

The week before Christmas the Portland Hilton was the scene of the PNWDC Convention, hosted by the Gresham-Troutdale Chapter...

To Emi Somekawa, outgoing District Governor, go our thanks for a job well done. Characteristic of her sincerity was her anxiety to fulfill her obligation as Program and Activities Committee Chairman...

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...

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...

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Dr. Rademacker'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...

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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 Real Estate 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, after receiving 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—to reaffirm and fulfill 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 Puyallup 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.

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By Mike Masaoka

Washington Newsletter



FIRST SESSION, 90TH CONGRESS

Washington
On Friday, Dec. 15, 1967, the 340-day First Session of the 90th Congress that convened on Tuesday, Jan. 10, finally adjourned. It will reconvene in its Second Session on Monday, Jan. 15.

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.

Only two civil rights bills were enacted into law. One extends the life of the United States Commission on Civil Rights and the other outlaws job discrimination on account of age against persons between 40 to 65 years of age. Perhaps because of the increasing age of the Nisei, this latter statute may have more meaning than many would like to admit, particularly since the current tendency seems to be an emphasis on youth in industry, business, education, and even public service.

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.

When the Second Session convenes on Jan. 15, however, Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield of Montana has announced that its first order of business will be the House-approved general civil rights bill that would provide criminal penalties for injuring or intimidating persons trying to exercise their constitutional rights and to provide greater equality in federal and state jury selections. An open housing and other civil rights amendments may be offered during Senate debate. The Dixiecraft bloc already has served notice that it may filibuster the proposals, but, as the Majority Leader points out, the beginning of a session is the most effective time to "break" such a maneuver because time is not as critical as it might be in the closing days of a congressional term.

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 1965.

According to White House staffers in charge of legislative liaison, the First Session approved 750% of the measures proposed by the Administration, as against .905% approved by the First and Second Sessions combined of the 89th Congress. In all, 57 Administration proposals were enacted into law, although many were not in the form recommended by the Chief Executive, with only 18 recorded as unfinished business.

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.

On the credit side, Democratic leaders mentioned the ratification of the treaties for the peaceful use of outer space and for the exchange of consular officers with the Soviet Union, the seven percent investment tax restoration, the establishment of a public television corporation, the extension of the draft, the increase benefits and coverage of social security, the setting up of air pollution standards and of health criteria for meat and of safety minimums for flammable fabrics, and the reorganization of the District of Columbia government.

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.

Congress cut about five billion from the executive budget for various Great Society and administrative programs, while also granting greater say to state and municipal governments in certain urban and educational projects, such as for the anti-poverty program.

In the area of foreign policy, the Congress indicted 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.

NEWS CAPSULES

Courtroom

Judge Wayne M. Kanemoto, 49, was elected presiding judge of the nine-department San Jose-Alviso-Milpitas municipal court for the 1968 term. He succeeds Judge Paul T. Gallagher who had been selected for the post but elevated to the superior court by Governor Reagan. It is Kanemoto's second term as presiding judge, having served previously in 1965. Kanemoto was named to the municipal bench in January, 1967.

Press Row

Popular Photography's Women 1968 delves into the picture operation of Playboy magazine, of which Vince Tarrini 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."

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

Sharon Fujioka, daughter of

the Yukio Fujikas of Chatsworth near Spokane and Mead High senior, is guest author of the Curl Up and Read column in the December issue of Seventeen Magazine. She is active with the Spokane Jr. JACL, school debate team as captain and is a Honor Society member.

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 Waiialea-Kahala. Arlene is assistant home editor and Jocelyn is assistant to the editorial director.

Politics

Mrs. Jo K. Ong of Detroit, member of the Far Eastern-American Republican Club of Michigan, received the Umar 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.

Agriculture

Commended for statewide and local contribution to the agriculture industry, Snake River Valley JACLER Joe Saito 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

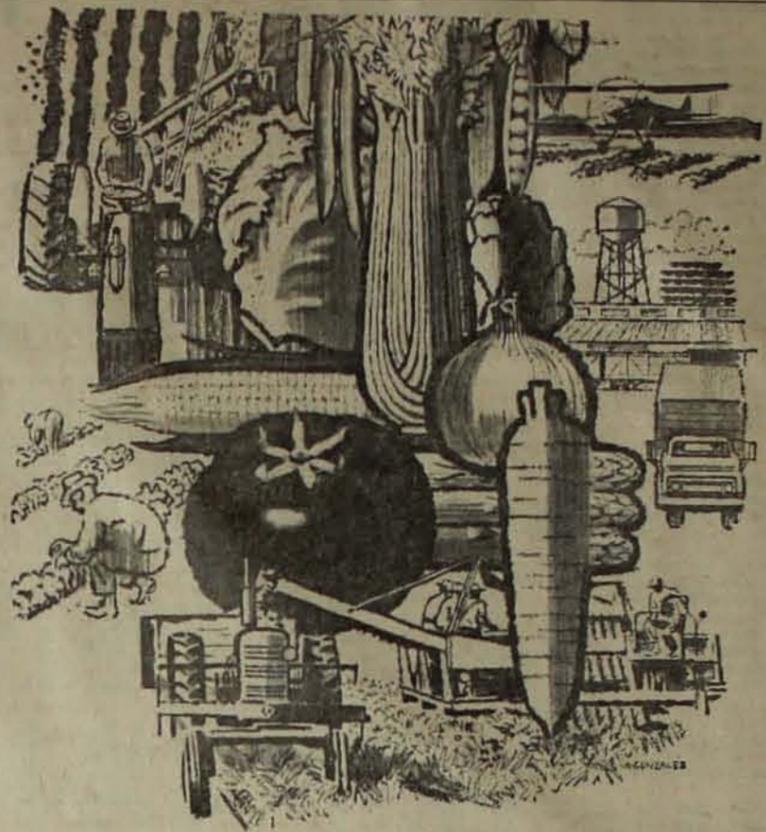
two terms as chairman of the Oregon Department of Agriculture committee.

Music

The Cleveland Symphony under George Szell, conductor, will visit Japan in May 1970, giving 11 concerts in three cities: Osaka, Nagoya and Tokyo.

CALENDAR OF JACL EVENTS

- Jan. 6 (Saturday) San Diego—JACL Mtg. Ocean View Congregational Church, 7 p.m.
- Jan. 7 (Sunday) Dayton—Futsal Mtg. Mrs. Tasho Hunteburger's res. 1 p.m.
- Jan. 13 (Friday) Philadelphia—3d Mtg.
- Jan. 13 (Saturday) Contra Costa—Installation dinner, Walnut Creek EDA Club Sacramento Superior Judge Sakuma, spkr.
- Milwaukee—Inaugural dinner, Bonoma County—Installation dinner, Bonomi Hall, 6 p.m.
- East Los Angeles—Installation dinner, Montebello Country Club, 801 N. Via San Clemente, 7:30 p.m.; Frank Chuman, spkr.
- Jan. 12-14 Progressive Westside—Ski trip, Mammoth Mountain Inn.
- Jan. 13 (Friday) Seattle—Installation dinner, Duane Gardens, 8 p.m.; Gov. Daniel J. Evans, spkr.
- Jan. 16 (Saturday) San Jose—Installation dinner, Orange County—Installation dinner, Golden Pheasant Restaurant, Anaheim, 8:30 p.m.; Justice Stephen Temura, spkr.
- Alameda, 4 p.m.
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- Hollywood—Installation dinner, Jan. 21 (Saturday)
- New York—Installation dinner, Bay Diner—JACL membership dance.
- D.C.—Installation dinner, Jan. 28 (Sunday)
- Greensboro—Trottable—Boazar, GT Hall.
- Feb. 3 (Saturday) Riverside—Installation dinner, Jade Palace, Montclair, 6 p.m.; Jerry Enomoto, spkr.



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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 throughway, 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

Tokyo ripe fruit himself and bombarded the poor crab with unripe fruit until the poor creature was nearly killed. The family of the crab became very angry. They declared war upon the entire race of monkeys. But they were unable to cope with the great hosts of monkeys so the crab family decided to use their craft to bring their fleet-footed opponent to his doom. They enlisted the services of a mortar and pestle, a bee and a chestnut.

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.

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 persimmons 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--

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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 Zakari" 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 Matsuura 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 (934-9679) in East Contra Costa or Nakagawa (233-5153) in West Contra Costa.

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.

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 "schussing 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."

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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 potluck supper was a gourmet's delight.

The children as well as the 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!

Seattle Buddhist Church to push housing project

SEATTLE—The Seattle Buddhist Church volunteered Nov. 22 to sponsor the low income housing development planned for Collins Playfield in connection with the Yesler-Atlantic Urban Renewal Project.

Yoshio Fujii, church president, informed the City Council. "We have the financial capability and management skills necessary to undertake the proposed development immediately. A speedy start on construction would provide early proof of the benefits of urban renewal and we are ready to accomplish this."

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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.

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When Is Time-to-Go?

"The 'old timers' are all sincere, dedicated JACLers and should move on to district and National levels or become more active in other organizations in the larger community where they can make a greater contribution."

Granted part of the problem within our JACL ranks is to grow as an organization. Grow in terms of programs and activities that are "up with the times" and which reflect the purposes and intentions of the organization and the membership which comprise it.

Ideally in our mind is some honorary status devoid of the temptations of direct intervention. Many of the old faces who have disappeared from the leadership ranks sometimes covertly admit that they left since they found themselves always emotionally and sentimentally involved in the course of action.

In the Youth program we are continually seeking adults to become involved in assisting as advisers, that's some special breed, not unlike each and every member who is willing to give a little.

Aside from your devotion, sacrifice and tender loving care, youth advisers beware after you've served, be it one year, two, three, several or more. (1) It's time to leave when you don't listen anymore but inject your views. (2) It's time to leave when you control the youth group. Search your heart; it wouldn't lie. Be objective. Is it time to go? Look into the eyes of your youth.



West Wind Yosh Hotta

Politics

Man is a political animal. If he didn't have some sort of political organization, he would make one. If there were no JACL, there would be some organization similar to it, created.

In 1968, all the problems, civil rights, the war, the international balance of payments, employment, automation, where is there a nice Sansei type to marry my daughter, etc., will be subordinate to the results of the presidential election and all the local, state, and national races to be contested.

If the JACL convention theme is a HERITAGE FOR THE FUTURE, perhaps it might be wise to encourage the membership to be continually active in politics, for the practical reality of our lives is that only through the expressions of our political beliefs, will we make an attempt to find means to ease the problems of our daily living.

The JACL is a non-partisan organization and rightly so. Membership in it should not mean that one takes no interest in politics, or that carried up in the hoop-la that attends a presidential election year, one comes out of hibernation to parrot the cliches of the moment, and returns to his cave.

Man will organize. What better place to learn about the give and take of reality and politics, than in the confines of your own Chapter?

Sounding Board Jeffrey Matsui



Dizzy December

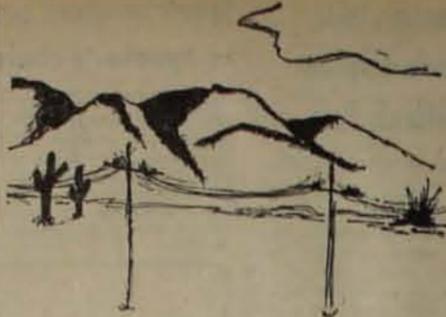
December offers me a vacation from writing this column but it certainly doesn't mean we get any rest. In fact, December is one of the busier months, although work is a bit more pleasant with Christmas in the air.

Working with the PC Holiday Issue is something else again. Remember going to the JACL office one day at 9:30 a.m. to take care of my work and then leaving at noon for the newspaper shop to help editor Harry. He hadn't had any sleep at all and youth director Alan had been assisting him until 7 a.m. So we worked around the clock until 2:30 a.m. at which time I announced "I'm going home to sleep" knowing Harry hadn't had any sleep for at least 40 hours. Only with JACL can you drive home after working 17 hours feeling guilty.

The San Diego chapter installation was attended by 17 out-of-towners which is a tribute to the very active interchapter participation of the S.D. chapter. All the out-of-towners were treated to a great post-banquet banquet at the Miyako restaurant by the San Diegans. Chairman of the installation dance, Harry Kawamoto, looked quite unhappy just because the dance band never showed up and dancing had to be done with piped-in music.

Progressive Westside chapter's Christmas party for the retarded patients at Camarillo State Hospital turned out to be a sky-rocketing, "you've got to have been there to really have appreciated it" kind of success.

With only two weeks to run the Christmas Cheer drive, last-minute volunteer chairman, Darlene Hiroto, bravely announced that the goal for 1967 was \$2,500. When the drive was over, the final tally showed \$2,582.50. Quite a bit of publicity was given Christmas Cheer by the local press because of our pretty and popular chairman, Darlene. Al Hatate, newly elected president of the Downtown Chapter and vice president of Merit Savings and Loans, also did an excellent job of handling the financial part of the drive. However, he received very little recognition for his hard work and so—Nice Going AL!



The hills of Arizona

The PSWDYC Takes a Trip

(The art work and poetry is the contribution of Santa Barbara Jr. JACLER Karen Sumida, who was composing and drawing while on the chartered bus riding to Phoenix, Arizona over the Thanksgiving weekend. We are grateful to Alan Kumamoto for bringing them to our attention.—Editor.)

The hustle bustle of getting up To beat the rising sun Oh, that early hour— But what excitement for everyone

Some woke up on time Others were a little behind Some were as calm as could be While others were losing their mind

Meeting in Los Angeles That was just the start! At last with everyone aboard the greyhound At 8:30 a.m. we did depart

The long journey that lay ahead With miles and miles of open land The distance from L.A. to Arizona Is really quite a span!

Eight hours is a long time To be on one's rear end But it allowed for some to catch up on their sleep And also to make new friends

We made a stop in the town of Blythe To stretch our legs and to get a bite to eat Then it was back on the road again And back in the reclining seats

About dusk we arrived in Phoenix, Arizona A little tired but yet anxious to see What Arizona held in store for us— The entire DYC

We were greeted warmly by members from the Valley of the Sun With dinner all ready and waiting For us Californians who were very hungry And accepted without hesitating

Following dinner we were all assigned to homes Where we would stay for the weekend Reporting in at late hours Trying to be as quiet and able as we can

The homes and families we all agree Were most friendly and hospitable To us "out-of-town" folks They did everything to make us comfortable.

Off on the hayride We did go And wow! How that chilling breeze Did it blow!

We were crowded closely together And with very little room for all to sit A few of the members shivered While others tried to grin and bear-it

At the destination of our little straw journey We were awaited with a welcoming bonfire Our chance to warm our hands and feet And to get better acquainted and less shy-er

We had hot chocolate and hot dogs And marshmallows we roasted Once again— Our little tummies we fed

We played a game called "Rachel and Jacob" Which was a lot of frolic and fun As one boy blindfolded tried to catch a girl It was enjoyable for everyone

After a softly sung "Michael" around the fire We were back on the wagon of hay Ready once again to face the cold And another bumpy ride, shivering all the way.

Saturday was another day A nine o'clock meeting we had We met at the beautiful Town House But getting up early was pretty bad

We later met at Encanto Park A pleasant place it was Again we fed our faces— And, oh! What wonders eating does!

Scheduled for us next Was the banquet and the dance Any girl that a fellows wanted to meet Well, this was his big chance!

The Grapes of Wrath provided the music As we danced till one How we hated to see it come up to an end It was enjoyable and a lot of fun

Once again the hour was late When we at last rested our little heads Falling asleep was the easy part— Getting up was what we would all dread

Sunday morning we gathered at South Mountain Park With the Seniors for a "chuck wagon" brunch Where we ate to our hearts content. A rather early lunch

To bid good-bye to all our Arizona friends Was rather difficult we found When the sad moment came For us to be homeward bound

At first our bus driver was a bit confused The direction he did not know So for forty-five minutes we were lost Not sure of which way we were to go

At last we were on the right road Heading back to California Boy! The way some of us were holding out You'd think we were suffering from INSOMNIA!

When we were told we couldn't eat till we knew the names of all aboard— We began to worry It was a mad exchange of names But we learn them all in a hurry!

We stopped at Denny's restaurant In the town of Indio The restaurant couldn't accommodate us all So we ordered thirty-one hamburgers to go

Caught up in the weekend traffic We crept along at a slow pace There was no doubt about it We weren't going to win any race!

It was 8:30 p.m. When we pulled up to Weller Street We were all a privileged and happy group But most of all—tired and beat.

Then came the moment We hated to see arrive As we all bid our sad and sleepy farewells, I think we were more dead than alive!

With another successful DYC event behind us— We now look forward to the snowtrip in February To be hosted by West L.A. Up in the snow we will be Again there'll be meetings, eating, fun and play.

So, those who missed out on the fun this time Don't feel too bad Remember, there's the snowtrip in February Be sure to come—you'll be glad you had.

Now I shall bring this poem to an end And catch up on my sleep Re-dreaming the wonderful time I had And of the memories that'll remain down deep.

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Separate arm of Jr. JACL for collegians eyed

By PAUL TAMURA PORTLAND — The Portland Junior JACLers with the support of the Gresham-Troutdale JACL hosted the PNW-DYC Convention in conjunction with the District Council meeting of the adults Dec. 16-17 at the Portland Hilton Hotel.

Despite the miserably cold weather, a slightly less than representative group of youth was in attendance. Because of the weather and unexpected conflicts, youth delegate attendance was far below the anticipated goal.

But, there is one question which remains in my mind. Where were all the college age Junior JACLers?

We planned this convention especially for the convenience of them. Finals week ended just before the convention, providing the college set with an initial social activity for the holiday ahead.

What was the problem? Could it have been money? This is always a problem with the college students, especially at the end of the term. But, the convention costs were reduced for the youth, at the expense of the Senior chapter. This bothers me because there is a large number of college age students who in high school days were quite active in Jr. JACL.

Now, in college, we hardly ever get an opportunity to socialize. I recently asked a college friend if he was going to attend the DYC Convention. His reply was, "Nah, I don't think I'll go. Too expensive and there will probably be too many high school kids anyway."

I think this is where the problem lies. Different age groups tend to have different ideas, goals, and interests. It's impossible to find a social activity suitable for both high school and college ages. The age range is too great. I can recall some past socials where the age range from a freshman in high school to a senior in college. How can we expect these two individuals to have the same interests? The answer is that we can't.

Thus, I'm not blaming my college age friends for the poor attendance at the DYC Convention, but, I'm suggesting a solution be made to this problem.

It's obvious that the college age set would be against being put directly into the membership of the Senior Chapter.

I, for one, would feel uncomfortable sitting with my elders through meetings and activities. I'm suggesting that two things can be done. Firstly, a college aged Young Adults JACL group be formed and operated on campus levels or secondly, JACLers, who are confused as to which group they belong (Jr. or Sr.), be installed as assistant youth advisers for the Jr. JACL. In doing so, I can see more spirit instilled within the Jr., better communications between Sr. and Jr. groups, and an opportunity for college age JACLers to plan and have their own programs.

I have given my views on this topic. I'd like to hear from others, Adults and Juniors alike. The opportunity is there, fellow college friends.

White River Valley retains JACL cabinet AUBURN, Wash.—The White River Valley Civic League voted to retain the officers of the 1967 cabinet for another year. Tom Hikida is president.

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The Junior Ed's Desk BY MISAKO HASEBE PC Youth Page Editor '67 was a year of many things all over the United States to the youths. There was constant work being done with success to follow. '68 will see an evergrowing, active membership and programs for the Youth. It is also the year of the 2nd National Biennial Convention for the Jr. JACL in San Jose, Calif.

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Aloha from Hawaii

by Richard Gima

King Kamehameha probably will be placed somewhere other than the Statuary Hall. Many thanks to Roy Y. Ashizawa, 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.

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 1968. 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.

Pt. Molykai . . .
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

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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 Waiialae Bowl.

Jim P. Ferry, director of the State Board of Land and Natural Resources, proposed Dec. 15 that Magic Island be leased to a private developer 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.

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 Ilikaiki, Machado, 62, has been in

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 JAACL summer fellowship. She was the main speaker at the recent NC-WNDC quarterly session at Salinas.

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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.

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, oozes 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 no 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 "Omizowa" (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-

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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.

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.

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.

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.

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".

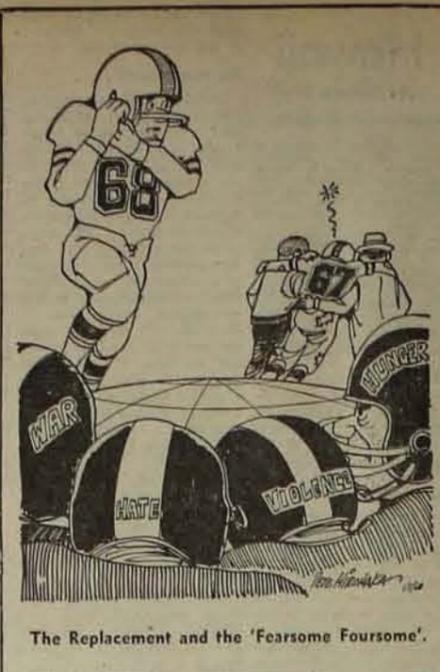
An artist who appreciates the pressure of deadlines in this business, Michi is a "pro" of the top calibre. The Reference Section missed out on five bowlers who scored 300 games this past year: Tom Hirai at Imperial Lanes, Seattle, on Jan. 20; Tok Ishizawa and Jim Sakata at Holiday Bowl, Los Angeles, 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."

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."

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 Masaoka 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 L.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 Yoshikawas by outgoing president Mrs. William Nakashima.

The Auxiliary also concluded plans for the annual Christmas potluck dinner for the family held Dec. 17 at the YBA Hall

BY THE BOARD: Warren Watanabe

JACL Japan Tour

Philadelphia During the first few days in Tokyo, we envied stay-at-homes and tried to outstay 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 wakusa-nabe (with sea food) at the Edosan in Nara, shabu-shabu at the Gion Suehiro in Kyoto, sukuyaki at the Nakamura-ro in Kyoto, kaki-meshi at the Suislin in Hiroshima City, and superb dinners at the Issaen, a ryokan in Miyajimaguchi, 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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