

Against Mother Nature

What can be more devastating to this country than the combination of the Vietnam war and the predicted increase of racial riots this summer?

Last week, the House Science, Research and Development Subcommittee of the Committee on Science and Astronautics found the answer. It reported that an even bigger danger to this country than the Vietnam war or any war this country has fought is the "hidden" war with nature.

Dwarfed among the newspaper headlines of Senator Robert Kennedy's entry into the presidential sweepstakes and the so-called Gold Crisis, the House Subcommittee's report predicted that man's destruction of his planet will become evident within 25 years. The reason for the Subcommittee's prediction: the losing war against pollution, the city slums, the misuse of natural resources, the shortage of food, and the wholesale uprooting of animals, plants, and people in the name of twentieth-century progress.

Should the present pace of progress continue uncontrolled, the people of the United States have additional problems to look for in the future: the effects of sonic booms, atomic power plant wastes, as well as an excess of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.

Unless these threats are eliminated now, the House Subcommittee report warned, their effects may "dwarf any military war yet fought on earth."

An example of what Washington lawmakers usually recommend in the face of unparalleled dangers is given in the Subcommittee's report: create a mini-panel of experts and give them \$10 million a year for five years to undertake a pre-course on man's inhuman treatment of Old Mother Nature. Incidentally, the \$10 million a year the Subcommittee recommended is equivalent to the estimated amount this country spends in two hours to support our effort in Vietnam.

However, the above indictment should not and does not rest entirely on the members of the Congress and the Administration. Indicative of many of our major problems is the lack of public understanding and concern.

The reasons behind this apparent lack of concern is often accompanied by pure suicidal madness. The apparent lack of public concern over the "hidden" war on nature, evidence of which is predicted to appear within 25 years, is reasoned by the following thinking:

1—There are existing dangers facing this country which need more attention than the "hidden" war on nature. And whatever problems predicted for the future, can and will be lived with when met, just as present day urban dwellers live with the "menacing" problem of smog.

2—People over 30, who make the major decisions for the welfare of the country, will be over 65 and under the Medicare program when the "hidden" war on nature begins to rear its ugly head to the surface. Why commit millions of our dollars now to something that might not even happen?

It should go without saying that many of our problems today resulted from this same kind of irrational thinking by Americans only a few years ago; but it does not.

HOUSE RECEIVES CIVIL RIGHTS BILL

The Civil Rights Bill, which successfully passed the Senate by a 71 to 20 vote, after weeks of debate, received a chorus of objections when it arrived in the House, which had blocked a move for a quick acceptance of open housing and civil rights legislation.

The controversial bill was then promptly transferred to the House Rules Committee, as a formality. However, on March 19, the House Rules Committee, by an 8 to 7 vote, decided to postpone further committee action on the bill until April 9, or two days before the 10-day Easter recess begins.

The committee maneuver, which appeared to delay House floor action until after the House Easter recess ends April 22, makes it more likely the bill's open housing coverage will be narrowed before final passage.

The House Democratic leadership has not changed its strategy to gain approval of the Senate passed version with an open housing provision which would prohibit racial discrimination in an estimated 80 percent of the nation's housing when fully effective.

According to House Speaker John McCormack, there is an urgency for a quick House Rules Committee approval before the Easter recess. This strategy is endorsed by the members of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, including the JACL. One good reason for an early approval is that Dr. Martin Luther King's "Poor Peoples' March" on Washington is scheduled after the House Easter recess ends, April 22.

At the moment, members of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights are contacting the Congressmen on the House Rules Committee urging them to approve the Civil Rights bill.

Members of the Rules Committee are:
Democrats: Chairman William Colmer of Mississippi; Ray Madden of Indiana; James Delaney of New York; Richard Bollings of Missouri; Thomas O'Neill of Massachusetts; B. F. Sisk of California; John Young of Texas; Claude Pepper of Florida; Spark Matsunaga of Hawaii and; William Anderson of Tennessee.

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NEWS CAPSULES

Churches

Kazuo Saito of Centenary Methodist Church and an active Hollywood JACLer has now served a maximum of 12 years on the General Board of Evangelism of the Methodist Church, which held its last session at Atlanta, Ga. . . . The North Gardena Methodist Church is facing a crisis of a sort as it starts on its \$100,000 sanctuary, because a neighbor objects to a zone change which is necessary to proceed.

The Seattle Times featured Feb. 18 the pre-school enrichment program for four-year-olds from the Central Area at St. Peter's Episcopal Church with a half-page spread. The Rev. Timothy M. Nakayama is vicar; Mrs. Leonard Huff is head teacher. . . . Receiving certificates for hospital chaplaincy work at Seattle's Swedish Hospital were the Rev. Charles C. Yoshida, Japanese Seventh-day Adventist, and the Rev. Richard Nishiohka, Japanese Presbyterian Church. . . . Regional award for excellence was accepted by the Rev. Mineo Katsuriri, president of the Seattle-King County OEO Board, for the quality of anti-poverty program being conducted.

Business

Mrs. Ruth Shinno, Hawaiian-born interior designer associated with Scott Schuptrine, Birmingham, Mich., has opened her own studios. Known for outstanding color schemes, she doesn't believe people should follow fads. "Rooms should be tailored to the individual personality," she said. "People should live with what they like and feel comfortable in. Color schemes should flatter the woman of the house. A woman wouldn't buy an unflattering dress just because the style was the 'in-thing'."

Sports

Hideyo Sugimoto, Japan's best known golf pro, has obtained a sponsor and will compete in the major American tournaments this year, starting with the Masters April 11-14 at Augusta. The 29-year-old pro at the Tokyo Yomiuri Country Club feels he can make more money on tour in the USA rather than the Far East.

Roy Sukimoto of Seinan Dojo, Los Angeles, defended his National High School judo grand championship title at the tournament held Mar. 16 at Flint, Mich. Some 120 judoists of high school age around the country competed. Southern California was represented by a group of 25. Ken Okada of Orange County Kodokan topped the 165-lb. title; Sukimoto the open division title. In team matches, the All-Japan team defeated United States 77-0 and 60-7.

States 77-0 and 60-7. . . . Hild Kashima, steady 14-handicapper of Sequoia Fairways Club, was named 1967 golfer of the year by the Bay Area Nisei Golf Assn. . . . Frank Shingu, 6 handicapper of Monterey Peninsula, won the No. Calif. Nisei Golf Assn. crown for the first time with a 87 at Spy Glass and 83 at Pebble Beach Mar. 16-17.

Courtroom

Frank Sakaguchi of Cutler, whose wife Fusaye was killed in a Mar. 10 auto collision in Fresno, was named a defendant in a \$65,000 plus costs injury suit filed by Mr. and Mrs. Carlton James and their daughter Alice of Hanford. . . . Yoshi Maekawa, 60, of Seattle was found guilty of bookmaking on horse racing by Municipal Judge James A. Noe.

Science

Dr. Yoshimaru Yamashina of Tokyo finally got to see a live kiwi at the San Diego Zoo. The world-famous ornithologist stopped off to visit zoo enroute to an international wildlife protection conference at Caracas, Venezuela. San Diego has the only pair of kiwis in captivity outside of New Zealand.

Government

Raf Okamoto, a principal in the San Francisco planning team of Okamoto-Liskaman, unveiled Mar. 6 the proposal for the R. N. Thompson Expressway through Seattle's central area, which features a rail rapid transit, a double-docked parkway and access roadways. . . . Patrol Sgt. Arthur T. Arita heads the newly organized 31-man special service unit to police Denver's high crime area, operating in unmarked squad cars.

Nisei sculptress Ruth Asawa Lanier and philosopher Eric Hoffer were appointed to the San Francisco Art Commission by Mayor Joseph Alioto. Mother of six and native of Norwalk, Miss Asawa has won many awards and prizes for her works. . . . Edison Uno, active San Francisco JACLer, was named by Mayor Joseph Alioto to a special 37-member committee to study crime in the city. An operations manager at UC Medical Center's student hall, he is the son-in-law of the Saburo Kidos of Los Angeles. The committee will also check into law enforcement, administration of justice and try to uncover the causes of crime and perhaps recommendations for the cures.

Politics

Endorsements of presidential candidates by politicians are now in season: Sen. Daniel Inouye is "all the way with Lyndon Johnson"; Rep. Patsy Mink and Calif. State Sen. Alfred Song are supporting Sen. Robert Kennedy. Song is a member of the Lynch delegation to the Democratic convention, and his wife was named to the Kennedy delegation.

Organizations

Mrs. Ken Kozasa of Los Angeles, president of the PTA 10th District, has been nominated recording secretary of the California Congress of Parents and Teachers. Elections are slated May 8-10 at their convention in San Francisco. She is the ranking Nisei in California PTA work. . . . Mrs. Sakaye Aratani is president of the So. Calif. Nisei Women's Golf Assn. Organized in 1967, it now boasts a membership of 93 avid golfers.

Vital Statistics

Tochio Asaeda, well known in scientific circles for his drawings of tropical fish, died Mar. 19 at his home in San Francisco. On the Steinhardt Aquarium staff in recent years, he was a member of the Crocker Scientific Expedition to the South Seas before WW2, drawing rare species immediately after they were brought to surface before they lost their natural color. This was in the days before color photography was developed. Many of his colored plates were published in the National Geographic and other scientific journals.

Military

The 442nd Veterans Club in Honolulu celebrated its 25th anniversary with a banquet Mar. 23 at the Ilkai Hotel. Gov. John A. Burns addressed the Nisei group of 700. Fred Ida was general chairman of the banquet.

Entertainment

Seattle's Colony nightclub, where Pat Suzuki gained fame as individual singer, has been sold for a reported \$50,000 by manager Norm Bobrow to Art Louie, Chinese restaurateur. . . . Shigematsu Matsumoto, San Fernando Valley State College music major who won several singing and operatic competitions, headlined the Oriental Fantasy Show Mar. 23 sponsored by the United European American Club, an international group fostering understanding and friendship between peoples of the free world. . . . Conrad Yama portrays Chairman Mao in the Edward Albee play "Box-Mao-Box", now running at Buffalo (N.Y.) Studio Arena Theater.

Awards

Gene Kamidol, 33, was nominated by the Japanese American Jr. Chamber of Commerce for the Outstanding

CALENDAR OF JACL EVENTS

Mar. 29 (Saturday)
Cincinnati—Potluck supper, 8 p.m.
Beckley—Jr. JACL movie benefit, 8 p.m.
Portland—Potluck dinner, 6 p.m.
Milwaukee—1968 Club Whing ding, 8 p.m.
San Diego—JACL foursome bowling, 8 p.m.
San Mateo—Bd Mtg. Sturge Church
April 1 (Wednesday)
San Francisco—Aux Mtg. Pine Methodist Church, 7:30 p.m.
Greek-Russian cookery, 8 p.m.
April 3 (Friday)
West Los Angeles—Earth Sci Mtg. Stoner Ave. Playground, 7:30 p.m.
April 4 (Saturday)
D.C.—Hospitality Night, Vienna Trust Co. Auditorium, McLean, Va., 8:30 p.m.
April 7 (Sunday)
Arizona—Chapter picnic, 10 a.m.
NC-WNDC—Exec Bd Mtg. Sequoia JACL hosts, 7:30 p.m.
April 13 (Saturday)
San Jose—Ragtime Doubles, 4th St. Bowl, 8 p.m.
April 14 (Easter Sunday)
East Los Angeles—Jr. JACL egg hunt, 10 a.m.
Spokane—Egg hunt, Wandermere Park, 1 p.m.
Sequoia—Egg hunt, 1 p.m.

Beauties

Entered in the Miss Teen International pageant at Los Angeles April 7-14 is Sachiko Yamanaka, 17, who will be Japan's entry. She hails from Kanagawa.

Youth

Kathryn Yoshida, 16, of Gardena High served as County Sheriff in the Girls' Day in Government ceremonies March 19.

Register to Vote

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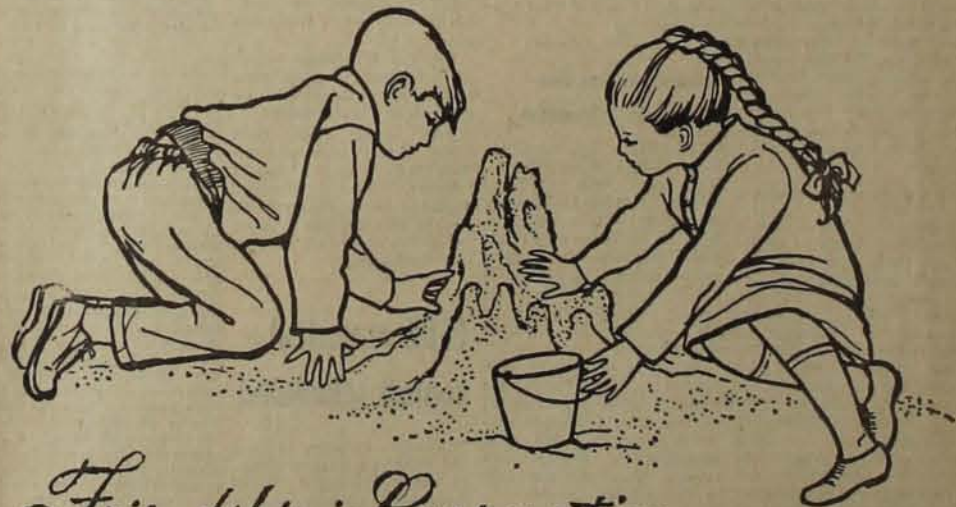


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By Bill Hosokawa

From the Frying Pan

Seattle, Wash.

INTERVIEWS—In the course of our two-day visit in Seattle, we spent a half a day picking the not inconsiderable brains of Prof. Frank Miyamoto, chairman of the department of sociology at the University of Washington. Dr. Miyamoto is a relative rarity in that he is a hometown boy who stayed around and made his mark in the very university from which he graduated.

Most of our conversation was about the Issei-Nisei-Sansei community, and he had some interesting observations, some of which we'll try to paraphrase here. Dr. Miyamoto feels that Japanese immigrants who came to the Northwest experienced less discrimination than those who settled in California where they walked into the buzzsaw of that state's anti-Chinese traditions. The result was that, making a long story short, Northwest Nisei grew up in freer circumstances, felt less need to be defensive, were more thoroughly assimilated, and found it easier to break out into a variety of activities.

Dr. Miyamoto also advances the thesis that many Nisei are not articulate because of the bilingual society in which they grew up. Most Nisei, he points out, never enjoyed free communication with their parents because of the language barrier. They could make their needs known and talk about routine matters. But the Nisei, who spoke Japanese haltingly, and their Issei parents who were comparably poor at English, were unable to get into discussions about ideas. In other words, he says, language stood between the Nisei and intellectual stimulation in their homes where normally a youngster's thinking is shaped. Many Nisei turned to books for intellectual fare but, Miyamoto points out, unlike parental influence, book learning was quite depersonalized.

EDITOR'S DILEMMA—Frank Miyamoto introduced us to Dick Kanaya who is the parttime editor of Seattle's five-day Japanese language newspaper, the North American Post. Once, Seattle had been able to support (in a manner of speaking) two Japanese language dailies, both with English sections, and Jimmie Sakamoto's all-English weekly Japanese American Courier. Today, the North American Post is showing a steady loss which is being absorbed reluctantly by Henry T. Kubota, the hotel and apartment house operator who owns the paper.

Kanaya reports the North American Post still owns a linotype machine, but its English section received little support, was a major financial drain and had to be discontinued. Meanwhile, the number of persons who can read Japanese is dwindling and Kubota would be delighted to suspend publication. Still, the paper meets a community need and although his subscribers complain about its quality and are reluctant to support it financially, Kubota finds it difficult to close up shop.

Kanaya himself is an interesting study in frustrations. As a youth fresh from Japan he worked on farms and railroads, and in the salmon canneries as both laborer and foreman. In between times he studied sociology at the University of Washington. Now he works at another job in addition to his editorship to support his family. Like any small town editor, which he is, he is torn by the necessity of making such decisions as whether to publish a story about a Sansei youngster who has been arrested for a misdemeanor, or a Nisei delinquent who has been picked up in a dope raid. If he publishes such a story, he may bring grief and mortification to an innocent family. If he doesn't, he is violating his own sense of what is newsworthy, and lays himself open to the charge of news suppression.

Main Street, once the heart of Seattle's Japanese community, is only a fraction of what it used to be. Landmark buildings have disappeared, leaving gaping holes. The state of the street underscores and emphasizes the plight of the newspaper that serves it.



TEAM CHAMPIONS—Two Seattle teams captured the 1968 National JACL tournament titles. Women team champions sponsored by Imperial Lanes, where the matches were held, are Hattie Hiroo, Alicia Marr, Fumi Yamasaki, Pat Tanagi,

Tomo Mizuki. Men team champions, co-sponsored by Hickory Hut and Times Square Restaurants, are Kaz Fujita, Ernie Nagai, Don Ohashi, Jim Terada, and Gordy Hirai.

—Takano Studio Photos.



INDIVIDUAL STARS—Galaxy of JACL bowling tournament champions by events are (from left): top—Eiko Nomura (L.A.), mixed doubles; Yuri Miura (Sac.) singles; Nobu Asami (Eastbay), doubles; Lois Yut (S.F.), doubles and all-events; lower—Hal Kim (Hawaii), all-events, singles; Mas Ono (S.J.), doubles; Jim Sakamoto (S.J.), doubles; Dick Shigemura (Denv.) mixed doubles.

—Takano Studio Photos.

Seattle JACL to assist Orientals in applying for postal supervisor exams

SEATTLE — Availability of February session approved the Oriental postal employees in human relations committee recommendations: 1—Contact the Oriental employees and assist them in whatever way possible. 2—Sponsor a series of courses on the supervisory exam, "such as the Urban League has done".

Don Kazama, chapter human relations chairman, reported some 240 Orientals are employed by the local Post Office. Very few are in supervisory capacities "although it seems without doubt that many are qualified," he added.

Orientals have been encouraged by Postmaster G. Morrey to apply by taking the examination, Kazama said. A member of the equal employment opportunity committee in the post office also has energetically contacted Oriental employees to take the examination. Katherine Matsuki and Dorothy Fukutome are the chapter board at its supper co-chairmen.

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Mt. Olympus holds 20th Issei program

SALT LAKE CITY—In November of 1949, the Mt. Olympus JACL executive board met to plan a special program honoring the local Issei. The event proved to be such a success that it became an annual affair; thus, last March 9, the Chapter again honored the Issei at its 20th annual Issei Appreciation Night.

A lovely dinner prepared by members, followed by an entertaining program of dancing, singing, and skits, featuring Nisei, Sansel, and Yonsei talent from the chapter delighted the Issei guests. Special prizes of home-baked pies and cakes were awarded to the oldest Issei present, the youngest Issei present, and the Issei with the most grandchildren.

President Shig Motoki acknowledged the following for their help in making this year's Issei Appreciation Night another success:

Betty Nakamura, Mardi Motoki, gen. chmn.; Lily Shino, Wuta Tsuya, dinner; Saide Yoshimura, Martha Hoki, program; Lillian and Joanne Sueoka, decorations; Ida Ninomiya, Min. Matsumori, tickets; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Akagi, and Mrs. Tommy Seo, reception; Mt. Olympus Teen Club, serving; Betty Nakamura, Setuko Akimoto, Kyoko Matsumori, instructors for children dances and songs; Nob Endo, emcee.

JAPANESE CULTURAL FESTIVAL IN SEATTLE CALENDARED FOR JULY 12-14

Mayor and Governor Join Japanese American Community Groups in Support of Nisei Gala

SEATTLE—A three-day Japanese Cultural Festival, bringing to life the ethnic drama, art, music and background of old Japan, will be held at the Seattle Center Flag Plaza Pavilion on July 12, 13 and 14.

According to its sponsors, the festival will also graphically explain the heritage of the Issei and Nisei, and their contribution to the American scene.

The festival will include daily demonstrations in flower-arranging; doll-making; calligraphy; origami, or the

art of paper-folding; bonsai, the art of cultivating dwarfed trees; Japanese art-treasures; Japanese landscaping; pottery-making; sumi-drawing; judo, kendo and go tournaments. The festival will also feature a pictorial history of the Japanese Americans living in the Pacific Northwest.

Additional events, according to the festival's General Chairman, Dr. Minoru Masuda, will include the Nisei Queen Coronation, Japanese classical dancing, and a spectacular opening ceremony, for which details remain to be announced. Dr. Masuda, a Univ. of Washington Research Assistant Professor, is a Seattle-born Nisei.

Assisting Dr. Masuda are: Thomas Iwata, vice-chairman; William Ishii, treasurer; Jiro Aoki, ticket sales; Mrs. Kim Nakamura, rec. sec.; Mrs. Hiram Akita, Ikebana and Bonsai; Mrs. Minoru Masuda, dolls, origami and calligraphy; Thomas Iwata, Issei story; William Nishimura, landscape; Patrick Hagihara, Nisei story; Frank Hattori, go tournament; evening program: Thomas Mayeda, transp.; Roger Ford, Japanese governmental exhibit; Dr. Terence Toda, displays and manpuppet; Kenneth Sorrells, Japanese art treasures; Peter Ohtaki, publicity.

Supporting organizations for the Japanese Cultural Festival are: Office of Gov. Evans, Office of Mayor Braman, Japanese Consulate of Seattle, Seattle JACL, Seattle-Kobe Affiliation Committee, Japan-America Society of Seattle, Seattle Art Museum, Ikebana International, Japanese Community Service, Minoru Yamasaki Associates, Seattle Center, Seattle Nordic Festival, Osaka Expo '70, Seattle Go Club, Shodo-Kai, Seattle Kendo Kai, Seattle Japanese Community Float Association, Miyagi Kai, West Seattle Judo, Seattle Dojo, Japanese Gardeners Association, Imperial Drum and Bugle Corps, Seattle Buddhist Boy Scout Troop 252.

George Togasaki ill in hospital

By TAMOTSU MURAYAMA
TOKYO — George K. Togasaki, president-elect of Rotary International, was presented the Elise and Walter G. Haas International Award at the Univ. of California centennial charter day in Berkeley, Mar. 23, with eldest son Shigeru receiving the award.

The award is made to the UC alumnus making an outstanding contribution to his country. The first award went to Abdul Majid, Afghanistan ambassador to the United States, and the second to Galo Plaza, former president of Ecuador.

Dr. Togasaki was unable to accept the award because he has been hospitalized at St. Luke's International Hospital for treatment of ulcers. He has cancelled all speaking engagements.

Kidney machine fund reports \$11,477 received

LIVINGSTON — The First Grace Methodist Church Medical Fund, which was organized to help Kazuo Masuda live with the aid of a kidney machine, reported a sum of \$11,447 received as of Feb. 27, according to Mrs. Mary Kishi, fund secretary.

The fund is jointly sponsored by the church and the Livingston-Merced JACL, of which Masuda is a longtime member and a former president. Contributions are still being accepted at 1516 C St., Livingston.

Foreign students guests of Fresno JACL

FRESNO—A group of foreign exchange students sponsored locally by the American Field Service were special guests at the annual Fresno JACL potluck supper Mar. 23 at the Japanese Congregational Church here.

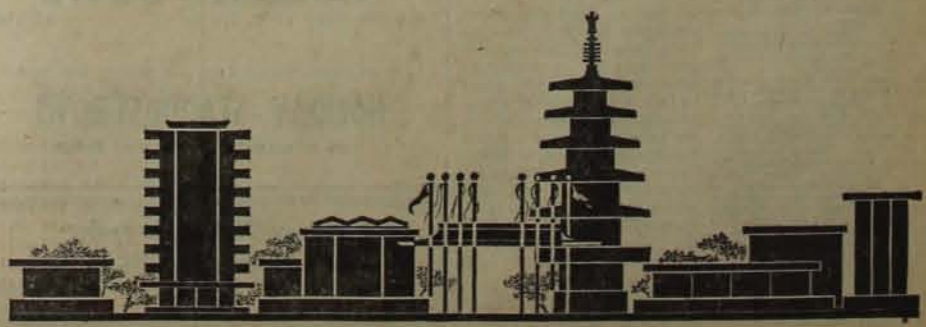
Kimi Takizawa and Mae Oji were in charge. Jack Harada was in charge of program.

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Nisei Dilemma—III

After rehashing the "Nisei Dilemma" last week, there was not the slightest thought of discussing it a third time. But after reading Ronald Iseri's letter to the editor commenting on the article, my mind was changed. . . . Hope Ronald doesn't mind my using his letter as an example, but it was so appropriate to illustrate my point on the Nisei dilemma that I couldn't resist the temptation. Letter reads:

(d) A recent survey by UCLA shows that the attitude of the interviewees towards Japanese Americans depended on his attitude towards Japan.

Jeffrey Matsui . . . seems to be saying that the Japanese American community should be more sympathetic toward "the dissenters within our ranks." He implies that the wartime evacuation and internment may not have come about if the "dissenters" had not been there. . . . I suppose, that "dissenters" are dissenting today. What surprises me is that Mr. Matsui doesn't seem to realize that if the evacuees had not been what he suggests, we would all probably be in the same boat as the other "persecuted minorities" are in today.

My column of March 1st to which the letter refers reads:

For a viable minority that's only one-fourth of 1% of the total U.S. population, Japanese Americans take an unusually uncomplaining view of the situation within our land. And this stands seems so contrary to our protection and interest. Instead of joining the majority in following the fallacy of logic of discrediting the argument by discrediting the character of the people involved as was done with the Evacuation, issue in World War II, shouldn't we be almost instinctively interested in discovering the "validity" of the argument? . . . I suppose, that "dissenters" are dissenting today. What surprises me is that Mr. Matsui doesn't seem to realize that if the evacuees had not been what he suggests, we would all probably be in the same boat as the other "persecuted minorities" are in today.

As you can see, the article does not propose by implication or otherwise physical protest or violence as a matter of course for the Nisei in 1942 or any other time. But this is what Mr. Iseri alleges and this is what his entire letter is based on.

And this is almost funny as the first three paragraphs were not really important except to warm the readers up and lead toward the major points, which were:

(a) Why does the Nisei always seem to side with the majority WASP community as if we were also part of the "Establishment"?

(b) If it's true that we've really attained security and acceptance, why do we have to be continually on the alert to maintain our image and proving one's self?

(c) On the present flood of good publicity we've been getting on our hardship and success, is it genuine acknowledgment, or is the cynic on the right track when he says we're being used as a showpiece as we are the last hope in giving some truth to the lie that in America every man has an equal opportunity to succeed regardless of race, color or creed;

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Instead, it is an effort to portray the conditions and problems of ghetto life through the words of people who live and work there.

The primary source material was the testimony taken at four Commission hearings and several similar meetings of Commission Staff Advisory Committees throughout the Nation during the past two years.

We regard the report as one of the most important we have ever published, not only because it describes the conditions of life in the ghetto, but also because it brings to light the feelings of ghetto residents about their own situation — how they perceive life in the ghetto and how they view prospects for themselves and their children.

Being in 'Prison'

One dominant feeling that emerges from the testimony of ghetto residents is that their situation is analogous to being in prison. The same theme keeps recurring in the statements of ghetto residents. One witness spoke of "being in a trap"; another, of living "in a quagmire, a big quicksand"; still others drew analogies to life "in a cage" or "on a treadmill."

A second feeling which emerges strongly is the sense of isolation. Not untypical was the testimony of one youngster, Calvin Brooks, in Cleveland, who said he had grown up in his community without ever knowing a white person of his own age until he was 14 or 15.

Another dominant feeling was that of powerlessness — of an inability to affect one's own life in the future. This is not merely a vague feeling, but one which finds specific support in reality.

For example, the Commission heard testimony of urban renewal programs which displaced people without informing or consulting them; of welfare officials who saw no point in meeting with an organization of welfare mothers to discuss their situation; of managers of public housing housing projects who were described as treating residents as inmates rather than tenants.

A Mother's Concern

What about the attitudes of children growing up in the ghetto? Mothers we talked to were very concerned. Some were hopeful, like Mrs. Jacqueline Taylor in Gary, Indiana, who said:

I try to show my children the beautiful things there are in ugliness. There are beautiful things in ugliness if you look at it. If you have the heart to see it that way. And then I will try to tell them about different things and give them a chance to see for themselves. They are still young, so they can pull themselves out.

Others, however, fear that the environment of the ghetto itself presents obstacles that are almost impossible to overcome. Mrs. M. Plummer of Cleveland, for example, told the Commission:

Well, Sam sees a (pimp) with \$125 suit and a big car and he feels that he won't have to go to school because he can get the same thing that this other—have—well, they may want to do the criminal things so that they can get the same things this other pimp has and he may want to leave school for this easy life.

All of this adds up to feelings of hopelessness and despair typified by James Richards, a Negro youngster with a prison record who helped stop the riot at Hunters Point in San Francisco. This is how he put it:

One minute we are looking ahead and we think we see something and we turn around and again all we can see is darkness ahead. He went on to describe the conditions under which a typical ghetto youngster must live:

He has little brothers and sisters in the house and he sees his mother, brothers and sisters going hungry, half starving and trying to get the rent in. It is a bare house, like it is a cold feeling even to be there and you have to go out on the street and live. It is the subject of the same thing out there. There has to be a breaking point.

He concluded:

And sometimes at a time like this all they can do is strike out into the night. They don't know what they are reaching for out there.

White Community Attitude

It is important also to understand how the white community looks from inside the ghetto. For many ghetto residents, the symbol of white authority is the policeman who, in their view, does not treat people with dignity and respect and who keeps the Negro "in line" for the white community. One witness, in describing the relationship between the police and the residents of the Cleveland ghetto, stated:

A zoo keeper attitude is maintained (by the police) toward the residents of the community. A further problem is that the police offer inadequate



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protection to ghetto residents. In Boston, for example, a Negro minister who is a resident of the city's Roxbury area told the Commission the difficulty one Negro family had in getting the police to respond to a call for assistance.

One family had called the police because of an incident in the area. They waited 10 minutes, 15 minutes, 20 minutes and there was no response. Then someone was smart enough to think of calling the police, saying "Get one here quick, there is a Negro beating a white man." The police were there in two minutes.

Health Services Inadequate

Local government is symbolized by the inadequacy of municipal services, such as sanitation, hospitals, and transportation which are required to meet the needs of the white community, but are often unavailable for ghetto residents.

For example, in Cleveland, although the greatest health problems were concentrated in the East side Negro area, the only public hospital was located on the West side of the city. In 1963, 7 of every 10 mothers who delivered babies at Metropolitan General Hospital lived on the East side, more than three and one-half miles from the hospital.

One Negro mother testified that in order to get prenatal care at Metropolitan, it required one and one-half hours to go there and one and one-half hours to come back. (Result: many mothers did not receive any prenatal care which helps to account for the fact that the infant mortality rate in the ghetto is staggering.)

The white business community is symbolized by merchants who sell shoddy merchandise and engage in dubious credit practices—and in housing, by absentee landlords who allow property to deteriorate when Negroes move in.

Over recent years we have been reading more and more about increased feelings of bitterness and hostility toward white people on the part of ghetto residents. On the basis of this brief picture of the white community, should we really be surprised?

Hopeless Trap

Ghetto residents, then, perceive their environment as a trap and they generally view prospects for the future for themselves and their children with a sense of hopelessness.

How clearly does this picture conform to the facts? The evidence the Commission has gathered suggests that this is a realistic view—that the traditional exits which minority groups have been able to use to escape from the ghetto are blocked.

For example, public education long has been viewed as a means to provide the young people with the skills necessary to enable them to escape poverty and join the mainstream of society. Whichever aspect of public education we examine, it is clear that the children of the ghetto are being shortchanged.

In terms of resources, far more is going into suburban school plants and facilities than is reaching inner-city schools. Federal aid to education, which is intended to assist schools in poverty areas, does not come close to closing this gap.

In teaching, the best qualified teachers go to suburban schools, leaving to the schools of the ghetto teachers who are often are not equipped in their qualifications or in their attitudes to help the children.

Public School Issue

Of paramount importance is the fact that public education in our metropolitan areas increasingly is being carried on along rigid lines of economic and racial segregation. This is perhaps the most critical factor in the growing problem of unequal educational opportunities.

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This process was illustrated graphically in Syracuse, New York, where the President of the school board explained to the Commission why a group of Negro students from disadvantaged backgrounds did better when they were transferred to a school whose student body is composed mainly of advantaged white students.

(At Madison Junior High School (predominantly Negro) if you cooperated with the teacher and did your homework, you were a "kook".)

(At Levi Junior High School (predominantly white) if you don't cooperate with the teacher and don't do your homework, you are a "kook".)

This also is important because Negro students in segregated schools feel stigmatized. They recognize that they are not there through an accident of fate, any more schools which were segregated by law.

In light of these deficiencies, it is distressing to hear some educators complaining that we are asking too much of them — that the schools cannot be expected to make up for the deficiencies of the home. This complaint represents nothing less than an abdication of responsibility which the schools traditionally have assumed, and assumed successfully.

It is a far cry from the firm belief of Thomas Jefferson that it was the true mission of a public education system to unleash the mass of talents that are buried beneath the mass of poverty.

Job Opportunities

Negro youths, having failed to receive meaningful educational opportunity, are entering the labor market, at an early age and without the necessary skills. And it is a labor market where racial discrimination is still prevalent.

The employment problems go beyond overt discrimination. In Oakland, California, for example, there are 120,000 Negroes, and an unemployment rate of at least 13 per cent, not counting those who have dropped out of the labor market completely.

In neighboring suburban Alameda County, there are 185,000 jobs, of which only 3,000 — two per cent — are held by Negroes.

What is happening is that the jobs are moving away from the city to areas where Negroes either cannot afford, or are not permitted, to live. Employers who move their plants from the inner-city to the suburbs generally see no responsibility to take up with local officials the question of whether there is adequate housing available on a non-discriminatory basis for employed or potential employees.

As a result, many Negro employees actually lose their jobs when the plants move out of the inner-city to areas that are inaccessible to them.

This is the reality of life in the ghetto that the Commission described in its report. Personal effort, alone, will not remove the barriers to opportunity; and local institutions, both public and private, are not yet responding. Ghetto residents perceive their environment as a trap. They are right. It is just that.

Federal Program

If personal effort alone will not do the job, if state and local institutions are not yet responding — what about the Federal Government and its new programs. Given some time, won't these be effective?

The answer, I think, is that while we have made a start, we have not yet faced up to many of the real problems we must solve if the programs are to be effective.

For example, though a number of worthwhile programs have been enacted over the past few years, not one is being funded on a scale necessary to accomplish their purposes.

The model cities program — the major national effort to cure the ills of our cities — was authorized less than a billion dollars over a two-year period for the entire

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country. In view of the towering problems that face so many of our cities, can a program funded on that low a level be effective?

The rent supplement program — the major national effort to provide housing for low-income families — has been funded at a level that can provide only a relative handful of housing units in comparison to the enormous need.

Welfare Program

There are other inadequacies in Federal Programs in addition to the lack of sufficient commitment of resource. Many of the programs are structured so as to perpetuate the status quo — a status quo which must be changed if real progress is to be made.

For example, low-income housing programs, even those that utilize private enterprise, contain provisions which give suburban communities a veto

power, thus reinforcing even more the separation between the city and its suburbs, the poor and the affluent.

Further, programs aimed at helping disadvantaged people often are saddled with self-defeating rules and regulations which make programs incapable of accomplishing their objectives.

There is no better example than the welfare program which has the purpose of enabling families below the poverty level to survive and join the mainstream of our affluent society. But the program contains rules and regulations which have the inevitable effect of splitting families apart, of leaving fathers the cruel choice of watching their children go hungry or abandoning them.

In the recent welfare legislation passed last December, Congress added several additional restrictive provisions, perhaps the most repressive of which places an arbitrary limit on the number of children who can be helped under the program. The program, instead of helping the poor to rise above poverty, often has the effect of perpetuating and institutionalizing a permanent class of wards of the State.

Affluent Majority

I have already mentioned the failure of government to involve people in decisions which affect their own futures.

In short, the response of government to deprivation and discrimination, while it has raised expectations, has too often been characterized by an inadequate commitment of resources, by self-defeating rules and regulations, by an inability to deliver, and by entrenching segregation.

Underlying this, I think, is the attitude of the affluent majority. Most Americans remain detached from the problems of the ghetto and many believe incorrectly — that these are the problems in which they have no business getting involved. Rationalizations have developed to justify the failure to alter the status quo and provide adequate remedies for discrimination and segregation.

The summer riots over the recent years have provided one such rationalization — that we must not reward violence. It would be ironic

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If after years of failing to reward patience or redress injustice, we were to use violence perpetrated by a few as an excuse for continued inaction on the problems that affect so many.

'Black Power'

Other rationalizations for inaction are developing—take "Black Power" for example. After years of being excluded from the mainstream of American society, some Negroes, under the slogan of "Black Power," are reacting in bitterness and frustration and saying, in effect, "Alright if you reject us, we reject you, and we will build our own society."

This provides a perfect rationalization for those who oppose efforts to end racial segregation in our society. They now can say plausibly, "See, that's the way they like it themselves."

These delusions which we must put aside if we are to stop the trend toward creating separate, unequal, and alien Nations and build one society. We also must recognize

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We were amused with Richard F. Shepard's review in the New York Times recently: "The Nomura Company, however, does comedy, only comedy. It has been doing it for more than 200 years, a rehearsal period that more than adequately sufficed to ready it for New York."

"The company did three short plays in the 1,000-year-old kyogen tradition of situation comedy that unmasks human conceit."

"The plays were simple affairs, expertly done, with a great sense of comedy. 'It's the sort of stuff any television comic might get a routine out of, yet the Nomura do it differently. With graceful gait, comically stricken voices that emanate from the backs of their throats, and beautifully colored costumes and masks, they make each little segment into a sort of poetry of fun and thought!'"

Interviewed by Shepard, 70-year-old Manzo Nomura, the leader of the family troupe, now in its sixth generation, said, "In kyogen there is a lot to make people laugh, but not just ha-ha-type of laughing. There is more to it. There is even tragedy in kyogen."

"In Noh, there are certain forms and once you learn them you can do it. But in kyogen you have to bring out a character. There's nothing as difficult as that, not even kabuki. In kabuki, there is beautiful scenery and lots of people. In kyogen, there are only a few people onstage and you have to give it all you have, to be strong."

In the pre-show interview, Manzo Nomura, the 37-year-old son of Manzo Nomura, made this interesting comment about the American audience: "Often a Japanese audience, brought up in the Noh tradition, won't laugh. Americans are not brought up in this tradition. They don't understand it as well as Japanese, but they laugh earlier. That's fine."

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Sen. Hiram L. Fong has asked for an investigation of a discrepancy in pay scales for civilian guards hired by the Air Force, Army and Navy in Hawaii. Fong reported that his information shows that the Army and Navy pay their guards at a higher civil service pay level than does the Air Force. Sen. Daniel K. Inouye was principal speaker at the annual fund raising dinner of the State Democratic organization Mar. 18 at the Ilika. Tickets sold for \$100 a plate. Rep. Spark Matsunaga has suggested in Congress that his colleagues consider issuing members gold lapel buttons at a possible cost of about \$21 a button. Gov. Ronald Reagan will be the speaker at a \$100-a-plate dinner at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel May 11. Reagan is coming to Hawaii for the Western Governors Conference which opens here the next day.

15,800 Issei Aliens
There were 47,882 aliens living in Hawaii in 1967, it has been announced. This is an increase of 884 over 1966. The immigration service said nearly half of the aliens — 22,159 — were from the Philippines and a third — 15,822 — from Japan. It was reported that there were 1,694 naturalizations in 1967. Gov. John A. Burns is expected to send a veto message to the state legislature rejecting a bill to boost non-resident tuition at the Univ. of Hawaii. The bill, almost passed unanimously by both houses, would triple the \$170 tuition fee for non-residents, setting it at \$510 a year. Actor Richard Boone, who now makes his home in Honolulu, told a state legislative committee he is against giving motion picture and TV producers a tax break when they make films in Hawaii.

Overdose of pills fatal to girl, 16
CHICAGO — Barbara Kushino, 16, is dead, apparently of the after effects of an overdose of sleeping pills and aspirins she took Mar. 11. She died Mar. 15 at Evanston Hospital.

Her father, Dr. Kenji, said his daughter had been dependent for several months, apparently over the responsibilities of meeting academic requirements and extracurricular activities. "She was on a Twixy diet, also," he said. No notes were found.

An honor student at North Park Academy, she was assistant editor of the yearbook, member of the choir, Latin Honor Society and National Honor Society.

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Civilian guard pay

Aloha from Hawaii

by Richard Gima

Construction booms
Twin 20-story tower office buildings will be erected in downtown Honolulu by Amfac Inc. between Bishop, Fort and Queen Sts. and Nimitz Highway, it's been announced. The \$19 million project will be directly across the street from the Dillingham Bldg. on Bishop St. The new complex when completed will be the largest of its kind in Hawaii, an announcement said. Sheraton Hawaii has announced plans that will add more than 3,000 hotel rooms and convention facilities for 3,500 on the grounds of the Royal Hawaiian Hotel. Included in the plan is a scalloped wall of hotel rooms that will rise to about 36 stories.

Vietnam KIA...
Air Force Staff Sgt. Robert K. Kawamura, 28, of 94-129 Hiapo St., Waiapahu, was killed in Vietnam on Feb. 15. Two island soldiers whose wives live on Oahu have been killed in Vietnam — Sgt. Robert A. Jans, 26, and Spec. 5 Stephen G. Carlos, 21.

Beauty pageant
A change in the 1968 Ka Palapala beauty and cultural pageant of the Univ. of Hawaii has been announced. Pageant officials for the first time this year have decided to add a Negro division to the annual pageant. Rodney Au is chairman of the pageant. A management training program for young Polynesians has been started by the Polynesian Cultural Center, according to Lawrence Hanenberg, the general manager.

Feb. 29 babies
Hawaii welcomed 48 babies born on Feb. 29. Parents of babies included Dr. and Mrs. Alan T. Miyamoto of Kahului and the Rev. and Mrs. Gen-sho Hara of Lahaina.

New bishop
Pope Paul VI has named the Most Rev. John J. Scanlan, 61, as Catholic Bishop of Honolulu to succeed the Most Rev. James J. Sweeney, 69, who resigned. Bishop Sweeney, the first and only bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Honolulu since it was established in 1941, has been in ill health for several years. The Church of World Mission, Central Church Hawaii, dedicated its new sanctuary Mar. 3 at 3510 Nuuanu Pali Drive.

Names in the news
Yoshimi Hayashi, the new U.S. attorney for Hawaii, was honored by 450 persons Mar. 8 at the Ilika Hotel. Hilda Ohama of Kalani High School is the new president of the Hawaii Assn. of School Librarians. Jon Kodama, Farrington High School senior, class president, has been selected for the Citizenship Award of the Soroptimist Club of Honolulu. Jeri Bostwick, Sheraton PB girl here, has been named to the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services. She will represent Hawaii on the 50-

woman committee which meets in Washington, D.C. in April. State Rep. Akira Sakima will manage the new Kailua branch of International Savings & Loan Assn. which opened Mar. 15 at 202 North King St. Mrs. Jennie Goto, former student at the Univ. of Hawaii's school of travel industry management, has been named catering sales manager at the Kahala Hilton Hotel, which she joined in 1964. Richard S. Shomura, 38, has been selected deputy director for the Hawaii area of the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries. He joined the bureau staff in 1950. Friends of Douglas S. Sakamoto, new director of the City Dept. of Parks and Recreation, will hold a testimonial dinner in his honor April 3 at Hilton Hawaiian Village. Domine Clarence K. Karimato, recently retired senior v.p. of Central Pacific Bank, has been elected a director of the bank. This increased the bank's board to 18 members. Wallace Okuna has been named hearings officer for the State Labor Dept.'s workmen's compensation division. He was formerly claims adjuster for Theo. H. Davies & Co. Gilbert Hayashi has been elected president of the Hawaii Society of Certified Public Accountants. Other Nisei CPA officers include Hayao Oishi, Royal Okamoto, John Inagaki, Haruyoshi Kaya and Herbert Kikiguchi. Mrs. Miyoko Taniguchi has been appointed supervisor of State Savings & Loan Assn.'s new Hilo branch. Police Capt. Itsuku Murakami has been named to command the Pearl City police district.

Obituaries
Eddie Lani Kinlan, 70, who sang Hawaiian songs to audiences in the Pacific and Asia for more than 50 years, died Mar. 8 at Queen's Medical Center. Louis P. Price, president of Pacific Concrete & Rock Co., died Mar. 11 in Los Angeles, where he had gone in January for surgery. Sumitaro Fujikane, 80, was burned to death in a fire which swept through the Komeya Hotel on River St. Feb. 28. Tadao Nakamura, 48, of 708 Pua Kala St., a construction worker, fell four stories to his death Mar. 13 at a hotel being built in Waikiki. No one witnessed the accident at the Park Shore Hotel (formerly the Alahani) at the corner of Kalakaua and Kapahulu Aves.

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Ye Editor's Desk

LESSON IN CITY GOVERNMENT

Los Angeles
Two years ago, a Nisei architect ran unsuccessfully for the state senate. He was relatively unknown to the local Japanese American community. In the past two weeks, however, he has become front-page copy and all Japanese Americans who have been reading their Times know of Kazuo Umemoto.

Umemoto and his partner William Perkinson are the central figures in a drama being unfolded two days a week at the City Hall where City Council Recreation and Park Committee has launched its investigation on how the Recreation and Parks Commission awards contract.

Presiding in the investigation is Councilman Marvin Braude of the 11th District, which covers much of West Los Angeles, as committee chairman. He is also an active West L.A. JACLer.

Other key figures in this unhappy turn of events for the Nisei architect include members of the commission and the department.

Mrs. Harold C. Morton is commission president. Commissioner Mel Pierson, who recommended the awarding of a \$302,687 golf course design contract to Umemoto-Perkinson that has come under City Council scrutiny and producing front-page furor, had to resign under pressure.

Pierson has said the firm was recommended to him by Commissioner Ludlow Flower Jr., commission president at the time the contract was awarded. Flower is not concerned with the disclosure made at Braude's initial hearing Mar. 13 that Umemoto-Perkinson had been working out of a room over Umemoto's garage in a residential zone at 3803 Roble Vista Drive. He recommended the firm because he is a champion of small business and felt it would do a good job.

After the city raised questions about the firm's facilities, Umemoto-Perkinson opened an office at 2301 Hyperion Blvd. and applied Mar. 12 for a business license.

The architectural firm is designing the 54-hole golf complex in the Sepulveda Dam recreation area (northwest section of land near the San Diego-Ventura Freeway interchange) and a nine-hole addition at Hansen Dam basin (in northern San Fernando Valley). The \$4 million golf complex, park officials predict, will be the world's greatest.

William Frederickson Jr., Rec & Park Dept. general manager, has placed the responsibility of awarding the golf contract on the five commissioners.

It was John H. Ward, superintendent of park, who testified to the shortcomings of the architectural firm. Ward was openly accused at the Mar. 19 hearing by Perkinson of racial discrimination, charging Ward "besmirched my partner because of his Japanese ancestry."

Frederickson denied it was confident any charges would be cleared. Defending Ward, he said: "He has always had a completely integrated staff . . . and there has never been before any questions raised as to his racial attitudes. Kazuo Umemoto worked under Ward's jurisdiction for approximately five years and when he resigned from the department, he made no such charges."

The Times, in its lead editorial Mar. 20, urged "where public money is spent, the contract should only go to the most qualified firm or individual available. To protect the public, a fail-safe system of screening prospective contractors prior to award must be instituted in all city departments. And even after the award vote, intensive investigation of the capabilities of the contractor must continue prior to execution of the agreement. The commissions, after all, aren't spending their own money."

Associate national JACL director Jeffrey Matsui was moved to point out in a letter to Braude that "an unfortunate by-product" from the investigation was becoming evident—"the negative effect of the current investigation on the personal and professional reputation of Kazuo Umemoto." The JACL spokesman declared it was "grossly unfair and tragic if Umemoto's reputation is so damaged that it prevents him from contributing toward society and the community at his fullest capacity . . . We are hopeful you will do all in your power to protect Mr. Umemoto's reputation from even further damage."

Braude, in reply, assured that the committee's intent was not to reflect unfavorably on the firm of Umemoto-Perkinson but to secure evidence "that a thorough review of the procedures of the board of Recreation and Park Commissioners is as timely as it is necessary." Umemoto has been invited to make any statements he wants before his committee, which resumed hearings last Monday afternoon.

The Times staff, which has been carrying on a continuing investigation of city government, presented its findings in the Mar. 21 edition, asserting the firm of Umemoto-Perkinson Associates "made false and misleading claims before obtaining a \$302,000 city architectural contract to design golf courses." The Times staff previously studied zoning, planning and harbor activities.

The firm's brochure, sole evidence of its background known to rec & park officials, takes credit for nine "representative projects" but the Times learned not one was done by Umemoto-Perkinson, although Umemoto had a hand in the projects. At least five of the projects listed in the brochure never were built, including the Evergreen Cemetery facilities, complex and master plan at a proposed cost of \$750,000, the Times learned.

As the third round of hearings commenced this week, Mrs. Morton and Mayor Yorty think the design contract should be terminated. Frederickson pointed out at this point the city owes Umemoto-Perkinson only 20 pct. of the contract price or about \$50,000, and if allowed to proceed and accepted by the city, the firm will receive its full fee.

While the commission and city council committee sharply differ over the committee system of the commission, which often operates in secret, Mrs. Morton claims the meetings are lawful, but the city councilmen feel that secret meetings are in violation of the state's Brown Act.

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Director's Report

BY MASAO W. SATOW

BRIGHTEN THE CORNER WHERE YOU ARE
In these times it might be well to ponder the fuller implications of "Better Americans in a Greater America."

"A Greater America" must mean among other things, an America where reference to any minority is simply to describe a cultural and ethnic background out of which members of that minority might contribute to the enrichment of our Democracy, rather than designating the place in our Democracy to which that minority has been traditionally relegated because of ethnic considerations.

The extent to which we are "Better Americans" would then be measured by how much we are involved toward fulfillment of this ideal.

While we get hung up trying to get everyone to agree on how we should get involved as a group, there are some helpful things we can do, meaningful because of our own background, which would leave no doubt to our fellow Americans as to where we stand—but these take a little guts.

It takes a little guts to interrupt an informal conversation when reference is made to "niggers", but can we do less in view of our own feeling about the term "Japs"?

When guests to our Chapter Installations pat us on the back and tell us what a good group we have but suggest we should not get mixed up with "other minorities", it takes a little guts to set them straight right then and there.

It takes a little guts in a service club to suggest that the group might do its bit toward better understanding and be enriched by inviting members of other minorities to join.

When our neighbors tell us what a fine neighborhood we have, so let's keep it that way by not letting other minorities become a part of it, it takes a little guts to speak up.

The fact that it takes a little guts for such simple things indicates how far short we are of the better America we seek. But our memories cannot be so short as not to remember that other Americans displayed some guts in our behalf for a better America.

Letters from Our Readers

We Can Be Heard

Dear Editor:

Mrs. James Tanabe's courage and wit are well displayed in the issue of March 22. Bill Hosokawa's message contained in his address at the 1968 National JACL Bowling Tournament awards banquet in Seattle is both moving and impressive, for he presents a panoramic view in words of pre-war life of the Nisei and the present. It is heartening to realize that the Nisei and Sansei are coming of age, and making their mark in this

wonderful country of ours.

Ronald S. Iseri's letter (March 22) impressed me to such a degree, that I would like to reply.

This democratic nation is great and unique because there is an opportunity to be heard (those who have the forthright spirit to speak up). And, I believe, because of this our society respects and recognizes intelligence, industriousness, the will to achieve and contribute. (I have borrowed some of Mr. Iseri's words.) I feel that everyone has the right to speak up and be heard. Let the spirit of fairplay and idealism which can prevail in the finest of Americanism then take over. I have faith that our voices will be heard and recognized.

Japanese Americans, as Mr. Iseri so aptly states, earned the position of respect and deference given today — not by forcing demonstrations, but by quiet accomplishments, which in the long run is far more telling and permanent.

We Japanese Americans need to rise above our inhibitions. We need to be able to voice more potently our hopes and aspirations, and the pride we have in our backgrounds of the intermingling of two great cultures.

(Mrs.) MARTHA ASAKURA
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Oyama—

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industry was started there in 1938 by a Japanese who visited the Sister City (New York) and was impressed with the bright lights of Manhattan . . . Japanese visiting New York continue to be impressed, not with the bright lights, but with the tallness of her buildings, the grandeur of Fifth Ave. and the quality of her shops . . . In Uptown New York, around 108th and Broadway, there is an Irish bar, Canon's. Unobtrusive, old-fashioned (reminiscent of the nineties), on closer inspection, one will note that the establishment is divided in half with a partition. The Irish men standing at the bar, while the Japanese on the other side of the wall, eat Unagi donburi and beef teriyaki . . . "Maguro no sashimi," a scarce commodity in these parts, was selling for \$3 per lb. wholesale at the Fulton Fish Market on lower Manhattan. Within the past two weeks, only two tuna, one weighing 160 lbs. and the other 167 lbs. were caught on the cold choppy seas. Favalo-ro & Son who does business with most of the over 30 Japanese restaurants in Manhattan reported that the two fish respectively were purchased by two Midtown "osushiyas." The whole fish had to be purchased or no soap

are dispensing with Japanese altogether. "My Fair Lady," "Mary Poppins," "Camelot" and "The Love One" are retained in English, written in katakana.

One can cope with "Kamerotto" somehow, but how many people could tell what is meant by "Za Rabudo Wan"? English itself has recently been put into use as in the case of the Beatles "Help!" which was not written in katakana but in the original English with no Japanese title at all.

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BY THE BOARD: Yone Satoda

Quota Performances

San Francisco
The final audited figures for 1967, the first year of the 1967-1968 biennium, are now in the process of being published and distributed. As was predicted in this column in a prior article, the year of 1967 proved to be another "solvent" one in terms of JACL finances.

Our expenditures for the year were somewhat more than what was budgeted, however the efforts of the Pacific Northwest DC, Northern California Western Nevada DC, Pacific Southwest DC, and the Eastern DC in surpassing their assigned quotas, provided the necessary margin to keep us in the "black". This has to be an achievement of a sort when you consider that our membership dues were raised from \$4 to \$5 per member in order to meet a vastly increased budget.

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Quota	1967-68	Actual
Performance	Budgeted	1967
PNWDC	\$ 9,275	\$ 11,185
NC-WNDC	44,900	37,547
CCDC	9,940	7,578
PSWDC	31,700	34,619
IDC	11,035	10,030
MPDC	5,870	4,425
MDC	16,900	15,647
EDC	6,220	6,706
	\$135,000	\$147,555

It should be noted that four District Councils actually raised \$17,902 more than their assigned quotas, and four District Councils were \$4,967 short of theirs. Inasmuch as 60% of the overage is retained by National headquarters and 40% rebated to chapters, the \$10,700 overage retained was more than enough to make up the shortages.

NEXT BIENNIAL

As we look now ahead to the San Jose Convention and the deliberations for the next biennium, we anticipate that some adjustments will be made. It is our hope that all of the District Councils will be prepared to "give and take" in a spirit of family cooperation as we seek a quota figure that will be agreeable and workable for all.

As an illustration, something similar may be evolved:

Quota	1967	Proposed 1967-78
PNWDC	\$ 11,185	\$ 9,700
NC-WNDC	37,247	50,000
CCDC	7,978	7,300
PSWDC	34,619	32,000
IDC	10,030	10,500
MPDC	4,425	4,500
MDC	15,647	15,200
DC	6,706	6,300
	\$147,555	\$135,000

District that surpassed their quotas will be asked to take a larger portion, but not so much larger that it would kill the initiative or create the feeling that there is a "penalty" to good performance—the more you raise, the more your quota will be. Districts not meeting their quotas

1000 Club—

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believes that "what the mind can conceive, the mind can achieve."

As your National 1000 Club Chairman, may I suggest that we try some positive psychology. Let's promise ourselves that this year we will reach the 2,000th mark in our membership goal!

If one man, W. Clement Stone of the Combined Insurance Companies of America, can make over 330 million dollars through positive thinking, why can't we Nisei—over 200,000 strong, raise \$50,000? (2,000 Thousands at \$25 per person.)

Can we do it? As our Afro-Americans say: "Let's keep the faith, baby!" Incidentally, Stone has donated over \$25 million to causes like the Chicago Boys' Club, rehabilitating convicts, preventing mental illness, etc.

will be asked to raise a lesser amount than that previously assigned. The figures are realistic and with some effort, they are within the realm of attainment for all of the districts.

Once this basic quota is agreed upon, any additional allocations will be made proportionately. For example if the National Council votes to spend \$10,000 for a project, each of the eight District Councils will be asked to raise its proportionate share.

If you still happen to be me, may I add that David is now 30 months old. He has acquired quite an extensive vocabulary including some choice words of the four letter variety (where does he hear them?). Our present concern is whether he will ever be "house broken", or do some boys start kindergarten wearing diapers??

CONFAB CORRAL: Phil Matsumura



ONLY 22 WEEKS to go. Convention fever is slowly but surely mounting throughout our National organization and the tempo of committee activities here in San Jose has picked up sharply. The interest and enthusiasm shown by the youth — both locally and externally — are very gratifying.

Recently I received a copy of a very nice letter from Richard Okabe, Midwest District Council Youth Chairman, to Sharon Uyeda and Ben Matsumura, Jr., National Youth Convention Chairman and NC-WN District Youth Chairman, respectively, inquiring about the schedule of convention youth events and the cost of housing and of activities in general.

As convention chairman, I not only appreciated his taking the time to write to Sharon and Benny, but his thoughtfulness in sending me a copy, for in a way we had established communication — he had responded to my recent PC article (Feb. 16, 1968) in which all chapters were requested to send in estimates of the number of members planning to attend the convention. Richard felt that additional convention information would be needed by the members to make up their minds whether or not to attend. We sincerely hope you will attend.

In keeping with our convention planning schedule, the initial mailing containing the type of information needed to acquaint the members with convention activities and costs in general will go out to all chapters before the end of this month.

A second mailing about a month later will contain pre-registration and pre-housing reservation forms.

In order to enable the convention committees to plan their activities properly for the benefit of the conventioners, we are requesting all of you who are planning to participate in the convention activities, to make reservations during the pre-registration period, which will be announced later with the second mailing.

Tentative Fee Schedule

Although firm prices are not yet available for all of the events, tentatively, the six official adult events (Opening Mixer, Recognitions

YOUTH SPEAKS: Don Hayashi

The Disturbing Report

Portland
In the recent report of the National Commission on Civil Disorders, national attention was given to the racial situation, and it was timely in the wake of expectations for more rioting this summer.

Certainly the content of the report is not new, nor the proposals unexpected; yet, we are disturbed by the frankness of the members. Hardly anyone can discount the qualification of the panel members or the facts, which were presented.

Probably the report is disturbing, because we realize that the racial problem has always existed, and its intensity is at least as great as the report states. We are alarmed, because we have tried to forget about the implications of this deep-rooted problem, or we rationalize that it is a problem in another part of the country.

It is interesting to note that in a majority of riot-torn cities, citizens said that rioting could never occur in their city.

Unique Position

As Japanese Americans, we do not associate ourselves as either white or black. In one sense, we cannot be considered black, because of our economic progress over the past quarter century, and the elements of despair and prejudice have been covered up by the numerous praises bestowed on "those good Japanese."

At the same time, we are not white in that we are a distinct racial minority. Our parents or grandparents came from a foreign culture, and our racial appearance makes us easily recognizable.

Thus, we are placed in an unique position, and many Japanese Americans may be inclined to disregard the report as being for the whites and blacks only. However, this unique position indicates a major role for Japanese Americans in the struggle for equality.

Communications

One important aspect, brought out in the commission report, was the need for better communication on every level — government and private sectors, alike.

As a racial minority, it is easier for us to understand the hopelessness, which is generated by slum conditions. The desire of many ethnic groups to stick together is not uncommon from our own situation.

Effective dialogue can begin with citizens of minority and ghetto areas, as various proposals for improvement are considered. First, we must see and understand the frustration and anxiety of discriminated minorities. Second, we can communicate this concern to the white community and make them aware of the undesirable conditions.

It is imperative that JACL take the necessary leadership in the area of civil rights, and JACL must begin to serve the organization's purpose in a broader sense, and the recommendations of the report bring this out.

Direction for JACL

"No American — white or black — can escape the consequences of the continuing social and economic decay of our major cities. Only commitment to national action on an unprecedented scale can shape a future compatible with the historic ideals of American society."

It is necessary that JACL branch out into broader horizons. It will require financial support, time, and endless endeavors, but if we are to be "Better Americans in a Greater America," this is the direction we must take.

they involve relatively small numbers of children. But they start in the right place—with children growing up, before our separate societies have imbued them with notions of superiority or inferiority, distrust and hatred.

And they provide proof to parents whose minds are open that the world does not come to an end when people from our separate societies are brought together — that in fact there are positive values for both groups. By doing so, these programs open the way to further progress.

JACL Can Take Lead

I am convinced that we could have a program of cooperative education in Washington (we already have a start in the Bannockburn area) if groups such as the JACL would take the lead in urging it.

In saying this, I am not suggesting that members of minority groups have a special obligation to solve our civil rights problems. In fact there may be special risks when a group which only recently overcame discrimination itself, takes positions that may not be popular in the community.

But if the problem is basically one of understanding — then I think that groups such as ours (or mine — the Jews) are in a unique position to be of service, because we understand the problem from first-hand experience and we should be able to interpret it to others.

If we can put aside our misconceptions and delusions and create real understanding — then I am convinced that we have the resources and technology to deal with our problems — to make our cities livable decent places for everyone. If we cannot — then I am afraid that all our affluence, our computer technology will not help us one bit.

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