

EXPENSIVE BUSINESS

Our National 3rd Vice President Henry Kanegae's "By the Board" column in the March 22 issue deals in part with the "expensive business" of politics: an expensive business that perhaps Nisei in general, and JACL in particular, cannot afford to ignore these days. Witness the current struggle in the House of Representatives over the Civil Rights bill sent to it by the Senate, to say nothing of the historic earlier fight in the Senate, where cloture was finally evoked after many frustrating failures. This victory was won by a coalition of Democrats and Republicans, finally responsive to the handwriting on the wall.

It seems to me that this is an example of politics at its best. Politics is not a dirty word, it is the art of government, and it behooves us all to know something about that art. In addressing himself to the problems of civil rights, Henry says "It is evident appeals to compassion of man alone will not change this situation. New policies must be adopted that will eliminate, or at least reduce, the arbitrary power some have over others. In other words, security is the basic thing. Security of economy, security of homes, and security in the knowledge that education is readily available to those who desire it. It is in this area the JACL and we individually could actively become involved."

The adopting of "new policies" in this sense requires the full commitment of government, industry, groups like JACL, and each Joe Citizen. However, the adoption of new policies requires the more elementary step to many of adopting new attitudes.

This brings me to the very productive meeting of the NCWDC Civil Rights Committee that James Ono chaired in S.F. on March 24.

A MIRROR?

One of the striking things said at that meeting was that we Nisei, when we get around to talking about jobs and housing for Negro and Mexican Americans, tend to look at the white society. We seldom look at ourselves, and it follows that we might have a little more impact, small though it may be, upon the employment and renting policies of our own yellow society.

Let anyone be quick to take offense, let me acknowledge that there are Japanese businesses in all areas who have hired minority people.

However, let's also acknowledge that the Japanese American has not avoided the spectre of job and housing discrimination, either as targets or as inflators. If we have been guilty of the latter, we have had lots of company, but having company in being wrong is a luxury we can't afford.

What was being said very simply is, that we in JACL might hold a mirror up to the Japanese community and simply remind ourselves that, at least where we have the say, equal employment and equal housing must be our creed. For those who question whether we ought to go out of our way to hire Negroes, I would say that some going out of the way might be necessary to enable them to catch up. To those who are quick to say many of them aren't qualified, I would say that this is sometimes a convenient rationalization, but if it isn't, how about some active concern in programs now being operated to help qualify such people?

A PROPOSAL

At the risk of pre-empting Jim's committee, I want to mention one concrete idea that came out of that confab that might jell.

The Jr. JACL in NCWDC has a body of youth that want to work in the summer and/or during schools as tutors. The proposal is that the District consider raising a sum of money that can buy a given number of hours of such tutoring.

This is not a new idea, it is being done with government OEO grants now. The difference is that JACL money will provide the compensation for our own Juniors to tutor disadvantaged youngsters. OEO money, by definition, must go to disadvantaged youth to do the tutoring.

This project has tremendous potential for enabling the Jr. JACL and the JACL to work together in a common cause. The big question is will we accept the responsibility of raising the \$?

SCHOLARSHIP

Glad to hear of the pro-



CHERRY BLOSSOM QUEEN—Janice Eiko Teramae, 21, was crowned 1968 Cherry Blossom Festival queen in Honolulu. A graduate of Maryknoll High School there, she is currently a Univ. of Hawaii student and stewardess for Aloha Airlines. She is 5 ft. 2, weighs 95 lb., and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Crawford. Serving with her on the court are Victoria Naomi Ford, serving with her on the court are Victoria Naomi Suzuki, 19; Cynthia Isako Doi, 20; Lauren Kayahara, 20; and Roberta Hana Kobayashi, 19. Fourteen girls competed for the honors, which includes a tour of Japan and a trip to Lil Tokyo's Nisei Week.

—Honolulu Japanese Jaycees Photo.

COLUMBIA BASIN JACL REACTIVATED AS PACIFIC NORTHWEST'S 8TH UNIT

MOSES LAKE, Wash.—The Columbia Basin JACL, which was reactivated Feb. 18, discussed its program for the remainder of the year prior to a successful potluck supper Mar. 24 at the Big Bend Community College North Union Bldg. that attracted over 60 guests and members.

Special guests included Japanese farm trainees in the local area.

Columbia Basin, which now becomes the 92nd active JACL chapter in the national organization, was founded in late 1954 and continued through 1956. It is also the eighth chapter in the Pacific Northwest District Council. Charles Kataoka is the 1968 chapter president. Some of the members belonged to the Spokane chapter, about 100 miles northeast of Moses Lake.

Launching the membership drive at the potluck supper, Dr. and Mrs. Don A. Morgan were among the first couple being enrolled. Dr. Morgan is president of Big Bend Community College.

Tasty Oriental, Hungarian and American style dishes were shared during the supper, topped off with entertainment and showing of two films: "Battle for the Gothic Line," the story of the 442nd

Ethnic make-up of L.A. schools bared

LOS ANGELES—Results of the city school's second ethnic survey made last October shows that 41.7 pct. of all pupils are members of a racial or ethnic minority, an increase of 1.7 pct. over the previous year's figure.

The survey, mandated by the State Board of Education, shows a total of 25,775 (3.5%) Chinese - Japanese - Korean. Other totals:

Caucasian 399,393—54.1%
Negro students 157,623—21.4%
Spanish-surname 149,964—20.3%
American Indian 1,552—0.1%
Other nonwhite 3,914—0.5%

Another phase of the state-mandated survey shows the following breakdown of school employees:

TEACHERS
Negro 3,944—14.7%
Spanish-surname 316—3.0%
Caucasian 20,921—78.0%
Oriental 1,062—4.0%
American Indian 11—0.0%
and other nonwhite 85—0.3%

ADMINISTRATORS
(Principal, Vice-Principal)
Caucasian 996—91.4%
Spanish-surname 14—1.3%
Negro 66—6.1%
Oriental 11—1.0%
American Indian 2—0.2%
and other nonwhite 2—0.2%

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES
Caucasian 7,798—53.8%
Spanish-surname 916—6.6%
Negro 4,888—35.0%
Oriental 388—2.4%
American Indian 41—0.3%
and other nonwhite 41—0.3%

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Shimoda talks on 'cooperation' at S.F. center rites

BY YOSH HOTTA

SAN FRANCISCO—Cooperation, not confrontation, was the theme of Ambassador Takeda Shimoda's speech as he addressed an overflow audience of community leaders and businessmen as part of the dedication ceremonies of the Japan Cultural and Trade Center on March 28.

Speaking on the "New United States-Japan Partnership," he traced the historical ties that San Francisco has with the Orient and Japan. He made a plea that trade barriers be decreased, not increased to provide free trade between the United States and Japan. He praised the role of Japanese Americans in bringing about closed understanding of the two countries, by their being Americans with a Japanese cultural heritage. He asked for an understanding of Japan's role in the Orient in her attempt to bring about a closer cooperation of Asian Nations in a peaceful atmosphere.

Sponsoring the formal luncheon was the California Council for International Trade, the World Trade Club of San Francisco, the Japanese American Citizens League, and other organizations interested in US-Japan relations. Seated at the head table was Mrs. Yo Hironaka, president of the San Francisco JACL Chapter.

Mayor's Message

During the morning outdoor ceremonies opening the Center, Mayor Joseph Alioto, of San Francisco, who was head of the California Rice Grower's Association drew an analogy between the earthquake of 1923 when California farmers sent seed rice to Japan to help restore devastated rice fields and the return of these efforts in the Japanese cooperation for the creation of the Center. The planting of the seeds of cooperation and friendship between peoples usually result in fruitful ventures.

Lighting the "eternal flame of friendship" was Taizo Ishizaka, president, Japan Federation of Economic Organizations, and one of Japan's foremost industrialists.

On March 29, speaking informally in Japanese at the lunch given by the Japanese community of San Francisco, which was also co-sponsored by the JACL, the Ambassador urged the spreading of the spirit of Japan and praised the community for its effort in putting up the Center.

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CHAPTER HONORS—Landscape contractor Lou S. Tsunekawa received the Stockton JACL Certificate of Appreciation for this 14 years of work with youth. The active JACLer has been a coach in both the Little League and American Legion Babe Ruth league — Richard Yoshikawa Photo.

Salt Lake JACL

honors Hibakusha host

SALT LAKE CITY—The local JACL honored Mrs. Barbara Reynolds of the Hiroshima World Friendship Center at an open house reception last Sunday at the YWCA.

Mrs. Reynolds is remembered as one of the sponsors of the Hibakushas (A-bomb victims) from Hiroshima and Nagasaki on a world tour peace study mission. They visited Salt Lake about five years ago and spoke to many groups of their experiences and purpose of the tour.

CONVENTION AGENDA MATTERS:

JACL's Executive Reorganization

Purpose of Executive Reorganization

To make the JACL function more effectively by streamlining the functions of the National Board logically and to have National Officers share in the management of JACL.

Reasons: Work is not being accomplished expeditiously; ideas and projects are left dangling; effective use of members, particularly officers, is not being made; present organizational structure makes it difficult to operate effectively.

Summary of Recommendations

- 1—Reorganize the National Board to include a "president-elect."
- 2—Authorize \$3,000 a year for three meetings of the proposed National Executive Committee of the National Board.
- 3—Group standing National Committees into Departments, each Department

Except for some possible "last-minute" changes, the final draft on Executive Reorganization, prepared by the National JACL Planning Commission, is being previewed in this week's issue. It is a product of several months of correspondence among members of the Planning's Eastern District Council nucleus and the PC Editor, who served as staff consultant, and a work session attended by Jerry Enomoto and other national officers in Los Angeles.

District planning commissioners, chapter presidents and delegates, and national committee chairmen will receive a final report of this proposal in the coming weeks.—H.H.

to be supervised by a National Vice-President.

4—Authorize Presidential appointees selected on basis of technical competence to serve as non-voting members of the National Board.

5—Provide stipend for nationally elected members of the board, e.g. \$10 per month for communications, stationery, etc.

A—Changes Within the National Board

1—The National President shall continue as chairman of the National Board and supervise the affairs of the Organization with approval of the National Board.

2—Functions of the President-Elect primarily are (a) to relieve some of the pres-

ures on the National President, whose overall responsibilities are greater than a volunteer can be expected to carry; and (b) to give opportunity for the one to move into the National Presidency with some experience, thereby providing continuity at the top level.

2.1—The President - Elect would have his National Committees organized before the National Convention where he takes over, so key committee chairmen can help set directions. At present, as much as half a year elapses before National Committee Chairmen are resolved and things are organized.

2.2—Designation of title needs to be decided. Some prefer "senior vice-president" or "executive vice-president" rather than "president-elect."

2.3—It is proposed that President-Elect must stand for election to the Presidency although election may be automatic.

2.4—If President-Elect resigns while in office or for any reason cannot continue, a mail election by Chapters is proposed or a poll of Chapters in their respective District Council meeting.

3—Vice-Presidents shall be designated by area of responsibility rather than numerically to insure properly qualified persons are considered. (Refer to "National Committee System").

This method encourages development of National Committee chairmen as prime prospects for National Vice-Presidents.

4—Secretary to the National Board was originally charged with taking minutes of official proceedings, but with staff now responsible, it is recommended that this office be abolished.

The President is authorized to hire a competent secretary for recording National Board and National Council proceedings.

5—Treasurer functions as financial record keeper. Should this post be appointed to insure a qualified person?

5.1—Some feel that the Treasurer as "watcher" of our funds makes less need for technical competence and be more attuned to the matter of Chapter quotas, budget and fiscal policies, and should be continued to be elected.

5.2—It is also suggested that the Treasurer by designated Vice-President for Finance.

cal Affairs, reserving the title of Treasurer to a paid staff position to handle the accounting at National Headquarters.

6—1000 Club Chairman, as a National officer, shall be elevated to Vice-President with supervision over all aspects of membership, i.e. Vice-President in charge of Development.

6.1—An objection raised against this change is fear we may lose 1000 Clubbers because we lack an elected officer's drive. Sentiment is also strong for retention of a National 1000 Club Chairman as an elected position.

6.2—Is it consistent to have the National Council elect a chairman of one national committee—the 1000 Club Chairman, when all other Committee Chairmen are appointed by the President? Other National Committees vital to the health of the Organization—Membership, Civil Rights, Public Relations, etc., rank with the 1000 Club. Should these Chairmen be elected to produce a conscientious incumbent?

7—Immediate Past National President shall be a voting Board member.

7.1—In lieu of another past

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Swift action urged to have House pass civil rights bill

LONG BEACH—In an "open letter" to members of the House of Representatives, Dr. David Miura, national 2nd vice-president, has urged "swift action in approving the Senate version of the Civil Rights Act."

Now in the House Rules Committee, the bill is expected to be acted upon next Tuesday, April 9. (Rep. Spark Matsunaga of Hawaii is among the 15 in this committee.)

The letter reads:
AN OPEN LETTER TO THE U.S. CONGRESS
Honorable Members of the House of Representatives:

The Senate has taken a giant step towards reducing the probability of major riots in our cities. Although there is no assurance that the Civil Rights Act as passed by the Senate will prevent riots, certainly their action will give the moderates a weapon to help quell the surging tide.

We hope that you, as a responsible body, representative of all the people, will take swift action in approving the Senate version of the Civil Rights act, without amendments. An immediate affirmative move will give the much needed assurance that Congress, and all of America are honestly concerned and are compassionate to the problems of the minority.

DR. DAVID MIURA
2nd Vice-President



1968 OFFICERS—New board members of the Fremont JACL chapter are (from left): seated—Mas Kishiyama, past pres.; Ted Inouye, pres.; Aileen Tsujimoto, 3rd v.p.; standing—Dr. Eiji Amemiya, hist.; Ed Mayeda, Ted Kaneko, Mas Yamasaki, 2nd v.p.; Kaz Shikano, treas.; Mas Kitani, 1st v.p.; Eugene Tsujimoto, Frank Nakasako, Kaz Kawaguchi.

—Fremont JACL Photo.

"Heritage for the Future"

20th Biennial National JACL Convention

AUG. 21-24, 1968—SAN JOSE

21 Weeks Remain Until Convention Time

View Inside the White House

Washington
Should an artist be asked to create a painting which would artistically represent or reflect the problems confronting the Johnson Administration, his work of art would most likely be in the category of "Pop Art". His theme for the masterpiece could well be "Confusion and Conflict 1968"; and perhaps his color combinations would be vividly representing the powerful forces acting and reacting around the "white" house. There would undoubtedly be broad strokes of yellow representing the Vietnam war, black representing Black Power, black and blue representing the race for the Democratic presidential nomination, and shades of gray representing the changing moods of the U.S. dollar. Got the picture?

With this picture in mind, visualize yet another picture of President Johnson, facing an audience of foreign language newspaper editors, giving them assurances that the state of the union has never been so good.

Just such an event took place in the East Room of the White House last week; and in Harry Honda's absence, there I was, among some 80 foreign-speaking newspaper editors, glaring into the heavily magnified glasses of the President of the United States. Two Japanese newspaper editors from San Francisco were also present: Iwao Shimizu of Hokubei Mainichi and Duncan Ikezoe of Nichi-Bel Times.

While the President proceeded to run down a list of legislative achievements during the past month, I couldn't help but think of the opposition his pending legislative proposals and policies are now receiving in the Congress.

While the Senate and the House "ignored" former President Harry Truman in his final White House days, the

Congress of today is actively "opposed" to some of President Johnson's efforts to cope with crises at home and abroad.

Consider the following:

1-Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield opposes the President on the Vietnam war, and the Senate Finance Committee daily assaults the Administration and its conduct of the war. One-third of the House membership has petitioned for a change in our present Vietnam policy.

2-The President's fiscal budget is under constant attack from all quarters. Chairman Wilbur Mills of the House Ways and Means Committee has up to now refused to approve a tax increase.

3-Senate Majority Whip Russell Long is fighting the President on his domestic programs. Conservatives of both the Senate and House threaten to repeal some of the President's Great Society measures by refusing funds to continue them. On the other hand, Senator Robert Kennedy calls for even larger programs.

4-The President's top-priority, anti-crime legislation is bogged down despite his efforts to win support by accepting a wiretapping provision.

5-The President's civil rights bill, while barely passing the Senate, is now faltering in the House; and approval of his \$10 billion approach to the nation's housing problem is now doubtful.

Building Trades

WASHINGTON — The presidents of 18 international building trades unions with some 8,500 union locals have recently assured Secretary of Labor W. Willard Wirtz that they will take appropriate steps to recruit more workers from the Negro population and other minority groups.



Accent on Youth Alan Kumamoto

You and Me, Brother

Patterns of American Prejudice, the centennial symposium at the University of California, Berkeley, brought together a wide assortment of professionals invited by the Chancellor himself. The selection process itself might be considered unique with the roster of delegates numbering over 300 spanning the country as well as those in the fields of religion; government and politics; human relations; education; mass media, and industry.

And admittedly one of the sorest points most conspicuously revealed to the planner and organizer was the absence of Orientals both for inclusion as speakers, or respondents as well as their story within the over all picture of prejudice against minorities. Yet despite shortcomings that came out of the two and a half days, the results could only be summed as a worthy effort and of special importance perhaps was the opportunity to acquaint oneself with those engaged in the process of bringing about a greater degree of human understanding on the private and public agency levels.

In the public agency sphere three individuals remain in my mind. One comes from what we may call an urban area. The second from a smaller population center, and the third from a more suburban community. All three areas have JACL chapters in them and each is the director of an agency attached to the City Government labeled in the field of human relations or rights. One was a Caucasian, the other a Negro, and the third an Oriental.

As we were touring the sites across the bay in San Francisco, I asked for their comments regarding their observation of the Japanese American Community in their local area and how the Japanese American Community may itself become involved with their respective City departments.

As the conversation began one director remarked that one of their City Councilmen was Oriental and that this person served as a role model for the rest of the Oriental Community, for this councilman was one of the few actively involved in trying to find out more about the ethnic subcultures comprising the area and in turn this had helped to gain greater

respectability for the councilman. The result effect was that because of the Councilman's position as well as being an Oriental minority it gave conspicuous consciousness to those around the community to identify that indeed Orientals were concerned in bringing about better inter-ethnic relations and that with the majority. It also gave some of the Orientals the example to forge ahead in entering into this area of concern.

The second response came from a Negro director who said that there were a couple of Orientals involved in some of the programs his agency was working on. However, he felt that still remaining was the greater task of finding out specifically what the Orientals needs were, along with how they may help to improve the various existing relationships within the community. He still sensed a lack of Oriental community leader contacts and responses.

Finally our last response came from the Oriental who felt we must destroy ethnic stereotypes and myths as they exist. Stereotypes are to be always considered negative since they don't depict the true picture. Orientals in many cases are experiencing a "reverse stereotype," or a "positive" stereotyping in that in a majority of cases they are looked upon in a favorable light. Yet despite this favorable picture still a true image of the Orientals may not be revealed. So the conclusion was to "tell it as it is." This interpretation is not to say we must tear down the Oriental in the eyes of the majority or his visible minority brother, but to face the conscious realization that there are ills or certain growing pains which the Orientals must admit to and face in concert with those surrounding their groupings which comprise their multi-ethnic community.

The mass media reports that a long but frustrating summer is approaching with in all our communities and that we shall not come out of these experiences untouched or unscarred. And indeed some of our communities even today are feeling some of the repercussions.

Are the Orientals truly identified with the white majority by their fellow ethnic minority brothers? Are the Orientals really accepted, not

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NEWS CAPSULES

Business

S. K. Uyeda, Lili Tokio businessman and active 1000 Clubber, confirmed this week purchase of Taul Bldg. at 1st and San Pedro from Mrs. Rosalie S. Phillips and Benedict Hughes, who had leased the building to Taul Watanabe shortly after the end of WW2. He has no plans of demolishing the building, which has been found to be structurally sound. It was built in 1908 of reinforced concrete for Newmark Bros., gutted by fire in 1928, then rebuilt and leased to Tomozo Tomio who renamed it the Tomio Bldg.

San Francisco attorney Alexander D. Calhoun Jr. and Kyuru Mori, managing director and agent of Bank of Tokyo, Ltd., New York Agency, were elected to the Bank of Tokyo of California board of directors. Calhoun is also president of the Japan Society of San Francisco. A Tokyo movie crew is in the U.S. creating a film documentary for Japan Air Lines intended to encourage still more Japanese tourists to travel here. Nishikigoi (Golden Carp) Trading Co., located in the San Francisco Cultural-Trade Center, will be home for a rare Japanese carp over three ft. long and valued at \$20,000, according to owner Moriya Unozawa.

Japanese sales representative Raymond M. Akashi, a San Francisco JACL board member, was named Japanese passenger sales manager for American President Lines, responsible for promoting travel to Japan throughout the U.S. He is native of Merced, attended schools in California and Japan and is a paratrooper veteran. Kaoru Murakami succeeds Kazuo Akanuma as manager of Bank of Tokyo's branch at San Jose. Akanuma, who has been in San Jose since the branch was opened six years ago, is returning to Tokyo to a position with the Bank of Tokyo head office in Japan.

Olsen Corp., land development firm, has leased space for its headquarters in the Kajima Bldg. in Lili Tokio. Olsen will develop the first Japanese type spa in Coachella Valley.

Minoru Shinmoto of Southern California Nursery was re-elected for the fifth consecutive time to the Fox Hills Savings & Loan Assn. board of directors.

Vital Statistics

Katsubei Sakaguchi, 83, a founder of the Japanese Association in Brighton, Colo., died on Mar. 15. He has been a Brighton resident since 1912.

Toyozo Doi, father of Hawaii Circuit Judge Masato Doi, died Mar. 9 at Honokaa Hospital on the Big Island. The senior Doi, 99, went to the Big Island in 1888 as a plantation worker. He retired in 1939. In 1959, at the age of 70, he became a naturalized American citizen.

Entertainment

Now hosting at New Chinatown's Grandview Gardens in L.A. is Mas Hamasu, popular Nisei singer, in the Buddha Room with Japanese songstress Nami Donalds duetting on Friday and Saturday evenings. Ex-Nisei Week Queen Helen Fujita portrays a stewardess in the April 11 segment of "Bewitched", ABC-TV.

Sports

Makoto Sakamoto of USC won four out of seven events in the Pacific Eight conference gymnastic finals at Eugene, taking the parallel, horizontal bar, side horse, rings and a tie for first in the free exercise. Entries by Yamahara swept 10 places in the Daytona Beach American Motorcycle Assn. races on Mar. 16 in the 250 cc. class. Hayward Nishikida of Hayward won the grand championship in the SPAU district judo matches at East Los Angeles College after winning the open division. He defeated Toshiyuki Seino of Hollywood, 154-lb. winner, for the grand championship. Seino was defending grand champion.

Beauties

Cathy Yamamoto, 16, daughter of the Tom Yamamotos of Beverly, Wash., became Miss Royal Slope. Sachiko Sato, 22, of Tokyo was selected as Miss Japan for the Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, D.C., which opened April 2.

Hospitality Night
WASHINGTON — New and old members of the Washington, D.C. JACL will frolic at the annual Hospitality Night program April 6, 8:30 p.m., at the Vienna Trust Co. auditorium in McLean, Va. Gale Asaka is event chairman.

Join the 1000 Club



Ross Harano to address Midwest confab banquet

DETROIT — The Detroit JACL will host the Spring Business Meeting of the Midwest District Council and MDYC over the Memorial Day weekend, May 31 - June 2. The convention headquarters will be the Pontchartrain Hotel, located in the center of Detroit's convention center.

Co-chairmen Bill Adair and Elaine Akagi announced the schedule for the "mini-convention."

Friday, May 31
6 p.m. - 12 M. Registration
8 p.m. - 12 M. Adult, Young Adult Mixer, Jr. Mixer.
Saturday, June 1
9 a.m. - Registration
9 a.m. - Noon MDC Meeting, MDYC Meeting.
12 - 3 p.m. Luncheon, Oratorical Contest.
3 - 5 p.m. Joint Adult - Jr. Workshop.
7 p.m. Banquet.
9 p.m. Sayonara Ball.

For the first time in many years, the adults and youth will combine for a workshop with the theme "JACL-Heritage for the Future." The discussions will center on JACL history and ideas to better the future of Jr. JACL, Young Adults and JACL.

The convention theme, "How Far-JACL?", will be the banquet speaker Ross Harano's guideline in presenting a youthful JACLer's viewpoint of JACL and civil rights. Ross is the MDC's Youth Commissioner and a former Chicago Jr. JACL president.

The Jerry Ross orchestra will play for the Sayonara Ball.

Package deal for the activities is \$16 for adults and \$13.50 for youth. Room rate for youth at the Pontchartrain is \$5 per person, per night, 4 to a room.

Registration deadline is May 15.

Fowler JACL sponsors community picnic

FOWLER—The annual Fowler community picnic, sponsored by the local JACL, was held last Sunday at the Sam Parnagian ranch. The chapter increased its underwriting of picnic expenses to allow \$3 per family for refreshments and prizes.

Shig Uchiyama, chairman, was assisted by Mrs. William Kobayashi of the Fowler Japanese Methodist Church, and Joyce Takeda of the Fowler Buddhist Church. Rev. William Kobayashi and Thomas Toyama.

Tour to Mexico set

LOS ANGELES — The 1968 Mitauille nine-day spring fun tour to Mexico, being escorted by Fred Takata and Takito Yamaguchi, both active JACLers, will leave here by air April 20. The combination of two escorts will insure both Issei and Nisei on tour to enjoy the visits without language barrier.

Potluck dinner reset

PORTLAND — The Portland JACL annual get-acquainted potluck dinner has been rescheduled for April 6 at the Nichiren Buddhist Church, with Nobu Taubol and Mary Nakadate as co-chairmen.

Fund-raising dinner

DAYTON—The Dayton JACL annual spring fund-raising dinner will be held on Saturday, May 4, 6:30 p.m., at the YWCA.

POSTHUMOUS HONORS — East Los Angeles JACL certificate of appreciation to the late Ken Utsunomiya, onetime national JACL officer whose long service with the JACL credit union in Southern California and inspiration to the chapter, is presented by Frank Chuman to Mrs. Ken (Dorothy) Utsunomiya.

—Toyo Miyatake Studio.

Nisei high school PTA president reacts to Mexican-American student boycott

LOS ANGELES—In the wake of recent demonstrations of unrest at East Los Angeles schools, Mmes. Mitsui Oba and Albert Johnson, Garfield and Roosevelt High School PTA presidents, respectively, issued the following statement on behalf of their organizations:

Dedication —

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Ideals and plans are always present, but the drive to place them in reality takes hard work and effort.

Spirit of Japanese Today

He said that while Japan was becoming satisfied with her materialistic progress, the Japanese were also beginning to look out at the world around them, and entering into the world community in a spirit of cooperation.

He invited everyone to attend the World Exposition to be held in Osaka in 1970, for it was the first time that an Asiatic country was holding a sanctioned world exposition. He said if necessary, "fly now, and pay later."

JACL members at these functions included: Mas Sato; Jack Kusaba, vice-president, Sumitomo Bank; Sam Sato, Bank of Tokyo; Jack Hirose, CPA (JACL auditor); Eddie Moriguchi, CPA; Hais Aizawa, Aizawa Associates; Mas Yanase, Japan Air Lines; Tad Hirota, director, Western Pioneer Insurance Co.

Convention —

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Some indication that the JACL installation ceremony as currently performed is in need of updating was noted when the New York JACL swore in their 1968 board members in private and then had the officers introduced during the installation banquet.

The President's Notebook outlines the ceremony and oath of office as follows:

INSTALLATION CEREMONY
If the administrator of the oath is not too familiar with Japanese names, the new officers should be introduced and called to the floor by the toastmaster. The new officers will come up to the head table facing the administrator of the oath.

ADMINISTRATOR OF OATH: "Newly elected officers of the JACL Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League. I remind you of the purposes of our (your) organization as stated in our (your) constitution, purposes which you will seek to further during your tenure of office."

The Administrator is not identified with JACL, he should refer to "your organization and your constitution, instead of 'our'."
"This organization shall promote, sponsor and encourage programs, projects, and activities which shall be designed to further and encourage every member to perform faithfully his duties and obligations to the United States of America. The organization and its members shall uphold the Constitution of the United States and the laws of the land and the several states."
"I hereby charge you that you shall be true to the Stars and Stripes of the Flag of our Nation, that you will uphold the Constitution of our (your) organization, and be true to the ideals of the Japanese American Citizens League as expressed in its motto — 'Better Americans in a Greater America.'"

"If you agree to these charges, answer by saying, 'I do.'"

ADMINISTRATOR OF OATH: "It is well. Will you raise your right hand and repeat after me."

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ADMINISTRATOR OF OATH: "Thank you." (Newly installed officers to remain standing.)
To audience: "And now, may we all stand and join with our (these) newly elected officers in pledging anew our allegiance to our Country by saluting our Flag."
[All rise and repeat Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag].
After the completion of the pledge, the officers-elect will return to their seats and the Administrator of the oath may make some proper remarks or go into his speech for the evening, or here may follow the recognitions to the outgoing officers if not done previously.

— CALENDAR OF JACL EVENTS —

April 5 (Friday)
West Los Angeles—Earth Sci Mtg. 7:30 p.m.
April 6 (Saturday)
Portland—Potluck dinner, Nichiren Buddhist Church, 8 p.m.
D.C.—Hospitality Night, Vienna Trust Co. Auditorium, McLean, Va. 8:30 p.m.
April 7 (Sunday)
Arizona—Chapter picnic.
NC-WNDYC—Exec Bd Mtg. Sequoia JACL hosts.
April 10 (Wednesday)
Orange County—Bd Mtg.
April 13 (Saturday)
San Jose—Ragtime Doubles, 4th St. Bowl.
April 14 (Easter Sunday)
East Los Angeles—Jr. JACL egg hunt.
Spokane—Egg hunt, Wandermere Park, 1 p.m.
Sequoia—Egg hunt.
April 17 (Wednesday)
CCYDC—Beach party, Oceano.
Seattle—Bd Mtg. JACL Office, 8 p.m.
April 18 (Thursday)
Downtown L.A.—Luncheon Mtg. Tokyo Kalkan, 12 n.
April 19 (Friday)
Placer County—Issei Night, Placer Buddhist Church.
April 20 (Saturday)
Sacramento—Family Night potluck supper, Nisei Hall.
San Jose—Potluck supper, oratorical contest, Buddhist Church Annex.
San Diego—Issei Night potluck dinner, Buddhist Church, 6:30 p.m.
Oakland—Charter flight to Hawthorne, Nev.
April 21 (Sunday)
Cincinnati—Issei recognition, YWCA, 1 p.m.
Contra Costa—New Member Welcome-Issei Appreciation potluck dinner, Kennedy High School.
Placer County—Community picnic, JACL Recreation Park, Milwaukie Spring Social.
April 25 (Thursday)
Sacramento—Gen Mtg.
April 26 (Friday)
San Diego—Bd Mtg. JACL office.
April 27 (Saturday)
Orange County—Dinner Mtg. Rev. House, Santa Ana, 7 p.m.
Long Beach—Oriental Fantasy Dance.
April 27-28
IDC—2d Quarterly Snake River JACL hosts.
NC-WNDYC — Spring Activity: San Francisco Jr. JACL hosts. Sequoia—Bd Mtg.
April 30 (Tuesday)
Seattle—Human Rel. Comm Mtg. JACL Office, 8 p.m.
May 1-3
PSWDC — Pre-convention rally, Progressive Westside JACL hosts. Hacienda Hotel, El Segundo, Friday—1000 Club Whirlwind; Saturday—Oratorical Contest, Art Show, Business Sessions. Banquet speaker: Rep. Spark Matsunaga; Sunday — Business Sessions.
May 4 (Saturday)
Arizona — Scholarship Banquet, Safari, Scottsdale.
Long Beach-Harbor — Tempura Takeout, Harbor Community Center, 4-6 p.m.
Monterey Peninsula—Joint Jr. So. Calif. with Sonoma County Jr. Dayton — Spring Dinner, YWCA, 6:30 p.m.
May 5 (Sunday)
San Jose—Jr. JACL Shibui Cultural Show.
May 7 (Tuesday)
San Mateo—Bd Mtg. Sturge Presbyterian Church.
CDCC—Mtg. Bruce's Lodge, Fowler, 7 p.m.
May 8 (Wednesday)
West Los Angeles—Chapter/Auxiliary Dinner, Fandora Restaurant, 6:30 p.m.; "Life in Africa", Jean-Pierre Hallet, spkr.

benefit dance Apr. 27

Long Beach slates youth

LONG BEACH—Romance and the stuff dreams are made of will be woven into the music of Henry Miranda's band at the annual Oriental Fantasy Benefit Dance Saturday, April 27, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Harbor Community Center.

Co-chairmen Fudge Tanishita and Dianne Shimizu are being assisted by:

Art Noda, Min Miki, Fred Ikeuchi, Harry Saaki, Frank Hayaishi, Masakazu Iyrie, Bill Manaka, Roy Meyer, Joe Fletcher, Dr. David Miura and Nobu Narita.

Call Alice Nagano, 427-2977 for table reservations. Tickets are \$25 per person and may be purchased from the committee or at the door.

Fish & game man to address Downtown L.A.

LOS ANGELES—A representative from the State Fish & Game Dept. will address the Downtown L.A. JACL noon luncheon meeting at Tokyo Kalkan, on Thursday, April 18, according to Takito Yamaguchi, program chairman. Fred Wada, community leader whose talents in fishing are equally outstanding, will be guest of honor.

The chapter will announce its Mother of the Year at a Mother's Day dinner at Man Jen Low on Friday, May 10, it was announced.

JACL pledges \$100 for new Santa Ana garden

SANTA ANA — The Orange County JACL has pledged \$100 in support of the projected Japanese garden to be situated adjacent to the new courthouse in the Civic Center complex here.

Mln Inokuchi is spearheading the project. Other Issei-Nisei groups are expected to support the garden proposal.

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By SADIE YAMANE

Principal speaker was The Hon. Paul D. White, Cleveland Law Director, and acting may-

(The Shoji Dancers performed Mar. 16-17 at the Music Hall. Mrs. Mitsui Tanji has been coordinator-director since the group was formed 11 years ago as Cleveland

Telegrams were sent by JACL Chairman Ken Asamoto to Ohio's two senators, Stephen B. Young and Frank Lausche on Feb. 20 on the chapter's support of civil rights, fair housing, and fair employment. A response received two days later from Sen. Young stated his thanks for the expression of the Chapter's stand.



CLEVELAND JUNIORS—Present at the Cleveland JACL installation were the 1968 Cleveland Jr. JACL officers (from left): Seated — Linda Asazawa, hist.; Beverly Hashiguchi, cor. sec.; Lori Nakashige, rec. sec.; Kathy Kadowaki, v.p.; Standing—William Tashima, pres.; and Don Oshiro, treas.

German and Italian Americans in push to eliminate racial slur in TV roles

Single said Staats-Zeitung has received many complaints from readers about TV shows and publications which they considered damaging to the German image.

The injunction was obtained by the Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith, the Jewish service organization, which contended the words "anti-defamation league" have been closely identified with its own activities during the 53 years of its existence.

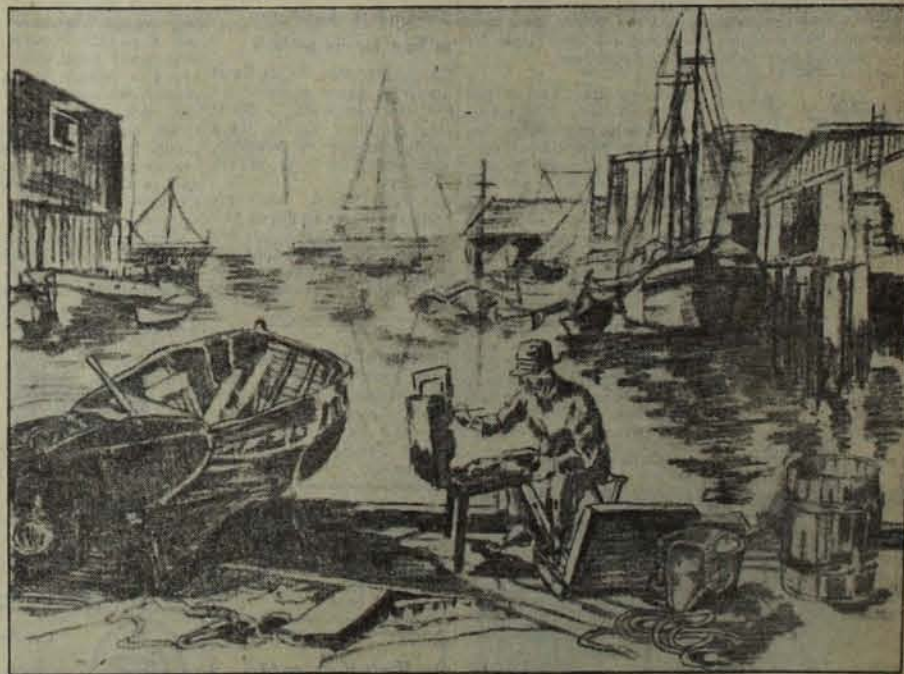
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Spring

Now that it's Spring and close to graduation, a young man's fancy probably turns toward that perennial question of how to stay out of the draft. When I was young and fancy free, I had a friend who had been a kamikaze pilot. He had been attending school when the war broke out, and being an athletic type, he became a fighter pilot. After fighting in the defense of Tokyo, he was volunteered as a kamikaze. He had the time of his young life. After all, nothing was too good for those boys who were certain to take a one-way ticket. In the midst of all this splendor, the war ended.

Having a little money, he went back to the family business, and then decided to go back to school, only he hired some hungry student to go to the University in his name. The student would get the education, he would get the degree. After two years of this hard study, I saw him one day, agitated beyond belief. "That dumb so and so, he flunked me out of college!"

The JACL can't do everything for you. If you wonder why the JACL is not doing what you want, better speak out and do some good. The perfect time would be the National Convention in San Jose, this August.

Sounding Board Jeffrey Matsui



Two 'Dissident' Groups

It's gone unnoticed but there's been tremendous strides taken in the past 20 years in establishing understanding and tolerance between two dissident minority groups. In fact such a zenith has been reached in mutual acceptance and respect that today even intermarriage between these two groups is not uncommon. Of course, we're talking about those two groups who have long eyed each other with suspicion and contempt: the mainland born Nisei and the Japanese American "immigrants" from the islands of Hawaii.

And this is really terrific progress. Despite having the same racial ancestry and being physical look-alikes, there seemed to be an unbridgeable gully between the two JA groups because of that part of their personality that had been developed through their respective environment and circumstance. Practically everything the Hawaiian Nisei had become to hate in a man appeared to be found in the mainland Nisei and vice versa. Let me explain.

In Hawaii (during my days) there was a tremendous amount of pressure from the other kids at school—from elementary to junior high school—not to imitate the haole (Caucasian). Especially, in speaking, so forget about correct grammar, proper pronunciation, use of contractions, rhythm in speech, and "high ball" words especially with more than two syllables. And this idea of not "sur-

rendering" to the haole was followed not just by the Japanese but by all non-haoles, including the Portuguese. Imitating the ways of the haole symbolized having no pride, of being ashamed of one's parents, of being phonies, of being weak, of lacking courage, of being a traitor and a betrayer.

The mainland Nisei, on the other hand, being a very small minority who were openly discriminated against tried to gain acceptance by showing the larger community that they were Americans similar to the white American. And so the young Nisei tried to be like the white American (haole) especially in speech.

It is in the realm of possibility that the first fist fight between the kotonk and the pineapple occurred when the lonely Hawaiian newly arrived in California rushed up to what looked like a friendly face from "back home" and asked, "Hey brudda, way-a yucumfrum?" And the mainland answered, "I'm sorry but I can't understand what you're saying." The mainland Nisei probably told his friends about this crazy, uncouth Hawaiian Nisei who just walked up to him, mumbled something and then punched him for no reason. Meanwhile the Hawaiian is telling someone about how he punched this phony Japanese who was trying to get sassy with him. And there must have been hundreds of these types of misunderstandings.

Enomoto--

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ductive meeting of the Committee chaired by Buddy Iwata in Fresno recently. JACL's scholarship program has expanded rapidly, but is far from reaching its potential. Our belief in higher education, and education's vital role in the future, require that we shape a program that will give increasing encouragement and aid to those Japanese American youth who seek it.

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Today, a great deal of this misunderstanding has been cleared and relationship between the groups has continuously progressed because there has been more personal contacts between members of the two groups. Although there are other reasons for the improved relationship, the main reason is simply that they got to know each other better. So it should follow that for continued progress we should follow the same course of relying on our personal contact and experience as the basis for judgment rather than getting it second hand from a friend or "ex-

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WATTS WALLOPER—Ron Shiozaki, PSWDC governor, holds the Watts Walloper plaque, presented to persons contributing \$10 or more for associate membership in the Green Power Foundation, 1150 S. San Pedro St., Los Angeles, Calif. 90015. Although the foundation is nonprofit, its corporate structure allows for development of profit-oriented entities, the first of which is the California Golden Oaks Products, Inc., that is making baseball bats, the "Watts Walloper". But to hire and train workers needed to successfully meet the demand for the bats when it is marketed, the Green Power Foundation is currently seeking financial support. It is an opportunity for Nisei to extend a helping hand to those who seek the means for useful and meaningful job. Name of the donor is inscribed on the plaque.

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Youth completing project to update JACL bibliography

SAN JOSE — Since August, 1967, a bibliography committee in the Northern California-Western Nevada District Youth Council has been compiling and up-dating the JACL bibliography on the Japanese in America.

At the time it was suggested by the Pacific Citizen, it sounded like a mountainous task, according to project chairman Gerry Mitsunaga, of 1151 Panchie Ave., San Jose 95122.

But each committee member has been researching their own local area libraries and much progress has been made in recent months, Mitsunaga said helping him are:

Connie Imada, Barbara Inouye, Randy Okamoto, Jim Omoto, Patricia Seto, Wayne Tomi, Connie Yasuihiro and Aeko Yoshikawa. Mrs. Grace Kanai, of 2549 Fernandez Dr., Sacramento 95822, is project adviser.

The committee still wishes assistance from others to help complete the list.

"What we need now is to have the title, author, publication date, publisher, and any other information on the work," Mitsunaga said. "We will then check for duplication and compile the bibliography."

It has been over a decade since the last bibliography of selected titles was published by JACL. In subsequent years, additions have been made but no extensive search was pursued.

The Pacific Citizen Holiday Issue last year reprinted a bibliography on Japanese in America compiled by Mrs. May Nakano for her history class at Diablo Valley College.

YOUTH POWER '68 CONFERENCE SLATED

LOS ANGELES—A gathering to expose to youth what Youth Power really is has been planned for Sunday, April 21, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., at the USC Founders Hall. Co-sponsored by 22 local organizations, the Pacific Southwest JACL District Youth Council is supporting the program geared to youth between 16 and 25.

The \$1.50 fee covers lunch and conference fee. Steve Allen will be keynote speaker. DYC officers have application forms.

CCDYC beach trip

FRESNO — Central Cal District Youth Council has planned for an Easter vacation beach trip on Saturday, April 13 at Oceano, near Pismo.

Sacramento Auxiliary to host family potluck

SACRAMENTO—An Oriental dinner is being planned for the Sacramento JACL Women's Auxiliary family night potluck supper on Saturday, April 20, 5:30 p.m., at the Nisei Hall.

A cake walk, scavenger hunt and slides of Japan will be shown and door prizes are planned. Chewy and Chiz Ito, who went to Japan on the JACL tour, are showing their slides.

Successful carwash

LOS ANGELES—The Avantes, Hollywood JACL's junior group, washed and waxed cars and did yard work on a recent Sunday, netting \$121 for the day.

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YOUTH SPEAKS:

In Answer to Michael

(The Chicago JACLer in its February issue published two letters received from readers reacting to Michael Oda-naka's article, which the Pacific Citizen reprinted Mar. 8.—Editor).

In the January edition of the Chicago JACLer there appeared an article — "Does Michael Speak the Truth?" In this article the author contends, by citing the comparative worthlessness of certain Jr. JACL projects in the area of Japanese-Negro relations, that Jr. JACLers are generally apathetic toward the civil rights movement.

Unfortunately, I too believe that this is in fact a pervasive attitude among many JACLers, both Jr. and Sr. There does seem to be, however, a rationale behind this attitude. It seems that today's Sr. are too busy fighting for their own equality and respect to be concerned about the problems of other minorities. Now that we Jr. have the rights that our fathers had grudgingly gotten, we find that we are too cozy in our present role of "average" Americans to care about the worries of others.

I also feel that the author

was rather harsh in his criticism in degrading present Jr. JACL activities in the direction of civil rights. These "social activities" are definitely a first step in the right direction. What is wrong with discovering "that Negroes are human after all"? These first contacts between the two communities are very important, if there is going to be any communication between us as peers, not as unequals. What Negroes are striving for is not "black power" in the sense of Negro supremacy, but, rather the right to be judged as men among men.

Anyone can pay "lip service" to the subject, but now is the time for action rather than words, for words alone cannot alleviate the ills of our society. Each individual or even each individual group can do comparatively little, but with the support of everyone, the problems can be licked. So I now propose that

Interpersonal Relations—a course to be aware and accept other feelings

St. Louis

Let me introduce myself, I am Elaine Uchiyama, the Midwest District Youth Council Representative to the National Jr. JACL Council. I am a freshman in the Nursing School of Duke University in North Carolina—home of the exciting Blue Devils Basketball team! I love college and am enjoying (?) struggling with 19 credits hours this semester, hoping at this moment that I last through 3 1/4 more years for my B.S. degree!

I represent, as I've mentioned before, the Midwest District, which has about seven chapters: Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland, Minneapolis, Milwaukee, St. Louis (my home chapter) and our newest, Dayton-Cincinnati.

I've been in Jr. JACL ever since 1963 which seems now like an age, but has been great fun and too short. I can truly say that I've gotten a great deal of enjoyment out of it, as well as added knowledge of myself and of other people. The learning portion of Jr. JACL has helped in broadening my conceptions of my status as a Japanese American. I have made many friends in JACL and all of them are fabulous. Jr. JACL helped me in accepting people on fairer grounds and with a different attitude.

IPR Course

In this first year of Nursing School, we have been taking an IPR Course (Interpersonal Relations) which has also helped me in this respect. We have been learning about interactions between individuals within a group. I've found it fascinating to watch an interaction and to sometimes catch undercurrents of feeling and meaning.

Our course has stressed the importance of being aware of other people's feelings and along with our awareness of other's feelings; an acceptance

on our part of their feelings is also necessary.

Acceptance of the other person as he is and not what we think he should be, an acceptance of his ability to think for himself and acceptance of the feelings and attitudes he may have as the result of his upbringing and individuality. This is only of the interaction, however, for there is the other person in the interaction to consider—yourself.

Aware of Both Feelings

Our course has also stressed the importance of being aware of our own feelings in an interaction. These are just as important as being aware of the other person's feelings, for it is through our own feelings and attitudes that we come to understand the feelings we are aware of in other people. If we do not understand why we react to a person in a certain manner, then it becomes labyrinthine in understanding the other person's reaction to us.

This has been valuable to me, because there are times when it has made me think about why I act the way I do toward some people, why I may act differently to others and why they react to me the way they do. Our course has tended to make us more honest with each other in our relationships which most of us have found refreshing and valuable. It puts aside facades and superficiality, and leaves honest relationships with others possible. I hope someday I can put fully into practice what I've been learning this year.

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positive action programs be instituted by the JACL for the purpose of helping the Negro cause in its fight for civil rights. Some possible ideas are the creation of tutoring services by the Jr. for ghetto children, a fund-raising drive by the Sr. for the formation of scholarships for needy children, and the volunteering of services by Japanese-American lawyers for people who need their services and cannot afford to pay.

I, along with Michael Oda-naka, feel that this country cannot be called a true democracy without making a mockery of its true spirit as long as any American is denied his rights because of race or creed.

MARK SHISHIDA

I, too, am a college freshman and I went through four years of high school with Mike at a school where the students were supposedly integrated (Lane Tech. H.S.). Though Lane did not confront us with the Negro from the lowest of ghettos and slums, it did introduce us to the Negro and to know that they are truly human.

It seems to me that Mike is as impatient as the rest of our generation, but does this impatience bring forth solid answers? With it I can only see more misjudgments and misunderstandings to complicate the ever growing racial problems we have today. Yet, I must agree that the problems being presented are too quickly passed over without the entire knowledge and understanding of why they were even there in the first place. In his article, he stated that the Jr. are not alone in their unconcerned attitude about civil rights. People are not unconcerned, but sometimes too isolated from the problem itself. The apathy of the individual member is not ignorance, but stems from a lack of time to explore the problem. The average person cannot spend his time on just one

problem, but divides it into many pressing problems facing our world today and by doing this he then becomes only a passing spectator.

Since I am more familiar with the Jr. than the Sr., I can only make a statement concerning their activities and not the letter.

I tend to disagree that the Jr. are not doing anything concrete. A social gathering is indeed a good place to meet the people, than to meet under the stiff procedures of a lecture or a meeting. To first meet and discover that they are human is perhaps not an earth shaking discovery, yet it is a step in the right direction. For to refer to the problem as "them, they, and it" only accomplishes drawing board problems, but to work with the people, they have to discover that we too are human.

Though I cannot give any concrete evidence or solutions to the Civil Rights question, I do not feel speed is the answer nor can I say that any pace set is the right one. But

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Seattle
Some few months (or
years?) ago this column men-
tioned Frank Yamasaki and
the public service work he
was doing on off time from
his job as art director of the
CBS affiliate here in Seattle.

Since that time Frank has
changed jobs and is employed
in a similar capacity by the
NBC station KING-TV, the
management of which is
close-tied in with local in-
terests and has an enviable
reputation for the quality of
its news and sports broad-
casts.

Yamasaki's talents embrace
a lot of work on the new job
that is not immediately shown
on the TV screen, such as
the preparation of commer-
cials, and we hope that with
this last admission, the read-
er will be broadminded and
read on. Our boy does con-
siderable field work with a
crew preparing documentaries
in and about our fair city.

Most documentaries strong-
ly present the historical an-
gle, but the plan that in-
trigued this reporter was the
report that KING-TV is
working on the story of the
old Nippon-Kan Hall, which
is 100% history, dating back
to the beginning of the cen-
tury up through the depres-
sion years. Under the inspired
direction which we're sure
the document will receive, it
will be a poignant recollection
of the cultural fringes of the
Seattle Nipponmachi ghetto.

No Dressing Room
The old hall, built to oc-
cupy the lower reaches of the
Astor Hotel's center well at
the corner of Washington and
Maynard (between 6th and
7th) a block from Yesler Way,
is still there gathering dust
and serving as a storage place
for junk. Frank reports that
the ramshackle balcony still
stands and retains most of its

original strength, and men-
tioned one fact that we fail
to remember or didn't even
notice as a variety show per-
former, the backstage has no
dressing rooms.

The neighborhood and ac-
cessibility routes to Nippon-
Kan has changed a lot. May-
nard Avenue used to extend
down the hill to the south
across Main and Jackson in-
to Chinatown, and Washing-
ton used to extend up over
the hill to the eastward. To-
day the intersection is the
end of the line for both
streets, the surrounding area
either bulldozed to make
room for the building of Yes-
ler Terrace, or just going to
weeds. Prior to 1920, the
Japanese Baptist church was
just half a block away up
Washington street, surround-
ed by the kinds of "houses"
that are not homes.

The documentary will find
rich reporting in describing
the many kinds of entertain-
ment offered Nippon Kan
customers. Koto and other
musical concerts and kabuki,
judo, sumo, and the unortho-
dox entertainment we teen-
agers tried to give in minstrel
and variety shows (talent
shows? No, no talent) spon-
sored mostly by the Baptist
Young People's Union. And
then there were imported
chambara and such flickered
by a portable projector with
the invaluable aid of a Ben-
shi. Of course, this was all
before the days of Vitaphone
and Movietone, and the pre-
sent era when Japanese
movies are featured in regu-
lar theatres.

The dramatic and enter-
tainment possibilities of this
particular documentary ven-
ture are almost boundless,
and we feel sure that the pro-
ject is in good hands. Why?
Because the reputation of
KING in this field is tops.
The station recently was
granted a contract to do the
commercial for the Nelson
Rockefeller presidential cam-
paign. But hours later, the
withdrawal of Rocky was an-
nounced.

Hope this wishful thinking
will not flop. The august
committee which is to decide
the location of Seattle's new
\$40,000,000 doomed stadium,
is said to have narrowed it
down the selection to two
downtown areas.

One of them is adjacent to
the Seattle Center (World's
Fair) complex with its Col-
iseum, arena, opera house,
playhouse, municipal stadium,
and exhibition halls. The
other is described to be at the
5th and Yesler location, and
the size of it will probably
embrace a straddling of the
depressed railroad tracks as
with Madison Square Garden,
and a big part of the former
Nipponmachi which would
include the 5th and Main in-
tersection, and down would
come part of that barren hill,
with the old structures which
still remain, including the
old Nippon-Kan building,
which will have to dislodge a
lot of pensioners to make
room for a parking complex.
If it does happen in this
neighborhood, then the ghosts
of old Nippon-Kan will very
likely be haunting the rafters
of the new 55,000 doomed
stadium.

Flight from farms
TOKYO — There are fewer
than 10 million (just under
20 pct) of the national labor
force) farming in Japan, ac-
cording to the Ministry of
Agriculture and Forestry.
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the population was employed
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Political Patter

Honolulu
Rep. Patsy T. Mink in a
surprise decision Mar. 19 an-
nounced her support for Sen.
Robert F. Kennedy in his bid
for Democratic nomination
for President. Mrs. Mink, the
only "dove" in the Hawaii
delegation, announced her de-
cision in reply to a telegram
received Mar. 16 from Ken-
edy, prior to his formal an-
nouncement. On Mar. 18 Sen.
Daniel K. Inouye and Rep.
Spark M. Matsunaga, Hawaii's
other Democrats in Washing-
ton, said they would support
President Johnson. Sen. Hi-
ram L. Fong, Republican, says
he is backing Richard M. Nixon
for the presidency.

Inouye said in Honolulu
Mar. 19 he was "a bit sur-
prised" at Mrs. Mink's an-
nouncement. "If I recall cor-
rectly, within the last month,
she made another press an-
nouncement indicating her
support of Lyndon Johnson,"
Inouye said.

Speaking to a crowd of
about 1,000 Mar. 18 at a \$100-
a-plate dinner at the Ilika,
Inouye warned fellow Demo-
crats they should examine
themselves for the onset of
political obesity and arrogance
of power. Democrats, he said,
must ask themselves if they
are becoming politically fat
and lazy, losing the zeal of
1954 and developing party
programs that will seize the
imagination of a new genera-
tion of voters.

Fong, UPI reports, has ex-
pressed his support for the
\$34 million budget for the
Trust Territory of the Pacific
Islands. He told the Senate
Appropriations Committee the
U.S. has "the responsibility
for promoting the economic,
social, political, health and
education development of the
Micronesians." Matsunaga
has urged the Secretary of
Housing and Urban Develop-
ment to create a position of
full-time representative for
Honolulu's Model Cities proj-
ects.

Emilio S. Alcon, 42, on Mar.
9 took the oath of office as a
member of the State House of
Representatives. Alcon, a De-
mocrat, was named by Gov.
John A. Burns to succeed the
late Wm. M. Furtado as 11th
(Kalihii) Dist. representative.
Alcon is a teacher at Kapi-
olani Community College. . .
Rep. Geo. K. Noguchi on Mar.
18 announced his support for
Sen. Robert F. Kennedy as the
Democratic candidate for
President. Noguchi is serving
his first term in the State
House from the 15th (Manoa-
Waikiki) District.

David Watumull, Hawaii
Republican who was entered
in the New Hampshire pri-
mary, said he received 161
votes. He is believed to be
Hawaii's first Presidential
candidate. "I didn't really ex-
pect to win," said Watumull,
owner of radio station KTRG.
"But I was getting married
and going on a trip anyway
so I decided to run." He said
he spent about \$7,000 on his
two-week campaign.

Coming and going
Pan American World Airways
is going to inaugurate its sum-
mer schedule Apr. 28 when flights be-
tween Hawaii and the Mainland
will increase from the present 99
to 101 a week. There will be 65
weekly round trips between Los
Angeles and Honolulu, 38 between
San Francisco and Honolulu, and
12 between Seattle and Honolulu,
of which seven will be via Port-
land, according to Paul Kendall,
Pan Am's PR chief here.

Honolulu was the port of entry
for just over 5 per cent of the
foreign visitors to the U.S. during
the first six months of 1967, ac-
cording to a report from the Ho-
nolulu office of the Dept. of Com-
merce. The total entering Hon-
olulu was 39,845, which placed the

Aloha from Hawaii

by Richard Gima



NISEI WEEK BEAUTIES IN HAWAII—These Saneji
girls arrived Mar. 16, from Los Angeles on a Pan Am
plane to spend a week in Hawaii to take in the
Cherry Blossom Festival events. From left, they are
Darlene Hiroto, Nisei Week Queen Joanne Uehara and
Stella Sano (Miss Tomodachi). Jim Higashi accom-
panied them. —Honolulu Japanese Jaycees Photo.

district fourth behind N.Y., Miam-
i, and Laredo (Tex.).
State Sen. Larry N. Kurly-
ma has proposed a study of
ways to encourage migration
to Hawaii of many races and
cultures, true to "our heri-
tage and traditions." His pro-
posal was in two resolutions
introduced in the State Sen-
ate Mar. 13.

Education survey
Fifty-four per cent of Hawaii's
adult population has not complet-
ed high school, a survey shows.
That means 167,000 persons. And
of these, 52,000 have not complet-
ed the eighth grade. . . . An el-
ementary school at Schofield Bar-
acks will be named for 1st Sgt.
Samuel K. Solomon, Jr., a Hawaii
soldier killed in Vietnam while
carrying severely wounded men to
safety. Solomon, 37, was killed.
James S. Miyake, 46, has
been sworn in as a program
officer of the Honolulu Re-
ception Center, U.S. Dept. of
State. He will help program
the visits of international vis-
itors who come through Ho-
nolulu sponsored by the State
Dept. and the Agency for In-
tern'l Development. . . . Mrs.
Matsu Yoshimura, 62, of 3523-
B Harding Ave. suffered sec-
ond and third degree burns to
the upper portion of her body
Mar. 20 after an explosion
touched off by oil spilled on
the kitchen stove.

The Hawaii Volunteers for
McCarthy organization has
voted to send \$500 to the Min-
nesota Democrat for use in
his campaign for the Wiscon-
sin Presidential primary Apr.
2. . . . Robert Y. Shimada of
Wailuku on Mar. 21 became
the first person to announce
his candidacy for a seat on
the Maui County council this
fall. . . . The Rev. Lawrence
A. Hinshaw of Honolulu's
First Methodist Church has
been appointed superinten-
dent of the Los Angeles Dis-
trict of the Methodist Church,
effective July 1.

in action Nov. 23, 1966. . . . Mc-
Kinley High School's class of
1938 will hold its 30th reunion
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del will be guest speaker.

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Executive Reorganization

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National President serving on the Board as at present, it was concluded that the past National Presidents as a body counsel the National President and the National Board, serve possibly as a judicial body in cases involving suspension of National officers, and have advisory roles to National Committees.

7.2—There is some feeling that past presidents be organized into a body with "limited powers," which were not defined. Others feel these past presidents can be helpful more informally as resources.

8—National Youth Council Chairman, at present a non-voting Board member, shall be a voting member since all Board decisions affect Junior JACL indirectly, some very directly.

9—Non-voting Members of the National Board whose presence is necessary to the functioning of the Board shall be appointed by the President, to include the Legal Counsel, the PC Board Chairman, and the National Youth Commissioner.

9.1—Since the Youth Council Chairman would be on the Board with voting rights (see No. 8 above), would it be necessary to have the Youth Commissioner on Board?

9.2—It is recommended that no more than four serve as non-voting Board members with at least the Legal Counsel and PC Chairman pre-designated. Two others would be selected on the basis of particular emphasis to be pursued during the biennium, or the Civil Rights Chairman and National Planning Chairman.

10—National Director, presently a non-voting member of the Board, as a paid employee would be normally required to be present at all National Board meetings; hence, he would not be among non-voting members to be appointed.

B—National Executive Committee

1—While accountable to the Board and acting within areas as delegated, the National Executive Committee of the National Board shall be the principal group within Board to provide direction and liaison to implement National Council mandates and policies.

2—It shall consist of the National President as chairman and four other members of the National Board, including the President-Elect.

3—The President would have power to appoint or remove members with the majority consent of the Board, or the designation of members would be entirely up to the National Board.

4—It has been suggested that all nationally-elected officers serve on this Executive Committee rather than just four to avoid any possibility of concentration of power.

5—The National Executive Committee would meet three times a year to take the place of the Interim National Board meeting. Number of Committee and frequency of meetings would be determined by the amount authorized by the National Council for such meetings. Suggested: \$3,000, i.e. \$1,000 per meeting.

6—This Committee would give the National Board a tool it has never had to contribute toward its efficiency.

C—National Committee System

Proposal: Group all National Committees into Departments, each Department under supervision of a National Vice-President. Supervision consists of (1) outlining the areas of responsibility, (2) helping to decide what

needs to be done, (3) establishing priorities, and (4) assuming direct concern on expenditures of funds budgeted.

1—The Line Division, handled by the President-Elect, is comprised of committees dealing with the JACL membership and hard-core programs that attract and motivate the membership.

Departments:
 (1) Development—to develop JACL numerically: Membership, 1000 Club, Young Adults, Women's Auxiliaries.

(2) General Operations—focusing on activities "inside" JACL and meeting the needs of members: Program & Activities, Cultural Heritage, Youth.

(3) Public Affairs—strengthening the role of JACL in the greater community, programs requiring hard-sell: Civil Rights, Legislative.

II—Service Division, handled by the President, is comprised of Departments and Committees which promote efficiency within the Organization.

Departments:
 (1) Research-Services: National Planning, Communications, Public Relations, Recognition.

(2) Fiscal Affairs.

III—Committees administered by non-voting Board members and other appointive Chairmen shall be under supervision of the National President: Legal, Constitution, Pacific Citizen.

D—National Standing Committees

1—National standing committees shall be designated as:

"Commissions," where comparable District Council Committee chairmen are integrated nationally.

"Boards," where members are selected by the Chairman or designated by the National Council.

2—Consideration for standing Committees is that they carry not more than one major project per biennium which involves all members, while minor projects involving a District nucleus of that Committee be limited to three per biennium.

3—Nationally-elected officers to be exempt from chairing National Standing Committees, thus allowing "new blood" to enter the National scene.

4—"Ad hoc" committees may be chaired by National Officers.

5—National Committees should operate with fixed meeting schedules, in most instances in connection with biennial National Convention.

E—Summary of Budgetary Allowances

1—National President presently receives \$150 per month stipend for communications, stationery, secretarial help, public relations and travel within own District.

2—Allow \$10 per month stipend for each nationally elected officer.

3—Some consideration for National Committee chairmen to be included in budget for their particular Committee as "administrative-executive" expenses.

4—Three meetings per year for the National Executive Committee at \$1,000 per meeting.

F—Constitutional Changes Required

Constitution proper, 3/4 vote of Chapters: Article IX National Board, Article X National Officers.

By-Laws, 2/3 vote of Chapters: Article VI Duties of National Officers, Article X Budget and Finance.



Our Perennial Candidate for Best Supporting Role

Letters from Our Readers

Not a dilemma (II)

Dear Editor:

I recently replied to Mr. Jeffrey Matsui's March 1st column on the "Nisei Dilemma." Since then, he clarified his ideas a bit more in "Nisei Dilemma II." Finally, in "Nisei Dilemma III," he succeeded in presenting his case in four short paragraphs that are now clear enough to be dealt with intelligently.

Disregarding his barbs, I think his four points can, at least, be partially dealt with in the following way:

1—Simply because Japanese Americans are like the majority WASP community in that they, too, withhold sympathy from illegal demonstrations, consider looting, burning and killing as undesirable, and believe that anarchy is not the way to solve problems, does not mean that we smugly consider ourselves "part of the Establishment."

Simply because the two groups are waging a war in common against lawlessness does not preclude that one group is "a part of" the other. This was the case of the U.S. and Russia when they fought Germany. They were never unified except in their efforts to defeat a common foe.

Incidentally, if Japanese Americans were really so interested in becoming a part of the Establishment, why are there Buddhist temples, Obon festivals, Japanese newspapers and Japanese language schools in our country today? Certainly, we cannot be so desperate to merge with the "WASP majority" if we are, at the same time, interested in maintaining such cultural distinctions.

2—Do you mean that we cannot believe that we have genuine security and acceptance until we can be irresponsible, violent, ignorant and lazy without fear of losing those privileges? A man can be secure and accepted in a community. If, however, he subsequently behaves in such a way as to be detrimental to himself and others, certainly, he must be prepared to sacrifice a certain amount of his security and acceptance. Other responsible citizens, no more than Japanese Americans, have to "maintain their image and proving (sic) one's self" if they want to make maximum use of their opportunities.

3—I don't think it is a lie that, in America, every man has the opportunity to succeed regardless of race, color or creed. There were two exceptions to this statement: (a) during the years when America had slavery, and (b) when the Japanese in America were put into concentration camps. Today, however, the opportunity does exist. All roads to success are not as unobstructed as they should be for everyone, but through persistence and ingenuity, the right combinations of roads can be found.

Claiming prejudice as the sole cause of one's failure to achieve is a feeble attempt to salvage one's ego after throwing in the towel. This, upon finding that the easiest or most obvious paths to a desired goal are somehow blocked.

We are not showpieces—of anyone. In fact, I haven't seen one instance where a U.S. official has proudly pointed to Japanese American achievements as proof of what is possible in America after they had been cut so low by the government.

4—I cannot comment on the UCLA survey, as I have not read it. However, Mr. Matsui did mention that the conclusions were based upon an opinion poll of 1,000 Californians. Of this number, 480 people approved of the wartime internment. In a state composed of 19 million people, this seems like a pretty

crude survey. I find it hard to believe in the validity of a survey in which 480 individuals are assumed to represent the opinion of over 9 million others.

Mr. Matsui says that another conclusion of the study was that attitudes toward Japanese in America are correlated with attitudes toward Japan. He therefore wonders if our acceptance in this country is really "ours," or due, instead, to the good relations in existence between the U.S. and Japan. I don't believe that our acceptance in this country is a hollow victory. If we were generally undesirable, the relations between these two countries wouldn't make a great deal of difference in the majority's attitude toward us. And it just could be that U.S.-Japan relations are good partly because Caucasian-Japanese relations in this country are good, and not vice-versa.

Some people will agree with these views. Some are bound to criticize them. Good. We should really begin to worry when such questions raise no response at all.

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Oversensitive?

Editor:

A woman phoned Don Cannon's talk program on WBBM on Mar. 18 at 4:35 p.m. She said: "Don, I am Japanese. My two sons attend the 8th and 7th grade in a neighborhood school. The other day their band instructor asked them why their ancestors bombed Pearl Harbor. My boys were puzzled by his questioning and told me about it when they came home."

"I called this teacher and requested an explanation. I mentioned that my sons were not even born at the time of Pearl Harbor. He claimed that he was just teasing the boys and wondered why I made such an issue out of a trivial incident. He himself was of Italian descent."

This Japanese woman decided that her children's welfare demanded direct action. She told the band instructor that no child should be subjected to teasing of a racial nature.

As a follow-up, she notified the school authorities of this person's conduct.

Did she over-react to an unintended racial slur? Are we Japanese too thin-skinned? Should she have turned the other cheek?

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Matsui—

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Speaking personally from the viewpoint of a kanaka from Maui, it's nice to know that the majority of mainlanders now know that the Hawaiian Nisei does not go to supermarkets on week-ends dressed in shorts and slippers just to embarrass his mainland counterpart. Nor does he speak the way he does because of an early brain damage. And most of all, there is no organized conspiracy by a PPP (Pineapple People's Party) to ruin the "good citizen" image of the kotonks and then run back to Hawaii.

Looking into the future with optimism, there will probably be better communication and understanding as there will probably evolve just one way of speaking the English language in America. And probably the most efficient and effective method will survive. In the future, every American will be speaking with a Hawaiian accent.

Reactivated Chapter

By Henry Kato, Pacific Northwest District Governor

At our recent PNWDC meeting in Seattle, Edward Yamamoto announced that Columbia Basin Chapter of JACL, Moses Lake, Wash., has been reactivated with election of officers. We extend our hearty welcome to join the District and congratulations to its members.

It was stated that the formation of a judo club as the principal project at this time. Moses Lake is the center of schooling for Japanese 4H trainees before going on to individual farms. There are many trainees holding black belt ranks. By establishing a dojo, the trainees will have a place of recreation and the local Sansels and others will be taught judo quite inexpensively.

Group Major Medical

During the later part of our past District Governor Emi Somekawa's administration, the district council adopted the Capitol Life Group Major Medical program. We are ready to take applications in Oregon, but some legal technicality prevents us from selling in the State of Washington at the present time. Last month, Ed Yamamoto of Moses Lake, chairman of the Group Insurance committee came to Portland with his wife Kazuko and met with Paul Chinn of Los Angeles, Insurance Consultant and Administrator of Capitol Life (Paul is president of the Hollywood Chapter JACL), in the office of Wm. Sherman, general agent for Oregon. We have brochures available for Oregon chapter members.

Japanese History Project

In conjunction with the last district council meeting in Seattle, Joe Grant Masaoka, administrator of the History Project, and Gene Levine, chief investigator, came to the northwest to interview and visit with JACLers connected with the project. Then we met in Portland at the home of Mrs. Nobu Tsuboi, president of the Portland Chapter. Others present were Dr. John Rademaker, head of Sociology

Dept. of Willamette University, Dr. Mitsuo Nakata, Dr. Matthew Masuoka, Ike Iwasaki.

Dr. Rademaker commented on the differences between the Nisei and Sansei college students and he also related of some happenings while he served as a community analyst during the war at Amache Relocation Center in Colorado. Dr. Nakata commented on some difficulties while he was a dental student, but Dr. Masuoka also a dentist, went to school after the war encountered much less difficulties, but our Sansei son Douglas graduating from University of Oregon Dental School in June encountered no obstructions.

Gene Levine, Joe Grant Masaoka and I traveled to Hood River for interviews with George Nakamura, Ray Sato, Ray Yasui and Min Asai.

Hood River is the town where during the war many Japanese American service men's names were taken off the Honor Roll and by pressure from the National American Legion Headquarters, the names were replaced on the roll.

Ray Sato and Min Asai, two of the first three Nisei to return to Hood River after the war, told of their difficult experiences in trying to obtain food for their daily existence.

Nisei returning to Gresham area also encountered difficulties.

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Program of Activities

San Jose

Since there have been several inquiries—especially from the youths—concerning convention activities, the schedule is being presented here for the benefit of all prospective conventioners. The Booster Events (BE) have yet to be formed up. However, the scheduling of the National Council Sessions, the Youth Assemblies, the Committee meetings, and the Official Events is fairly well set.

Aug. 20 (Tues.) A.M.-P.M.: National Board Meeting; Evening: National Youth Council and Youth Commissioners meetings; Registration (All delegates—both adults and youths—are requested to check in some time during Aug. 20, so please plan your travel itinerary accordingly.)

Aug. 21 (Wed.) A.M.: Joint Adult/Youth Session Roll Call, Submission of Committee Reports, and Civil/Human Rights Program; County Tour (BE); Noon: Joint Fashion Show Luncheon (BE); P.M.: Adult Council Session and Committee meetings; Youth Assembly; Jr. JACL Queen Contest Judging (BE); Dinner as you please. Evening: Joint Opening Ceremony/Oratorical Contest; Adult Mixer; Youth Mixer.

Aug. 22 (Thurs.) A.M.: Adult Committee meetings and/or District Council Caususes and Council Session; Youth Assembly & Committee meetings; Fishing (BE); Youth Bowling Tournament (BE); Lunch: Joint Adult/Youth Recognition Luncheon. P.M.: Joint Outing/Dinner/Entertainment/Project '68 drawing; Pro Baseball Game (BE).

Aug. 23 (Fri.) A.M.: Adult Council Session; Youth Assembly and discussion groups; Golf Tournament (BE); San Francisco Tour (BE). Noon: Testimonial Luncheon. P.M.: Joint Adult/Youth Forum. Dinner: As you please for adults; Youth Banquet, Evening: Whing Ding; Youth Dance.

Aug. 24 (Sat.) A.M.: Adult Council Session/Election; Youth Assembly; Century Theaters (BE); Bridge Tournament (BE). Noon: New Board/New Youth Council Joint Luncheon; all others lunch as you please. P.M.: New National Board Meeting; All others free time; Tours of Winery (BE). Dinner: Joint Sayonara Banquet. Evening: Sayonara Ball (separate adult/youth functions).

CONVENTION NOTES

According to Elaine Akagi, co-chairman of the MDC Spring Meeting, which is to be held in Detroit on May 31-June 1, a joint Sr. and Jr. workshop using the convention theme "JACL—Heritage for the Future" is in the making. Its aim is to familiarize new Jr. members with JACL's past, to guide older Jr. members towards a better Jr. JACL, to guide the young adults to a more productive role as future JACLers and to help JACLers guide the former three groups to a greater JACL of the future.

MDC Governor Henry Tanaka, co-chairman Elaine and Bill Adair, and members of the MDC, here's wishing you a most successful Spring Meeting.

Also received the welcome news from Elaine that there'll be about eight delegates from Detroit to the San Jose convention in August.

David Takashima, PSW-DYC co-chairman, wrote that he expects at least 50 to as many as 100/150 Jr. JACLers from his district. These are very encouraging news. David was also considered to send a roster of all PSW-DYC and chapter officers to ensure convention mailings. Thanks, Elaine and David, for your thoughtfulness. I hope others will also let us know as soon as possible the number of delegates we might expect from their chapters.

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Nisei USA: Movie "Treachery" in Hawaii (Re: "Air Force").

Editorial Titles: "Nisei in Draft" (Selective service is next logical step); "The Marcantonio Bill" (to permit Issei naturalization); "Teapot Tempest" (appearance of Nisei writer before Denver Authors League overplayed by one newspaper); "Pro Patria" (New York Times editorial of Mar. 31 on Honolulu send-off of Nisei GIs).

JACL Japan Tour: Our Free Week

By Kay Nakagiri, Nat'l Youth Commissioner

There was a sense of anticipation and suspense as we left the JACL Japan Tour and headed for the countryside of Okayama and Hiroshima to visit our relatives. We had seen the growth of the large cities and felt the smog of Osaka—but the countryside of Okayama was changing too.

In the area of Mizushima, the world's largest steel-making plant is in the making. A complex of industries has already started—shipbuilding, gantry cranes, petroleum refining, polyethylene, chemical fertilizer factories tied together with broad industrial boulevards. Asphalt roads connecting the villages filled with apartment houses, cafes, theatres and a sea of minicars.

We visited the seashore on a Sunday afternoon. There was traffic jammed on the mountain roads—gasoline fumes—and a pay public parking lot at the national park. The traditional views of the Inland Sea were smoggy—blurred were the islands that are the jewels of Japan. The modern restaurant served beef stew, omelettes, curry rice with Coke, Seven-up or beer. But the landscaping and the nearby fishing boats reminded you that this was Japan.

My cousin, now a post-office section chief, asks if we remember him in his second-grade uniform. He yearns for

his own war. Another relative, a marine diesel designer, has a Mazda minicar (smaller than a Toyota) and says his father is not alert enough to drive in this traffic. What car do we have? A Mustang and an Oldsmobile. A Mustang! He wishes he could drive one—just once? We tease him and say come visit us and drive ours. Yet the day before we had all gathered to visit the family cemetery.

We had re-arranged the freshly cut flowers before the tomb, burned incense and prayed. Time stood still in our 600 year old plot.

Later, we were on the train to Shiohara, in the mountains of Hiroshima, to visit the In-laws. The air is crisp, we're climbing the steep grades. A crowd of technical students near us speak in English and joins us. Who are you? Nisei. Ah, America! What's it like? We want to be mechanics and technicians—none of this farm work for us. We'd love to go to America.

At the station we wait and a car comes to the station yard. Our relatives step out and greet us. We've never met before but by the time we arrive at the farmhouse we're old friends. It's late afternoon in the peaceful valley. We want to visit the family cemetery before dark. We climb the ridge, through the bamboo groves and come to a clearing overlooking the valley. We see the newer tombstones and read New Caledonia, Rangoon, Iwo Jima—we wonder if there is any bitterness left.

Later, after a wonderful dinner, the kotatsu is brought out and the futon piled around. We bathe in a sparkling tile floor and lounge in the futon. Our feet are warm and we feel sleepy.

Suddenly the shoji fly open and our cousin and his son pop their feet under the futon. There's only one night of conversation to last through the years. Soon the wife comes—unusual—but this is a special occasion. How about Vietnam? It's bad, but someone has to take a stand—Japan can't but we understand and appreciate America's sacrifice.

Next to Hiroshima City where my wife's uncle awaits us. From the train platform the crowd disappears and finally only three of us are left. Uncle smiles and rushes us through the station to meet his daughter.

Our first stop is the Hiroshima Peace Memorial. It's grim. The exhibits are laid out in a pattern and the viewer is cautioned to follow a colored path for an explanation in English coming through the miniature headset. The impact is so great that no explanation is necessary. Outside are the plaques and memorials for the fifteen schools and children who died.

Uncle takes us to lunch and to Miyajima, the island where no death or birth occurs. Miyajima is beautiful, we ride the cable car to the summit and see beneath us the brilliant scarlet maples. Visibility is hazy over the ocean but we met some of our tour members.

After dinner, Uncle is explaining why his home is so new. It's number six; one was flooded, two were burned, one was earthquake damaged and the last was too close to the new highway.

On our way back to Tokyo from Osaka, we ride the "Hikari," the famous streamliner. What a smooth ride at 120 mph! The connecting doors between cars lock whenever there's a tunnel to keep the tunnel air from blowing in and damaging eardrums. We found out that the rest room doors also automatically lock!

The food and service in the dining car is good. Looking at the uniforms closer, the lettering spells out "Imperial Hotel." The train is punctual and there's the brother-in-law waiting to take us home.

Slocum at rest home

FRESNO—Tokutaro Slocum, who helped to lobby the naturalization act for Oriental veterans of World War I, of 348 Echo Ave. is convalescing at the Oakhurst Rest Home. The Fresno JACL reported his condition has been further aggravated by wartime injuries.

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