

JACL BOWLING:

92 teams sign up

REORGANIZATION

The mail the other day produced a mixture of interesting items. The most significant of which was the current draft of "Reorganization" proposed for JACL. I get the feeling that this has assumed a little of an aura of mystery to JACLers, who have heard of it on a kind of hit and miss basis. It might help to use a little space here to talk about it.

In the simplest sense the proposal seeks to streamline the administrative machinery of JACL and maximize its efficiency. Attaining such a goal, though, is far from simple. Ours is a membership organization, ideally run by volunteer officers, whose policies are carried out by a small and dedicated staff. The governing body is large and unwieldy. The communications on all levels is difficult and often faulty. Projects often take too long at best, and are not done at all at worst.

The talents and potential of national officers can be better tapped through a clearer assignment of responsibilities.

Our limited staff resources can be better used through a clearly thought out division of duties, and consultant assignments to vital national committees, as one example.

TEAMWORK

Through the efforts of many, chiefly the National Planning Commission under Kaz Horita and the nucleus EDC group, with former Washington, D.C. chapter prezzy Kaz Oshiki heading the way, this draft has emerged. Much of the initial research into management texts, and a lot of the legwork, is the result of staff consultant Harry Honda's hard work.

Later this month, I plan to kick this draft around with Harry and others in L.A. The results will be duplicated and sent to each chapter, national officers, and staff for digestion by the end of March. Subsequent review at all levels should produce a final draft in time for discussion and action at San Jose.

Lest anyone misunderstand, reorganization is no guarantee of anything. All we are trying to do is modernize our machinery. As we update JACL goals and objectives, we must also update the tools we have to achieve them.

SURPRISE!

As a result of my trip to Twin Cities, the Lerner Publications Company, publishers of the "In America" series, sent me a complimentary copy of an illustrated book called "The Japanese in America." Lo and behold, Joyce spotted me; in a partial cut on the cover. Inside, in the full photograph, there I am in 1942 sitting on the steps of a house on Buchanan St in San Francisco, with a bunch of other woebegone looking companions, plus piles of luggage, waiting for the wheels to take us to Tanforan Assembly Center. Photo credits show that I owe the WRA for this accidental share of posterity.

Actually, aside from that gem, the book, which is directed to young people, is a pretty good quick sketch of our history in the United States.

FOOTNOTES

It is gratifying to see that our 3rd V.P., Henry Kanegae, in the course of other business, has made it a point to be a JACL "ambassador." He recently flew to the Northwest and met with PNW JACLers. One of the important bits that he picked up was District Governor Henry Kato's concern that the District get help on its program efforts from staff. This seconds Ike Iwasaki's discussion with me in December in Portland.

Mas Satow plans a meeting with PNW the week of the National Bowling Tourney, and I hope that some concrete plans can be made. A beginning would be to get a good idea of just what kind of staff assistance is desired?

Had lunch the other day with "Mat" Matsuda, Major Phil Porter, chairman, U.S. Olympic Judo Committee, and Ben Campbell, former U.S. heavyweight Judo King. The contact could lead to a mutually productive program tie between JACL and Judo; certainly, a valid piece of the Japan-American Cultural Relations picture.

We are looking forward to hearing a pioneer JACLer who fought some tough and lonely battles for JACL, when Sab Kido speaks at the 40th Birthday of the San Francisco JACL.

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SEATTLE — After a 10-year absence, the National JACL Hotel to help initiate the weeklong festivities. The evening mixer on Monday, Mar. 4, is scheduled at Bush Garden.

High Average Bowlers

Bulk of the men bowlers average in the 180s, 72 are in the 190 class and six rate 200 or more. Art Moniz of San Francisco is the top-rated bowler entered with 205, followed by Fifi Hasebe of Hawaii at 204, George Nakamura of Seattle at 202.

Lois Yut, formerly of Seattle but now of San Francisco, is the highest averaged woman bowler at 189, followed by Nobu Asami of Albany and Massy Kobayashi of Seattle, both at 185.

Amy Hayashi of Los Angeles, last year's women all-

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Men Women

Hawaiian 7 1

Denver 3 0

Utah 4 2

Southern California 5 2

Northern California 14 5

Oregon 3 3

Seattle Area 27 13

Totals: 64 28

The Pacific Northwest District Council and District Youth Council are also con-

tinuing.

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22nd National JACL Nisei Bowling Tournament Schedule

- Mar. 3-4 (Sun., Mon.) Ragtime Doubles all day.
- Mar. 4 (Monday) Evening Mixer, Bush Garden.
- Mar. 5 (Tuesday) Mixed Doubles (120 couples). Five squads: 6:15, 7:30, 8:45, 10:00, 11:15 p.m.
- Mar. 6 (Wednesday) Classics (232 men, 76 women); Women 4-Game, 12:10 and 8:10 p.m.; Men 6-Game, 10 a.m., 1:40, 3:50, 6:00, 9:40 p.m.
- Mar. 7 (Thursday) Ragtime Doubles: 12:00, 1:15 a.m.
- Mar. 8 (Friday) Singles (316 men, 136 women); Women 4-Game, 12:10 and 8:10 p.m.; Men 11:15 a.m., 1:45, 3:00, 5:30, 6:45 p.m.
- Mar. 9 (Saturday) Singles: Women, 10 a.m., 12:30 p.m.; Men, 11:45 a.m., 1:45, 3:00, 5:30 p.m.

IMPERIAL LANES—SEATTLE

Urge JACL to endorse political candidates

SAN MATEO—An unusually good attendance heard San Jose Councilman Norman Mineta speak on "Nisei and Politics" at San Mateo JACL's annual installation Feb. 3 at Stickney's Restaurant.

Now that more and more Nisei are becoming interested in politics and school elections, Mineta urged more Nisei to assert themselves and take advantage of every opportunity and become politically involved.

It was Mineta's opinion that JACL should be instrumental in recommending qualified candidates to fill political vacancies.

Work Up the Ladder

A Nisei in politics, Mineta suggested, should consider starting at the local level and then work up the ladder through state and then to the federal.

He urged parents to encourage their children to participate in school and community activities to develop self-confidence, then continue while in college and through adulthood.

Tad Masaoka was master of ceremonies and Dr. Bert Shiomokawa was chairman of the evening.

Dr. Mitch Wakasa, newly-elected president, called for expansion of program and community activities. He and his board were installed by Haruo Ishimaru who also presented the president's pins to Hy Tsukamoto and Irene Ikeda.

Our Sansei boys are getting drafted—if they're in the National Guard they may find themselves in ghetto communities this summer; in our city we are facing a big fight on school integration—in other

respects.

The amendment incorporates the basic features of S. 1358, the Fair Housing Act of 1967 which was also cosponsored by Senator Inouye.

Key features of the amendment are:

1—Prohibits discrimination on account of race, color, religion or national origin in the sale or rental of housing by someone other than its occupant.

2—Prohibits discrimination in the financing of housing, and in the provision of services by and membership in real estate organizations.

3—Responsibility for conciliation and enforcement would be placed in the hands of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The act would not apply to owner-occupied duplex, triplex or quadruplex units.

Senator Inouye emphasized that the amendment does not exempt from coverage the sale or rental of single family dwellings.

HOME DIRECTORS—Colorado Governor John Love (left) appointed Dr. Kayo Sunada as director of the State Home and Training School at Wheat Ridge. The 40-year old Nisei, formerly chief of clinical services at the school, was acting director since the death last Nov. 14 of Supt. Merlin Zier. A graduate of Green River (Wyo.) High School, Sunada graduated from the Univ. of Wyoming and completed medical school in 1954 at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia. He interned at Salt Lake County Hospital and was pediatric resident there in 1958-59. He was a clinical assistant in pediatrics and a fellow in bacteriology at the Univ. of Washington before joining the State Home in 1961.

—Denver Post Photo.

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SLOGAN OF JACL SHOWS CYNICS AMERICAN STAND

Shimasaki Lauds Pioneering Issei at PSWDC Luncheon

IMPERIAL — The slogan of the Japanese American Citizens League — "For Better Americans in a Greater America" — will show the cynical world the triumph of American democracy, Tom T. Shimasaki, national JACL vice-president, said here.

Some 60 JACLers and friends attended the PSWDC first quarterly session hosted by Imperial Valley JACL Feb. 10-11, which ended with a business session at the Airport Inn.

Shimasaki, the luncheon speaker, exhorted the group to remember the values of their pioneering parents. "They came to a country which did not grant them citizenship and they worked hard," he said.

"They didn't look for a handout. They exhibited the great values of ambition, responsibility, hard work and the respect for human dignity. And they instilled in us a great love for America."

Nisei Volunteers

And on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of that dark day in American history when Americans of Japanese descent were put in concentration camps, "we remember the hundreds of Nisei who volunteered from behind the barbed wire to serve their country on the fields of battle," Shimasaki continued. "The philosophy of our organization, 'For Better Americans in a Greater America,' will show the cynical world the triumph of American democracy."

He also commended those who were willing to stand up and be counted as friends of the Japanese Americans when they were forced to move from their homes during the early days of World War II.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Westmoreland, guests of honor, who were recipients of the PSWDC Certificate of Appreciation for service to Japanese Americans during the Evacuation.

Dr. Hitoshi Ikeda, chapter president, served as luncheon emcee. Joyce Uyechi, 1968 California Midwinter Fair hostess, led the flag salute.

The district has about 1,500 members at the present time.

A committee appointed by IDC Gov. Ron Yokota to review the proposed changes include Barton Sasaki, George Koyama, Huck Yamasaki and Frank Yoshimura.

Other district appointments include Koyama, PC district representative; Sud Morishita and Fred Ochi (alt.), national planning commission.

Saturday's program was highlighted by a dinner-dance at the Casino de Monte Carlo.

Jim Okazaki, deputy county counsel for Orange, was appointed district legal counsel. Betty Yumori of Venice-Culver was reappointed district nominations chairman. Gene Sugiyama of Long Beach-Harbor is district oratorical chairman. Ken Hayashi, Santana Wind editor, was appointed district PC representative.

Future Dates

Progressive Westside will host the pre-convention rally May 3-5 and San Diego will host the third quarterly July 20-21. Pasadena will chair the chapter clinic Nov. 16-17. The Nisei Relays has been scheduled for June 9 with Orange County and Long Beach co-sponsoring the event.

Progress report of the History Project was presented by Joe Grant Masaoka and Prof. Gene Levine.

The 1967 Christmas Cheer report prepared by Darlene Hiroto, chairman, and Al Hatake, treasurer, showed \$2,649.50 received and \$2,400 disbursed to nearly 200 recipients. Expenses came to \$107.14, with the remainder placed in reserve. The Christmas Cheer reserve fund stands at \$988.96.

A brief presentation on JACL executive reorganization was presented by Harry Honda, who impressed the need for an executive committee to meet at least three times a year to assist the national president govern the organization and explained the changes being advocated in the election of national officers to include a president-elect.

Kay Nakagiri, national youth commissioner, reporting for district commissioner Kats Arimoto, announced San Fernando Valley will host a youth-adult workshop April 7 at their valley Japanese community center.

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WW

WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER: Roger Nikaido

The Nisei Image

While the nation as a whole is experiencing an unprecedented time of prosperity, the Vietnam war, the Korean crisis, racial unrest in the cities, inflation and balance of payments problems, more taxes, and an apparent loss of confidence in the national leadership have created an uneasy mood of discontent throughout the land.

The Vietnam war is the centerpiece of discontent and uneasiness; and admittedly, the uncertainties surrounding Vietnam and the ever present threat of an abruptly widened war have generated discontented people to direct their strong opinions and actions to the policymakers in Washington.

Almost all the urban specialists studying racial unrest in the cities agree that all signs point to a grim summer ahead in city riots; five serious riots in 1965; 20 in 1966; and nearly 80 last year. They also note that several contributing developments have emerged this year: cuts and restrictions in Federal programs for the unemployed; a hardening of white-black antipathies and a growing police emphasis on repression and weaponry.

Americans have sensed the growing threat to their cities and homes, and have made known their concern to the men and women on Capitol Hill.

Dr. Martin Luther King has said his "Poor People's" march on Washington this April will seek to gain public support for the enactment of legislation seeking deep-seated social and economic reform. However, there is a growing number of urban specialists who are saying that Martin Luther King's march on Washington may signal the start of rioting, spreading from city to city.

The country's balance of payments problem has recently been included in the Administration's "top priority" list of "remedial" legislation. Among its legislative proposals, President Johnson and his financial aides are pushing for a graduated travel-tax plan for American tourists abroad. Since the Administration's early indications of such plans to tax certain travelers going abroad, complaints from airline companies, travel bureaus, summer European vacationers, foreign government officials abroad, and the Jet-Set have filled the halls of Congress.

At this point, you might be asking, "Well, what does all this have to do with Japanese Americans and JACL?" If you're among those asking this question, it might be enlightening to continue the questioning. To start with, ask yourself this question, "Does the Vietnam war, civil rights, domestic and international finance, etc., affect my life?" If the answer is an emphatic "yes", you can dismiss asking the first question any more. And if you're concerned about these national issues that directly or indirectly affect your life, your concern should be accompanied by some opinions, mild or strong, depending on how you feel about your life.

However, it is apparent that very few, if any, Japanese Americans are concerned enough to let their Senators and Congressmen know about it. After a year and half of visiting and talking to Senators, Congressmen and their staff, and Administration officials, it is no longer surprising to hear that of all the hundreds of daily letters written by "concerned" Americans to their Senators and Congressmen, very few, if any, are acknowledged as being written by Japanese American constituents. Another "no surprise" is to hear that men on Capitol Hill still retain the image of Japanese Nationals when encountering Japanese Americans.

On this same subject of the relationship between Japan's national image and the image of the Japanese group in America, the Pacific Citizen and the Japanese vernaculars recently reported on a special project of Associate Professor Gene N. Levine, chief of the Japanese American Research Project.

At this point, in view of the results of the polls in California where the greatest concentration of Japanese Americans reside, there appears to be three choices from which we can select.

1-We can keep constantly well informed of the peoples and policies of Japan so that we may have knowledge of our current image in America.

2-We can re-appraise and accelerate our public relations program, through the JACL organization, to emphasize that we are a proud ethnic group striving to be "better Americans in a greater America".

3-We can permanently adopt the attitude of "I don't give a damn about our image".

However, if we have learned anything from the past, as Japanese American, we cannot afford to select either the first or last choice, and risk the chance of being a part of another "great mistake" in American history.

NEWS CAPSULES

Military

Maj. Shigeo A. Okuma, USAF, was decorated with the Bronze Star for his performance in Vietnam as a special investigations staff officer at Tan Son Nhut Air Base. He is the son of the Jon K. Okumas, 21239 Foxwell Ave., Torrance, Calif. . . . Two Eastbay Nisei, Capt. James C. Nishi, navigator, and Capt. Seiichi Yoshiura, pilot, received orders Jan. 25 when their 938th Military Airlift Group was activated in the wake of the Pueblo crisis . . . Lt. William Sakahara, son of the Takeo Sakaharas of Gilroy who graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy, was rescued at sea after his plane was shot down off Vietnam—but only after he unleashed a stream of Yankee slang and cuss words (according to San Jose Mercury columnist Frank Freeman):

"... within seven minutes a U.S. rescue vessel was set to fish him out of the water but delayed the rescue when they got a close look at Willie . . . Could be a Cong trick, you know. Plus an M-16 & hand grenade. Would rescuers weren't given long to consider, Willie cut loose with some patient American words, & rescue was off. With that brand of choice cuss words could be anybody else but an American fighting man."

Kanemitsu Ito, marksman instructor for the 442nd and combat officer during the Korean war, retired in 1963 and joined the Colt's firearm division in Hartford, Conn., as field engineer. The former Sacramento Delta Nisei, as a trouble-shooter, defended the Colt's M-16 automatic rifle, which has stirred one of the main controversies about fighting in Vietnam.

School Front

Mikio Uchiyama of Fowler represents his area on the newly created Reddley College Foundation, formed to assist educational services of the college, develop scholarships and student welfare programs . . .

Richard H. Seno, 42, and Mrs. Cheeke Okazaki, elementary school teachers in Denver, were among four finalists in the 1968 state teacher of the year nominations . . .

Richard Yoshikawa, San Joaquin Delta College trustee, had his proposal for a 1 pct. quota for foreign students of total enrollment adopted by the board in principle. Also under consideration was a recommendation that foreign student tuition fees be waived.

James Goel, naturalized U.S. citizen of Japanese ancestry who has been teaching the past 5½ years at Grand Rapids, Mich., was named in a complaint for quoting from the Bible, Confucius and Mohammed and accused by a parent of conducting religious training in his sixth-grade classroom in the Comstock Park School District.

Univ. of Pacific's Olson

Language Laboratory, directed by **Yusuke Kawarabayashi**, is regarded as the best equipped in Northern California with some 2,000 recorded tapes which are now fed to student booths remote control from a console operated by instructors. About 40 language classes are conducted weekly, involving some 500 students yearly. The Kyoto-trained linguist knows eight different languages and teaches Spanish and Japanese at UOP.

Music

Merle Matsunaga, 11-year-old daughter of Rep. and Mrs. Spark Matsunaga, made her debut as a ballerina in the Washington School of Ballet production of the Nutcracker in Washington, D.C., over the Christmas holidays.

the San Jose Zebreas, outstanding prewar Nisei basketball team.

Government

Among 156 lobbyists filing quarterly reports ending Dec. 31 with the City of Los Angeles according to an ordinance passed last year (the first of its kind for a major city) was **Kango Kunitsubi**, land planning consultant who received \$450 from Rustic Canyon, and **William K. Fukutani**, Harbor Development Corp., Anaheim, paid legislative advocate E. Lee Scott \$500. . . . Robert Horii, 36, is district engineer for the Westside Los Angeles area, ranking as the youngest district engineer for the City of Los Angeles. He heads a 50-man staff

Politics

Reporting to the Malheur Central Republican Committee were **Mrs. Mary Wakasugi** and **Mrs. Teddy Tanaka**, both of Ontario, Ore., who attended the recent state central GOP committee session at Portland. . . . **Leo Hosoda**, active Idaho Falls JACLER, is a member of the Bonneville County Democratic Central Committee.

Organizations

Tak Muto, nurseryman, was unanimously elected president of the Encinitas Chamber of Commerce. It is his second term, having served several years ago . . . **Henry H. Kuwada**, 45, is president of the Berkeley Board of Realtors, the third oldest in the state . . . **Dr. Frank Nishio** of Clovis is president of the Central California Optometric Society while his sister-in-law, **Mrs. George Nishio** of Chowchilla heads the society's auxiliary. (Frank is a past CCDC JACL chairman and practiced in Chicago and El Centro before returning to Fresno) . . . **Eizoh G. Miyahara**, president pro-tem last year after the death of Shichisaburo Hidemitsu, long-time president of the San Francisco Nichibei Kai, was elected to the top position.

Landscape gardening groups

have elected presidents for the coming year: **Mac Sasaki**, So. Cal. Federation; **John Kishi**, Sacramento Assn.; **Joe Tominaga**, Eastbay Assn.; **Roy Hirotsu**, Mid-Peninsula Assn.

Beauties

Gwen Kawabata, 17, daughter of the Yosh Kawabatas, Puyallup Valley JACLers, was named the fairest of King Arthur's Ladies of Fife in the 1968 Daffodil Festival. A student at Fife High, Gwen stands 5 ft. 2 and weighs 110.

Awards

The Boy Scouts Area Council of Los Angeles conferred the Silver Beaver to **Toshiro Yoshizaki** of Troop 379 and to **Yoshio Kobata** of Gardena . . . Cadet Col. **Martin Nishi** of Lincoln High, Los Angeles, was cited as the outstanding ROTC cadet of the year by the VFW Nisei Memorial Post 9933. Nishi is the ranking city ROTC officer, a Boys State delegate and will enter UCLA as a pre-med student.

For distinguished service as Director of U.S. Education Foundation between 1955 and 1967 in Thailand, **James S. Miyake**, now program coordinator for Hawaii's Asia-Pacific Development Assistance Program, was conferred the Order of the White Elephant by King Bhumibol. The white elephant is venerated in Thailand as an incarnation of Buddha and is used as symbol of royalty.

Yuba City High's Home-

coming

Book

Sen Daniel Inouye's recent book "Journey to Washington" appears in condensed form in February Reader's Digest under the caption "Go For Broke."

"Death in Life: Survivors of Hiroshima" by Robert Jay Lifton is being published by Rondon House. Professor of psychiatry at Yale, he spent nearly seven years investigating the psychological effects of the A-bomb in Hiroshima . . . **Bantam Books** has released Capt. Allan R. Bosworth's "America's Concentration Camps" this month. Compacted within 278 pages, without photos which enlivened the Norton hardcover edition, it's a 95-cent buy that students and readers will appreciate.

Vital Statistics

Roy Kurahara, 44, active New York JACLer, died of heart attack Feb. 7 at his home in Cold Spring Harbor, L.I. Born in Sacramento, he was director of community development and health education at Montefiore Hospital Neighborhood Medical Center Demonstration.

SAN JOSE — Everett Rosevere, 59, who died last week after suffering a heart attack at his home in East San Jose, 33 Decker Way, was known to the Nisei as the coach of

the San Jose Zebras, outstanding prewar Nisei basketball team.

Crime

Eugene Mochizuki, asst. professor of social work, heads the Univ. of Washington project counseling offenders at McNeil Island, a federal penitentiary near Seattle, prior to their parole.

Science

Dr. Minoru Tsutsui, associate professor of chemistry at New York University, is president of the N.Y. Academy of Sciences. The Japan-born specialist in organometallic chemistry, he was made a fellow of the National Academy of Sciences in the Soviet Union last fall and is currently researching urban air pollution . . . **Dr. Walter Y. Kato** of the reactor physics division at Argonne National Laboratory near Chicago, is senior physicist at the noted atomic research center. He joined the engineering division in 1953 after serving at Brookhaven National Laboratory. He is a graduate of Harvard College and received his doctorate from Penn State in 1954. (Kato is a Chicago JACLer) . . . Canadian geneticist **Dr. Irene A. Uchida** of the Univ. of Manitoba said chromosomal breaks caused by LSD or other agents may cause birth defects, including mongolism, although no proof of this exists. A specialist on mongolism, Dr. Uchida said her current series of 40 cases to study chromosomal breaks is not large enough to be certain. She and her associates have studied some 450 mongoloids in Manitoba.

Sports

Within the past months, three Nisei have bowled perfect 300 games: **Blackie Arakaki**, Nov. 26 in the Gardena Bowl Sunday Mixed Four-some; **Tom Kaya**, Jan. 17 in the Albany Bowl Eastbay NBA Jr. Classics; and **Ichiro Takeno**, Jan. 4 in the Selma Freeway Bowl Thursday league. Arakaki, a 179-average bowler, came through with the best series in which a 300 game was rolled with a 713. Final count for Kaya was 689. Takeno a 630.

First Nisei lineman to gain all-city honors in Los Angeles city schools was **Don Yatabe**, defensive standout of the Gardena High Mohicans. A 6 ft.

7 in.

Rummage Sale

SANTA ROSA — Sonoma County Jr. JACLers are accepting old clothes, unwanted furniture, pots & pans, old TV sets, etc., for a rummage sale at the Silver Dollar on Mar. 16. Items are being received by:

Takehiko Uyeda, 3411 N. Petaluma Blvd., Petaluma; George Okamoto, 6730 Occidental Rd., Sebastopol.

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CALENDAR OF JACL EVENTS

Eden Township—Snow trip, Sonora. Feb. 23 (Tuesday) Timberline Lodge, San Gabriel Valley — Gen Mtg. End San Gabriel Valley Jap. Assoc. Comm. 8 p.m.; Prof. Gene Levine, Joe Grant Massoka, spkr. Idaho Falls — Winter carnival, Spokane—Jr. JACL talent show, Feb. 23 (Sunday)

Chicago—Jr. JACL Mtg. Mar. 2 (Saturday) Seattle—PNWDC Planning Comm. 11 a.m. New York—Installation dinner, Longchamps 42nd and Lexington, 6 p.m.; Amb. Senjin Tsuruoka, spkr. San Francisco—The San Francisco Nihonmachi area will be festooned with banners and flags for the Cherry Blossom Festival Mar. 29-31 and its grand parade slated for 1 p.m. the final day.

Hatsuhiro Aizawa of Aizawa Associates has designed the banners and the official Festival posters, which will soon appear throughout Northern California, according to Yukio Kumamoto, festival secretary.

Nojiri Harada, Bank of Tokyo of California president, was named honorary chairman of the first festival.

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From the Frying Pan

Little Tokyo, U.S.A.

THIS IS THE PLACE—Down by the Los Angeles City Hall, where the writhing tangle of freeways comes together and somehow untangles without total chaos, there's an official state highway sign that points out the exit to Little Tokyo. This, supposedly, is the heart of the largest concentration of Japanese Americans on the mainland, a place of exotic restaurants and quaint bazaars where, sometimes, one can see a dainty maiden tripping by in kimono.

Once upon a time, it used to be said that if a fellow stood long enough on the corner of East First and San Pedro, he would see any Nisei he was looking for. This was the crossroads of Niseidom, and for all I know that's where the weekly that Wimp Hiroto edits got its name.

Of a recent Saturday afternoon, however, Little Tokyo was just another shabby section of the sprawling Los Angeles megalopolis, badly in need of a paint job, window-washing and just plain housekeeping. We couldn't wait around for darkness to conceal the grime and neon to gild the glamor; by daylight it was only an enlarged version of the staid, down-at-the-heels section of the city that makes up Denver's disreputable-looking Japanese town.

One of the few signs of progress is the handsome Kajima building which rises where the venerable Miyako Hotel once stood. There has been talk, we understand, of an Urban Renewal project for the Little Tokyo area and to an outsider, it would seem wise for the residents to listen.

For a variety of good reasons, the Japanese business communities in the United States have never been architecturally or esthetically attractive even though Nisei architects now are designing beautiful buildings elsewhere. And while Nisei families have fled the core city to build and furnish attractive homes in the suburbs, gracing them with delightful gardens, little more than false fronts have been added to Little Tokyo storefronts.

Perhaps someone will send me an angry letter about all this, defending the honor and beauty of Little Tokyo, but I write this not so much in criticism, but in disappointment and sorrow.

LITTLE JOHN — One of the bright spots of the hurried visit to Little Tokyo was an opportunity to see John Yamamoto who, I learned, has been setting the type for this column. John's hair has turned white since I last saw him, but his fingers are as sure and nimble as ever. He operates the Linotype machine like a concert pianist plays the grand.

After John was evacuated to Heart Mountain, Wyo., he got a part-time job setting type at the weekly *Enterprise* in Cody. The management at the *Enterprise* had been accustomed to printers of, let us say, something less than John's ability, and the bosses were delighted at the work he turned out. He could have had a job for life if he had wanted to stay in Cody.

A LOOK AT THE PAST—If you're out this way in the immediate future, you'd do well to have someone drive you out to the Los Angeles County Museum which is featuring an exhibit of photographs of the Japanese in early-day L.A. There are some delightful pictures of community picnics, the first Japanese-operated rooming house, the first nursery, early queens of the Nisei Week festival, and a lot of other memorabilia. There's even a picture of a Sunday school class among whose members is Louise Suski. Charles Kamayatsu is in one of the pictures, too. Presently, Charlie is advertising manager of *The Pacific Citizen*. Have him tell you sometime about what happened when the muscular lady masseuse at the Turkish bath in Tokyo pressed down too hard. It's a wonderful story.

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DETROIT INSTALLS—Sworn in as 1968 Detroit JACL board members last Feb. 3 are (from left): seated —Chiyo Togasaki, Elaine Akagi, Marv Kamidol, chapter chairwoman; George Ishimaru, Tom Hashimoto;

REP. PATSY MINK GIVES VIEWS ON MICRONESIA AT DETROIT INAUGURAL

By JAMES SHIMOURA

DETROIT — The 22nd annual installation banquet for the Detroit JACL featured as principal speaker, Rep. Patsy T. Mink (D-Hawaii) on Feb. 3 at the Statler Hilton Hotel.

Her recent tour of the Pacific Islands as member of the House Committee on Insular Affairs served as basis for her most informative talk on the United States' unfilled commitments in this area since World War II, stressing the need for improvement of basic living standards and education for these displaced residents of Micronesia.

A most gracious introduction of the speaker was extended by Rep. Martha Griffiths (D-Mich.), noting that one sixth of the women members of the House of Representatives was represented this evening.

Also present were mayors of four Detroit metropolitan communities of Southfield, Royal Oak, Livonia and Allen Park.

Installed by MDC Gov. Henry Tanaka were members of the Chapter Board led by Mary Kamidol and the Jr. JACL cabinet led by Connie Abe.

Art Morey, outgoing chairman, passed the gavel to Miss Kamidol, while Joann Shimamura duplicated the ritual for

the Jr. JACL portion to Miss Abe.

Yoko Atkins, soprano, entertained with two solos, accompanied by Barbara Mita. Rev. Louis Johnson of the Friendship Baptist Church gave the invocation.

A highly successful evening with record attendance was enjoyed, according to chairman Wallace Kagawa. Toastmaster for the evening was Peter Fujioka.

(During the strenuous one-month of island hopping in Micronesia, she was hospitalized for enteritis at Guam. While President Johnson would like a plebiscite in about five years to determine Micronesia's future, Mrs. Mink believes now that it would be impossible for these peoples to make an intelligent choice by 1972.

(Mrs. Mink feels the U.S. government should provide Micronesians with basic human needs, such as water, schools, medical facilities. They should be allowed to retain their identity, their communal life, their mores.)

NEW YORKER MAY BE 1ST CHINESE AMERICAN SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

NEW YORK—David W. Lee, 42, may be the first Chinese American public school principal, as he assumed the position Feb. 1 at Brooklyn's Public School 178.

With 600 students from kindergarten through the fourth grades, the school is in a predominantly Negro and Puerto Rican section. Educators consider such jobs "tough" assignments, but pupils who are disciplinary problems may find Lee more sympathetic than other principals they have known.

Lee, son of a Chinese restaurant owner here, ran away from home when he was 16.

While a substitute teacher in Honolulu, he met his wife, the former Mary Leong, then teaching at Likelihi School. They now live in Freeport, L.I., with their three children.

BCA TO SELECT NEW BISHOP

OAKLAND—A selection committee of six ministers and six laymen of the Buddhist Churches of America meets here this weekend to select a successor to Bishop Shinsho Hanayama, who is retiring after serving since 1961.

During his reign as superintendent, several new Buddhist temples have been founded, other new temples and educational facilities have been constructed and the San Jose and Sacramento churches were raised to Betsuin status.

Bishop Hanayama came to the U.S. in 1959 after he had retired from Tokyo University where he headed the department of Indian philosophy.

Snow trip

SAN LORENZO—Eden Township JACLers will frolic this Sunday, Feb. 25 at Bumble Bee Toboggan Hill at Strawberry, near Sonora. Caravan of cars is leaving the Eden Japanese Community Center at 7 a.m.

Warriors Night

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SAN FRANCISCO — A low chairman announced that the cost group health plan is open enrollment period will continue through Feb. 29. After that date new enrollees may be asked to submit health statements and also JACL membership of at least six months will be required. During this open enrollment period, those living in any of the 15 chapter areas interested in this health plan, may join the JACL, enroll in the plan and be covered from March 1, Yasumoto said.

Person through age 64 are eligible to sign up for this plan which provides for 100 days paid in full hospital benefits, 100 day in hospital medical coverage and surgical benefits. A \$10,000 major medical coverage is also included in this low cost program which is available at the following quarterly rates.

Single male, \$21.50; single female, \$28.50; Two in family, \$48; three or more, \$59.

The rates are the same as for the past year, but beginning March 1, a \$50 per calendar year per person deductible will be applied because of pyramiding health service costs.

A one time enrollment fee of \$1 and continued JACL membership are required in addition to prepaid quarterly payments.

"We sincerely believe we have the best plan available to protect families from spiraling hospital and medical costs and invite all who need better coverage at lower costs to contact one of our chapter commissions immediately," Yasumoto added.

Enrollment Period

John Yasumoto, JACL-CPS



DETROIT JUNIORS—Five of the seven Detroit Jr. JACL cabinet members are (from left): Karen Mayeda, rec. sec.; Susan Sano, 1st v.p.; Connie Abe, pres.; Elaine Nagano, 2nd v.p.; and Alice Fujioka, hist. Missing are Gary Nitta, treas.; and Susan Morey, cor. sec.

—PC Photo by Tom Hashimoto.

standing—Stanley Nitta, Shinkie Sano, William Okada, Yori Kagawa, Sadao Kimoto, Dr. Daniel Anbe, Ray Higo, Clarence Nitta.

—PC Photo by Tom Hashimoto.



FEATURED SPEAKER—Rep. Patsy T. Mink (D-Hawaii) addressed the 1968 Detroit JACL installation dinner. Seated is Rep. Martha Griffiths (D-Mich.), who introduced Mrs. Mink. She spoke of her recent tour of Micronesia.

—PC Photo by Tom Hashimoto.

(The PC columnist Ken Ku-roiwa is currently reporting a general meeting in April, from the Island of Yap—one JACL picnic in July, a cultural series in the fall, Christmas party for children, a New Year's Eve dance.

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Ye Editor's Desk

PEACE OF MUNICH

There is no quarrel with the general thesis expressed in William Hohri's letter-to-the-editor about "Vietnam and JACL"—that JACL chapters make an effort to become informed about Vietnam through speakers, discussion or study groups. And don't be afraid of individual research either. But we did warn against any negotiated peace like the Peace of Munich of 1938.

As casualties mount, organizations to solidify popular sentiment increase. The new Citizens Committee for Peace with Freedom in Vietnam includes among its members former Presidents Truman and Eisenhower, former Senator Douglas and General Bradley. It believes that voices of dissent over Vietnam has received attention far out of proportion to their actual numbers. It doesn't want to pull out of Vietnam or to start dropping nuclear bombs. Negotiations Now!, headed by Clark Kerr, former president of the Univ. of California, is another, of which Hohri is a member.

There is also the Business Executives Move for Vietnam Peace, which advocates cessation of bombing in North Vietnam, de-escalation, negotiation with all parties, eventual withdrawal of American troops and support of the Geneva Agreements. BEM stresses the war's adverse effect on the economy in enlisting public support for disengagement in Vietnam... And there are those sources which Hohri mentions.

Only time a peace isn't negotiated is when a conquering power dictates the terms of peace.

Read that sentence from our Feb. 2 column over again:

"The longer that conflict lasts, the louder and greater the clamor for negotiated peace will be—though a negotiated peace like a Munich is just buying a brief respite for an even bloodier holocaust."

So what kind of a peace can be negotiated?

The bitter fruits of the Peace of Munich ripened within a half year; Czechoslovakia was overrun by Hitler's blitzkrieg after Germany was ceded the Sudetenland at the insistence of Chamberlain and Daladier. (The Sudetenland contained all of the Czech defenses against Germany). Within two years, France fell. The second World War followed in another 18 months when the United States entered.

In this day and age, the time table of events may not afford the 40 months that stood between the Peace of Munich and Pearl Harbor.

There are several version for negotiating a settlement or stopping of the slaughter in Vietnam. Does America negotiate or be dictated to?

In discussing Vietnam today, many read North Korea's Pueblo as a diversionary move in support of Hanoi and at this stage of the war in Southeast Asia, one can easily realize a bit of pressure applied at other points of the compass by another member of the Communist fraternity would be welcome in Hanoi.

What the Pueblo incident demonstrates is that there is another nation which can upset the peace in Asia, Vietnam or no Vietnam.

Kim Il Sung, who rules North Korea, (to quote Sen. McGee of Wyoming) is "steadily mounting a drive to tear apart the fabric of stability" in the South. Hanoi, beginning in 1956, sought to grab off its South that at that time was showing signs of emerging prosperity.

Aside from the many unanswered questions over the Pueblo incident and the approach of the monsoon season in Southeast Asia (which impedes the use of American air power and mobility of American land forces and firing power), the spectrum of thought is further weighted by the presidential election and appearances of "peace" candidates.

We come to the heart of the question: if negotiations in Vietnam (or over the Pueblo incident, for that matter) fail, do we: (1) use nuclear force? (2) start a second front by invading enemy territory? (3) retaliate on limited targets? (4) do nothing?

This is what we mean by a "negotiated peace like a Munich." The real test is the kind of peace which would follow—and predicting the future is not our game. Only the historians of the future will be able to assess how correct the actions were.

The peace we speak of is not a mere cessation of warfare but a recognition of social justice, understanding and love in the relations between nations, within the nation; in the relations between citizens and their rulers; and of the freedom of peoples in all its expressions—civic, moral, cultural and religious. Peace should not be a mask of partisan interests as some of the so-called "peace movements" seem to wear.

American scholars, including Edwin O. Reischauer, who submitted to the Dec. 20 statement sponsored by New York's Freedom House have questioned the placing of American presence in Southeast Asia under a moral microscope. Every political leader in the area, the statement pointed out, recognizes that if it were not for American presence in Asia—the picture in Southeast Asia would be drastically different. "The United States has bought time for some 200 million people to develop without their being ceaselessly confronted with combined external/internal Communist threats of growing proportions."

What is at stake in Vietnam, therefore (according to these scholars) is the technique of the "national liberation movement", which may be the pattern of future Communist aggressive policy for the rest of underdeveloped Asia... Will political equilibrium be achieved in the Asia-Pacific region? Will peaceful coexistence be accepted among states having different political system? Or shall we witness a rising cycle of aggression, eternally directed subversion and thrusts for hegemony within the region by individual powers or power blocs?

If what the Freedom House argues is true, we must decide in conscience whether we strive to establish those conditions which lend to lasting peace in Southeast Asia by committing ourselves to stick it out in Vietnam.

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Letters from Our Readers

Vietnam and the JACL

Editor:

I will begin by stating right off that I believe the Vietnam war is unjust and immoral. But my purpose here is not to change minds, at least, not immediately. My plea is that JACL begin a serious dialogue on this most troublesome issue of the current American and world scene.

National President Jerry Nishimura admits his ignorance on this issue and that is good. The PC editorial (Feb. 2) suggested that JACL consider Vietnam as a possible area of concern and that, too, is good. But the editorial went on to suggest that a negotiated peace was like Munich, and that betrayed a dangerous degree of ignorance. I do not criticize the editor for his ignorance. It is typical.

I have talked about Vietnam to about a dozen Methodist churches in the Chicago area. I read the Congressional Record regularly. Many from the rank and file and many members of Congress would agree with the editor.

But the fact of the matter is, on this particular point, the continuation of the American presence in Vietnam and a negotiated settlement are not mutually exclusive. As Robert Shaplen recently reported in the New Yorker magazine, almost all of the countries neighboring Vietnam, some of which support our presence, favor our unilaterally stopping the bombing of North Vietnam as the first realistic step towards peace.

The admission of ignorance is also a good first step. But the ignorance needs to be replaced by knowledge.

Center of Opinion

One of the real hang-ups that has developed is the polarization of positions into hawkish and dovish arguments. Ignored in this polarization is a great center of opinion which is responsible and sensible, just as deadly serious as the two extremes.

People who ask for negotiations, for example, sit in this center. So does the church, the three major faiths. So do leaders of Congress, both Democrats and Republicans, men like Fulbright, Morse, Gruening, Morton, Cooper and Kennedy, both Robert and Edward. So do labor unions. So do members of the university

and the press such as Lippmann, Arnett, Sheehan and others.

You can be opposed to the war without being in favor of draft card burning, without supporting things like the Pentagon mobilization or flag burning. You can be quite conservative in your economic theory, you don't have to be a civil rights activist, you can be a veteran and a member of the American Legion, you can be any of these and still oppose American participation in the war.

Let me cite some of the more brutal but not widely known facts. We have dropped over 1.7 million tons of bombs on Vietnam. This is more than we dropped on all of Europe during World War II.

The war has created 4 million refugees in South Vietnam. It has created 150,000 civilian casualties in one year in South Vietnam.

We support a regime whose army fights an 8-hour day and a 5½-day week. We support a regime which is riddled with corruption, which steals 75 per cent of the funds we send for those refugees, which sells jobs, like that of the province chief for \$25,000.

Defoliation

It is a war which has created incredible credibility problems within our own ranks. A United States senator who recently returned from Vietnam relates what kind of problem he had learning about

Nisei Speaks Out

Gentlemen:

A Hawaiian Nisei phoned WBBM's Jerry Williams, a moderator of "America's Largest Town Meeting of the Air" on Feb. 6, at 10:10 p.m.

She called Jerry to give her reactions to the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. Then 11 years old, she recalled how her classmates taunted her after the bombing with epithets like "Sneaky Jap."

Because her fellow Hawaiians mistreated her she became terribly upset. She turned against her own parents, calling them "Japs." She wondered why she was born a "Jap" and wished she were Chinese instead.

Her two brothers went to war. One joined the 100th Battalion; the other, the 442nd Regiment. She mentioned that one brother came home a complete physical and mental wreck. She militantly demanded: "Why did we Japanese Americans (have) to prove our loyalty when the Swedes & Irish & Germans & Italians didn't have to?"

I have just written to Jerry Williams requesting a copy of her remarks, if available. This articulate Nisei girl bared her soul in blistering Eartha Kittинг indignation.

To her vast audience, she described the emotional upheavals she suffered, the terrible despair that swept over her because of the color of her skin and the slant of her eyes. "SPEAK UP! SPEAK OUT! AND LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!" is the theme of WBBM's "Town Meeting of the Air."

This outspoken Hawaiian Nisei, now a Chicago resident, definitely met that challenge. Her expose' of the monstrous prejudice in today's America —this is the "gut" issue she wants Americans to face.

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BY THE BOARD: Lily Okura

The Goodwill Tour

Omaha

Almost a year ago, I was scheduled to get any article to our Editor, and I remember well because it was just around budget time here at the Children's Therapy Center, and I couldn't even begin to think about writing. Well, I just went through this very same thing, and yesterday, after going through the Budget and Finance Committee, the Executive Board and the Board of Directors of the Center, the budget was approved. After a good ten years here

lives, as will hunger and starvation.

It may not be a fiendish but just as fatal. And our apathy, our deadly apathy, is just the same.

May I propose, as a sort of open letter to all JACL chapters, that each chapter make the effort to become informed through speakers, discussion and study groups?

Resources are available from several sources. The American Friends Service Committee is probably the best. There is also SANE. There are also branches of Clergy and Laymen Concerned About Vietnam throughout the country.

Communication can also be made directly to me. I will be happy to make appropriate referrals. I don't think anyone expects JACL to become a peace organization. But the ravages of Vietnam have made all Americans responsible. An effort to become informed can only serve the best interests of our democracy and the best interests of the JACL.

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Godsend

Editor:

The other morning the WGN radio announcer offered this riddle:

"A black man was walking along the highway. He was wearing a black suit, black shoes and a black hat. Just then a car traveling 70 miles an hour came to a sudden halt inches away from this pedestrian. How did the motorist manage to stop in time?"

The answer was simple. It was daytime.

In the Feb. 2 PC, Dr. Roy Nishikawa mentioned that for over ten years the question, "Where is JACL going and why?" has bounced around, still unanswered.

The answer is also simple. It's up to each one of us. JACL can go only where we want it to go. And it can do only what we want it to do.

The 1000 Club, according to Mas Satow, has been a godsend, a hard core of JACLers who have over the years voluntarily helped to sustain National JACL. This past year 1000 Clubbers furnished about 35% of the total budget.

In 1967, taking the Miscellaneous Test Case to the U.S. Supreme Court cost the JACL \$5,000. Almost that amount, \$4,997.57, was spent on the Washington Alien Land Law, \$3,668.80 was spent to print the JACL PR brochure.

These expenditures totaling \$13,664.37 came from the special national reserve fund for future contingencies, not from the regular budget.

Your JACL will continue to dip into the reserve fund for worthy endeavors such as these. But we cannot live beyond our income if we wish to remain financially solvent. That is why we must ask for wholehearted support in our campaign for 2000 thousands.

DR. FRANK F. SAKAMOTO
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as Administrator, you would think that I would just relax . . . but "it ain't that easy" when your Board of Directors changes from year to year.

GOODWILL TRIP TO JAPAN

As far as we are concerned, we have been spreading goodwill for Japan, Japan Air Lines and the Japan Travel Bureau since our return to Omaha. Prior to our trip, our local papers had a spread about our anticipated trip to Japan and upon our return, had quite a detailed article. Perhaps what made the article interesting was the fact that the daughter of U. Alexis Johnson, Ambassador to Japan, resides here in Omaha. (The Embassy was kind enough to mail us extra prints of the pictures which Pat and I posed with the ambassador and Mrs. Johnson to be presented to Mrs. Zerbe).

Since these articles have appeared, we have been deluged with calls from various organizations to speak about our impressions of Japan. Pat speaks about the economic situation and I attempt to cover "what the women like to hear about." Perhaps we didn't spread goodwill while on tour, but we are enthusiastically "selling Japan"!

For those who are wondering how Pat's pictures came out (new camera which he purchased the day before our departure from Japan), for an amateur, they came out just simply beautiful! We had the negatives made into slides and have been showing them along with our lectures. I am afraid that Pat has the "bug" now, especially when all 20 negatives came out so well.

Speaking about pictures,

Christmas was such fun this year . . . friends we made on the trip were kind to send snapshots taken here and there and we did likewise. We also received many letters of appreciation.

How can one forget such a glorious trip. One of the highlights of the trip was to visit with Foreign Minister Takeo Miki, whom I had known since I was ten years old. It was many years ago that our family befriended him when he was on the steamship Shinnyo Maru, coming to the United States to attend the University of Southern California. He spent many weekends with us in our home. I recall that one other student was on the boat. His name was Mr. Nagao and he recently retired after serving as Mayor in some part of Japan (name slips me at this moment).

It has been interesting for my parents to observe the rapid rise of the Foreign Minister and his political career. They remember him as a most determined young man even in those years.

Other interesting points of our trip was visiting with my relatives. One cousin is one of the leading abstract artists in Japan, who lives in Yokohama.

The other cousin, who is now retired, but serving on the Board of the largest TV station, NHK. What a colorful career he must have had. He was at one time Editor of the Osaka Mainichi. His last trip to the United States was in 1937, when he went to Hyde Park to interview Franklin Delano Roosevelt. After his return to Japan, he left the Osaka Mainichi and became President of the Nippon Times. He stated that since he was a pacifist, he could not go along with the thinking of the Mainichi. We thoroughly

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IN JUNIOR JACL:

The Advisor

(Continued from previous week)

AUTHORITY

The advisor is not the leader, but neither is he just a disinterested observer. The advisor should be aware that there can come a time when direct intervention is called for, when initiative must come from him.

The advisor must know and respect the fact that in special situations and extreme emergencies, all powers and authority rest with him.

But successful operation of the group requires that the advisor gain the respect of the members. It usually takes a few meetings to win this respect; all groups have some degree of resistance to adults, and youth groups tend to have more.



West Wind

Yosh Hotta

Charisma

New York is a wonderful place. We remember it best as the place where we watched in amazement, a cook in an open-window restaurant, preparing an omelette so that it became a golden cone, and unlike anything that we had ever seen before.

The idea that the poor should control the vast grants made by governments to alleviate poverty seems ridiculous on its face. Yet who knows better than the poor, what their condition really is? George Bernard Shaw once wrote that "if poverty is a crime, what shall be said of men who condemn people to a life of poverty?" Can money buy the pleasure of seeing your baby's first smile? Money is important and helps bring the security we all seek. But the reason for accumulating money is to use it wisely, to spend it properly.

What we need in our lives is some sparkle, some divine touch that makes the commonplace seem wonderful. We don't all have it, and no one knows what it is. There is an old Chinese pop tune that says "how many times in life can we be as happy as this, so drink, drink up!" The JACL has a stodgy image, where many people imagine it has hanging on to the old ways, where a great deal of time is expended to make it more "efficient." It might be that it is easier to be efficient than it is to spark the imagination, to lead people on to brighter things.

Well, that's enough platitudes for this day. It's time to get my shoes shined at the topless shoe shine parlor. That's doing a common thing, uncommonly well.

Accent on Youth Alan Kumamoto



Big Bear

Any worthwhile program should be evaluated to show its impact to date, indicate progress and determine needs. Evaluation is the process by which we carefully appraise a situation and ascertain the resulting values. While evaluation of programs and activities is important, orientation is an ingredient which cannot be denied for a smooth functioning operation.

Orientation can take many forms and with an organization such as JACL and Jr. JACL, the creation of awareness of purpose, goals and objectives of the group can best be handled by a workshop. Orientation materials have long been sought and the best to date have been materials written and prepared by the people who live within the area and who can give specific information.

SNOW AND KNOW—Thus on the weekend of Feb. 10-11 at Big Bear, the PSWDYC met under the pretense of a snow trip entwined with a leadership workshop in the elements of snow, boys, girls, adults, snow, food, discussion, talk, snow, chit-chat, fun, and weariness.

It all began with bus ride for the 110 participants, followed by lunch (the kind you make yourself or have someone make for you) a struggle in the snow, two hours of discussion—one before dinner and one after—the first session for individual officers: presidents, v.p., treasurers, etc., and the second on chapter problems. Finally in the wee hours came something that was not so much a formal business meeting as it was declared by PSWDYC Co-Chairmen Marilyn Hamano and David Takashima as announcements.

The remarks that was the most appropriate after the long day: "If we have another discussion after all these hours of discussion, we'll all turn into a discussion." That made certain an end to the serious side. The morning after found special guests from Northern California—Rus Obana, Nat'l. Jr. JACL chairman; Ben Matsura, NC-WNDYC chairman; and Shirley Matsura of San Jose—get in the last word about the Nat'l Convention and give their views of PSW.

THE EVALUATION — While areas could be improved (like shorter sessions) on the positive side were comments on the evaluation sheets. "What have you gained by the leadership workshop?" "An understanding of JACL... gaining of new friends... an interest in JACL... feeling that JACL is running in a realistic course in the program they have established... excellent leaders, advisors, and membership... P.S. an enjoyable weekend."

What did you like most about the workshop? "People... their thoughts... their enthusiasm... their sincerity."

With this combination of fun and work, all signs must point to the most successful DYC function to date for the PSW. Their evaluation recognized areas of improvement and areas of accomplishment. Their orientation to officers and members must be considered a positive one.

We hope that each DYC and chapter will evaluate themselves on a period basis, orientate themselves as to group purpose and objectives so thus once clarified all could work efficiently and effectively towards their own recognized goals.

Sounding Board Jeffrey Matsui



Nisei Politician

At the symposium on Evacuation held last June at UCLA, one of the key points made to explain the Nisei's inability to put up a good fight against evacuation was that we had no Nisei in political office. We had no one in the California state legislature to plead with emotional involvement the plight of the Japanese Americans. It would have been interesting to note the reaction of the legislature as one of their colleagues was being carted off to a concentration camp in the desert because of his racial ancestry. Would the criminal injustice of Evacuation and internment based on race been clearer then to these influential California leaders?

The reasons why Japanese Americans were not involved in politics during the 30s and early 40s are quite obvious. Nisei were prevented by law from obtaining U.S. citizenship; Nisei were too young; discrimination in job opportunity, business opportunity and all phases of American life was rampant. But what about today—1968?

In today's America, the Nisei boasts of his affluence—we are a close second in average annual income behind the Caucasian. He boasts of his education—our average education tops even the Caucasians. Even many of the subtle housing and social discriminatory barriers have been lowered for the Nisei and their children.

In the past the reason for not having any Nisei candidates for political office was that the Japanese lived in areas populated by the larger minorities who would never elect a Nisei. However, quite a number of Nisei professionals are now living in formerly "all-white middle class" neighborhoods. Our popularity and acceptance is at an all time high.

Yet, outside of Hawaii, there is not a single Nisei in any of the other 49 state legislatures. But the discouraging note is not that none have been elected but that so few have tried. In 1966 two Nisei from Southern California failed in their bid for state senate and the state assembly—they were the first Nisei to appear on ballot for state offices. It appears that many more Nisei names must appear before we get our first winner. And it seems that to attain this initial goal would require the coordinated efforts of many individuals and organizations.

Since the JACL's primary concern is the interest and welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry, it is only natural that she be in the forefront of the battle—encouraging and assisting, however possible, the Nisei pioneer politician.

Civil rights action at level for Nisei suggested

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I remember sitting in on a JACL district council convention in the early 60's, and listening to the JACLers question the tactics used by Negro civil rights leaders to spotlight injustices and get redress to historical grievances. Today, there is no historian or sociologist of any standing who questions the relevancy of these tactics—they were necessary in order to make changes in the social fabric of our society.

The greater part of the black community realizes that it has been little affected by the victories of the civil rights movement—especially the Negroes in the ghettos.

For example in Cleveland's Hough area in 1960, 31% of the Negro families had incomes below the poverty level of \$3,000 a year for a family of four. By 1966 the figure was 39%, an increase of 8%. In the same years, the median family income of the Negro dropped \$766 to \$3,966, although in the rest of Cleveland it rose \$730 to \$6,929.

In Watts in 1960, the White House report says 14% of the Negroes lived in deteriorating homes and another 2% lived in dilapidated homes. Five years later, both levels of poverty had increased: 21% in deteriorating homes and 4% in dilapidated homes.

Comparative Statistics

Statistics show that 62% of the pre-school children in the Head Start program suffer from malnutrition, the ghetto death rate is 22% higher overall than elsewhere, infant mortality is 40% higher.

The unemployment rate for the country is at 3.7%; for the non-white in urban communities over 3 times as much—e.g., St. Louis, 3.1% whites unemployed compared to 12.7% Negro; Newark—3.8% whites unemployed compared to 10.5% Negro.

These are statistics, and most of us respond apathetically to them. But have you ever been in a home in the ghettoes, talked with the families who have no perspective on the political plane.

The Past Decade

A look at the civil rights movement in the past decade will show that the main beneficiaries have been the Negro middle class. The number of

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Civil Rights Commentary

K. Patrick Okura Coordinating Editor

To Secure Equal Opportunities and Equal Dignity

YOUTH SPEAKS: Don Hayashi

Providing Opportunity

Portland

With the forecast of another "hot summer" in many American cities, it would be well for JACL to fully evaluate its role in the Civil Rights movement. Rather than condemn the destruction caused by riots, it would be more useful to make conscientious efforts toward alleviating social injustices.

It should be emphasized that if American society can provide equal opportunity, many minorities will resort to forceful means to gain access to the mainstream of American life.

JACL should embark on new ways of meeting the challenges of the Civil Rights movement, and it must do so with all deliberate speed.

Operation Equality

Not long ago, the Urban League, a middle class civil rights organization, instituted Operation Equality. With primary financial support from a Ford Foundation grant, the program is attempting to improve housing opportunities through a giant public relations campaign. The first phase includes Cleveland, Miami, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Seattle, and Rochester, N.Y.

Using housewives, clergy, social workers, businessmen, and a few realtors, the project maintains listings of available housing, encourages minority groups who desire better housing, and helps make the proper contacts to make the purchase or rental.

Thus far, the project has established lines of communication with minority groups, real estate brokers, the building industry, and the general public.

The Seattle program, in particular, has placed over one hundred families in housing outside the ghetto, and it appears that the program has made progress in the total community.

Tutorial Program

Another possible opportunity is the tutorial program to elevate the educational level to culturally or socially disadvantaged children, and almost every community already offers such opportunities.

With the high number of school teachers in its mem-

bership, JACL should encourage them to explore new methods of presenting curriculum. The present methods seem to stymie many minority children.

Summer projects such as operating teen centers or planning activities for migrant families offer countless and rewarding experiences. With financial support from chapters, district, and National JACL and Junior JACL, these programs could institute desirous services.

Help Received

If JACLers, like other middle class Americans, are concerned by the increasing racial disturbances in American cities, perhaps it would be enlightening to explore the dilapidated conditions of slums and poverty pockets and begin to act in more positive ways.

Whether this action is through answering the telephone, public relations work, visiting with families, typing letters, or supplying existing agencies with information, JACL and its membership can play a vital role in the Civil Rights movement.

Can JACL answer the call of today's America, or has it already outlived its purpose?

I hope that JACL can follow the inspiration of its motto—

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like William Du Bois, psychologists like Kenneth Clark... the point is, you just can't compare two different minority groups.

Other Japanese Americans have voiced concern over "Black Power." After reading the writings of Malcolm X, Stokely Carmichael, and various sociologists, I can understand what prompts this response, although I disagree with some of the tactics and their assumptions.

I personally dislike violence, and I think it only begets more violence—and yet I'm not sure that it hasn't proved effective in calling attention to the plight of the people in the slums.

I try to see it in perspective—how many of us were horrified about Watts and denounced the riots in uncertain tones? How many of us were horrified by the recent report of the San Francisco Health Department that the rate of infant mortality among the Negroes was three times more than the whites? Where are the angry cries for action?

School Integration

Many of the Japanese families in Berkeley and eventually in other areas will be faced with integration in the schools. I can understand some of their fears—I don't like some of the behavior of some children of the ghettos—but equal opportunity in education is for all children.

I am convinced that unless ordinary people like us join with the black and Spanish-speaking minorities to move the American people to drastic reforms, our country will remain in its state of unrest and racial disorder. This is a moral, as well as a political problem of vast dimensions.

Well, what can we do? Again, I would like to stress that all of us work in different ways and on different levels.

But there is no evading of the fact that ultimately the fight for equality must be met on the political plane.

Political Stand

I know of some fine people who volunteer one morning a week to help disadvantaged youth but who vote for the school board member hostile to school integration, or a representative against open housing or against legislation to alleviate poverty.

I know Japanese Americans who voted for Proposition 14 because they don't like "Kurochan". Yet, they feel they're not prejudiced—just realistic. I guess this means soul-searching and studying on our part, so that our behavior and value systems are congruent.

Our young people are very much aware of this "phoniness," this discrepancy about what we say, and what we do.

There are some in our country who feel that these problems will go away as we build a huge police force equipped with riot controlling chemicals, if we light up all the areas of the city at night, if we jail the Stokely Carmichael and the Rap Browns, if we pressure the judicial system so that rioters will get severe sentences, if we get after the Communists, if we cut the chiselers off the welfare rolls, if we force men and women on welfare to take low paying jobs.

Will these measures really get at the roots of the problem of poverty and discrimination—or will they just deal punitive with the symptoms?

Help Received

There are Japanese Americans who say, "We made it on our own—we were poor, we were discriminated against." But have you ever considered the fact that we received a good deal of help? I worked with the Chicago Resettlers Committee after the war and saw the aid extended by community social agencies, governmental bodies, church organizations, fraternal groups and individuals to aid in the relocation of Japanese Americans.

We also might recognize the fact that we have an entirely different history, different cultural values, different family patterns. Why should we feel so superior? We haven't produced leaders like Dr. Martin Luther King, writers like James Baldwin, poets like Langston Hughes, sociologists

Or there are study hall programs which can use skills offered by men and women as tutors to junior high or high school students.

You can work with your church or community organization to promote understanding between various races. You can help your trade unions, or business, or farm organizations face up to the problems of discrimination.

As an individual or through your organization you can help to change the apathy of the white community towards necessary social change.

And I would like to add that it's not all giving—of yourself and your time. You receive tremendous satisfaction—in making new friends, meeting people with various backgrounds, exposure to different ways of thinking and behavior, and feeling that you're making some contribution to your community.

For the Chapters

What are some possibilities for our local chapters? I believe JACL should take political stands, though on a non-partisan basis.

We should examine bills, and put pressure on our legislators. We might sponsor meetings to question candidates on their views on civil rights.

We might pick out key civil rights issues and send to our membership the records of candidates on these issues.

We might discuss local problems relating to poverty and discrimination so that our membership can be informed. We are planning such a meeting in Richmond at the end of this month.

One of our chapter members suggested setting up a scholarship for other minority youth—especially since we feel very strongly that education is the most meaningful way to achieve equality.

Black Power

What about opportunities for our members to meet jointly with Negroes and other minority groups? If you're afraid of black power, invite a representative of the black power movement to discuss what he means, and what he hopes to accomplish. Listen with an open mind.

Could some of our businessmen participate in apprenticeship programs or training workshops? Could we set up some pilot projects to work on employment problems?

I'm sure that if you start thinking along these lines, you will come up with a variety of ideas which can be implemented.

THOUSAND CLUB NOTES



(Note two sets of LEGS)

Shoot for Two

BY DR. FRANK SAKAMOTO Hoshito Miyamoto; San Diego-Homi Nakamura; Connie Costa-George; Tom Yashiroka; Chicago-S. Yoshikura.

The MAGIC NUMBER is still "2". The barometer has been hovering just over 1,800. One Thousand Clubbers since the end of January. Now to sign up 2 new One Thousand Clubbers and go after I lapsed member to reach our goal of 2,000 active members of the "Order of the Tie and Garter."

Berkeley and San Jose have come through with sizeable increases in their 1000 Club membership. My thanks to their chapter 1000 Club chairmen for excellent performance! They have also, to those chapters that have signed up new members and have gone after the renewals since the first of the year.

Chicago, Downtown L.A., Sacramento and San Francisco continue to lead the chapters in the number of current 1000 Clubbers with Seattle and Snake River not too far behind... BUT, it's going to take the total effort of every chapter to break through our goal, so during the months of March and April, let's all get behind this drive and "SHOOT FOR 2!"

BACKBONES OF JACL

Someone has said the membership of a club is made up of four kinds of bones... There are the wishbones who spend all their time wishing somebody else would do the work...

There are the jawbones who do all the talking but very little of anything else...

Next come the knucklebones who knock everything that everybody else tries to do... And finally there are the BACKBONES who get under the load and do the work and continue to support the organization financially.

Berkeley 1000ers: Probably the only JACL chapter with a 1000 Club organized within, Berkeley 1000 Club activities will be directed by Ike Nakamura, chmn., with emphasis to assist youth programs. It plans to present a Ted Nakamura Memorial Award, stage a career guidance seminar and sponsor the Berkeley Royals.

Feb. 15 Report: National Headquarters acknowledged a total of 148 new and renewing memberships in the 1000 Club during the first half of February as follows:

20th Year: San Luis Valley-Roy Yamaguchi; Contra Costa-Dr Yoshie Togasaki.

19th Year: New York - Thomas T. Hayashi.

18th Year: San Diego - Tom Kida; Santa Barbara - Dr Yoshio Nakaji; Tulare County - Kenji Tashiro.

17th Year: Idaho Falls - Charles Hsu; Tulare County - Tom Shimasaki.

16th Year: Chicago - Arthur T. Morimoto; Portland - Dr Matthew Masuoka; San Luis Valley-Mike Mizokami; Harry Sumida; Pocatello - William Yamauchi.

Hunt; Pasadena - Dr. Maxine Ito; Seattle - Harry S. Kawabe; Mrs Sue Omori; Minoru Yamaguchi; Monterey Peninsula -

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(Continued from Front Page) events champion, is returning to defend her title. She has a 173 average.

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IMPERIAL LANES (844), Seattle - Capt. Fumi Yamashita-171; Tome Mizuki-171; Paul Tanagi-178; Hattie Horie-172; Linda Chen-167.

Joe's Bistro (850), Seattle - Capt. Massy Kobayashi-185; Mary Fujita-173; Jean Maniwa-164; Irene Ohashi-165; Amy Seko-163; Pamela Yamada-163; Anna Springs Calif. - Capt. Nei Nomura-163; Alice Fung-182; Mary Shoda-160; Sumi Kamachi-155; Yasu Yasukochi-161; Carol Yamanaka-162; Mickey Oyama-184; Carolyn Eng-176.

Mac's Automotive Service (803), Denver - Capt. Jane Hada-171; Susan Tawara-175; Sadami Kuroda-163; Jean Tabata-150; Jean Hobbs-175.

McDonald's Flower Shop (831), Seattle - Capt. Wilma Tauchikawa-169; Chit Takagi-165; Sallie Yamada-168; Carol Lagasca-161; Chiy Hirota-168.

McDonald's Motor Hotel (831), Salt Lake City - Capt. Mary Aramaki-172; Toby Ikegami-170; Norm Fushimi-154; Jen Hayakawa-169; Norm Sugiyama-162.

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160; Amy Beppu-170; Sada Okada-162; Toshi Fukeda-165; Aya Kurashige-160; Sacramento Nisei Bowling Assn. (814), Sacramento - Capt. Bubiles Keiko-165; Mary Goto-174; Myra Kiyota-148; Nozue Taniguchi-152; Yoko Murata-152.

Portland - Capt. Kathy Sasaki-178; Jinji Fuji-155; Barbara Sono-148; Tomoko Yamada-155; Capt. Pat Edamura-156; Maida Okazaki-174; Mary Yoshimura-158; Lillian Iwata-155; Hiroko Ima-165; C. T. Nakahara-160; Capt. Sami Martin-156; Kasie Sakai-151; Marian Matsumoto-156; Kimi Tanaka-152; Peggy Okada-169.

San Jose N.B.A. #2 (695), San Jose - Capt. Midge Takahashi-164; Homa - Capt. Homa-157; Tami Ullies-149; Mamyo Iseki-156; Martha Harada-170.

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Beacon Richfield (786), Seattle - Capt. John Watanabe-155; Kay Hirai-157; Sunshine Nagai-169; Ed Ettinger-160; Jeni Kashiwa-164.

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Craig's Automotive (964), Seattle - Capt. Harry Kimura-169; Ernest Oyama-190; Ken Ishikawa-169; Shiro Yamada-169; George Nakamura-169; Tom Iwata-171; Roy Sanjose-156; John Yamada-156.

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Bush Garden (780), Honolulu - Capt. Fifi Hasebe-160; Fukumoto-169; Shor Tori-159; Kai Kim-190; Brian Kata-156.

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Grandview Gardens (933), Los Angeles - Capt. Shozo Hirashima-190; Shiro Kishida-181; Tom Iida-181; Shizuka Onishi-181.

San Jose NBA #1 (933), San Jose - Capt. Ozzie Shimabukuro-189; Tom Yamada-190; Roy Murotsu-189; Sam Ono-185; Tom Iida-181; Ken Nakata-175; Tootsie Tsutsui-180.

H & I Auto (922), Seattle - Capt. Tom Yamada-181; Don Ikgami-191; George Suyekawa-189; Tom Yamada-181; Ron Tada-187; Mun Taketa-181; Don Taniguchi-182; Ichiro Nozaki-186.

F. & S. Bowling Supply (894), Mountain View - Capt. Roger Hamamoto-181; Ken Fujimori-181; Mike Yamada-181; Michael Yamada-181; Vic Imai-181; Kivo Yoshinaka-186.

Grantville (933), Los Angeles - Capt. Roger Hamamoto-181; Ken Fujimori-181; Mike Yamada-181; Vic Imai-181; Kivo Yoshinaka-186.

Kinomoto Travel Service (932), Seattle - Capt. Ari Segimoto-184; Mike Toda-185; Yuki Maekawa-178; Ted Nakata-175; Tom Iida-175; She



CHERRY BLOSSOM HOPEFULS—These 14 Sansei beauties will vie in the 16th annual Cherry Blossom Festival contest to be held March 23 at the Honolulu Civic Auditorium. From left, they are Marv T. Furuike, Rosemary Y. Oda, Roberta H. Kobayashi, Dianna T. Furuike, Rosemary Y. Oda, Roberta H. Kobayashi, Dianna T. Soranaka, Gwendolyn S. Iwasaki, Lauren Kayahara, Mary E. Kagawa,

Cynthia I. Ooi, Victoria N. Suzuki, Eleanor F. Nakaya, Cynthia M. Otsuka, Janice E. Teramae, Sharon K. Andow and Lynn L. Tomioka. Festival starts in February with public appearances of queen contestants, the queen's pageant and coronation in March, cultural and Japanese revue in April.

—Photo courtesy: Jack Matsumoto, Star-Bulletin photographer.

Aloha from Hawaii

by Richard Gima



Mail by Air

Honolulu
Sen. Hiram L. Fong said he had been assured by the Post Office Dept. that first class mail traveling between Hawaii and major Mainland cities is being transported by air, UPI in Washington has reported. Manoa Valley's Paradise Park opened to the public for the first time Feb. 16. James W. Y. Wong is president of the park. "We will have all of Hawaii's native birds — both live and extinct — on view in the Na Manu o Hawaii Museum. We'll also have a wide variety of native fruit trees, from banana and mountain apple to tangerines," Wong said.

Representative Patsy T. Mink has nominated three Sansei as alternates to West Point. They are Kirk D. Miyake, Eleele; Sharon M. Nakamoto, Kapaa; and Miles M. Nakamoto, Kailua. Mrs. Mink, widow of the son of Robert Kawanou of Kaumakakai, Maui, has been commissioned a 2nd lt. in the Army at Lackland AFB, Tex. He is being assigned to Vandenburg AFB in Calif.

S. George Fukukawa was sworn in as judge of the Second Circuit Court Feb. 5 in Waipahu, Maui, by Chief Justice Wm. S. Richardson.

Dan E. Dorman, Jr., 17, only child of the Dan E. Dormans, was killed Feb. 4 in a two-car collision near Kamuela on the Big Island. The elder Dorman is president of 1st National

Bank. Dan was a student at Hawaii Preparatory Academy . . . Pfc. Eugene L. Keahi, 18, of Ewa Beach was killed in combat in Vietnam Feb. 1. He was Hawaii's 122nd victim of the war . . . Mrs. Fuki Iwase, 69, of Lawai, Kauai, was killed in an auto accident Feb. 3 near Kilaeua.

Three more Islanders have died in the fighting in South Vietnam. They were the 122nd, 123rd and 124th island men to die there. The men are Sp. 4 Thomas Moore and Sp. 4 Fred K. M. Hatada, both of the Big Island, and Pfc. Gene L. Keahi, 18, of 91541 Oneula St., Ewa Beach, Oahu. Hatada was the son of the Sadaki Hatake of 142 Kawaiian St., Hilo, and Moore's address was Box 820, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii.

MIS Club officers

State Sen. George Ariyoshi has been elected president of the Military Intelligence Service Veterans Club of Hawaii. Other new officers are Gilbert Nagata and James Araki, v.p.; Mitsuo Mansho, sec.; Kenneth Morii, treas.; and Saburo Nakamura, aud. . . . Ralph S. Inouye has been elected 2nd v.p. of the General Contractors Assn. of Hawaii. He will move up to president in 1970.

The State Board of Education has named the following vice principals: Edward T. Egan, Ewa Beach Intermediate; Yoshio Nishimura, Kamehameha V; Kiyoko Kawano, son of the Robert Kawanou of Kaumakakai, Maui, has been commissioned a 2nd lt. in the Army at Lackland AFB, Tex. He is being assigned to Vandenburg AFB in Calif.

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By Jim Henry



Sakura Script

Two Young Men with Problems

JOJI HAMA is a young man of 20 and was among singer who has made three the nation's 2,360,000 young records. He was born in Los Angeles of Japanese parents who were feted on Coming of Age Day on Jan. 1947, and was brought to Japan when seven months old. He lived here until he was 12, then returned to the U.S. where he lived until he was 18. Sometime after, he became a singer here for the Victor Record Co. Three years ago he was requested by the U.S. Government to make his choice between the two countries. It came as quite a surprise as he thought he had discarded his U.S. citizenship.

His permanent residence permit had been left intact. Thus he has both Japanese and American nationalities, and last year in March he was astonished to receive a draft card requesting him to enter the army within a year for service in Vietnam as a U.S. soldier within a year.

Since then he has sent three letters of petition to President Johnson to which he received no reply. He even went to the states and appealed directly to the President to reconsider his situation because "it is better for the U.S. for him to contribute to U.S.-Japan goodwill through songs rather than go to war," but to no avail.

He can refuse the draft on pain of going to prison, or he can give up his permanent U.S. resident rights, or he can become a Communist. However, he doesn't want to take any of these steps because of his parents who are living in the U.S. Neither does he want to go to Vietnam to fight.

It will be interesting to see what the outcome is.

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JACL BOWLING:

92 teams sign up

• Jerry Enomoto
Nat'l President

REORGANIZATION

The mail the other day produced a mixture of interesting items. The most significant of which was the current draft of "Reorganization" proposed for JACL. I get the feeling that this has assumed a little of an aura of mystery to JACLers, who have heard of it on a kind of hit and miss basis. It might help to use a little space here to talk about it.

In the simplest sense the proposal seeks to streamline the administrative machinery of JACL and maximize its efficiency. Attaining such a goal, though, is far from simple. Ours is a membership organization, ideally run by volunteer officers, whose policies are carried out by a small and dedicated staff. The governing body is large and unwieldy. The communications on all levels is difficult and often faulty. Projects often take too long at best, and are not done at all at worst.

The talents and potential of national officers can be better tapped through a clearer assignment of responsibilities.

Our limited staff resources can be better used through a clearly thought out division of duties, and consultant assignments to vital national committees, as one example.

TEAMWORK

Through the efforts of many, chiefly the National Planning Commission under Kaz Horita and the nucleus EDC group, with former Washington, D.C. chapter prezzy Kaz Oshiki heading the way, this draft has emerged. Much of the initial research into management texts, and a lot of the legwork, is the result of staff consultant Harry Honda's hard work.

Later this month, I plan to kick this draft around with Harry and others in L.A. The results will be duplicated and sent to each chapter, national officers, and staff for digestion by the end of March. Subsequent review at all levels should produce a final draft in time for discussion and action at San Jose.

Lest anyone misunderstand, reorganization is no guarantee of anything. All we are trying to do is modernize our machinery. As we update JACL goals and objectives, we must also update the tools we have to achieve them.

SURPRISE!

As a result of my trip to Twin Cities, the Lerner Publications Company, publishers of the "In America" series, sent me a complimentary copy of an illustrated book called "The Japanese in America." Lo and behold, Joyce spotted me; in a partial cut on the cover. Inside, in the full photograph, there I am in 1942 sitting on the steps of a house on Buchanan St. in San Francisco, with a bunch of other woebegone looking companions, plus piles of luggage, waiting for the wheels to take us to Tanforan Assembly Center. Photo credits show that I owe the WRA for this accidental share of posterity.

Actually, aside from that gem, the book, which is directed to young people, is a pretty good quick sketch of our history in the United States.

FOOTNOTES

It is gratifying to see that our 3rd V.P., Henry Kanegae, in the course of other business, has made it a point to be a JACL "ambassador." He recently flew to the Northwest and met with PNW JACLers. One of the important bits that he picked up was District Governor Henry Kato's concern that the District get help on its program efforts from staff. This seconds Ike Iwasaki's discussion with me in December in Portland.

Mas Satow plans a meeting with PNW the week of the National Bowling Tourney, and I hope that some concrete plans can be made. A beginning would be to get a good idea of just what kind of staff assistance is desired.

Had lunch the other day with "Mat" Matsuda, Major Phil Porter, chairman, U.S. Olympic Judo Committee, and Ben Campbell, former U.S. heavyweight Judo King. The contact could lead to a mutually productive program tie between JACL and Judo; certainly, a valid piece of the Japan-American Cultural Relations picture.

We are looking forward to hearing a pioneer JACLer who fought some tough and lonely battles for JACL, when Sab Kido speaks at the 40th Birthday of the San Francisco JACL.

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SEATTLE — After a 10-year absence, the National JACL Hotel to help initiate the Nisei bowling tournament returns to the Pacific Northwest evening mixer on Monday, Mar. 4, is scheduled at Bush Garden.

High Average Bowlers

Bulk of the men bowlers average in the 180s, 72 are in the 190 class and six rate 200 or more. Art Moniz of San Francisco is the top-rated bowler entered with 206, followed by Fifi Hasebe of Hawaii at 204, George Nakamura of Seattle at 202.

Lois Yut, formerly of Seattle but now of San Francisco, is the highest averaged woman bowler at 189, followed by Nobu Asami of Albany and Massy Kobayashi of Seattle, both at 185.

Amy Hayashi of Los Angeles, last year's women all-

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22nd National JACL Nisei Bowling Tournament Schedule

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| ● Mar. 3-4 (Sun., Mon.) Ragtime Doubles all day. | ● Mar. 6 (Thursday) Team (64 men, 28 women); Women, 9:30 a.m., 5:15 p.m.; Men, 12:15, 3:00, 6:30 p.m. |
| ● Mar. 4 (Monday) Evening Mixer, Bush Garden. | Doubles: Men, 11:15 p.m., 12:30 a.m. |
| ● Mar. 5 (Tuesday) Mixed Doubles (120 couples) Five squads: 6:15, 7:30, 8:45, 10: 00, 11:15 p.m. | ● Mar. 8 (Friday) Doubles (156 men, 68 women); Women, 10 a.m., 12:30, 4:15 p.m.; Men, 11:15, 3:00, 5:30, 6:45 p.m. |
| ● Mar. 6 (Wednesday) Classics (232 men, 76 women); Women 4-Game, 12:10 and 8:10 p.m.; Men 6-Game, 10 a.m., 1:40, 3:50, 6:00, 9:40 p.m. | Singles: Men, 10 a.m., 12:30 p.m.; Women, 8 p.m.; Men, 11:45 a.m., 1:45, 3 p.m. |
| ● Mar. 7 (Saturday) Ragtime Doubles: 12:00, 1:15 a.m. | ● Mar. 9 (Saturday) Singles: Women, 10 a.m., 12:30 p.m.; Men, 11:45 a.m., 1:45, 3 p.m. |

IMPERIAL LANES—SEATTLE

Urge JACL to endorse political candidates

SAN MATEO—An unusually good attendance heard San Jose Councilman Norman Mineta speak on "Nisei and Politics" at San Mateo JACL's annual installation Feb. 3 at Stickney's Restaurant.

Now that more and more Nisei are becoming interested in politics and school elections, Mineta urged more Nisei to assert themselves and take advantage of every opportunity and become politically involved.

It was Mineta's opinion that JACL should be instrumental in recommending qualified candidates to fill political vacancies.

Work Up the Ladder

A Nisei in politics, Mineta suggested, should consider starting at the local level and then work up the ladder through state and then to the federal.

He urged parents to encourage their children to participate in school and community activities to develop self-confidence, then continue while in college and through adulthood.

The speaker believes that Nisei should "rock the boat," and not "enryo." On the other hand, he warned not to be "pushy" and above all not to become "smug" and be on guard as the majority community attitude can change.

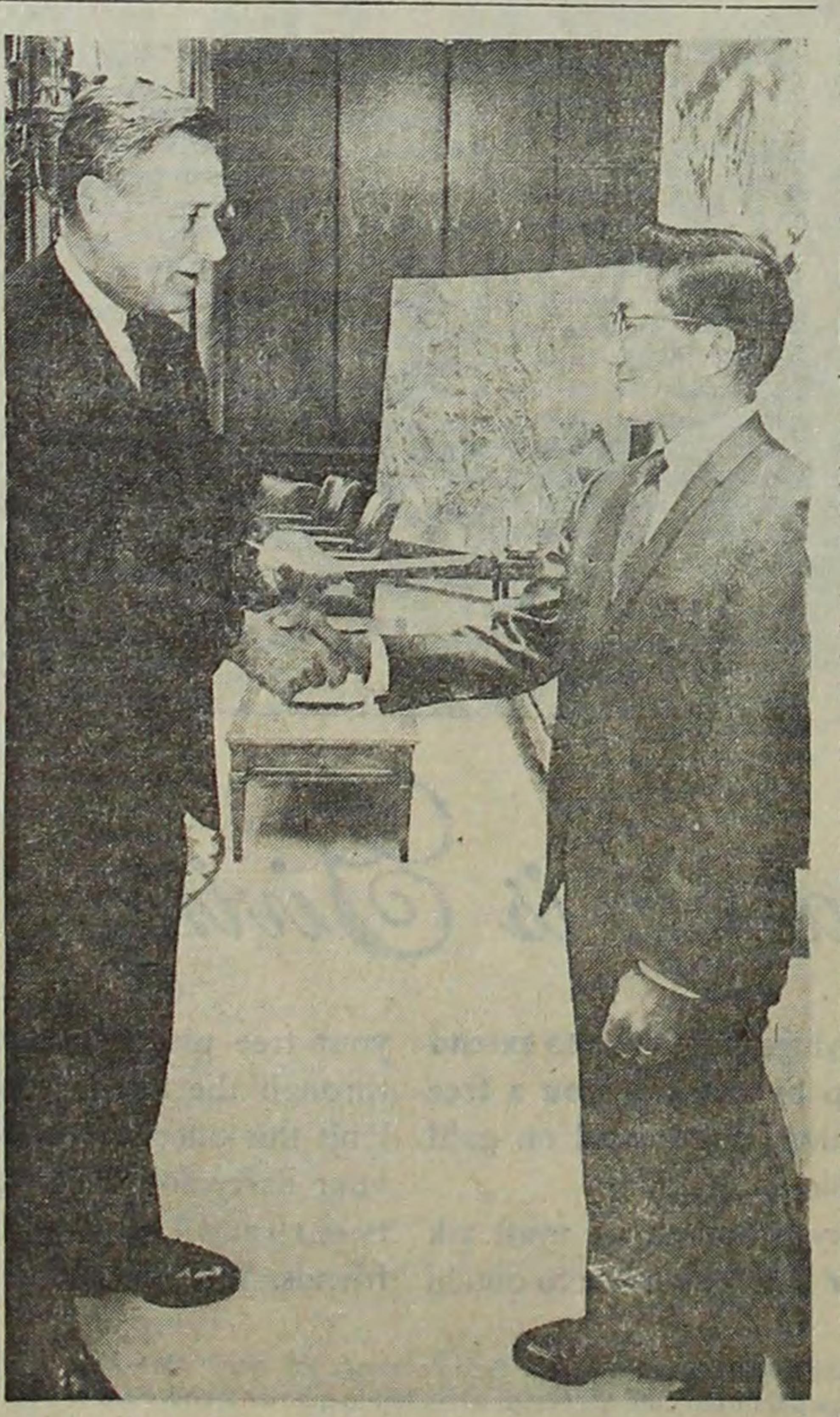
Sense of Humor Needed

The speaker suggested that sense of humor is beneficial in times of "hot issues." He noted voters fail to go to the polls for city elections, thinking it not as important as state or federal. Yet the taxation at the local level proves expensive to the voters.

The councilman commented on the fast growth of San Jose, now the fourth largest in California.

Dr. Mitch Wakasa, newly-elected president, called for expansion of program and community activities. He and his board were installed by Haruo Ishimaru who also presented the president's pins to Hy Tsukamoto and Irene Ikeda.

Tad Masaoka was master of ceremonies and Dr. Bert Shiomokawa was chairman of the evening.



HOME DIRECTORS—Colorado Governor John Love (left) appointed Dr. Kayo Sunada as director of the State Home and Training School at Wheat Ridge. The 40-year-old Nisei, formerly chief of clinical services at the school, was acting director since the death last Nov. 14 of Supt. Merlin Zier. A graduate of Green River (Wyo.) High School, Sunada graduated from the Univ. of Wyoming and completed medical school in 1954 at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia. He interned at Salt Lake County Hospital and was pediatric resident there in 1958-59. He was a clinical assistant in pediatrics and a fellow in bacteriology at the Univ. of Washington before joining the State Home in 1961.

—Denver Post Photo.

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Civil rights at level for Nisei related

(Following is the text of the statement by Mrs. Chizu Iiyama of the Contra Costa JACL before the Human Rights session of the NC-WNDL at Marysville, Feb. 3. It points out what individual chapters and Japanese Americans can do in the current civil rights program in the light of her experiences.—Ed.)

By CHIZU IIYAMA

Marysville

I've been asked to speak on Civil Rights and I feel uncomfortable for several reasons. I don't like to lecture to a group—I feel much more relaxed when I can hear what you have to say, and communicate more directly with you.

Secondly, I feel it's presumptuous of me to tell you what you ought to think or to feel. So what I will do today will be to relate some of my own experiences, feelings, and thoughts about Civil Rights. And if they strike a similar response in you, that's great. And if your experiences and your feelings are very different from mine, that's okay too, because in trying to respond you examine your position and arguments more closely.

Recently, two rather violent events took place in our family. My daughter Laura, aged 11, was standing on traffic duty at the corner of her school when three Negro boys from a neighboring ghetto school came by and beat her up with no provocation. She came home crying bitterly, and said plaintively, "All the time they were hitting me I wanted to say, 'But I'm your friend, I went on demonstrations for civil rights, why do you hurt me?'"

And last month, my oldest daughter working on her graduate studies at Cal was picketed at the Dean Rusk reception in S.F. when the police suddenly rushed at the demonstrators. She fell over a student, and as she lay on the street, two policemen with clubs beat her up. She was badly bruised, and one of the policemen yelled at her "Why don't you go home, you gook!"

I relate these incidents to bring home the point that you can't ignore what's going on in our country today, even if you should want to. Japanese American businessmen in Watts, Japanese residents near Fillmore Street in San Francisco, or Richmonders riding home on Cutting Avenue have found themselves confronted with the turmoil of racial unrest.

Our Sansei boys are getting drafted—if they're in the National Guard they may find themselves in ghetto communities this summer; in our city we are facing a big fight on school integration—in other

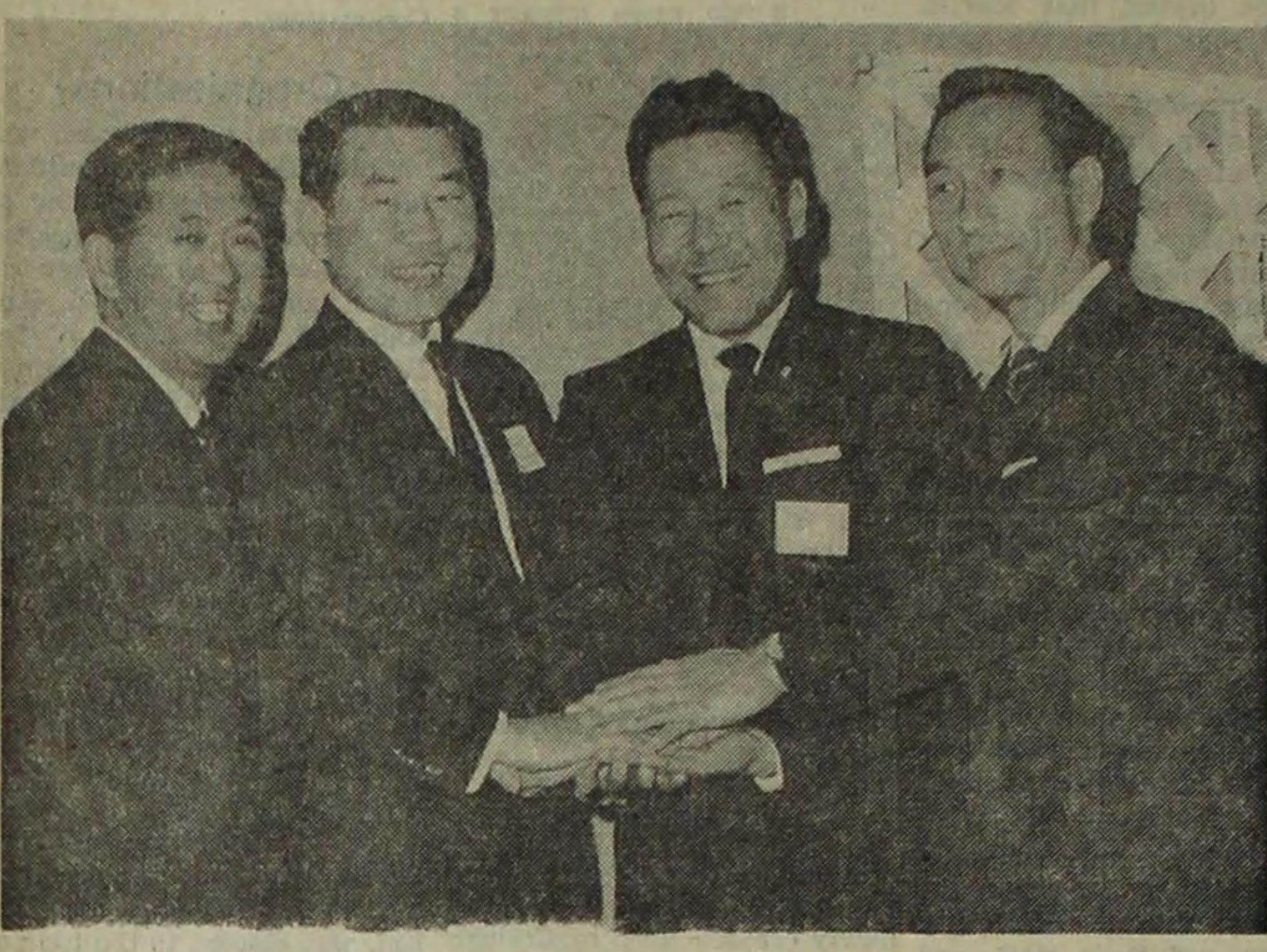
words, the issues of civil rights and the war in Vietnam impinge directly on our personal lives.

I'm going to touch only on Civil Rights today, although both are deeply interrelated as Dr. Martin Luther King has so eloquently stated.

It's hard to believe that it was almost 14 years ago, in 1954 that the Supreme Court made their historic decision on

desegregation of the schools. It set into motion the forces of civil disobedience, voter registration drives, etc. the Civil Rights movement made important changes—especially in the legislative field. I feel their most important contribution however was psychological—in generating confidence on the part of the Negro people that they can solve their problems, and in developing lead-

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OFFICERS INSTALLED—Pledging solidarity for the coming year at the Marysville JACL installation are (from left) Clark Tokunaga, outgoing president; Fred Matsui, 1968 president; Jerry Enomoto, national president; and Grant Shimizu, NC-WNDL governor. Yuba

County Superior Judge Richard Shoening, a Marysville JACLer, served as toastmaster; Masao Satow was installing officer. Outgoing mayor George Bird of Marysville, Yuba City Mayor Lawrence Mark, Rev. Harry Vise and Rev. Koji Terada participated in the program.

—Marysville JACL Photo.

IDC ponders expansion of 5c per mile allowance to committee members

SALT LAKE CITY — Inter-

mountain District Council

delegates at their next quarterly meeting in April at Ontario, Ore., will act upon recommendations involving district executive reorganization.

Under study is the amendment to have the first vice-governor, in addition to his current duties, serve as district 1000 Club chairman, and the second vice-governor, in addition to his present duties, chair the district recognitions committee.

A proposal to reimburse

travel expenses to DC sessions of all standing committee district chairmen or their designated alternate, the district secretary, youth vice-commissioner and youth vice-chairman.

The four IDC officers have been reimbursed at the rate of 5 cents a mile since 1961.

The district has about 1,500 members at the present time.

A committee appointed by IDC Gov. Ron Yokota to review the proposed changes include Barton Sasaki, George Koyama, Huck Yamasaki and Frank Yoshimura.

Other district appointments include Koyama, PC district representative; Sud Morishita and Fred Ochi (alt.), national planning commission.

William Marutani will be toastmaster. Harry Benke's Combo will play for the dance. George Harada, 2500 Pine St., is accepting reservations until Feb. 29 at \$7.50 per person, \$5.50 for senior IDC.

The workshop was conducted in three sessions: 1st period devoted to officers and members in separate sections, 2nd period devoted to chapter problems, and 3rd period devoted to motivation in Jr. JACL.

PSWDYC co-chairmen David Takahima and Merilynn Hamano presided during the youth business sessions. Assisting in the mixer was Alan Kumamoto, national youth director.

The amendment incorporates the basic features of S. 1358, the Fair Housing Act of 1967 which was also cosponsored by Senator Inouye.

Key features of the amendment are:

1—Prohibits discrimination on account of race, color, religion or national origin in the sale or rental of housing by someone other than its occupant.

2—Prohibits discrimination in the financing of housing, and in the provision of services by and membership in real estate organizations.

3—Responsibility for conciliation and enforcement would be placed in the hands of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The act would not apply to owner-occupied duplex, triplex or quadruplex units.

Senator Inouye emphasized that the amendment does not exempt from coverage the sale or rental of single family dwellings.

—Courtesy of the San Francisco Examiner

SLOGAN OF JACL SHOWS CYNICS AMERICAN STAND

Shimasaki Lauds Pioneering Issei at PSWDYC Luncheon

IMPERIAL — The slogan of the Japanese American Citizens League — "For Better Americans in a Greater America" — will show the cynical world the triumph of American democracy, Tom T. Shimasaki, national JACL st vice-president, said here.

Some 60 JACLers and friends attended the PSWDYC first quarterly session hosted by Imperial Valley JACL Feb. 10-11, which ended with a business session at the Airport Inn.

Shimasaki, the luncheon speaker, exhorted the group to remember the values of their pioneering parents. "They came to a country which did not grant them citizenship and they worked hard," he said.

"They didn't look for a handout. They exhibited the great values of ambition, responsibility, hard work and the respect for human dignity. And they instilled in us a great love for America."

Nisei Volunteers

And on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of that dark day in American history when Americans of Japanese descent were put in concentration camps, "we remember the hundreds of Nisei who volunteered from behind the barbed wire to serve their country on the fields of battle," Shimasaki continued. "The philosophy of our organization, 'For Better Americans in a Greater America,' will show the cynical world of the triumph of American democracy

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WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER: Roger Nikaido

The Nisei Image

While the nation as a whole is experiencing an unprecedented time of prosperity, the Vietnam war, the Korean crisis, racial unrest in the cities, inflation and balance of payments problems, more taxes, and an apparent loss of confidence in the national leadership have created an uneasy mood of discontent throughout the land.

The Vietnam war is the centerpiece of discontent and uneasiness; and admittedly, the uncertainties surrounding Vietnam and the ever present threat of an abruptly widened war have generated discontented people to direct their strong opinions and actions to the policymakers in Washington.

Almost all the urban specialists studying racial unrest in the cities agree that all signs point to a grim summer ahead of riots in the nation's cities. They note the upward trend in city riots: five serious riots in 1965; 20 in 1966; and nearly 80 last year. They also note that several contributing developments have emerged this year: cuts and restrictions in Federal programs for the unemployed; a hardening of white-black antipathies and a growing police emphasis on repression and weaponry.

Americans have sensed the growing threat to their cities and homes, and have made known their concern to the men and women on Capitol Hill.

Dr. Martin Luther King has said his "Poor People's" march on Washington this April will seek to gain public support for the enactment of legislation seeking deep-seated social and economic reform. However, there is a growing number of urban specialists who are saying that Martin Luther King's march on Washington may signal the start of rioting, spreading from city to city.

The country's balance of payments problem has recently been included in the Administration's "top priority" list of "remedial" legislation. Among its legislative proposals, President Johnson and his financial aides are pushing for a graduated travel-tax plan for American tourists abroad. Since the Administration's early indications of such plans to tax certain travelers going abroad, complaints from airline companies, travel bureaus, summer European vacationers, foreign government officials abroad, and the Jet-Set have filled the halls of Congress.

At this point, you might be asking, "Well, what does all this have to do with Japanese Americans and JACL?" If you're among those asking this question, it might be enlightening to continue the questioning. To start with, ask yourself this question, "Does the Vietnam war, civil rights, domestic and international finance, etc. affect my life?" If the answer is an emphatic "yes", you can dismiss asking the first question any more. And if you're concerned about these national issues that directly or indirectly affect your life, your concern should be accompanied by some opinions, mild or strong, depending on how you feel about your life.

However, it is apparent that very few, if any, Japanese Americans are concerned enough to let their Senators and Congressmen know about it. After a year and half of visiting and talking to Senators, Congressmen and their staff, and Administration officials, it is no longer surprising to hear that of all the hundreds of daily letters written by "concerned" Americans to their Senators and Congressmen, very few, if any, are acknowledged as being written by Japanese American constituents. Another "no surprise" is to hear that men on Capitol Hill still retain the image of Japanese Nationals when encountering Japanese Americans.

On this same subject of the relationship between Japan's national image and the image of the Japanese group in America, the Pacific Citizen and the Japanese vernaculars recently reported on a special project of Associate Professor Gene N. Levine, chief of the Japanese American Research Project.

At this point, in view of the results of the polls in California where the greatest concentration of Japanese Americans reside, there appears to be three choices from which we can select.

1-We can keep constantly well informed of the peoples and policies of Japan so that we may have knowledge of our current image in America.

2-We can re-appraise and accelerate our public relations program, through the JACL organization, to emphasize that we are a proud ethnic group striving to be "better Americans in a greater America".

3-We can permanently adopt the attitude of "I don't give a damn about our image".

However, if we have learned anything from the past, as Japanese American, we cannot afford to select either the first or last choice, and risk the chance of being a part of another "great mistake" in American history.

NEWS CAPSULES

Military

Maj. Shigeo A. Okuma, USAF, was decorated with the Bronze Star for his performance in Vietnam as a special investigations staff officer at Tan Son Nhut Air Base. He is the son of the Jon K. Okumas, 21239 Foxwell Ave., Torrance, Calif. . . . Robert Horii, 36, is district engineer for the Westside Los Angeles area, ranking as the youngest district engineer for the City of Los Angeles. He heads a 50-man staff

Politics

Reporting to the Malheur Central Republican Committee were Mrs. Mary Wakasugi and Mrs. Teddy Tanaka, both of Ontario, Ore., who attended the recent state central GOP committee session at Portland. . . . Leo Hosoda, active Idaho Falls JACLER, is a member of the Bonneville County Democratic Central Committee.

Organizations

Tak Muto, nurseryman, was unanimously elected president of the Encinitas Chamber of Commerce. It is his second term, having served several years ago . . . Henry H. Kuwada, 45, is president of the Berkeley Board of Realtors, the third oldest in the state . . . Dr. Frank Nishio of Clovis is president of the Central California Optometric Society while his sister-in-law, Mrs. George Nishio of Chowchilla heads the society's auxiliary. (Frank is a past CCDC JACL chairman and practiced in Chicago and El Centro before returning to Fresno) . . . Eizoh G. Miyahara, president pro-tem last year after the death of Shichisaburo Hidemitsu, long-time president of the San Francisco Nichibei Kai, was elected to the top position.

Landscape gardening groups have elected presidents for the coming year: Mac Sasaki, So. Calif. Federation; John Kishi, Sacramento Assn.; Joe Tominaga, Eastbay Assn.; Roy Hirotsu, Mid-Peninsula Assn.

Beauties

Gwen Kawabata, 17, daughter of the Yosh Kawabatas, Puyallup Valley JACLers, was judged the fairest of King Arthur's Ladies of Fife in the 1968 Daffodil talent. A student at Fife High, Gwen stands 5 ft. 2 and weighs 110.

Awards

The Boy Scouts Area Council of Los Angeles conferred the Silver Beaver to Toshi Yoshizaki of Troop 379 and to Yoshio Kobata of Gardena . . . Cadet Col. Martin Nishi of Lincoln High, Los Angeles, was cited as the outstanding ROTC cadet of the year by the VFW Nisei Memorial Post 9933. Nishi is the ranking city ROTC officer, a Boys State delegate and will enter UCLA as a pre-med student.

For distinguished service as Director of U.S. Education Foundation between 1955 and 1967 in Thailand, James S. Miyake, now program coordinator for Hawaii's Asia-Pacific Development Assistance Program, was conferred the Order of the White Elephant by King Bhumibol. The white elephant is venerated in Thailand as an incarnation of Buddha and is used as symbol of royalty.

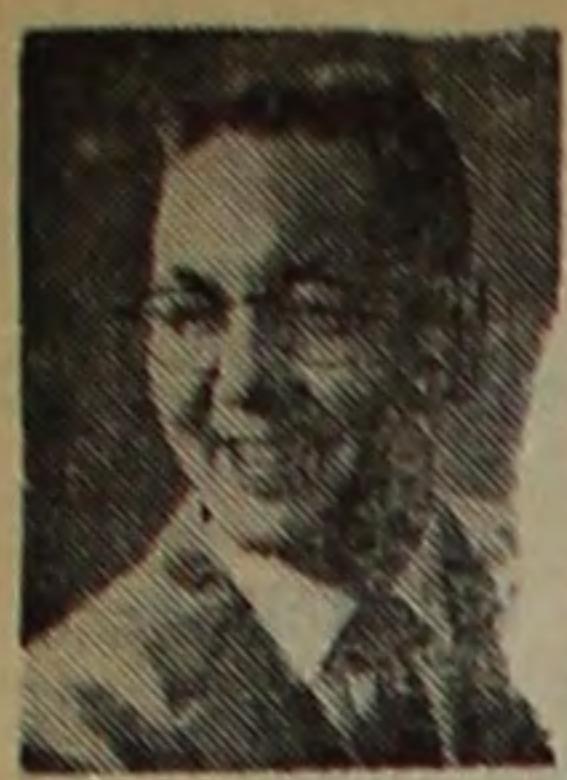
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Music

Merle Matsunaga, 11-year-old daughter of Rep. and Mrs. Spark Matsunaga, made her debut as a ballerina in the Washington School of Ballet production of the Nutcracker in Washington, D.C., over the Christmas holidays.

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By Bill Hosokawa

From the Frying Pan

LITTLE TOKYO, U.S.A. THIS IS THE PLACE—Down by the Los Angeles City Hall, where the writhing tangle of freeways comes together and somehow untangles without total chaos, there's an official state highway sign that points out the exit to Little Tokyo. This, supposedly, is the heart of the largest concentration of Japanese Americans on the mainland, a place of exotic restaurants and quaint bazaars where, sometimes, one can see a dainty maiden tripping by in kimono.

Once upon a time, it used to be said that if a fellow stood long enough on the corner of East First and San Pedro, he would see any Nisei he was looking for. This was the crossroads of Niseidom, and for all I know that's where the weekly that Wimp Hiroto edits got its name.

Of a recent Saturday afternoon, however, Little Tokyo was just another shabby section of the sprawling Los Angeles megalopolis, badly in need of a paint job, window-washing and just plain housekeeping. We couldn't wait around for darkness to conceal the grime and neon to gild the glamor; by daylight it was only an enlarged version of the staid, down-at-the-heels section of the city that makes up Denver's disreputable-looking Japanese town.

One of the few signs of progress is the handsome Kajima building which rises where the venerable Miyako Hotel once stood. There has been talk, we understand, of an Urban Renewal project for the Little Tokyo area and to an outsider, it would seem wise for the residents to listen.

For a variety of good reasons, the Japanese business communities in the United States have never been architecturally or esthetically attractive even though Nisei architects now are designing beautiful buildings elsewhere. And while Nisei families have fled the core city to build and furnish attractive homes in the suburbs, gracing them with delightful gardens, little more than false fronts have been added to Little Tokyo storefronts.

Perhaps someone will send me an angry letter about all this, defending the honor and beauty of Little Tokyo, but I write this not so much in criticism, but in disappointment and sorrow.

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LITTLE JOHN — One of the bright spots of the hurried visit to Little Tokyo was an opportunity to see John Yamamoto who, I learned, has been setting the type for this column. John's hair has turned white since I last saw him, but his fingers are as sure and nimble as ever. He operates the Linotype machine like a concert pianist plays the grand.

After John was evacuated to Heart Mountain, Wyo., he got a part-time job setting type at the weekly Enterprise in Cody. The management at the Enterprise had been accustomed to printers of, let us say, something less than John's ability, and the bosses were delighted at the work he turned out. He could have had a job for life if he had wanted to stay in Cody.

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A LOOK AT THE PAST — If you're out this way in the immediate future, you'd do well to have someone drive you out to the Los Angeles County Museum which is featuring an exhibit of photographs of the Japanese in early-day L.A. There are some delightful pictures of community picnics, the first Japanese-operated rooming house, the first nursery, early queens of the Nisei Week festival, and a lot of other memorabilia. There's even a picture of a Sunday school class among whose members is Louise Susti. Charles Kamayatsu is in one of the pictures, too. Presently, Charlie is advertising manager of The Pacific Citizen. Have him tell you sometime about what happened when the muscular lady masseuse at the Turkish bath in Tokyo pressed down too hard. It's a wonderful story.

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DETROIT INSTALLS — Sworn in as 1968 Detroit JACL board members last Feb. 3 are (from left): seated — Chiyo Togasaki, Elaine Akagi, Marv Kamidol, chapter chairman; George Ishimaru, Tom Hashimoto;

standing — Stanley Nitta, Shinkie Sano, William Okada, Yori Kagawa, Sadao Kimoto, Dr. Daniel Anbe, Ray Higo, Clarence Nitta.

—PC Photo by Tom Hashimoto.

REP. PATSY MINK GIVES VIEWS ON MICRONESIA AT DETROIT INAUGURAL

By JAMES SHIMOURA

DETROIT — The 22nd annual installation banquet for the Detroit JACL featured as principal speaker, Rep. Patsy T. Mink (D-Hawaii) on Feb. 3 at the Statler Hilton Hotel.

Her recent tour of the Pacific Islands as member of the House Committee on Insular Affairs served as basis for her most informative talk on the United States' unfilled commitments in this area since World War II, stressing the need for improvement of basic living standards and education for these displaced residents of Micronesia.

A most gracious introduction of the speaker was extended by Rep. Martha Griffiths (D-Mich.), noting that one sixth of the women members of the House of Representatives was represented this evening.

Also present were mayors of four Detroit metropolitan communities of Southfield, Royal Oak, Livonia and Allen Park.

Installed by MDC Gov. Henry Tanaka were members of the Chapter Board led by Mary Kamidol and the Jr. JACL cabinet led by Connie Abe.

Art Morey, outgoing chair-

man, passed the gavel to Miss Kamidol, while Joann Shimamura duplicated the ritual for

the Jr. JACL portion to Miss Abe.

Yoko Atkins, soprano, entertained with two solos, accompanied by Barbara Mita. Rev. Louis Johnson of the Friendship Baptist Church gave the invocation.

A highly successful evening with record attendance was enjoyed, according to chairman Wallace Kagawa. Toastmaster for the evening was Peter Fujioka.

(During the strenuous one-month of island hopping in Micronesia, she was hospitalized for enteritis at Guam. While President Johnson would like a plebiscite in about five years to determine Micronesia's future, Mrs. Mink believes now that it would be impossible for these peoples to make an intelligent choice by 1972.

(Mrs. Mink feels the U.S. government should provide Micronesians with basic human needs, such as water, schools, medical facilities.

They should be allowed to retain their identity, their communal life, their mores.)

NEW YORKER MAY BE 1ST CHINESE AMERICAN SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

NEW YORK — David W. Lee, 42, may be the first Chinese American public school principal, as he assumed the position Feb. 1 at Brooklyn's Public School 178.

With 600 students from kindergarten through the fourth grades, the school is in a predominantly Negro and Puerto Rican section. Educators consider such jobs "tough" assignments, but pupils who are disciplinary problems may find Lee more sympathetic than other principals they have known.

Lee, son of a Chinese restaurant owner here, ran away from home when he was 16.

While a substitute teacher in Honolulu, he met his wife, the former Mary Leong, then teaching at Likelihi School. They now live in Freeport, L.I., with their three children.

BCA TO SELECT NEW BISHOP

OAKLAND — A selection committee of six ministers and six laymen of the Buddhist Churches of America meets here this weekend to select a successor to Bishop Shinsho Hanayama, who is retiring after serving since 1961.

During his reign as superintendent, several new Buddhist temples have been founded, other new temples and educational facilities have been constructed and the San Jose and Sacramento churches were raised to Betsuin status.

Bishop Hanayama came to the U.S. in 1959 after he had retired from Tokyo University where he headed the department of Indian philosophy.

Snow trip

SAN LORENZO — Eden Township JACLers will frolic this Sunday, Feb. 25 at Bumble Bee Toboggan Hill at Strawberry, near Sonora. Caravan of cars is leaving the Eden Japanese Community Center at 7 a.m.

Warriors Night

SAN FRANCISCO — Sonoma County JACLers are being joined by local JACLers tonight at the Cow Palace to watch the S.F. Warriors in action against the Celtics.

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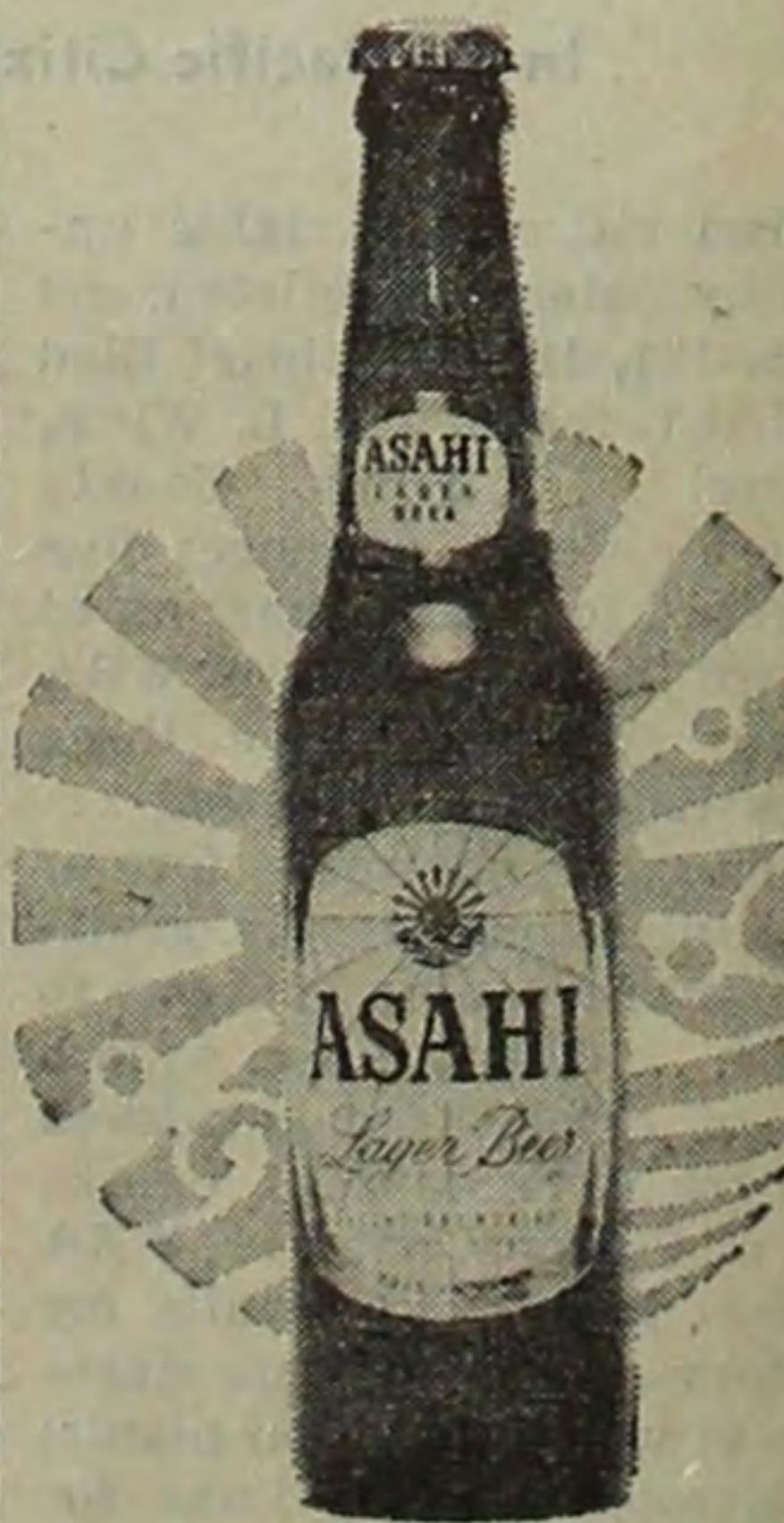
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15 NC-WNDC chapters invite JACLers to enroll in health plan by Feb. 29

SAN FRANCISCO — A low chairman, announced that the cost group health plan is open enrollment period will be available to residents of 14 Northern California communities and Reno without waiting, if they act immediately. The JACL-California Blue Shield group health plan chapters are conducting a special open enrollment drive during which all JACL members and their families not already among the 1,400 enrolled in the program may sign up. No health statement is required during this open enrollment period.

Person through age 64 are eligible to sign up for this plan which provides for 100 days paid in full hospital benefits, 100 day in hospital medical coverage and surgical benefits. A \$10,000 major medical coverage is also included in this low cost program which is available at the following quarterly rates.

Single male, \$21.50; single female, \$26.50; Two in family, \$48; three or more, \$59.

The rates are the same for the past year, but beginning March 1, a \$50 per calendar year per person deductible will be applied because of pyramiding health service costs.

A one time enrollment fee of \$1 and continued JACL membership are required in addition to prepaid quarterly payments.

"We sincerely believe we have the best plan available to protect families from spiraling hospital and medical costs and invite all who need better coverage at lower costs to contact one of our chapter commissions immediately," Yasumoto added.

Enrollment Period
John Yasumoto, JACL-CPS

DETROIT JUNIORS — Five of the seven Detroit Jr. JACL cabinet members are (from left): Karen Mayeda, rec. sec.; Susan Sano, 1st v.p.; Connie Abe, pres.; Elaine Nagano, 2nd v.p.; and Alice Fujioka, hist. Missing are Gary Nitta, treas.; and Susan Morey, cor. sec.

—PC Photo by Tom Hashimoto.

(The PC columnist Ken Ku-

riwa is currently reporting a general meeting in April,

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Ye Editor's Desk

PEACE OF MUNICH

There is no quarrel with the general thesis expressed in William Hohri's letter-to-the-editor about "Vietnam and JACL"—that JACL chapters make an effort to become informed about Vietnam through speakers, discussion or study groups. And don't be afraid of individual research either. But we did warn against any negotiated peace like the Peace of Munich of 1938.

As casualties mount, organizations to solidify popular sentiment increase. The new Citizens Committee for Peace with Freedom in Vietnam includes among its members former Presidents Truman and Eisenhower, former Senator Douglas and General Bradley. It believes that voices of dissent over Vietnam has received attention far out of proportion to their actual numbers. It doesn't want to pull out of Vietnam or to start dropping nuclear bombs. Negotiations Now!, headed by Clark Kerr, former president of the Univ. of California, is another, of which Hohri is a member.

There is also the Business Executives Move for Vietnam Peace, which advocates cessation of bombing in North Vietnam, de-escalation, negotiation with all parties, eventual withdrawal of American troops and support of the Geneva Agreements. BEM stresses the war's adverse effect on the economy in enlisting public support for disengagement in Vietnam... And there are those sources which Hohri mentions.

Only time a peace isn't negotiated is when a conquering power dictates the terms of peace.

Read that sentence from our Feb. 2 column over again: "The longer that conflict lasts, the louder and greater the clamor for negotiated peace will be—though a negotiated peace like a Munich is just buying a brief respite for an even bloodier holocaust."

So what kind of a peace can be negotiated?

The bitter fruits of the Peace of Munich ripened within a half year; Czechoslovakia was overrun by Hitler's blitzkrieg while Germany was ceded the Sudetenland at the insistence of Chamberlain and Daladier. (The Sudetenland contained all of the Czech defenses against Germany). Within two years, France fell. The second World War followed in another 18 months when the United States entered.

In this day and age, the time table of events may not afford the 40 months that stood between the Peace of Munich and Pearl Harbor.

There are several version for negotiating a settlement or stopping of the slaughter in Vietnam. Does America negotiate or be dictated to?

In discussing Vietnam today, many read North Korea's seizure of the Pueblo as a diversionary move in support of Hanoi and at this stage of the war in Southeast Asia, one can easily realize a bit of pressure applied at other points of the compass by another member of the Communist fraternity would be welcome in Hanoi.

What the Pueblo incident demonstrates is that there is another nation which can upset the peace in Asia, Vietnam or no Vietnam.

Kim Il Sung, who rules North Korea, (to quote Sen. McGee of Wyoming) is "steadily mounting a drive to tear apart the fabric of stability" in the South. Hanoi, beginning in 1956, sought to grab off its South that at that time was showing signs of emerging prosperity.

Aside from the many unanswered questions over the Pueblo incident and the approach of the monsoon season in Southeast Asia (which impedes the use of American air power and mobility of American land forces and firing power), the spectrum of thought is further weighted by the presidential election and appearances of "peace" candidates.

We come to the heart of the question: if negotiations in Vietnam (or over the Pueblo incident, for that matter) fail, do we: (1) use nuclear force? (2) start a second front by invading enemy territory? (3) retaliate on limited targets? (4) do nothing?

This is what we mean by a "negotiated peace like a Munich." The real test is the kind of peace which would follow—and predicting the future is not our game. Only the historians of the future will be able to assess how correct the actions were.

The peace we speak of is not a mere cessation of warfare but a recognition of social justice, understanding and love in the relations between nations, within the nation; in the relations between citizens and their rulers, and of the freedom of peoples in all its expressions—civic, moral, cultural and religious. Peace should not be a mask of partisan interests as some of the so-called "peace movements" seem to wear.

American scholars, including Edwin O. Reischauer, who subscribed to the Dec. 20 statement sponsored by New York's Freedom House have questioned the placing of American presence in Southeast Asia under a moral microscope. Every political leader in the area, the statement pointed out, recognizes that if it were not for American presence in Asia—the picture in Southeast Asia would be drastically different. "The United States has bought time for some 200 million people to develop without their being ceaselessly confronted with combined external/internal Communist threats of growing proportions."

What is at stake in Vietnam, therefore (according to these scholars) is the technique of the "national liberation movement", which may be the pattern of future Communist aggressive policy for the rest of underdeveloped Asia... Will political equilibrium be achieved in the Asia-Pacific region? Will peaceful coexistence be accepted among states having different political systems? Or shall we witness a rising cycle of aggression, eternally directed subversion and thrusts for hegemony within the region by individual powers or power blocs?"

If what the Freedom House argues is true, we must decide in conscience whether we strive to establish those conditions which lend to lasting peace in Southeast Asia by committing ourselves to stick it out in Vietnam.

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The idea that the poor should control the vast grants made by governments to alleviate poverty seems ridiculous on its face. Yet who knows better than the poor, what their condition really is? George Bernard Shaw once wrote that "if poverty is a crime, what shall be said of men who condemn people to a life of poverty?" Can money buy the pleasure of seeing your baby's first smile? Money is important and helps bring the security we all seek. But the reason for accumulating money is to use it wisely, to spend it properly.

What we need in our lives is some sparkle, some divine touch that makes the commonplace seem wonderful. We don't all have it, and no one knows what it is. There is an old Chinese pop tune that says "how many times in life can we be as happy as this, so drink, drink up." The JACL has a stodgy image, where many people imagine it has hanging on to the old ways, where a great deal of time is expended to make it more "efficient." It might be that it is easier to be efficient than it is to spark the imagination, to lead people on to brighter things.

Well, that's enough platitudes for this day. It's time to get my shoes shined at the topless shoe shine parlor. That's doing a common thing, uncommonly well.

Accent on Youth Alan Kumamoto



Big Bear

Any worthwhile program should be evaluated to show its impact to date, indicate progress and determine needs. Evaluation is the process by which we carefully appraise a situation and ascertain the resulting values. While evaluation of programs and activities is important, orientation is an ingredient which cannot be denied for a smooth functioning operation.

Orientation can take many forms and with an organization such as JACL and Jr. JACL, the creation of awareness of purpose, goals and objectives of the group can best be handled by a workshop. Orientation materials have long been sought and the best to date have been materials written and prepared by the people who live within the area and who can give specific information.

SNOW AND KNOW—Thus on the weekend of Feb. 10-11 at Big Bear, the PSWDYC met under the pretense of a snow trip entwined with a leadership workshop in the elements of: snow, boys, girls, adults, snow, food, discussion, talk, snow, chit-chat, fun, and weariness.

It all began with a bus ride for the 110 participants, followed by lunch (the kind you make yourself or have someone make for you) a struggle in the snow, two hours of discussion—one before dinner and one after—the first session for individual officers: presidents, v.p., treasurers, etc., and the second on chapter problems. Finally in the wee hours came something that was not so much a formal business meeting as it was declared by PSWDYC Co-Chairmen Merrilyne Hamano and David Takashima as announcements.

The remarks that was the most appropriate after the long day: "If we have another discussion after all these hours of discussion, we'll all turn into a discussion." That made certain an end to the serious side. The morning after found special guests from Northern California—Russ Obana, Nat'l. Jr. JACL chairman; Ben Matsura, NC-WNDYC chairman; and Shirley Matsunaga of San Jose—get in the last word about the Nat'l Convention and give their views of PSW.

THE EVALUATION—While areas could be improved (like shorter sessions) on the positive side were comments on the evaluation sheets. "What have you gained by the leadership workshop?" "An understanding of JACL... gaining of new friends... an interest in JACL... feeling that JACL is running in a realistic course in the program they have established... excellent leaders, advisors, and membership... P.S. an enjoyable weekend."

What did you like most about the workshop? "People... their thoughts... their enthusiasm... their sincerity."

With this combination of fun and work, all signs must point to the most successful DYC function to date for the PSW. Their evaluation recognized areas of improvement and areas of accomplishment. Their orientation to officers and members must be considered a positive one.

We hope that each DYC and chapter will evaluate themselves on a period basis, orientate themselves as to group purpose and objectives so thus once clarified all could work efficiently and effectively towards their own recognized goals.

Sounding Board Jeffrey Matsui



Nisei Politician

At the symposium on Evacuation held last June at UCLA, one of the key points made to explain the Nisei's inability to put up a good fight against evacuation was that we had no Nisei in political office. We had no one in the California state legislature to plead with emotional involvement the plight of the Japanese Americans. It would have been interesting to note the reaction of the legislature as one of their colleagues was being carted off to a concentration camp in the desert because of his racial ancestry. Would the criminal injustice of Evacuation and internment based on race been clearer then to these influential California leaders?

The reasons why Japanese Americans were not involved in politics during the 30s and early 40s are quite obvious: Nisei were prevented by law from obtaining U.S. citizenship; Nisei were too young; discrimination in job opportunity, business opportunity and all phases of American life was rampant. But what about today—1968?

In today's America, the Nisei boasts of his affluence—we are a close second in average annual income behind the Caucasian. He boasts of his education—our average education tops even the Caucasians. Even many of the subtle housing and social discriminatory barriers have been lowered for the Nisei and their children.

In the past the reason for not having any Nisei candidates for political office was that the Japanese lived in areas populated by the larger minorities who would never elect a Nisei. However, quite a number of Nisei professionals are now living in formerly "all-white middle class" neighborhoods. Our popularity and acceptance is at an all time high.

Yet, outside of Hawaii, there is not a single Nisei in any of the other 49 state legislatures. But the discouraging note is not that none have been elected but that so few have tried. In 1966 two Nisei from Southern California failed in their bid for state senate and the state assembly—they were the first Nisei to appear on ballot for state offices. It appears that many more Nisei names must appear before we get our first winner. And it seems that to attain this initial goal would require the coordinated efforts of many individuals and organizations.

Since the JACL's primary concern is the interest and welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry, it is only natural that she be in the forefront of the battle—encouraging and assisting, however possible, the Nisei pioneer politician.

Civil rights action at level for Nisei suggested

(Continued from Front Page)

Negroes in the middle class has risen from 11% making more than \$7,000 yearly ten years ago to 28%. However, even here it should be noted that 55% of the white families are at or above that level, or nearly twice as many.

The greater part of the black community realizes that it has been little affected by the victories of the civil rights movement—especially the Negroes in the ghettos.

For example in Cleveland's Hough area in 1960, 31% of the Negro families had incomes below the poverty level of \$3,300 a year for a family of four. By 1966 the figure was 39%, an increase of 8%. In the same years, the median family income of the Negro dropped \$766 to \$3,966, although in the rest of Cleveland it rose \$730 to \$6,929.

In Watts in 1960, the White House report says 14% of the Negroes lived in deteriorating homes and another 2% lived in dilapidated homes. Five years later, both levels of poverty had increased: 21% in deteriorating homes and 4% in dilapidated homes.

Comparative Statistics

Statistics show that 62% of the pre-school children in the Head Start program suffer from malnutrition, the ghetto death rate is 22% higher overall than elsewhere, infant mortality is 40% higher.

The unemployment rate for the country is at 3.7%; for the non-white in urban communities over 3 times as much—e.g., St. Louis, 3.1% whites unemployed compared to 12.7% Negro; Newark—3.8% whites unemployed compared to 10.5% Negro.

These are statistics, and most of us respond apathetically to them. But have you ever been in a home in the ghettoes, talked with the families who have no perspective

on the political plane.

The Past Decade

A look at the civil rights movement in the past decade will show that the main beneficiaries have been the Negro middle class. The number of

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Civil Rights Commentary

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To Secure Equal Opportunities and Equal Dignity

YOUTH SPEAKS: Don Hayashi

Providing Opportunity

Portland With the forecast of another "hot summer" in many American cities, it would be well for JACL to fully evaluate its role in the Civil Rights movement. Rather than condemn the destruction caused by riots, it would be more useful to make conscientious efforts toward alleviating social injustices.

It should be emphasized that if American society can provide equal opportunity, many minorities will resort to forceful means to gain access to the mainstream of American life.

JACL should embark on new ways of meeting the challenges of the Civil Rights movement, and it must do so with all deliberate speed.

Operation Equality

Not long ago, the Urban League, a middle class civil rights organization, instituted Operation Equality. With primary financial support from a Ford Foundation grant, the program is attempting to improve housing opportunities through a giant public relations campaign. The first phase includes Cleveland, Miami, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Seattle, and Rochester, N.Y.

Using housewives, clergy, social workers, businessmen, and a few realtors, the project maintains listings of available housing, encourages minority groups who desire better housing, and helps make the proper contacts to make the purchase or rental.

Thus far, the project has established lines of communication with minority groups, real estate brokers, the building industry, and the general public.

The Seattle program, in particular, has placed over one hundred families in housing outside the ghetto, and it appears that the program has made progress in the total community.

Tutorial Program Another possible opportunity is the tutorial program to elevate the educational level to culturally or socially disadvantaged children, and almost every community already offers such opportunities.

With the high number of school teachers in its mem-

bership, JACL should encourage them to explore new methods of presenting curriculum. The present methods seem to stymie many minority children.

Summer projects such as operating teen centers or planning activities for migrant families offer countless and rewarding experiences. With financial support from chapters, district, and National JACL and Junior JACL, these programs could institute desperately needed services.

If JACLers, like other middle class Americans, are concerned by the increasing racial disturbances in American cities, perhaps it would be enlightening to explore the dilapidated conditions of slums and poverty pockets and begin to act in more positive ways.

Whether this action is through answering the telephone, public relations work, visiting with families, typing letters, or supplying existing agencies with information, JACL and its membership can play a vital role in the Civil Rights movement. Can JACL answer the call of today's America, or has it already outlived its purpose? I hope that JACL can follow the inspiration of its motto—"Better Americans in a Great America."

We also might recognize the fact that we have an entirely different history, different cultural values, different family patterns. Why should we feel so superior? We haven't produced leaders like Dr. Martin Luther King, writers like James Baldwin, poets like Langston Hughes, sociologists

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like William Du Bois, psychologists like Kenneth Clark... the point is, you just can't compare two different minority groups.

Other Japanese Americans have voiced concern over "Black Power." After reading the writings of Malcolm X, Stokely Carmichael, and various sociologists, I understand what prompts this response, although I disagree with some of the tactics and their assumptions.

I personally dislike violence, and I think it only begets more violence—and yet I'm not sure that it hasn't proved effective in calling attention to the plight of the people in the slums.

I try to see it in perspective

— how many of us were horrified about Watts and denounced the riots in no uncertain tones? How many of us were horrified by the recent report of the San Francisco Health Department that the rate of infant mortality among the Negroes was three times more than the whites? Where are the angry cries for action?

School Integration

Many of the Japanese families in Berkeley and eventually in other areas will be faced with integration in the schools. I can understand some of their fears—I don't like some of the behavior of some children of the ghettos—but equal opportunity in education is for all children.

I like the concept of neighborhood schools, but I would support busing if necessary for integration. However, I would pressure the School Board to insure that the quality of education would not deteriorate, but will be improved.

My son spent his first year of junior high in a ghetto school, and I believe that the quality of education he received was superior to the education he now receives in an overcrowded prestige hill school.

And there will be many other issues we will face politically in the area of civil rights, especially this presidential election year. I feel we owe it to ourselves to study the issues, ponder over our experiences, and make reasoned decisions.

For the Individual

What other ways are there to work on these problems? Housewives might look into giving one morning a week as a school volunteer, working with deprived children in small groups or on a one to one basis.

There are some in our country who feel that these problems will go away as we build a huge police force equipped with riot controlling chemicals, if we light up all the areas of the city at night, if we jail the Stokely Carmichael and the Rap Browns, if we pressure the judicial system so that rioters will get severe sentences, if we get after the Communists, if we cut the chiselers off the welfare rolls, if we force men and women on welfare to take low paying jobs.

Will these measures really get at the roots of the problem of poverty and discrimination—or will they just deal punitive with the symptoms?

Help Received

There are Japanese Americans who say, "We made it on our own—we were poor, we were discriminated against." But have you ever considered the fact that we received a good deal of help? I worked with the Chicago Resettlers Committee after the war and saw the aid extended by community social agencies, governmental bodies, church organizations, fraternal groups and individuals to aid in the relocation of Japanese Americans.

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Or there are study hall programs which can use skills offered by men and women as tutors to junior high or high school students.

You can work with your church or community organization to promote understanding between various races. You can help your trade unions, or business, or farm organizations face up to the problems of discrimination.

As an individual or through your organization you can help to change the apathy of the white community towards necessary social change.

And I would like to add that it's not all giving — of yourself and your time. You receive tremendous satisfaction — in making new friends, meeting people with various backgrounds, exposure to different ways of thinking and behavior, and feeling that you're making some contribution to your community.

For the Chapters

What are some possibilities for our local chapters? I believe JACL should take political stands, though on a non-partisan basis.

We should examine bills, and put pressure on our legislators. We might sponsor meetings to question candidates on their views on civil rights.

We might pick out key civil rights issues and send to our membership the records of candidates on these issues.

We might discuss local problems relating to poverty and discrimination so that our membership can be informed. We are planning such a meeting in Richmond at the end of this month.

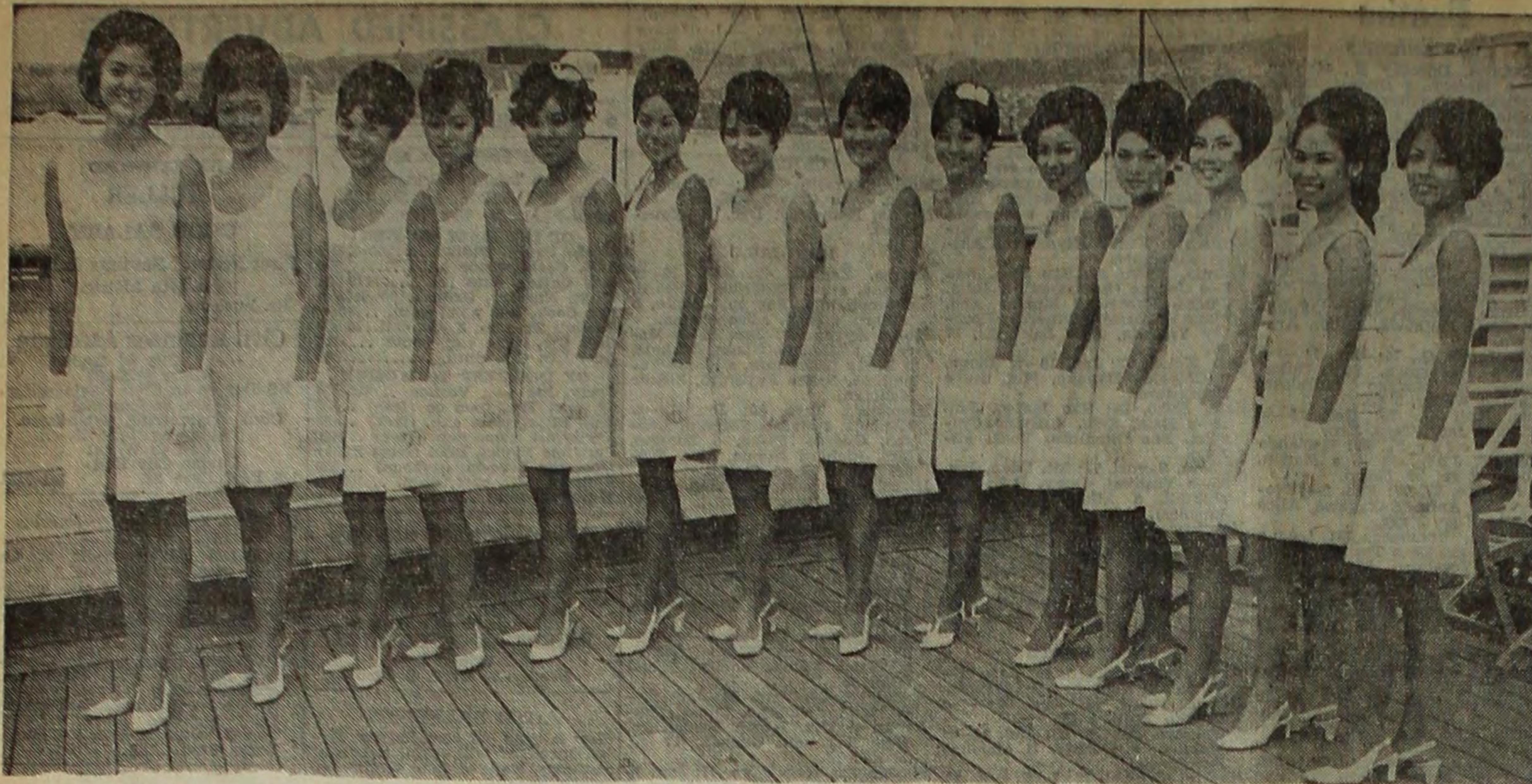
One of our chapter members suggested setting up a scholarship for other minority youth — especially since we feel very strongly that education is the most meaningful way to achieve equality.

Black Power

What about opportunities for our members to meet jointly with Negroes and other minority groups? If you're afraid of black power, invite a representative of the black power movement to discuss what he means, and what he hopes to accomplish. Listen with an open mind.

Could some of our businessmen participate in apprenticeship programs or training workshops? Could we set up some pilot projects to work on employment problems?

I'm sure that if you start thinking along these lines, you will come up with a variety of ideas which can be implemented.



CHERRY BLOSSOM HOPEFULS—These 14 Sansei beauties will vie in the 16th annual Cherry Blossom Festival contest to be held March 23 at the Honolulu Civic Auditorium. From left, they are Marv T. Furuike, Rosemary Y. Oda, Roberta H. Kobayashi, Dianna T. Furuike, Rosemary Y. Oda, Roberta H. Kobayashi, Dianna T. Soranaka, Gwendolyn S. Iwasaki, Lauren Kayahara, Mary E. Kagawa,

Cynthia I. Ooi, Victoria N. Suzuki, Eleanor F. Nakaya, Cynthia M. Otsuka, Janice E. Teramae, Sharon K. Andow and Lynn L. Tomioka. Festival starts in February with public appearances of queen contestants, the queen's pageant and coronation in March, cultural and Japanese revue in April.

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Mail by Air

Honolulu

Sen. Hiram L. Fong said he had been assured by the Post Office Dept. that first class mail traveling between Hawaii and major Mainland cities is being transported by air, UPI in Washington has reported. Manoa Valley's Paradise Park opened to the public for the first time Feb. 16. James W. Y. Wong is president of the park. "We will have all of Hawaii's native birds — both live and extinct — on view in the Na Manu o Hawaii Museum. We'll also have a wide variety of native fruit trees, from banana and mountain apple to tangerines," Wong said.

Representative Patsy T. Mink has nominated three Sansei as alternates to West Point. They are Kirk D. Miyake, Eleele; Claron M. Nakamura, Kapaa; and Miles M. Kawano, son of Robert Kawano of Kaumakakai, Maui, has been commissioned a 2nd lt. in the Air Force's Hickam AFB, Tex. He is being assigned to Vandenburg AFB in Calif.

S. George Fukukawa was sworn in as judge of the Second Circuit Court Feb. 5 in Waikiki, Maui, by Chief Justice Wm. S. Richardson.

Dan E. Dorman, Jr., 17, only child of the Dan E. Dormans, was killed Feb. 4 in a two-car collision near Kamuela on the Big Island. The elder Dorman is president of 1st National

Aloha from Hawaii

by Richard Gima

Bank. Dan was a student at Hawaii Preparatory Academy . . . Pfc. Eugene L. Keahi, 18, of Ewa Beach was killed in combat in Vietnam Feb. 1. He was Hawaii's 122nd victim of the war . . . Mrs. Fuki Iwase, 69, of Lawai, Kauai, was killed in an auto accident Feb. 3 near Kilaeua.

Three more Islanders have died in the fighting in South Vietnam. They were the 122nd, 123rd and 124th island men to die there. The men are Sp. 4 Thomas Moore and Sp. 4 Fred K. M. Hatada, both of the Big Island, and Pfc. Gene L. Keahi, 18, of 91541 Oneula St., Ewa Beach, Oahu. Hatada was the son of the Sadaki Hatake of 142 Kawaiian St., Hilo, and Moore's address was Box 820, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii.

MIS Club officers

State Sen. George Ariyoshi has been elected president of the Military Intelligence Service Veterans Club of Hawaii. Other new officers are Gilbert Nagata and James Araki, v.p.; Mitsuo Mano, sec.; Kenneth Morii, treas.; and Saburo Nakamura, aud. . . Ralph S. Inouye has been elected 2nd v.p. of the General Contractors Assn. of Hawaii. He will move up to president in 1970.

The State Board of Education has named the following vice principals: Richard T. Evans, Ewa Beach Intermediate; Yoshio Nono, Mili Elementary; Richard Takamoto, Nanakapono; Jane E. Takamine, Pearl City Elementary; Yoshie Nishikawa, Waipahu Elementary; and William Cupit, Waipahu High . . . Bernadette Juanich, United

By Jim Henry

Sakura Script

Two Young Men with Problems



JOJI HAMA is a young man of 20 and was among singer who has made three records. He was born in Los Angeles of Japanese parents on Coming of Age Day on Jan. 1947, and was brought to Japan when seven months old. He lived here until he was 12, then returned to the U.S. where he lived until he was 18. Sometime after, he became a singer here for the Victor Record Co. Three years ago he was requested by the U.S. Government to make his choice between the two countries. It came as quite a surprise as he thought he had discarded his U.S. citizenship.

His permanent residence permit had been left intact. Thus he has both Japanese and American nationalities, and last year in March he was astonished to receive a draft card requesting him to enter the army within a year for service in Vietnam as a U.S. soldier within a year. Since then he has sent three letters of petition to President Johnson to which he received no reply. He even went to the states and appealed directly to the President to reconsider his situation because "it is better for the U.S. for him to contribute to U.S.-Japan goodwill through songs rather than go to war," but to no avail.

He can refuse the draft on pain of going to prison, or he can give up his permanent U.S. resident rights, or he can become a Communist. However, he doesn't want to take any of these steps because of his parents who are living in the U.S. Neither does he want to go to Vietnam to fight.

It will be interesting to see what the outcome is.

And who said it couldn't happen here?

JIN KUSABA has attained

the point this writer learned some years ago from his father who said, "You are very fortunate when you can learn from the mistakes of others rather than by learning the hard way."

Already at his young age, he has gone through more than 20 jobs, shifting from one to another within a short period. At present he is working at a laundry in Odawara.

A documentary film taken in 1962 observed the mixed-blood children as they took their first jobs. A second film taken in 1966 showed them as they were four years later.

Recently, a third documentary film was released which was taken over a seven-year period, and is perhaps the most comprehensive of the three.

Mike Masaoka

Mike Masaoka, the Washington JACL representative, stopped overnight here recently to meet with leaders of the Okinawan community. He told them he would meet with Ryukyu leaders in Naha to discuss problems of common interest to Okinawans both in Hawaii and in the Ryukyu.

Masaoka arrived Feb. 6 and left the following day by Pan Am Lines for Tokyo . . . The will of Duke Kohanamoku, who died here at age 77 on Jan. 22, has been filed at circuit court. He left an estate valued in excess of \$3,000 to his wife, Nadine, if she survives him by five months. An inventory will be filed later of his holdings. Should Mrs. Kohanamoku not survive her husband by five months, his estate will be distributed among his two sisters and three brothers.

Jesse Kuahula, Hawaii's gift to sumo in Japan, was honored Feb. 9 by the 442nd Veterans Club at a testimonial luau at the Japanese Chamber of Commerce. About 500 persons, including Sen. and Mrs. Hiram L. Fong, attended . . . Shirley

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City Counsel

Hiroshi Oshiro has been hired by the City Council as counsel for its legislative committee during the coming session of the legislature. He will be paid \$2,000 per month for fulltime work for the committee . . . Deputy State Attorney General Roy Y. Takeyama has resigned to go into private law practice. He is now associated with Kwan H. Lim, Kazuo Oyama, and Donald S. Nishimura . . . The City Council has confirmed Mayor Neal S. Blaisdell's appointment of Gordon S. May to liquor commission and Thomas K. Sing to the civil service commission.

Ronald Y. Kondoh, of Lahaina, Maui, has taken the House of Representatives seat which was vacated by former Speaker Elmer F. Cravalho, now Maui County chairman. Kondoh, a former Maui representative, has moved up to the Senate to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of George Fukukawa, who has become Mayor of Maui. Former legislator John G. Hartje has filled Yamasaki's seat in the House.

Eduardo E. Malapit of Koloa, Kauai, has been named Kauai's Young Man of the Year for 1967 by Kauai Jaycees. Malapit, 35, is second deputy county attorney.

Watumull for President

David Watumull, owner of radio station KTRG, has become the first islander ever to seek the Presidency of the U.S. The 40-year-old island businessman says he will make his first try for political office by entering the New Hampshire Republican primary Mar. 12 . . . Shirley

Minister-scholar sees strong family lie as antidote to minority problem

SACRAMENTO — The Rev. Isao Horinouchi, of the Japanese Seventh-day Adventist Church of Sacramento, believes that Negroes may be able to find the answer to their current civil rights dilemma in the example of Americans of Japanese descent.

Horinouchi, now on educational leave as a doctoral candidate at the University of California at Davis, says that government subsidies and local charity will only weaken the position of black people in America.

"They (Negroes) must strengthen the structures of their own families before they can hope to improve their status," the native of Hawaii added.

Horinouchi's thesis for a master's degree at Sacramento State College on the assimilation and cultural values of Americans of Japanese descent has been published by the Sacramento Anthropological Society.

The Thesis Published

The thesis was published through the financial support of the Japanese American Citizens League of Sacramento, the Senator Lions Club, the City-County Human Relations Commission and Mr. and Mrs. George S. Oki.

Sen. Daniel K. Inouye will be the keynote speaker at the Democratic Party's 1968 fundraising dinner Mar. 18 at the Ilkai Hotel . . . Rep. Patsy T. Mink has voiced strong opposition to a bill backed by President Johnson which would provide for a plebiscite to be held in Micronesia by 1972 to determine the vast area's political future.

The annual convention of Hawaiian Civic Clubs on Jan. 27 named Dr. George H. Mills, the outstanding Hawaiian of 1967. John Wilkinson III of Maui was named outstanding Hawaiian Civic Club member. Pauline Yamada of Hilo, Kona, was elected president . . . Cedric S. K. Ho, assistant v.p. and assistant treas. of Sea Life Park, Inc., operators of Sea Life Park, has been elected v.p. and president. Sea Life Park is one of the most popular tourist centers on the Islands . . . Melvin M. Arimoto, has been named manager of the new Waikiki Hotel at Kahului . . . Shizuo Murashige, Hawaiian Airlines sales executive, has been named recipient of the United Young Buddhist Asso.'s distinguished service award. He is a member of the Hilo Hongwanji Mission.

Narcissus Queen

Cheryl M. L. Lau, daughter of the Ralph K. Y. Lau of Hilo, has been chosen the 1968 Narcissus Queen. She was chosen over 18 other contestants Jan. 26 at the Honolulu International Center concert hall. She works at the Hawaiian Curriculum Center of the Univ. of Hawaii . . . Norma Sumida, a graduate of Kailua High School and a senior at the Queen's Medical Center School of Nursing, was crowned Girl of the Year at a recent dance at the Armed Services YMCA. Runners-up were Jo Ann Peck and Rita Hotchkiss.

Jim Nicholson, St. Louis High School senior, was named to the 17th annual All-American High School football team by Scholastic Magazine. He was the only Hawaii player selected on the All-America list of 100 in the country . . . Ernest H. Kamisato of Kaneohe has been named by Hui Makala as the 1967 Member of the Year. The hui is composed by American citizens of Okinawan ancestry. The 1968 officers are Reynold S. Teruya, pres.; George K. Miyashiro, 1st v.p.; Gail K.

Holloway now ranks No. 6 among the 1,378 post offices in the three-state San Francisco region, the U.S. Post Office Dept. announced Jan. 30. Volume for postal business in Honolulu totaled \$10,543,367 in 1967. Cities ahead of Honolulu are Los Angeles, San Francisco, Oakland, Sacramento and San Diego, in that order.

Robert W. B. Chang has been appointed Waianae district magistrate for Honolulu at an annual salary of \$15,000 for a four-year period. The appointment was by Chief Justice William S. Richardson. The Waianae district was renamed Waianae district magistrate. Harry Steiner, Jon J. Chirico and Robert P. Schultz, Jr., were appointed assistant magistrates for Honolulu. Chirico is a former Waianae district magistrate.

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MINISTER - SCHOLAR

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—Sacramento Bee Photo.

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Honor to the race."

"I remember, for instance, my own father as being zealously patriotic towards Japan. To father, the most important thing in life was to honor the family name and the country of Japan. He wanted one of his sons to become a medical doctor so that distinction might be brought to his family and honor to the Japanese race."

—Father's Words

Horinouchi recalls his father's words to him:

"I will be the proudest father if you become a medical doctor. I am willing to sacrifice my own pleasures and comfort to make that dream come true. I will be glad to eat only one meal a day to support you through medical school."

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Those who may come a Sunday before and/or stay a Sunday after, will find the Wesley Methodist Church, 566 N. 5th St. and the San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin, 640 North 5th St., extending their welcome to you. The Konkyo church is only about 5 blocks south.

A visit to the Buddhist temple and its complex is a MUST for all out-of-towners and, perhaps, many Californians too. The big temple is one of the most authentic, oriental-type architectural structures and truly one of the most beautiful churches and confines in the nation, enhanced by a large and picturesque Japanese garden and pool constructed by Shigeru Uenaka and surrounded by a modern auditorium and a new chapel and Sunday School building.

JACL Office

San Jose JACL headquarters is at 565 N. 5th St. (across from Wesley Methodist Church and its recently completed and attractive classroom additions). The JACL Bldg. is old, but plans are underway for the construction of a new community building.

Proceeds from the Project '68 are earmarked for the building.

Make plans to visit your friends here. In this age of integration, I'm sure that you will appreciate this concentration of Japanese merchants, business and professionals who can be of service and convenience to you. (If any store, names or places have been inadvertently overlooked, I offer my sincere apologies.) The names and establishments listed in this article are strictly those in the Nihonmachi area, but there are many, many more Nisei operated businesses throughout the valley.

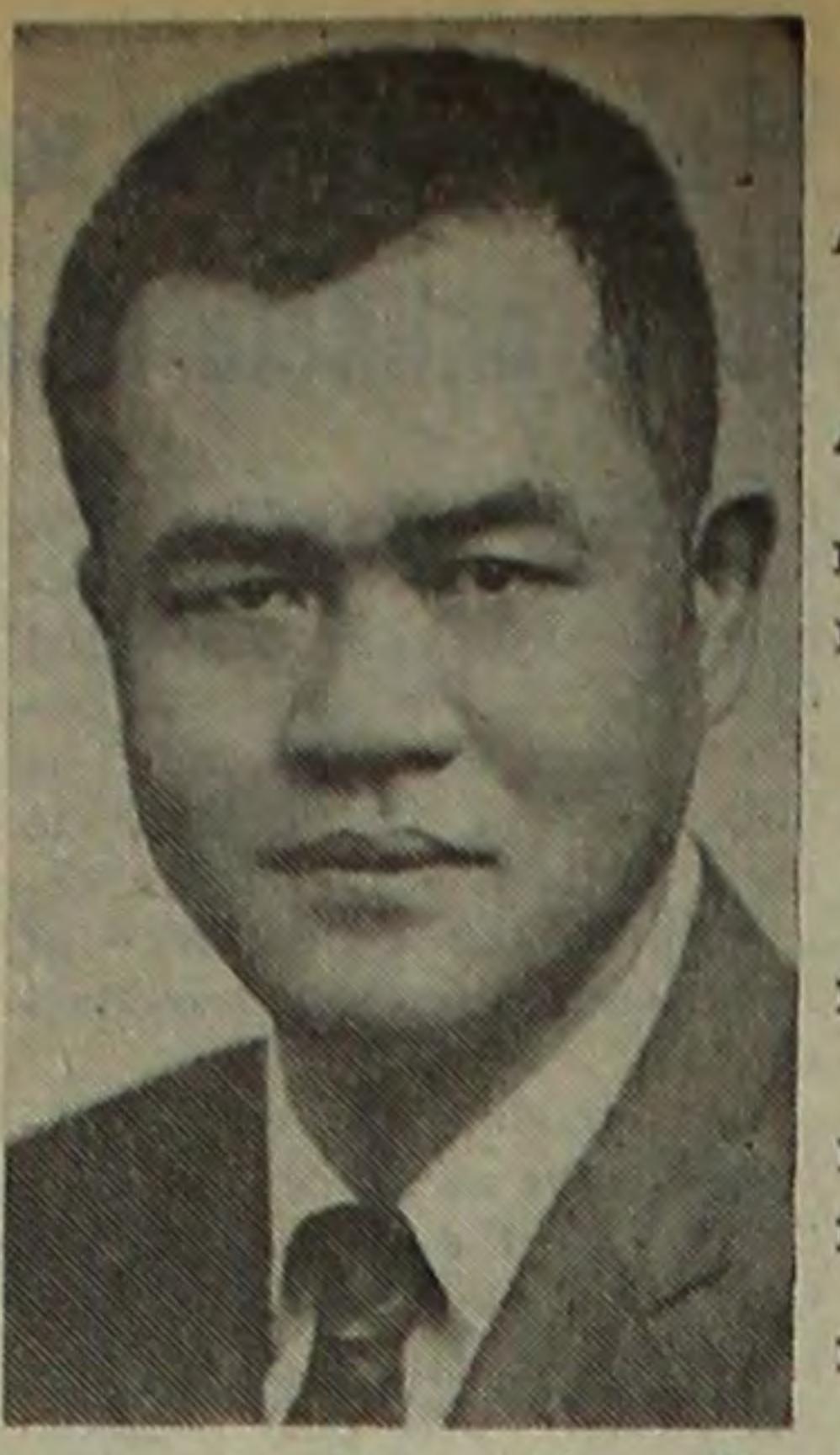
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Immigration



Deaths

LOS ANGELES

AKUTAGAWA, Dorothy R., 44; Jan. 12—h Masaru & Dennis, Glenn, d Misao, f Yoshihiro Ishihara, br David, son, sis Jun Takehiko, Gloria Hashimoto.

ARAYAMA, Imeda K., 26; Jan. 20—m Kimi Kawamura, br Mitshiro, sis Chisato Sanwo.

FUJI, Atsushi, 22; Long Beach, Dec. 18—Hiroshi Ishii, wife Harvey Higa, Lester Y., 43; Jan. 21—Nancy, s Bertram, Byron, d Debra, Diana, m Kana, br Toshio, Thomas, Yveski, son, (all of Hawaii), Yoko, (San Bernhard), Martin (Westminster), s Hayano Shintaro, Betty Okuhara, Sushi Ishikawa, Lillian Arakawa.

HADA, James Q., 74; Dec. 11—James Nagakawa, Shji Nakagawa, d Masako Murakita, Kimiko Kimura, 85; Jan. 15—Mitsuo & Jack Tso, Jiro, Oni-Irize, George K., 86; Hacienda Heights, Jan. 14—s Martin, Louie, 9 gc, br Tanzo.

IKEDA, Yutaka, 77; Feb. 2—s Nohara, 8 d Anna, Nagawaga Alice Ueda, 8 gc, 3 ggc.

KAGEYAMA, Yonefaro, 78; Long Beach, Jan. 25—s Toshio, Yonefaro, Yoko, (San Bernhard), Jan. 22—(Salt Lake City), Leo, Buddy, d Shigeno Ogawa, Tom, (Trenton, Mich.), Bob, d Sue, Kathryn Asahina (Toledo), Margaret Kubo (Salt Lake), 11—Leslie, 8 gc, 3 ggc.

KITAHARA, Yosaku, 80; Santa Maria, Jan. 12—h Yubo, d Kiyoko Honda, 3 ggc.

KAWASHIMA, Eiki, 85; Jan. 20—Akune, Naoji, 79; Dec. 20—d Sayoko Fujii, 5 gc.

KAWATA, Hotchi, 83; Jan. 17—W Shinobu, s Nelson (Sacramento), Sam, d Masae Ishii, Yoshie Kamei, (San Barbara), 12 gc.

KITAOKA, Tokuma, 75; Jan. 28—Maruki, 3 gc.

KOBAYASHI, Kihel, 89; Jan. 27—Maruki, 12—h Kenji Isamu, d Toshiko (Otsu), 11—h 11 ggc.

KOYAMA, Kiyoko (Shigezumi Kusuga), 55; Jan. 31—s Fred Edward, d Ann Kajiwara, Yuriko Kusaga, 5 ggc.

IMURA, Yushin, 74; Jan. 15—w Tomoko, s Kan, Roy, Steve, Tom, d Martha, Carol, Mary, Yuriko Kusaga, 5 ggc.

MATSUOKA, Sanzo, 82; Jan. 19—Kawamoto, Sanzo, 82; Santa Barbara, Jan. 7—w Matsuyo, s Toshiro, d Mutuko Kuroda, Mitsuo, 12—h 17 ggc.

HOSHINO, Hikaru, 86; Lincoln, 11—h 12 ggc.

KITAGAWA, Katsuki, 80; Jan. 18—s Masayuki, Yukito, Kiyoishi, Dick Sunao, d Fusae Nakamura, Fumie Nakamura, 20, 9 gc, 3 ggc.

KOBAYASHI, Mrs. Kusuo, 44; Makawell, 8 gc, 3 ggc.

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YAMADA, Mrs. Fude, 68; Jan. 12—d Martin, Carol, Mrs. Harry Takaki, Mrs. Hidemitsu Okamura, 5 gc, 2 ggc.

MIYAMOTO, George, 43; Kamueli, 12—h 12 ggc.

MITSUBO, Kohei, 86; Lincoln, 11—h 12 ggc.

NAKAMURA, Toshio, 86; Lincoln, 11—h 12 ggc.