attend the groups' ski weekend on Feb. 17-18.

Some outstanding ski movies will be shown, including a humorous one, called "Japan, Land of the Falling Skier."

## 34 participate in S.F. bridge tourney

SAN FRANCISCO — Mrs. Sachi Miki and Harry Miyakusa of San Jose won the fourth annual San Francisco JACL bridge club championship tournament in convincing fashion Nov. 17 with 108½ points.

The novice section was won by Noel Nitta and Howard Ito with 78 points. Dr. Wilfred Hiura directed the tournament which attracted 34 players and Gerald Lefton was scorer.

Join the JACL

## Spark receives gavel for sitting in Speaker's chair 100th time

WASHINGTON — Congressman Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) was presented the gavel which was pounded to adjourn sine die the first session of the House of Representatives of the 90th Congress. Speaker John W. McCormack made the presentation to the Hawaii senior Congressman to commemorate the occasion of his occupying the Speaker's chair for the 100th time.

In his five years in the Congress, Matsunaga is believed to have established some sort of a record for the number of

times he has presided over the House as Speaker pro tem. He is now the proud owner of three House gavels.

Matsunaga, a member of the powerful Rules Committee, is also Secretary of the House Steering Committee, and presides over that Committee in the absence of the Chairman.

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# Aloha from Hawaii

by Richard Gima

## Sen. Fong's rank . . .

**Honolulu**  
The retirement of two U.S. senators will greatly enhance the political status of Hawaii's Sen. Hiram L. Fong, according to UPI. It has been learned that Sen. Frank Carlson will retire from the Senate in 1969. This leaves the most powerful Republican position on the Post Office and Civil Service Committee to Fong, now serving his 9th year in the Senate. The second committee position to be opened to the Hawaii Republican is the ranking GOP spot on the Senate Public Works Committee. Democratic Sen. John S. Cooper of Kentucky has announced he would retire from Congress. Cooper currently holds the ranking Republican post; second ranking is Fong.

Sen. Daniel K. Inouye told Univ. of Hawaii students Dec. 12, "Dissent is the lifeblood of a free society." But he warned that when dissent is expressed by illegal methods, not only the individual but usually his cause is harmed. Inouye said, "If I could select but one requirement for this university to perform, it would be to train students to dissent— to form habits of dissent, to teach how to dissent with skill and insight, but always to dissent wisely."

The 14,000-member Hawaiian Government Employees Assn. hopes to get approval by the 1968 legislature for a reduction in the work week to 36 hours. It has also proposed a measure to work for the elimination of the present longevity steps in salary schedules, with a provision instead for four additional increments.

Piston Sgt. Walter L. Takamori of Honolulu has received the Silver Star for gallantry in Vietnam. Takamori, whose wife lives in Palolo Valley, is now stationed at Ft. Polk, La.

## Martyr of Molokai . . .

Hawaii's Statuary Hall Commission put the final stamp of approval Dec. 14 on the controversial statue of Father Damien, "Martyr of Molokai," which will be placed in the National Statuary Hall in Washington, D.C. It has been announced that a statue of

King Kamehameha probably will be placed somewhere other than the Statuary Hall. Many thanks to Roy Y. Ashikawa, a past board member of the San Francisco JACL, who currently is with the Bureau of Mines, U.S. Department of the Interior, for his note of appreciation of this column and a reprint from the 1966 Bureau of Mines Minerals Yearbook. Roy is the author of "The Mineral Industry of Hawaii," an intensely interesting article. We're proud of Nisei like him.

Mark Norman Olds, Hilo attorney and second magistrate for the Hilo District Court, will be named to the full-time position of District Court magistrate now held by Richard Miyamoto. Olds, a Democrat, succeeds Miyamoto, a Republican, who has held the post since 1955. Two other Republicans may not be re-appointed. They are Robert Lau, Kona District magistrate, and Thomas Sakakihara, magistrate for Hamakua and Kohala. They will be replaced by Democrats Masanori Kushi in Kona and Benjamin Menor in Hamakua and Kohala. The Kau District magistrate is Ernest Kubota, a Democrat.

The U.S. Civil Administration of the Ryukyus has announced the temporary assignments of new chiefs for the Miyako and Yaeyama Civil Affairs Teams. Capt. Harry T. Honda of Honolulu became chief of the Yaeyama Civil Affairs Team. He was graduated from the Univ. of Hawaii in 1960. . . . Gov. John A. Burns has named nine to the following State jobs:

Shuji Okazaki, Public Utilities Commission; Stanley T. Himesh, Commission on Higher Education; Roy Y. Tara, Board of Cosmetology; William W. Pryun, Board of Registration for Professional Engineers, Architects and Surveyors; Irving A. Jenkins, Real Estate Commission; Jack C. Tobin, Harold S. Wright and Kazuyoshi Mori-kawa, Pacific War Memorial Commission; George S. Ishida, P. Fund of Registration. They were commissioned on Dec. 13.

## New Officers . . .

Herman R. Meyers, Jr., of 1818-A, Houghtaling St., has been elected master of Honolulu's 72-year-old Masonic Lodge No. 409. He succeeds Gladstone A. Carter. . . . Members of the United Public Workers have voted to replace 12 of the government workers' union's 24 top officers and executive board members. Herbert Gonsalves of Oahu is the new state president. He defeated Kiyoshi Nagata of Hilo and Alfred K. Tam of Oahu. . . . Mrs. James K. Lota, City clerk, will be installed as president of the Hawaiian Civic Club Jan. 8 at the Princess Kaiulani Hotel. . . . Howard W. I. Wong has been elected master of Masonic Lodge 21, the oldest of 10 lodges in Hawaii. He succeeds Leonard P. Furdy. . . . William Alexander has been elected president of the Honolulu chapter of Real Estate Appraisers. George Bagay, manager of the Sheraton-Maui Hotel, is the newly elected presi-

dent of the Maui Chapter of Commerce. He has succeeded Norio Terada. . . . Larry K. Matsuo has been elected president of Park Engineering, Inc. He succeeds the late Edward K. A. Park, founder and president of the 26-year-old Hawaii firm. . . . Peter H. Arima, a City-County land surveyor, is the new chairman of the Hawaii section of American Congress on Surveying and Mapping. He succeeds James Christal Jr., a state surveyor. . . . Mary R. Robinson, travel executive and former state legislator, has been re-elected president of the Hawaii chapter of the American Society of Travel Agents.

## Traffic Fatality . . .

Traffic investigators identified Mrs. Sarae Yoshino, 62, of 2255 Date St., as the pedestrian who was killed as she crossed King St. at Coolidge Dec. 12. She was Oahu's 80th traffic fatality.

Mrs. Gozel Fukuhara, who was born 101 years ago in Oahu, died Dec. 19 at her home at 3047-B Puhala Rise, Manoa. She came to Hawaii 14 years ago and spent much of her time working in her yard. She never wore glasses or hearing aids. . . . A 52-year-old carpenter was killed when he fell from a scaffold where he was working between the 13th and 14th floors of the City Tower Bldg. at 731 Amama St. Dec. 20. He was Richard Y. Fujiyama, of 1629 Lusitania St. He is survived by his wife, Yoshiko, a son and a daughter.

Mrs. Kame Matsueda, 95, of 425 N. Judd St., fell about 18 feet to her death Dec. 16 in a rocky stream bed behind her home. A witness told police Mrs. Matsueda plunged forward over the wall and landed on the rocks below. Detectives said it wasn't known what caused her to fall. . . . George F. Centelo, 64, former chairman of the City Planning Commission, died Dec. 13 of an apparent heart attack. Centelo as in the real estate business and served on the commission between Oct. 1954 and Feb. 1966.

Two men apparently drowned Dec. 17 when a wave swept them off a fishing sampan inside the entrance to Kewalo Basin. They were Lawrence Perez, 40, and John Kahele, 30. Perez lived aboard the boat; Kahele was from Hilo. . . . Uchi Asato, 74, and Socho Nishihira, 80, both of Kamaole, Molokai, died in a house fire Dec. 17. They lived together in a small, two-room house on Kamehameha V Highway. The bodies were found near each

other, but investigators were unable to determine what part of the house they were in.

## For the tourists . . .

Paradise Park, conceived as a showplace of natural beauty, will open Feb. 16 in upper Manna Valley. The 13-acre park is fast taking shape in the uppermost reaches of the rain-swept valley. James W. Y. Wong is the man behind the ambitious project. The park, according to Wong, will feature gardens, pools, waterfalls and arboreta. . . . Cabin fees for Haleakala Crater will be changed starting Jan. 1. New fees will be \$2 per night for each adult and \$1 per night for children 12 years and younger. No discounts will be given for educational or recreational groups, it has been announced. . . . Honolulu 1, the largest glass bottom boat to be licensed in Hawaii, began operations off Waikiki Beach Dec. 18. Charles A. Bonney is president of the company which runs the 53-foot craft. He maintains that it is the largest glass bottom boat in the world.

Jim P. Ferry, director of the State Board of Land and Natural Resources, proposed Dec. 15 that Magic Island be leased to a private development for an amusement park. Recreational Parks Corp. is offering the board a minimum \$200,000 a year to the State for the lease. . . . The Kahului Drive-In after 13 years of operation has been closed. Its last playing date was Dec. 15. The theater will be torn down to make way for expansion of Maui Community College.

## Sports Scene . . .

Allen Nagata, one of Hawaii's all-time Nisei grid greats, will assume a new position as the City's golf course manager. He will have charge of the three municipal courses on Oahu — the Ala Wai, Pal and Kahuku — under the plan created by the City's Dept. of Parks and Recreation. . . . Carl Machado, sports writer for the Honolulu Star-Bulletin, was honored at a testimonial banquet by the Puerto Rican Athletic Assn. Dec. 14 at the Ill-kai, Machado, 62, has been in

newspaper work for 41 years. The National Collegiate Athletic Assn. cannot be convinced that the cost of living in Honolulu is much higher than in other sections of the nation. The NCAA turned down a Univ. of Hawaii request for 20 full scholarships for football players during the coming semester. A full scholarship includes room, board, tuition, books and fees. In lieu of board and room, \$140 a month is provided athletes who live off campus. . . . Nobu Uyehara has been named "Handicapper of the Year" for 1967. This is an annual award bestowed by members of the Handicappers Gold Club. Stanley Wong will be installed as president of the club for 1968, succeeding George Nakamura.

Taro Miyasato, veteran Honolulu bowler, rolled his second 300 game in 30 years of sanctioned competition recently at the Waiwale Bowl.

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**MAIN SPEAKER** — Shirley Matsumura, daughter of the Phil Matsumuras of San Jose, spoke on her experiences in Japan while there for six weeks on the JACL-JAL summer fellowship. She was the main speaker at the recent NC-WNDC quarterly session at Salinas. —PC Photo by Steve Doi.



**SANTA AT GINZA**—Shops that can afford it go in for gigantic Christmas displays such as this one in the Matsuya department store in downtown Tokyo.

## SAKURA SCRIPT: Jim Henry

### YEAR-END CHEER

ALTHOUGH less than 1 percent of all Japanese are Christian the spirit of Christmas, introduced by American occupation troops, has been informally adopted by most Japanese even though it is not a holiday.

One store man put it bluntly: "No, we're not Christians, nor do we intend to be. All we want frankly is money and to please our customers. People spend a lot at Christmas-time."

"Magokori," Buddhist goddess of sincerity, is often pictured in scenes with Santa Claus and his reindeer which is another commercial gimmick to put people in a cheerful gift-giving mood. Shops and department stores engage in clearing out all their long-standing stock at special year-end sales while displaying novelties for Christmas and New Year.

Even the night club hostesses, of which there are more than any other country, oozed all the charm they can muster to sell their quotas of tickets for very expensive Christmas parties at their establishments.

DECEMBER is called "shiwasi" (very busy time) with everyone preparing to end one year and begin another with a clean slate.

Part of the reason for being busy is that the season is cold and the sun sets early in the evening—around 4:30 p.m. in December. Thus the daytime hours are few in which to get everything done.

The time comes when drinkers flow out into the night streets. This drinking season is called "bonenkai" or the season of year-end parties. It is a particularly hard time for stomachs and livers with people sending out the old year and welcoming in the new as if it were a company order.

There is much activity in house cleaning. "Gosho harai" (year end cleaning of the Imperial Palace), starts on Dec. 3 and those engaged in the work are presented with a special suit bearing the Imperial Crest, which they keep as an heirloom for their children and grandchildren.

IN THE early part of December, people's purses bulge with their year-end bonuses. The bonus system in Japan is unique with nearly every employed person from bar hostess to business executive receiving a bonus equal to two to three months pay. It helps to compensate for the extremely low wages and "primes the pump of the Japanese economy" twice a year. (A small bonus is paid employees in mid-summer).

Ironically, every husband and father must earmark most of the bonus for cleaning up New Year debts and trying to fulfill the dream for their families.

But while the money is there most people buy presents for their friends, seniors and good customers to keep their relationship in the future. This custom is called "oseibo."

Department stores and other shops urge customers to spend and give freely while banks make every effort to get them to save by offering premiums for new accounts. Only the pure-hearted little children wait impatiently for the New Year Eve ball to start booming with full expectations, counting down the last days of the year.

AT MIDNIGHT on "Omiso-wa" (Dec. 31), when the first bell sounds from the nearby temple come to their ears, recollections of childhood days return to every Japanese. In those days, they probably counted each stroke fighting against the sleepiness attack-

ing them. Everybody feels something nostalgic when they hear the booming bell, perhaps remembering the last fallen asleep before the last stroke of the 108 finished nearly an hour before.

While listening to the bell, crowds of people go through the dark midnight streets toward the compound of shrines to pay homage to the New Year. This strange, mixed feeling, in a sense of religion, has long been accepted as natural to the Japanese.

It is perhaps the biggest religious occasion in the nation. Every action, every sentiment of life in this month is aimed at the moment when the "joys-no-kan" (Happy New Year) bell begins to sound.

All that is left is the happy awakening on New Year's Day when the children get their big allowance and put on their best clothes and go out with their family.

They too will recall these happy memories in the future when they grow old as they hear the 108 bell strokes ringing out the 108 original sins of man.

But for now they're enjoying the happiest time of the year in the best years of their lives.

## Deaths

**LOS ANGELES**  
Arima, Iku, 81, Nov. 28 — s. Clarence Y. Ernest S. 3 gc.  
Higashi, Masaoichi, 81, Nov. 27 — s. Akira, Susumu, 7 gc. 2 gc.  
Monsaka, Taira, 81, San Diego, Nov. 23 — w. Yasuo, s. Hiroshi, Kenji, Douglas, s. Linda, m. Yukio, by Saito, Tomio, Tadasi, s. Kimiko Kuratani, Fujie, Satsuki, Masa Takashima.  
Iuchi, Asako, 71, Pacoima, Nov. 22 — h. Yoshinori, s. Ben, Frank, Harry, John, d. Miyoko Irie, Mariko Ota, Eiko Nakata, 13 gc. 3 gc.  
Iwasaki, Frank E., 63, Nov. 23 — w. Masayo, s. Frank M., Robert Y., Thomas K., d. Janet Koide, 7 gc.  
Kawakami, Yasuo, 21, San Diego, Nov. 20 — Mr. and Mrs. Seizo Kinoshita, Gary S., 21, Nov. 28 — s. Kay and Ruth, s. Joy, Mitsuyo, gp. Ito Kinoshita, Mr. and Mrs. T. Serizawa.  
Kuroda, Fujiko, 79, Nov. 28 — s. Ichiro, 3 gc.  
Morikawa, Harry M., 68, Nov. 26 — w. Ruth, s. Ken, 2 gc. by Masakazu (Denver).  
Nishimoto, Kenji, 29, Anaheim, Nov. 22 — Mr. and Mrs. Nasami, by Torao, Kaoru.  
Sato, Mankichi, 83, Chula Vista, Nov. 24 — w. Koshun, s. Juchin, Kenti, d. W. Wai, Yasuo Otsu.  
Seto, Chutaro, 88, Nov. 27 — w. Ko, d. Katsuyo Teraji, Michio Saki, 5 gc.

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Gotu, Kenobu, 68, Marysville, Nov. 21 — h. Shienlemon, s. Bill, d. Hiroe, Masuko Watanabe, Harue Ichihara, Masao Miyama, Masano Matsura, Fumie Miyama, by Hitohito Kozaka.  
Kogaki, Ume, 65, Nov. 18 — s. Masami, Shigen.  
Matsuura, Masao, 85, Nov. 21 — s. Kenichi, Hiroshi, Akioyoshi, Ben, d. Yuriko Yamada, Yoshiko Ohta, Asako Fujii.  
Nakatsuki, Kimiyu, 63, Vacaville, Nov. 17 — s. Jun, Yoshio, Takao, Ryozo, Yoshinori, Bokuro.  
Okamoto, Irene K., 22, Nov. 16 — m. Masaki, by Ray, Jerry, s. Helen.  
Okimoto, Shina, 74, Yuba City, Nov. 29 — s. Namio, d. Ayako Yoshikawa, Misako Arimoto, Emiko Kuwata.

**PORTLAND**  
Fujimoto, Niozo, 78, Boring, Nov. 4.  
**NEW YORK**  
Hamano, Masaki, 70, Oct. 5 — w. May, s. Jichiro, Leiria, Victor, Komae, Shiro, 74, Oct. 25 — h. Kametaro, d. Midori Komae, Hana Miyoko, Sadako Koyama.

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## Ye Editor's Desk

### CHAPTER NEWS POLICY

A recent staff memorandum bares a current feeling among some leaders that the Pacific Citizen is not encouraging articles from the JACL chapters and it is now become almost useless to submit chapter news. As the new year begins with a new set of chapter officers, it is perhaps time to clarify our JACL chapter news policy.

We have always insisted on "follow-up" articles because a successful event may be utilized by other chapters. We remember the Dayton JACL staging its bazaar and their Barbie doll booth featuring Japanese clothes described as a tremendous success. Other chapters picked up the idea and asked Dayton JACL for details.

We have received a steady diet of publicity items from the chapters—and in recognition of those people on committees, and in the belief that names still make news, we have treated the chapter publicity items under "Call Board", a feature developed because of space problems. Now that six pages are coming out steadily, we have dropped "Call Board" and have gone back to headlining each chapter activity. We may have lost a convenient means of keeping track of what chapters are doing, but an article with its own head will make the chapter historian happy.

It is also important to remember that the Pacific Citizen is a "national" publication vested with the interest of maintaining the Nisei image. It would deal JACL an unfair blow if the casual reader notes that the chapters are more concerned with dances, picnics, bazaars and socials.

Another editorial bomb we handle each year about this time are the beautiful reports covering chapter installations, which abound at this time of the year. We know installations are often the biggest public relations event of the year for the chapter. We know that often it's the new publicity chairman's first assignment and a thoughtful photographer includes a picture or two. But availability of space always commands—so the unthankful task of editing the life out of copy and throwing out type at the shop ensues.

It's the chapter-in-the-know which inaugurates in the off-season like early October or November or late March and April. Their event is satisfactorily noted in the PC.

### SOCIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chapters may have noticed the PC Classifieds on the back page allows for "social announcements" at the rate of \$2 per column inch. The space is open to all organizations interested in publicizing an open event.

A social event, if it aims to be worthwhile, deserves an investment by advertising in the PC Classifieds, we think. Before long, it can be one of the most eagerly read sections of the classifieds if organizations capitalize on this opportunity.

There is no fee for listing in the JACL Calendar of Events, but we do not include admission prices there.

Post office regulations bar the promotion of chapter raffles or drawings in a newspaper being mailed second class. Seems this is a rule not well known among new publicity people—so we are mentioning that.

### HOLIDAY ISSUE POSTMORTEM

There are times you wish the Holiday Issue never makes print because of the errors or omissions. One last week staring from the page was the omission of art credit to the illustration in "Camp Disturbance". Some may immediately recognize the style as that of Mrs. Michi Asawa—who did a similar piece two years ago illustrating another translation of a Japanese novel by the Allan Beekmans. An active West Los Angeles JACLer, Michi has contributed her artistic talents to JACL in various capacities—her major effort in recent years being the Japanese History Project brochure.

An artist who appreciates the pressure of deadlines in this business, Michi is a "pro" of the top calibre.

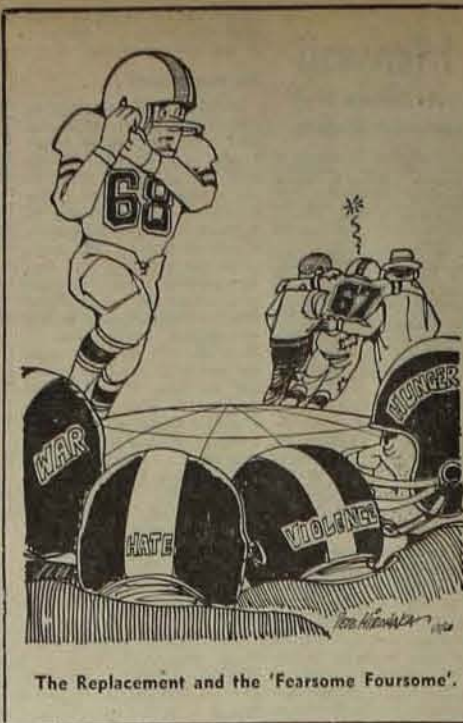
The Reference Section missed out on five bowlers who scored 300 games this past year: Tom Hirai at Imperial Lanes, Seattle, on Jan. 20; Tok Ishizawa and Jim Sakata at Holiday Bowl, Los Angeles, on Feb. 7 and 21, respectively; Sanford Kaneshiro at Honolulu on Mar. 3, and John Ito at Holiday Bowl, Los Angeles, on April 14.

The Reference Section will initiate a new feature covering the issuance of National JACL Certificates of Appreciation and special Scrolls of Recognition in the next Holiday Issue. Data on this had been collected—but there was no room even with the additional four pages in the Reference Section. We shall have to resort to resetting standing matter to smaller type to find room.

Listing the 1000 Club members by years is an innovation to reduce a tedious task. While there is merit in alphabetizing the roster, deadlines prevented it and we rationalized it would be good for people to read the entire section and see who's who in the entire 1000 Club. The tendency of alphabetizing is for individuals to seek out their own names and then stop.

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## Open Letter to LBJ

(From the Washington, D.C., News Notes)

One night a few weeks ago I was hiding in a sincere pumpkin patch with a friend when the solution came to me. The simplicity of the idea reminded me of the soul-stirring protest of the forties, "Two, four, six, eight, we no want to relocate." The solution to the Vietnam problem is to make South Vietnam the fifty-first state of the Union!

Now don't stop reading yet... Judge ye not lest ye have not judged." Consider what such a bold stroke would do for everyone. First, it would eliminate all question of why we're fighting there. After all even Mr. Lippmann would have to agree that every state of the U.S. is within our "sphere of influence." Of course, the Viet Cong may just give up the fight and join the Republican Party, but in the event they don't, we can immediately raise our troop commitment by a million men just by federalizing the Vietnam National Guard.

For those who believe poverty at home deserves more money, we could consider all our AID funds as part of this budget, and all the military

construction there could be classified as pork barrel money. Just think how this will reduce our defense budget. Vietnam could also be the first state to have a going war on rats. After all the B-52's are destroying all the tunnels they could nest in. Even the hippies should be happy... marijuana grows wild there. Wheel!

Of course, the question arises: Would South Vietnam accept statehood? I think the idea would appeal to the people and the leadership faction would not dissent if we made President Thieu governor and V. P. Ky (good campaign slogan, rhymes with "you and me") a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The Buddhist faction should be happy if Quang Tri were made the Chaplain of the Senate. The Montagnard tribesmen could be handled by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and all the rice farmers would qualify for farm subsidies.

For those people who are concerned about the symmetry of our flag... don't worry. We can put the 51st star on the back.

## Letters from Our Readers

### Question of Vietnam

Editor:  
On the William Hohri comment appearing in the Dec. 8 PC letterbox, may I say I feel like the compulsive gambler who said as he sat down to play: "I know the game is crooked, but it's the only one in town."

YOSH HOTTA  
"West Wind"

San Francisco

### Summer fellowship

Editor:  
In addition to thanking the Japan Air Lines and the JACL summer fellowship committee, I am looking forward to the endless possibilities that time will afford to use the knowledge and experiences gained from my trip to Japan.  
The activities cited in the Holiday Issue article were starters. I find that the more I become involved, the more I realize that I am only scratching the surface.

As I have been telling my friends about my dream of visiting Japan coming true, I hope it will be your turn next.

Since dispatching the Holiday Issue article by Nov. 30, three additional activities during December deserve mention. The JACL cultural booth

### Gima--

(Continued from Page 5)

He bowled his first 300 game in the Bowling Proprietors of America All-Star Tournament in Philadelphia three years ago... Dick Aguirre, Punahou School football coach, resigned his post Dec. 1 following a disastrous season. The former Univ. of Washington grid star will remain at Punahou as a teacher to the rest of the school year, then return to the mainland. His team finished with a record of 2 victories and 7 losses.

Dr. Shirley K. H. Tom of 1570 Bertam St. is now an intern at Presbyterian Hospital in San Francisco. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hoo Tom of Honolulu... Edward W. Horner, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward W. Horner of 4746 Farmers Rd., was elected president of the freshman class at the National College of Education in Evanston, Ill., Nov. 1. N.C.E. has 35 alumni in Hawaii.

Rev. Charles T. Brewster has been named president of Honolulu Funeral and Memorial Society.

at the International Folk Fair featured doll-making and as I had taken lessons at the New Otani Hotel while in Japan, I was able to explain the demonstration more knowledgeably. We assisted the Japanese Consulate fulfill a Christmas Around the World TV segment with a Japanese children's number on Dec. 23, and the Museum of Science and Industry stage its Christmas of All Nations exhibit.

I felt very much at home in Japan and adjusted right away. But this "re-entry trauma" of being "back home" is much harder to take. I still feel like I'm in three-ring circus and can't get out...

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## 25 Years Ago

In the Pacific Citizen, Jan. 7, 1943

Gallup Poll (Dec. 31) reports majority of West Coast people favor return of Nisei... Hawaii Terr. Rep. Roy Vitousek declares no case of sabotage by Japanese Americans in Hawaii... Second evacuee group of 443 arrives from Hawaii on west coast enroute to Jerome WRA Center... WRA to push for permanent resettlement of evacuees from camp in 1943... Congressman Leroy Johnson (R-Calif.) of Stockton may introduce bill for sweeping investigation of WRA camps.

ACLU says U.S. seeking to dismiss Korematsu test case... Mike Masaoaka to visit WRA camps in Intermountain area during January; George Inagaki leaves Salt Lake to establish JACL resettlement office in Chicago... Poston WRA plans rest home for aged.

Minority report of I.A.

### Stockton JACL women

elect Mrs. T. Saiki  
STOCKTON—Mrs. Teddy Saiki was introduced as 1968 president of the Stockton JACL Women's Auxiliary at a mixer hosted by the Richard Yoshikawa by outgoing president Mrs. William Nakashima.

BY THE BOARD: Warren Watanabe

## JACL Japan Tour

Philadelphia  
During the first few days in Tokyo, we envied stay-at-homes and tried to outwait what vaguely resembled a case of air-sickness grating on to Asian flu. After all, we were in Asia. But maybe it was the fourteen hour difference in time between Philadelphia and Tokyo which had disrupted our, ah, circadian rhythm. Anyway, we came to appreciate the excellence of Japanese television, while our compatriots merrily trotted around seeing Embassies and meeting Ministers.

But in time our appetite returned and we came to realize that Japan was truly a gastronomic paradise for us, and probably all Nisei who were brought up on Japanese food.

Perhaps because Japanese kitchens are not fitted out for extensive cooking, there is a tremendous variety of prepared foods sold everywhere—in the food basements of department stores, the small shops and stalls on the streets, the fascinating underground arcades that go on for blocks around subway and railroad stations.

### 'You Name It'

Sushi, udon, yakitori, tonkatsu, to eat or to take home. Tempura, sashimi, shumai, all varieties of okoko and okashi—you name it. Fresh fruit, too, was excellent, particularly the grapes, melon, kaki, and the superb Japanese nashi, where it could be had.

As we already mentioned, we didn't get around much in Tokyo on our first stop there (we returned later), and our first experience with an underground arcade was in Nagoya, under the Miyako Hotel there. We had been told of a good Chinese restaurant down the stairs, so down we went to find revealed an apparently unending succession of shops and restaurants open to a brightly lit passage, clean, warm, for more inviting and intimate than any American shopping center or subway arcade we have seen.

Our first department store was Hanshin, in Osaka, and our afternoon disappeared rapidly as we ate lunch by ordering from plastic replicas, were duly impressed by the completeness and quality of the departments, and then ended in the basement looking at—what else—the food.

### Variety and Quality

While the recollection of being able to saunter down the street and casually pick up a box of sushi still remains as a pleasurable memory, what really impressed us from the start to the end of our stay were the variety and quality of our meals. These, whether at hotels, restaurants, or ryokan, or catered in private homes, were almost invariably memorable.

We recall particularly wakusana-nabe (with sea food) at the Edosan in Nara, shabu-shabu at the Gion Suihiro in Kyoto, sukiyaki at the Nakamura-ro in Kyoto, kaki-meshi at the Sushin in Hiroshima City, and superb dinners at the Isaen, a ryokan in Miyajima, and at the Horikawa in the basement arcade of the Hotel New Otani on our last night in Japan.

Shortly after our return from Japan, we had dinner in New York City at one of the best (certainly the most ex-

pensive) Japanese restaurants there. We hoped to recall our meals in Japan, but sadly had to decide that the best in New York was far inferior to what we had become accustomed in Japan.

### Impressions

As time goes on, pleasant impressions become stronger and unpleasant ones tend to fade away. We can think of any number of favorable things about Japan, and a few unfavorable ones.

Before these dim, let us say that by far the strongest impression one gets almost immediately is of a tremendous, teeming population, pressing along the streets and sidewalks (where they exist) at all hours, filling all the stores, and pouring in busload after busload through all the historic and scenic places.

We were once in Times Square on New Year's Eve—an experience which we will never again willingly repeat—and Kyoto, along Kawaramachi and Shijo one warm Sunday afternoon, proved to be almost as bad.

We can't imagine the population pressure easing with time, but perhaps our second peeve might. This is, as any traveler to Japan would know, the abominable sanitary facilities in places other than the best hotels or western buildings. Since this is a family newspaper, we will say no more but hope that western methods and habits will eventually prevail.

Finally, we note that even though the next generation of Japanese must be inches, at least, taller than their grandparents, nevertheless slippers at shrines where one must remove one's shoes are too small, bus seats are jammed together too tightly, hotel rooms are much too small, and in general the scale is just too tiny for any except five footers.

### Scenic Environments

The impressions which become stronger with time are of natural beauty, aided and abetted by fantastic skill in pruning, shaping, transplanting, and creating scenic environments which feel absolutely balanced and right. The gardens of the Katsura and Shugakuin Imperial Villas come to mind as superb examples of this art, and the rock and gravel gardens of Ryoanji and Daisenin were remarkably satisfying in their highly abstract appeal.

The sense of history which fills Kyoto and Nara is tremendously impressive. There are the same street names in Kyoto that were once used by Prince Genji, the same kinds of houses and temples and shrines that were in use a thousand years ago.

Another set of lasting impressions is of industrial vigor, first-rate technology, and all the strengths and dangers of twentieth century life, existing side by side with ancient Japan with no real conflict, or so it would seem.

Just like New York City, Tokyo appears to be constantly building and rebuilding.

### Imperial Hotel

We thought to stay in the old wing of the Imperial Hotel for a few days on our return to Tokyo since we knew that plans were being made to tear it down and we wanted to experience for ourselves what Frank Lloyd Wright had done. It was an amazing old building, hardly suitable any more as a first class hotel. (Ancient bathrooms, large but inconvenient rooms, crumbling building stone) and seemingly hanging on by sentiment alone. This sentiment was strong, however, and many voices were raised in support of retaining the building.

Having been one of the last occupants of this historic building, we side with those who wish to replace it. An architectural masterpiece it may have been, but a reasonable modern hotel it was not.

### Next JACL Tour

Should JACL sponsor other such tours as this one?

Frankly, we're not sure. If the purpose were good will, we cannot see how the people of Japan would have felt any strong breath of good will upon our appearance there, which the leaders of the tour except for the special visits made to mayors of certain cities. But this could have been done just as well by individuals traveling alone.

The benefits, rather, all came to us. We had the very great pleasure of traveling together with a group of people with whom we had a great deal in common, and whom we liked, and of encountering together many new experiences which had to mean much more to us than to non-Nisei groups.

We were glad we went, and our thanks go to those who so capably organized and led this tour.

Our recommendation to all JACLers who have never been to Japan and want to go is to grab hold of the next JACL tour, if there is one. Your introduction to Japan couldn't be made under better auspices.

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