

The murder of Senator Robert F. Kennedy is not only a major tragedy, but comes at a time when our nation sorely needs leaders dedicated to the principles of world peace, racial brotherhood, and freedom from want for all Americans. It has become fashionable in these days of grief and reaction to speak of "group guilt," and that we all must share blame for the "sickness" that prompted the assassin to kill. This in turn leads others to a resentful declaration that we cannot blame American society for the insane act of one man. We may not be a sick society but we are indeed a "threatened society."

Others say that "the wrong types are getting killed," implying that different targets might somehow make these events right. Perhaps not a serious sentiment, but not so subtly reflective of a kind of thinking that will not help us. We hear of our cultural predisposition to violence, and the tendency to make the gun the symbol of manhood.

The President has appointed a Commission to study the "root causes of violence." I hear scoff and react contemptuously to this action as a meaningless and typically political step. I ask them what they would do if placed in the position of answering unanswerable questions. At least some positive step is better than no step at all.

It is painfully obvious that we are living in a time when it has become a natural reaction for people with grievances to settle them violently, often with a gun. The fact that most of us cannot, and do not, do so has not saved President Kennedy, Reverend Martin Luther King Jr., or Senator Kennedy, to say nothing of the many Americans martyred in the cause of civil rights in the last decade.

TOUGHER GUN CONTROL

Perhaps because there seems to be so little action one can take against these senseless killings, it becomes natural for us to look for something we can do. Certainly one concrete move that many Americans are urging is the enactment of tougher gun control laws on national and state levels. The banning of mail order sale of rifles and shotguns, the registration of these arms, as well as handguns, tighter restrictions on sale of all guns, are all feasible and necessary steps.

Nothing in stricter controls denies people the right to hunt. The cry of "people kill people, not guns" is about as hollow a cliché as I have ever heard. Similarly the nonsense that passing gun laws will not stop killings is about as convincing as saying that speed laws will not stop highway deaths. We all recognize, or should, that the changing of the national atmosphere, and the ability to change the hearts of men, are needed to prevent such tragedies. Since we are far from that Utopian state, let's do what little we can to at least discourage and slow up those who would turn guns against their fellow man.

I feel that the JACL should go on record in support of effective gun control legislation on all levels, and urge all members to make sure their elected representatives know their position on this issue.

TITLE II, INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

I have already commented upon the "detention camp" rumors, the official statements of clarification, and our concern about this. We are hearing from some JACLers that positive steps should be taken by our organization to get the objectionable aspects of this Act modified or eliminated.

I have talked this matter over with our National Director and Washington Representative, and beginning thinking on possible approaches to this problem is going on. Meanwhile, I invite readers who have opinions to express them to me, or to our Editor Harry Honda.

A MESSAGE

The end of Senator Edward Kennedy's eulogy quoting his late brother sets a hopeful tune for all of us — "Some men see things as they are and say why. I dream things that never were and say why not."

A COMMENTARY

Few political developments affected me more than the loss I feel California suffered with the defeat of Senator Thomas Kuchel in the primary. Nisei have good reason to think about this because we enjoyed a special rapport with him on legislative issues of both general and special interest to us. Witness his spontaneous help when IRS tried to tax evacuation claims. As

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Noguchi confirmed as county coroner

'Passed a Real Test of Fire' in Sen. Kennedy Post-Mortem, Says Board of Supervisors Chairman

LOS ANGELES—Dr. Thomas J. Noguchi has won permanent appointment as the County's Chief Medical Examiner-Coroner along with unanimous acclaim from County Supervisors for his conduct in office during the past six months.

The 40-year-old pathologist-surgeon's probationary appointment to the post six months ago was clouded by a split 3-2 vote.

Dr. Noguchi, a Japanese-American was named to the post left vacant by the retirement of Dr. Theodore Curphey. The job pays \$27,720 a year.

Wins Praise

The motion naming Dr. Noguchi was accompanied by praise for his working in handling of the postmortem examination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, shot by an assassin June 5.

Dr. Noguchi personally handled a six-hour autopsy. Board chairman Frank G. Bonelli said Noguchi "passed a real test of fire" in the Kennedy case.

Kenneth Hahn called it "probably the most thorough medical and scientific examination ever made on an individual."

Board members also complimented Noguchi for personally taking charge at the crash of a passenger helicopter at Norwalk last month and examining the bodies of the score of victims.

Controversy at Outset

Dr. Noguchi's probationary appointment to the job came amidst a flurry of controversy. At least two supervisors, Chace and Dorn, had favored appointment of an outside candidate to the critical county post.

Dr. Noguchi, of 980 S. Oxford St., Los Angeles, is a naturalized citizen of the U.S. He was born in Fukuoka, Japan.

Noguchi was graduated from Nippon Medical School in 1951 and served his internship at Tokyo Imperial

Hospital in Japan and in the Orange County General Hospital in Southern California. He joined the County as a Deputy Medical Examiner in 1961.

Tragedy

Noguchi says a tragedy in his father's office more than 20 years ago led him into his present job.

Noguchi, a high school student two decades ago, said his determination to follow in the footsteps of his father as a doctor came when one day he visited his parent's office.

Dr. Noguchi said his father was treating a husky man with a sore throat. As his father swabbed the throat with iodine, the patient suddenly collapsed and died before their eyes.

Their shock, according to Dr. Noguchi, was heightened when police and the district attorney suspected Tom's father of criminal negligence, perhaps by letting a cotton swab drop into the man's airway or lungs.

An autopsy cleared his father's name. It showed no swab, no negligence, and indicated the victim had succumbed of natural causes.

The incident took place in Yokohama, where his father headed the ear-nose-throat department of a city hospital. Of course, Tom had little choice but to go into medicine of some kind. As an eldest son, he was more or less expected to pursue his father's career.

Heads for U.S.

After completing his internship at the Tokyo Imperial, Dr. Noguchi began casting his eyes toward the United States. He knew he would have a better chance in forensic medicine in this country.

A San Francisco pathologist whom Tom had helped summers at the U.S. naval hospital in Yokosuka gave his young friend a directory of 1,000 hospitals in the United States.

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HONORARY DEGREE—Artist Paul Horiuchi is being conferred the honorary Doctor of Humanities degree at Univ. of Puget Sound. Dean Robert Bock is placing the hood while Prof. John Magee and President R. Franklin Thompson complete the ceremonies.

—PC Photo by Elmer Ogawa.

Doctor of Humanities Deg. Conferred

By ELMER OGAWA

Seattle Japan-born Seattle artist Paul Horiuchi, 62, was conferred an honorary "Doctor of Humanities" at Tacoma's University of Puget Sound commencement June 9 in recognition of a lifetime struggle to achieve acclaim in the world of artistic achievement.

Perhaps best known is his 60 x 17 feet ceramic mural first unveiled at the 1962 Seattle World's Fair, now a landmark and center of attraction at the Seattle Center.

In the last 10 years he has had more than 30 awards, including the Tupperware National competition, 1955, and a Ford Foundation Purchase Award in 1960. Listed in Who's Who in Art, and Who's Who in the West, Horiuchi executes many of his works in blends of casein, tempera and rice paper, and creates widely imitated rice-paper collages.

Although credited by many as being "self-taught" some critics see the influence of his lasting friendship with another renowned Northwest artist, Mark Tobey, and his study of the Zen philosophies, to be "not only a prolific artist, but whose source of inspiration that never runs dry."

The creator of more than 1,000 American owned works, he has exhibited in one-man

shows, group exhibitions, and group collections throughout the United States, and in Rome, Berlin, and Japan.

Prewar Rail Worker

Life has not been always too easy for Paul Horiuchi. Shortly after Pearl Harbor, then an alien, Horiuchi was employed in Wyoming as a section foreman. He was discharged, and the family summarily dispossessed from its company housing, to be cast upon the western wastelands with but an old jalopy to carry the family belongings and the results of his Sunday painting. During the hectic months which followed nearly all his paintings were lost or stolen while in storage.

The Horiuchi story would be sadly incomplete without a big hand for Bernadette, the steadfast helpmate who gave so much of encouragement and moral support during the struggling years. The Horiuchi have three sons, Paul, 22; John, 20; and Vincent, 20, who are in electronics, towing, and the United States Air Force, respectively.

Today, Bernadette is daily holding down her career job as head teller at Seattle First's International Branch. Always most cheerful and youthful appearing, Bernadette was radiantly beautiful at the commencement as a professor escorted her down the aisle like a bride, to her seat in the big auditorium.

California measure may shut door on Nisei apprentices

Assembly-passed bill Now in Senate comm.

SAN FRANCISCO — To consolidate various state and federal programs and funds relating to job training, a Dept. of Human Resources is to be established under Assembly Bill 1463. It passed the Assembly 54-11 and is now in a Senate committee.

JACL fears that the bill as introduced by Assemblymen Unruh, Monagan, Ralph Veneman and Campbell may shut the door on Japanese American youth desirous of entering into the apprenticeship program.

JACL pointed to Section 10500 of the bill:

"Job training and placement funds and services shall be allocated to serve eligible persons in economically disadvantaged areas in such a way as to prevent discrimination by serving persons whose minority group characteristics coincide to the fullest extent possible with the minority group characteristics of the unemployed and underemployed in such economically disadvantaged areas."

More specifically Japanese Americans are generally not in "economically disadvantaged areas," Yosh Hotta, asst. national JACL director, pointed out.

JACL chapter leaders in the state this past week were urged to write their senators to insure persons wishing to enter job training programs should not be barred. It was learned there are some 100 Japanese Americans currently apprenticeship training programs.

JACL committing hara kiri without civil rights stress

DETROIT — If JACL is to survive as an organization, it must adopt a strong stand on civil rights, declared Ross Harano of Chicago, principal speaker at the May 31-June 1 Midwest District Council meeting here.

Harano, who discussed the "Sansel views on JACL and civil rights," began his JACL activities as a Jr. JACLer and is now the Midwest district youth commissioner.

Acknowledging the achievements of his parent generation in securing naturalization of evacuation claims and other legislative goals prescribed in 1946, Harano asked, "But after success, what?"

He suggested the Nisei leadership in JACL that they surrender to the Sansel responsibility of responding to that question. Harano felt the Sansel will lead JACL "onto paths that the Nisei never dreamed of."

Strength of JACL tomorrow lies at the chapter level, Harano declared, and "this is where we are failing."

He urged Japanese Americans in general to understand the Negro — his frustrations, fear and needs — "even though we may not agree with some of his actions."

(Complete text of his speech starts on page 3 this week.)

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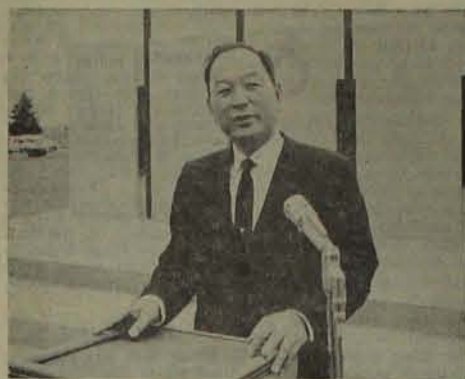
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SPEAKS IN DENVER—Congressman Spark Matsunaga was principal speaker at the Denver Japanese Memorial Day services at the Nisei War Memorial in Fairmount Cemetery. Guest of American Legion Cathay Post 185, the 100th Infantry officer participated in the civic parade leading Nisei veterans. John Noguchi was emcee at the memorial service. The war memorial lists 80 Nisei GIs killed in action, including two in Vietnam. —PC Photo by Tom Masamori.

Matsunaga fears heroic episodes of 442nd may be forgotten soon by public

WASHINGTON—Under sunny skies on the hallowed grounds of Arlington National Cemetery, over 75 Issei, Nisei, Sansel, D.C. JACLers, ex-442nd GIs and other veterans, gathered around the gravesites of Privates First Class Saburo Tanamachi and Fumitake Nagato of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team. In commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the reinterment of these first two Nisei GIs in the National Cemetery, the Washington D.C. JACL, again sponsored a short but memorable service.

The program was opened by Norman Ikari, chairman of this event; the invocation was given by Rev. Shoji Honda, Buddhist Church.

Congressman Spark Matsunaga then delivered a brief but eloquent tribute directed not only toward the 23 Nisei GIs of WW2 buried in Arlington Cemetery, but to Japanese-American servicemen who fought and died in all of our country's conflicts since WW II — the Korean conflict and our present war in Vietnam.

442 Story Stressed

He reminded us that the heroic 442 story must be retold again and again to our children to emphasize to them, the trials and tribulations of the Japanese American in the WW 2 period.

His fears that this dramatic episode would be lost in the rush of history, was forcibly and shockingly brought to his attention when three visiting teachers from Hawaii—no less, had been found to be completely ignorant of the existence of predominantly Japanese American combat units in WW 2 such as the 100th Inf. Bn. and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team.

Again, he was reminded of one of his dying men in the 100th, who in his last minutes, said to him that he didn't mind dying — he thought "it would make things easier for his family."

And in this context, Congressman Matsunaga expressed the hope that the sacrifices and deaths of so many Negro Americans in Vietnam would hopefully create an atmosphere of understanding and recognition in the United States such as was created for Japanese Americans during and after WW 2.

21 Gravesites Decorated

Following the address, the Nagato — Tanamachi graves were decorated with the JACL wreath and the 442 Veterans Association of Southern California wreath by two

TUTORIAL PROGRAM FUNDS DUE JULY 1

SAN FRANCISCO — The 25 chapters of the Northern California — Western Nevada District Council have a July 1 deadline to submit the minimum assessment in support of the pilot tutorial program this summer at San Jose.

Three chapters contributing as of June 10 were Cortez, \$50.50; Marysville, \$81; and Sequoia, \$110. The district expects to raise at least \$2,000. The tutorial program involves volunteer aides working about 4½ hours a day at five locations in the Alum Rock School District, assigned to teachers working with preschoolers, age 4-8.

Nisei of Biennium candidates revealed

Nuclear Engineer Professor, Ophthalmic Research Expert and Wall St. Lawyer Named for 'CL Awards

(Special to Pacific Citizen) for Research in Ophthalmology. CHICAGO—The National JACL Recognitions Committee has released the names of three distinguished candidates who have thus far been nominated for the Nisei of the Biennium Award. They are Dr. Chihiro Kikuchi of Detroit, Michigan; Dr. Jin H. Kinoshita of Boston, Massachusetts; and George Yamaoka of New York City.

Dr. Chihiro Kikuchi, a professor of nuclear engineering at the University of Michigan, has been nominated for his research in the use of the synthetic "pink ruby," the essential material in laser and maser systems.

The discoverer of maser action in ruby, he has directed the construction and design of the first ruby maser. Ruby crystals have become the heart of the maser-amplification system in radio astronomy; similar ruby-equipped amplifiers have found application in ground-to-satellite communications networks and are expected to find wide application in interplanetary communication.

Kikuchi was named the 1966 Distinguished Alumnus by the Broadway High School Alumni Association of Seattle.

Dr. Jin H. Kinoshita has distinguished himself in the development and magnitude of his scientific achievements in the field of "sugar catalysts." His pioneering research has elucidated for the first time the mechanism of catalyst formation and has paved the way towards the prevention and treatment of these catalysts.

The implications and scope of these studies alone may well rank as an even greater event than the discovery of insulin 45 years ago.

Kinoshita is an associate professor of biochemical ophthalmology at Harvard Medical School and is the recipient of the Friedenwald Memorial Award, the highest honor in ophthalmic research presented by the Association

Inagaki fund tops \$4,000 plateau

LOS ANGELES — Contributions continue to be received for the George J. Inagaki testimonial fund. As of June 14, the total was \$4,207.

Culver Tropical Gardens Inc., has given \$400 while the Southern California Floral Assn. added \$100 to the fund, which will be used to recognize a JACL chapter which has had an outstanding performance record in community activities.

Inagaki is being honored by the National JACL Convention at San Jose on Friday, Aug. 23. Contributions to the fund should be addressed Inagaki Testimonial Fund and sent to Mike Shimizu, fund treasurer, 4566 Centinela Ave., Los Angeles 90068.

Current totals are: Organizations—Culver Tropical Gardens, \$400; So. Calif. Floral Assn., \$100; Culver City Rotary Club members, \$95; Venice Youth Council, \$25. Individuals (by District Council areas)—EXWDC, \$95; NC-WNDC, \$55; CDC, \$80; PSW (except for Venice-Culver), \$375; IDC, \$35; MPDC, \$45; MDC, \$115; EDC, \$105; Venice-Culver Area—\$1,397.

Rexburg JACL holds

Memorial Day service

REXBURG, Idaho — Marion Forsyth, president of the North Rexburg Stake of the LDS Church, was featured speaker at the Rexburg JACL Memorial Day services held at the Rexburg Cemetery.

Masayoshi Fujimoto, chairman, welcomed the group followed by a prayer given by Tommy Miyasaki. Presentation of colors and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kevin Miyasaki, Gary Miyasaki, Darwin Sakota and Doug Sakota, scouts.

"God Bless America," sung by the approximately 80 persons attending, was under the direction of Lucinda Sakota. Joanne Miyasaki placed a wreath on the grave of her uncle, Roy Miyasaki, representing all those who have given their lives for their country. Taps was rendered by Tom Matthews as the colors were retired.

'CL mourns death of Sen. Kennedy

SACRAMENTO—In the message of condolence sent by Jerry Enomoto, national JACL president, to Mr. Ethel Kennedy, upon the death of her husband, Sen. Robert Kennedy, it stated in part:

"The principles and ideas which the Senator held and communicated so effectively and inspiringly to the disadvantaged elements in America are badly needed in these times."

"We Americans of Japanese ancestry believe in those principles and ideals, based upon peace, racial brotherhood and the absence of poverty, because we believe that they represent the best in America and its true potential."

"We are saddened that his eloquent voice has been still, but are united in the hope that all Americans of good will, by voice and deeds, will work for the kind of nation the Senator envisioned."

JACL Deadlines

June 21—Nominations from District Councils for national JACL officers submitted to Mrs. Lily Okura, 2604 Garden Rd., Omaha, Neb. 68124.

June 29 — Nomination deadline for Nisei of Biennium, submit to Kumeo Yoshinari, c/o Midwest JACL Office, 21 W. Elm St., Chicago, Ill. 60610.

June 30—Application and supporting papers by chapter nominee of JACL undergraduate scholarship awards submitted to So. Calif. JACL Office, 125 Weller St., Los Angeles, Calif. 90012.

July 1 — National JACL Essay Contest entries, postmarked by midnight July 1, submitted to Mrs. Toby Hirabayashi, 941 N. 3rd St., San Jose, Calif. 95112. Theme: "JACL—Heritage for the Future," open to youth between 16 and 21; 800-1,000 words typed double-spaced on letterhead size paper.

July 1—For reports from National Committee chairmen.

July 1—For items to be placed on National Council final agenda.

July 1—Selection of district champions for National JACL Oratorical Contest; copy of speech and brief biographical sketch submitted to Shirley Matsumura, 529 Lyndale, San Jose, Calif. 95127.

July 15—For chapter nominations of 1968 collegiate scholarships.

Aug. 1—JACL Convention program; \$30; after Aug. 1, convention package registration will be \$40. Refunds allowed if requested by Aug. 14.

"Heritage for the Future"

20th Biennial National JACL Convention

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Washington  
Newsletter: by Roger  
Nikaido

## Individualism

The tragic assassinations of recent years of this nation's leaders have left a partial vacuum of leadership within our society. Their voices that articulated clearly and beautifully the hopes and aspirations of America's hungry and harassed have penetrated the ears of all Americans. However, their leadership in the struggle for peace among men of all races and nations has not been continued with the same vigor and enthusiasm.

Apart from the personal tragedies experienced by our nation, the assassinations of these outstanding leaders have been included in a chapter of the tragic declines of individualism in American modern history.

Our nation built on the fundamental precepts of individual freedom and rights has not witnessed such a slaughter of individualism since the 1930's. Today, Americans attempting to maintain their individual identity and leadership in the life struggle for fulfillment are faced with the destructive and grim realities of political assassinations and mass movements.

When a voice is heard, it is not from the lips of an individual but of a mass movement. We are forever exposed to the energies of mass movements which among other evils emasculate the identity of individuals.

The protest movements of today, whether the college students or the marchers of the Poor People's Campaign, are attempts at coercion and a surrender to the feeling that in a mass society only mass movements bring results.

It may be said that to one degree or another everyone encounters a sense of despair when he is forced to compromise his inner visions or dreams with the realities of a world he must share with others. It is one of the terms of existence as a social being.

We have developed into a situation where people as individuals feel an uneasy sense of emptiness and anonymity. Here in the nation's capital, conservative leaders see their freedom of individual action and their sense of self-determination threatened by the growing complexities of big government and labor. The liberal leaders, caught by the same forces, are seriously concerned about the deteriorating quality of American life.

Perhaps best describing the dilemma we are in, particularly for the younger generation, is the following statement by John Gardner, former Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare.

"We not only fail to ask for or expect any depth of commitment from the individual; in a curious way we even discourage such commitment. Perhaps nothing is more effective in suppressing any spirit of endeavor on the part of the individual than the overpowering size and complexity of the joint enterprise in which we are all supposed to be participants."

"And particularly for young people, the sense of helplessness is intensified by the appearance of successful operation which surrounds the huge glistering machinery of our society. It hums with an intimidating smoothness. How could any individual be needed much? It is not surprising that young people shrug their shoulders and find something else to talk about."

For the young Sansei or Yonsei leaving behind a vast array of high school activities—basketball games, dances, parties, etc.—and entering the complex world of college life, he is confronted with an end-

less list of careers from which to select one. After doing so, his assigned five-digit number, punched card is sped through programmed computers which select classes most appropriate for his chosen vocation.

As an individual he has made an important decision, but there is where individual identity ends. From the time he enters college, his identity is meshed with thousands of others and upon graduation he is cast out into yet another world filled with more complexities taking away what individual initiative and identity left.

There are those who say that individualism is all very well and good, but that those days are gone forever. Modern society, they say, is too large and too complex to take time to listen to the individual, to evaluate him, or to guarantee that his individual rights will not be sacrificed in the name of efficiency. Accordingly, the best that can be done is to balance the opposing interests of mass movements; and the most effective way to make your voice heard is to join a mass movement or group of several thousand and perhaps march back and forth in front of a building.

While this is somewhat a defeatist attitude, it nevertheless is growing. It has been expressed that the cause of this careless attitude permeates from a "sick society". However this may or may not be true, there exists the fact that so few people really know how to be individuals and to make their voices heard as individuals. Too many are afraid to speak unless they are assured of the support of a group; too many would rather place the safekeeping of their rights and liberties in the hands of others.

If any mileage is to come from writing this column, it is hoped that the reader take heed in the advice to think, vote, act, and live as an individual throughout the rest of his life. Bearing in mind when dealing with others, too, both of you will gain from it. Striving to overlook group labels when dealing with others, for when you ignore or diminish another person's individuality, you ultimately endanger the value of your own.

## 'GO FOR BROKE' SHOWN ON JAPAN TV NETWORK

TOKYO—Japanese TV viewers are quite accustomed to seeing American movies and television series in which all the actors and actresses speak perfect Japanese, but many of those turned into the Fuji-TV network recently must have thought they had the wrong station.

The movie was billed as an American film, but over 90 per cent of the faces on the TV screen were Japanese. What they were seeing was the 1951 MGM film "Go for Broke!" on the exploits of the 442nd Nisei regimental combat team.

One scene was probably "lost" to Japanese TV viewers: the one in which the Nisei communications man talks to another in Japanese, completely stumping an eavesdropping English-speaking German soldier who has tapped the 442nd's telephone wire.

## M. MASAOKA DUE RECOGNITION FOR BONIN RETURN

Islands, Including  
Iwojima, Revert to  
Japan Administration

By TAMOTSU MURAYAMA

TOKYO — Mike Masaoka in Washington D.C. will be honored by the Japanese Government on June 28 in connection with his outstanding contribution for the return of Bonin Islands to Japan.

It was learned that a special silver cup (Japanese style) will be presented to him with an appreciation certificate by Prime Minister Eisaku Sato at the time of a special ceremony to be attended by some 12,000 people at the huge Budokan Hall.

"Mr. Masaoka assisted us unselfishly for more than 13 years since we started this movement to ask the U.S. Government to return the Bonin Islands to us. Without his assistance, we could not have accomplished anything. All those former residents of Bonin Islands are particularly thankful for his contribution."

"We remember Mr. Tsurukichi Tanaka, one of early day pioneers to America, attended to manufacture salt in the Bonin Islands. Therefore, we always felt that we were so closely connected with Japanese pioneers in America one way to another," said Hozon Fujita of the Bonin Islands Association.

## NEWS CAPSULES

### Courtroom

Cal Poly student Donald Y. Sakai, 26, of Stockton was fined \$2,000 and placed on two-year probation by a San Luis Obispo court after pleading guilty to charges of assault with a deadly weapon. He had been charged with attempted murder after drawing a gun during a fight in a bar.

The U.S. District Court granted the Labor Dept. a court order to permanently restrain a Nisei-operated garment shop, Josephine Fashion, of 629 S. Main St., Los Angeles from violating various fair labor practices. Josephine Kikume was among 10 named in Southern California during February and March. He was charged with failure to keep proper records and shipping goods produced in violation of the Fair Labor Standards Act.

Los Angeles deputy district attorneys John E. Howard and Mario Fukuto called 23 witnesses June 7 to testify before the county grand jury in the Robert F. Kennedy assassination case. Formal indictment of murder was read by the grand jury, accusing Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, 24, of the crime committed June 5 on the heels of Kennedy's victory statement in the California presidential primaries. Fukuto has been with the Trials Dept. since 1959 and has prosecuted more than 1,000 felony cases, including six where the defendants were voted the death penalty. A Univ. of California Law School graduate, Fukuto has been with the district attorney's office since 1957.

### Organizations

Mrs. James Toda is president of the Medallas of Orange County, the medical, dental and legal ladies society comprised of 50 members interested in East-West heritage and philanthropy.

Mrs. Robert Watanabe of West Los Angeles is president of the Japanese American Medical Assn. Women's Auxiliary.

Frank Miyama succeeds Ken Sato as president of the Sacramento Senator Lions Club. Ai Yokota of Sacramento was elected assistant supervisor of the Sierra Nevada region of the Toastmasters International.

Edward Ide, national president of the Japanese Canadian Citizens Assn. of Toronto has been appointed a director of the Canadian Civil Liberties Assn.

Attorney Mario Fukuto is president of the Gardena Evening Optimists, succeeding Tom Hirano. Mario is legal adviser to the County Grand Jury and has been deputy district attorney since 1957.

Suburban Optimists elected Tok Kataoka of Whittier as its president. Mrs. Janet Matsuyama, Fullerton Jr. Col-

lege business instructor, was elected state vice-president of the California Business Education Assn. In the 1969-70 term, she will be the state president.

Rev. Paul T. Nakamura, pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in southwest L.A., is chairman of the newly organized Jefferson Community Council, which is objecting to the demolition of the Exposition clubhouse at 3990 Menlo Ave. for additional Coliseum parking.

San Francisco Council for Civic Unity, oldest intergroup relations agency in the state, named Yori Wada, Buchanan St. YMCA director and city civil service commissioner, to its board. CCU was founded 25 years ago to aid Japanese Americans resettled in the Bay Area.

Clem Oyama, Tokyo businessman, was elected president of the Nisei Kyokai, comprised of Japanese Americans living in Tokyo.

George M. Tamiyasu, CPA, is president of the South Fresno Lions Club. Deborah Sakurai, daughter of the John Sakurais of Pierce, Colo., is state president of the Colorado Future Home Makers of America. High school girls from more than 100 chapters attended.

### Vital Statistics

Bryan Erin Kumamoto, second son of the Alan Kumamoto of Los Angeles, weighed in at 7 lb. 7 oz. upon his birth June 11. Past PSW-DC vice-chairman Ted Tsukahara of Monterey Park and Vickie Fujita of Costa Mesa were married June 15.

San Francisco Issei leader Tatsu Udo with the Buddhist Church, Kikumoto Kenjiro and the Nichibei Kai, died June 1. He was 79.

The death of Helen Keller in Easton, Conn., June 1 was mourned by many in Japan. Her three visits between 1937 and 1955 resulted in passage of welfare laws for the physically handicapped. She was 87.

Mrs. James T. (Friedel) Sakamoto, 46, died May 7. She was a founding member of the Cleveland Ethical Society in 1950, and taught Bonsai at the Veterans Administration Hospital. An active JACLer, she is remembered as a square dance caller at many early JACL functions. She was born in Mannheim, Germany, and came to the U.S. in 1941. Her husband operates a dental laboratory.

Pioneer retail florist Paul M. Ichino, 66, of Los Angeles died on May 29. He had a flower shop in Eagle Rock between 1924 and 1941. Among survivors are three sons and three daughters, including Hollywood JACL board member Mary Voelker.

### Government

Los Angeles Mayor Sam Yorty named Grace Wong Chow to the City's new Human Relations Commission. Mrs. Chow, whose appointment is subject to City Council confirmation, is the owner of an insurance agency in Hollywood. She was born in Fresno where she attended public school and Fresno Business College. She has lived in Los Angeles since 1941.

John Fukushima, general manager of San Lorenzo Nursery, was reappointed to the three-year term on the Los Angeles County Dept. of Arboreta and Botanic Gardens board of governors by Supervisor Ernest Debs. The 25-member board oversees administration and maintenance of state and county botanic gardens.

The San Luis Obispo board of supervisors appointed Dr. Howard Kusumoto, 33-year-old Stanford medical school graduate, as county health officer. He had been acting health officer since August 1967.

Roy T. Kato, 32, associate planner at Whittier, was named Gardena city planner. From Hawaii, he graduated from Wisconsin in 1958 and studied municipal planning later at Illinois. He is a member of the American Institute of Planners.

Shinaku Hogen, 58, one-time Japanese consul general at Los Angeles, is the new Japanese ambassador to India.

### Military

County deputy sheriff Don Hara succeeded Frank Watanabe as commander of the East Los Angeles Nisei VFW Post 9902. The Hawaiian-born Nisei served in the Korean war, graduated from Brigham Young University in psychology and has been a sheriff since 1963.

Three Sansei graduating from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point this month were Ronald Y. Yasukawa, Signal Corps; T. Yoshitani, Corps of Engineers; and Gary E. Yoshizumi, Army or Corps.

Aki O. Tanaka of Harbor City and Shigeru Watanabe of Hawthorne were among 147 commissioned as 2nd Lt. in the Army upon graduation from UCLA June 14.

Lt. Col. Juji Hada of San Francisco, who served several tours in Vietnam, is back

home now, assigned to the Inspector General's Office at 8th Army Headquarters. Married to the former Mitsui Etsu, also of San Francisco, the family is still back in North Carolina near Ft. Bragg and will rejoin him this summer.

### School Front

Sophomore Steve Murata of Los Altos is a member of the UC Santa Barbara "Project Pakistan" team departing from Los Angeles June 23. He is the son of the Koji Murata. The cultural exchange project lasts through the summer. First stop is Washington, D.C., where the seven-man team will be briefed by the State Dept.

Six Sansei won National Merit Scholarships this year: Marvin Sakakihara, Sacramento Grant Union High; Thomas K. Matoi, Dinuba Union High; Raymond T. Moriyasu, Honolulu Kaimuki High; Carl H. Kikuchi, Ann Arbor Pioneer High; William J. Sakoda, Barrington (R.I.) High; and Christopher W. Kita, Cheshire (Conn.) Academy.

Army civil engineer Robert Sato was named vice chairman of the Southeast Education Center Citizens Advisory Committee by the Seattle School Board. Other Nisei on the committee include Mrs. John Furukori, William Ishii, Chris Kato and Mrs. Minoru Suyama. Center will open in fall 1970 providing nongraded individualized instruction to some 3,500 students from kindergarten through high school in a pilot project at Rainier Beach.

Two active San Gabriel Valley JACLers, Mr. and Mrs. Deni Uejima, were conferred master's degrees at Cal State L.A.; Deni in school administration and supervision; his wife in school psychology.

Pocotello—Blackfoot JACLers had sons as student body presidents this year. They were David Sumida, Pocotello High; Rodney Endow, Malta High; and Donald R. Maruji, Snake River High. Deni, the son of the Ken Matoi of Blackfoot, was awarded a \$400 scholarship to Northwest Nazarene College.

When UC Davis, newly-chartered Phi Beta Kappa chapter was organized this year, Gayle M. Fujita, daughter of the Henry Fujitas of Petaluma, was among the initial group of 46 nominated. She is also a Phi Kappa Phi nominee and a member of the Prytaneean Society, campus honor society for women. Gayle is a French and anthropology major. Her brother Dennis and older sister Nancy were Phi Beta Kappa members at UC Berkeley.

Panellenic Assn. of Petaluma cited Kathy Nakagawa, daughter of the Harry Nakagawas, its award for outstanding scholarship, citizenship and leadership. She graduated from Kenilworth Jr. High.

Sansei students in Cleveland elected president of student councils at their respective high schools are Bill Tashima, Garfield Heights; Bob Tornehl, Eastlake North; and Mike Sakai, Independence.

Dr. Frank Yatsu, former Cleveland, is engaged in neurological research on a government grant at UC Medical Center at San Francisco.

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By Bill Hosokawa

## From the Frying Pan

**WEEK OF ACTION**—For about a week early this month the household was in a state of near-chaos. The telephone rang with even greater frequency than usual. Cars would pull up in the driveway, then hurry away. Inside, there was a great hub-bub, with dresses being fitted, hems being raised (never lowered), hair being brushed and curled and curled again. And then suddenly it was over, and the place returned to a more measured one. Graduation was over.

This graduation held a special significance for us. Christie, fourth and youngest of the brood, had completed high school. And now, among other things, there will be no more P.T.A. notices to read and meetings to attend. There will be no more hurried rush to the games, and long telephone conferences over the meaning of the homework assignment. The graduation marked the passing of an era, for we have put four through the public schools and after them, there are no more.

There was a time when graduation from high school was a rather momentous event in the educating of a family. It was not uncommon in my boyhood for youngsters to go to work after eight years of grade school, and anyone who had completed high school was considered to be a full-fledged near-adult. Only the ambitious or the wealthy moved on to college.

Today college is almost routine after high school. A degree of some kind is virtually mandatory if one is to escape the blue collar class, and this desire is helping to create the current shortage of competent mechanics, machine operators, tradesmen and craftsmen of all varieties. Everyone wants to go to college and get a white collar job, or demonstrate, or help tear down our society, or something. And so Christie, too, will be going off to college this fall, leaving the house to echo a bit more hollowly than before.

**THE INEQUITIES**—We moved into the house in which we now live nearly nine years ago. We built the house big enough to provide enough room for each of the youngsters, but even then the No. 1 boy, Mike, was off at college and he used his room but infrequently. Now the mortgage has been whittled down to fairly reasonable proportions, but the house is too large for those of us who are left, and the yard is too formidable for the master's dwindling energies. There seems to be an inequity in the arrangement whereby one cannot afford a home sufficiently large when that space is needed, and by the time a family is able to move into an adequate place, it is no longer really needed. Perhaps those who would remake our society swiftly and drastically, like changing college curricula, eliminating poverty and settling the war in Vietnam, will be able to come up with an answer to the space-mortgage problem.

As for Christie, she is looking forward to a course of study that may lead ultimately to a career in medical technology. Where she acquired such an inclination is difficult to say. Her father hesitates even to dig for a sliver or a thorn after a Sunday of yardwork. Her high school years have been eventful ones, and memorable. She could have studied a bit more diligently, of course, but that would have diluted the experience of cheering state champion football and basketball teams, working on the annual, taking part in the student exchange program, and a lot of other valuable but time-consuming activities.

And so for the first time in 22 years we will have no youngsters in the public schools. No more excuses to write. No more forms to fill out and sign. No more all the rest that goes with having young ones in school. They're all adults now, and they'll have to take care of themselves. It's a little frightening, isn't it?

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# Sansei views JACL and civil rights

Following is the text of Ross Harano's address at the Midwest District Council meeting May 31-June 1 at Detroit.

By ROSS HARANO

I have been asked to give my "youthful" views as a Sansei on JACL and civil rights. When I was first approached by Elaine Akagi to discuss this topic, my first question to her was "Why me?" She immediately replied, "We want a convention banquet speaker that is neither too radical a liberal nor too reactionary a conservative and we thought of you as being somewhere in between."

This statement rather disturbed me for I have always regarded myself as a very liberal. In fact, on the outer fringe of being a radical. Have I gotten conservative in my old age?

My wife, Cheryl, would classify me as a conservative liberal in that I am liberal in regards to the basic question of civil rights for all and conservative in the methods of attaining this goal. I guess that this means that I would be in support of Eugene McCarthy for President in November who would push for civil rights legislation and Ronald Reagan for Vice President who would try to hold him back.

And then it dawned on me that things have changed in the short period of time since I was an undergraduate student in college. What was radical behavior in those days is now considered conservative. When I was a college student, we picketed around the administration building; now they take over the entire building. When I was a college student, we had sit-ins, now they have love-ins.

### Childhood in Ghetto

I try, however, to picture myself as a realist. I say this because of my childhood on Chicago's South Side. Growing up in a semi-ghetto makes one a realist when he sees five families living where one used to live; when he sees crime as an every day happening; when he sees his classmates in grammar school and high school dropping out so that they can help to feed their families; when he sees the filth of uncollected garbage on the streets so typical of the ghetto.

I see the need for change but I also understand the problems that must be faced in achieving this change.

As a Sansei, I believe that we, as Japanese Americans, have a unique role in the civil rights movement. After many personal experiences with the degradation and discrimination at the hands of racists and bigots, we in 1968 have reached a level of acceptance by the white community which was unthinkable 25 years ago.

We have established ourselves firmly and comfortably in America's mainstream of life. But we still remain a visible minority group, sensitive to the opinions of the American public.

We therefore must, if not for our own protection, help other minority groups in their present struggle for human dignity.

From our past experiences, we can sympathize with the aspirations of the struggling Negroes, Puerto Ricans, Mexicans, American Indians and other minority groups who have not been so fortunate as we. Now that we have achieved this success, we are in a position to help make their way easier, as others preceding us have made our way easier.

### A Comparison

Yet, I hear so many Sansei saying "We did it, why can't the Negro?"

Did the Issei come to this country as free men or as slaves? We can trace our ancestors back to a ken in Japan and we have inherited a rich cultural heritage from them.

The Negro was not permitted to maintain the African traditions for they were brought here as slaves, not as free men, so they were robbed of their pride and heritage.

The Japanese were able to face a world of prejudice with the strength of family ties behind him, while the Negro faced his problems alone, often not knowing where his family had been scattered by the slave owners.

While the Japanese have usually found reward for hard work, the Negro slave received no more when he worked hard than when he loafed.

Education is a must in the Japanese tradition but it was against the law to teach a slave to read and write.

There are many more examples of the differences, but these, I think, help to show the reason why comparisons should not be made between the efforts of the Japanese and those of the Negroes.

### Some Basic Questions

Many other Sansei have said, "Well, we have worked hard for success, now leave us alone!"

But have you really made it, or have you set your goals too low? Are you accepted? How many Sansei corporation officers are there? How many Sansei are in "Society"? Can you join any country club or other social group? Can you buy a home in any community? Have you really made a conscious effort to make it or have you taken the path of least resistance?

Have all things that have come to the Sansei been a part of the natural evolution of things brought about by the changing social values and the rise of the middle class in the



Ross Harano

United States or have they come about by direct action?

As an organization, JACL has led the way, but what of the individual Sansei? What has he contributed to the fight?

When the Issei first came to the Midwest, they were not blockbusters. They normally moved into lower income neighborhoods which were in a state of transition at the time and offered little or no resistance to them.

They did not get active in their community for they were not civic-oriented. They did not get active in politics for they were not politically oriented as their Issei parents were not able to vote.

The Issei stayed in his own little world and did not disturb anybody or anything for fear of standing out in the crowd. They really did not try to upset the apple cart and soon adopted the middle class values of society. Soon, the Issei began to believe himself white.

### Middle Class Citizen

Believe it or not, you, the Issei, had all of the qualifications to succeed in white America. Your educational level was higher than the national average. You had a strong family unit.

And according to a recent paper by Isao Horinouchi, these qualifications plus the concept of respect for your elders pre-adapted the Issei and thus the Issei, to the American culture because of the similarity of these teachings to the Puritan or Protestant ethic. How could you help but succeed as middle class citizens?

But what of the Sansei? If I may generalize, the Sansei are typical of today's youth who are now the social conscience of America. Youth today are more concerned with their social responsibilities to mankind than their elders.

This afternoon at the youth oratorical contest, the theme was "JACL—Heritage for the Future." No mention of civil rights was mentioned or implied in the theme.

And yet, the contestants challenged you, the Issei, and JACL to take an active part in the human relations field.

### "Why the Delay?"

One speaker mentioned that this challenge was made in 1948 by Professor Elmer Smith of the University of Utah. They put forward the question—Why the Delay?

Ladies and gentlemen, the time is 1968.

Your theme at the 1964 National Convention here in Detroit was Human Dignity—Our Challenge.

Ladies and gentlemen—why the delay?

The Sansei, like the other youth in America, are impatient with the seemingly slow movement of our organization. They are full of the ideals and spirit much akin to you the Issei during the young days of JACL.

To the Sansei, however, try to understand the Issei and not be too critical of them.

To the Issei — are you jumping on the bandwagon? Do you really believe in what you are fighting for? Right now it is "in" to be for civil rights for Negroes. What of the American Indians? It is not "popular" to be on the bandwagon for them.

To the Sansei, I see many of you who only know the academic aspects of the civil rights movement. You are willing to criticize something that you know very little about. Many of you believe that the civil rights movement began when you first discovered it.

The fight for human rights began long before we were born and will continue as long as people still talk of white or black, of red or yellow.

### Ex-Junior CLers

As I look around me tonight, I see only a handful of Sansei who were active when I was a Junior JACLer. Since the MDYC was formed back in 1962, hundreds of Sansei have gone through the Junior JACL ranks, yet where are they today? Where are the ex-Juniors? Where are the young adults?

And why should a young adult join JACL? As I look back into the archives at the Midwest office, I see the past program of the chapters within the MDC and am able to compare them with current programs. No longer the social. No longer the dances. No longer is JACL the only source of recreation for the Issei.

In succeeding to assimilate its members into America's mainstream, JACL is slowly committing hara kiri in that the Issei can now find social outlets outside the JACL.

The programs of the local chapter seem to have lost their glitter, for many of them

are carried on by tradition with little or no imagination. Can the Issei expect this type of program to attract young people?

You, the Issei, also have to realize that the Sansei grew up in a different world than you did. You have to realize that to the Sansei that of all the problems in the world, the fear of another Evacuation necessitating the JACL as a watchdog organization does not rank very high on the list.

### JACL Accomplishments

As a Sansei, I realize the role that you the Issei have played in obtaining the rights for us, the Sansei, and I feel proud of you for the far-sightedness that you have displayed in the past.

Yes, JACL is a success in the true sense of the word for it has accomplished the goals set up back in 1946 of naturalization for the Issei, settlement of evacuation claims, and suspension of deportations that were discriminatory. But after success, what?

I know that you, the Issei, want to rest and enjoy your success and you deserve to. But if you are going to rest you should leave to us, the Sansei, the answer to the question, "After success, what?"

And you should give the Sansei the power to implement their solutions to this question. The answers the Sansei will arrive at will lead them and JACL onto paths that the Issei never dreamed of.

You, the Issei, may disapprove of these answers but as a mature parent should realize that his grown son is not an extension of himself and that he should support the thought-out decision of his son (like the parent in the news who disapproves of his son's decision to desert from the army but supports the son in his decision) the mature Issei JACL leaders should support the thought-out decisions of the mature Sansei leadership.

### Sansei Control

A healthy JACL controlled by healthy Sansei must be guided by what the Sansei value. The Issei should examine how much of the effort to control the future of the JACL is for self-gratification and how much is a sincere concern of the organization and the welfare of the next generation of Japanese Americans.

If JACL is to survive as an organization, it must, on a grass roots level, get back in to the present and look towards the future.

It must take a definite and strong stand on civil rights on both the national and local level. National JACL has adopted a statement of policy in regards to civil rights which while not the strongest statement, is a necessary first step.

But the future of the organization lies in the chapter level and this is where we are failing.

How many chapters in the MDC, for example, have adopted a statement of policy?

How many chapters sent telegrams to congressmen and senators in support of recent fair housing laws?

How many MDC chapters have created human relations committees?

How many MDC chapters have sponsored programs to acquaint and educate its members with the problems facing the Negro in urban society?

### Political Action Unit

A practical suggestion would be for the JACL to adopt a political action arm much akin to the Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith. This could be on the national, district, and local level. According to a recent poll made of JACL leaders by the

MDC committee of the National Planning Commission, of the ten objectives listed in the study, the watchdog aspect of JACL was rated first and the social aspect of JACL rated last or tenth.

The political action arm aspect of the JACL would allow those Issei who are concerned with the protection of the rights of all persons of Japanese ancestry as well as all minority groups to contribute their funds and talents to this end.

Many Issei have reached a point in their lives where they are willing to contribute their money but not their time, while the Sansei who have little money are looking for an effective organization to which they can devote their energies.

But what of the present? What can the Issei and Sansei do?

Upon talking to several Negroes active in the Chicago Urban League, I find that they are not too interested in help from outside organizations. They do not want our money. They do not want our superficial programs of meeting with them under artificial conditions.

The Negroes are finally through the Black Power movement, are developing a sense of unity and pride in themselves and like the Issei, are trying to help each other.

You, the Issei, had this sense of pride and were able to meet your challenges collectively guided by the JACL motto "Strength through Unity". Your goals were uniform for you were a very homogenous group.

The Negroes in America are not a homogenous group and their methods of attaining first class citizenship have been as diverse as the organizations that H. Rap Brown and Roy Wilkins represent.

### Understanding the Negro

I have left out one very important area in which the Japanese community can take part. This is the one area in which we can all participate, no matter what our beliefs.

It is the area of understanding—understanding the Negro history, understanding the Negro struggle, understanding the Negro anguish, understanding the Negro hatred, understanding the Negro pride, understanding the Negro unrest, understanding the Negro man—how he thinks, what he thinks, and why he thinks the way he does.

Although we may not agree with some of the Negro actions, we must try to understand his frustrations, his fears, his needs. In times of crisis such as rioting, we must stop vicious rumors from spreading.

This understanding is something we all can do, young and old, conservative and liberal, each in our own way and to our own degree.

The Negro is struggling to be equal and we, of all peo-

ple, who have been through our own struggle with the help of many others, should and must understand.

### Individual Efforts

And now let's get down to the nitty-gritty. What can you do as an individual?

1—In every city there are numerous conferences, television programs, newspaper and magazine articles, as well as books available to the public. Before you can do anything positive, you must understand the situation as it is so education is the first step.

2—You can speak up every time someone makes a remark or tells a joke which slurs or nothing makes you guilty too.

3—You can speak or write to every direct or indirect recipient of your money requesting employment and promotion of employees of an equal opportunity basis—and no tokenism.

4—You can write to your legislators in support of national open housing legislation.

5—You can demand immediate and meaningful steps to insure quality education for all.

6—The most important thing looks easiest and is really the hardest: to look at yourself and see what your own prejudices and reactions are. Once this is done, you can do that which will do the most for Negroes or any other people. Treat each person with equal respect and dignity. No patronizing, no paternalism, nothing specially good or bad.

No man who is treated with dignity need feel he is being treated unfairly for, in fact, he will not be.

### SEATTLE PRES-ELECT

#### AOKI STRICKEN

SEATTLE—The Seattle JACL received a jolt when Jiro Aoki, active in the Chapter work since mid '30s, 1000 Club member, and president-elect for the coming term, was stricken with a mild stroke. He is one of the hardest workers, always managing to get his share of the thankless task. He works quietly and without fanfare. He is convalescing at home and undergoing extensive physical therapy.

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## The Winds of Change

By Dr. ROY M. NISHIKAWA  
Past National President

Los Angeles  
Over the Memorial Day Holidays, it was my privilege to discuss JACL and its current and future problems for three days with members of the National Planning Commission.

Among those present were Commission Chairman Kaz Horita, National President Jerry Enomoto, National Treasurer Yone Satoda, and our three National Vice-Presidents: Tom Shimazaki, Dr. Dave Miura and Henry Kane-gae. Also present were Legal Counsel Bill Marutani, Past National Presidents Frank Chuman, Pat Okura, Kumeo Yoshinari and this writer.

Others present were PC Board Chairman Roy Uno, Youth Chairman Kay Nakagiri, District Planning Chairman Mas Uyesugi and the following staff members: Harry Honda, Alan Kumamoto and Jeffrey Matsui.

Briefly, the function of the Planning Commission is not only to look to the future of JACL but also to critically examine almost every facet of JACL's current problems.

Just as the winds of change blow fiercely throughout the world and in the United States, the winds of change are blowing strongly within the JACL.

It was my definite impression that most JACL leaders were keenly aware of the disenchantment with the status quo, with aimless drifting, with undefined programs and with the lack of implementation.

Most seemed tired of talking and not doing. And most felt that JACL must become more involved in such areas as civil rights, human relations, community welfare and in the broad political and socio-economic problems which face us not necessarily because we are Japanese but because we are citizens.

And all felt that this involvement should be on a level that was meaningful to a concerned membership. Further, they felt that JACL could no longer rest upon her past laurels and that JACL as a purely social organization was not enough.

As for myself, I was encouraged to find that many of our leaders were willing, even eager to talk freely about these matters. For over a decade, criticism of the JACL and its leaders was not openly discussed. Too often, dissent, if not quietly squelched, was ignored. It was like moving a mountain of molasses or like Don Quixote jousting with windmills.

As one who has been among the most vocal voices of dissent, I was happy to see that we were getting big enough and honest enough to critically examine our weaknesses in order to contribute to the growth and development of the JACL. This in itself is a tremendous step out of the ostrich-like attitudes of the past.

Some have stated that the question, "Where is JACL going?" is unanswerable. Perhaps it is — at the present time — but this does not necessarily mean that we should not try to come up with answers. And this takes constant and persistent probing, re-examination and re-assessment.

A hypothetical condition can readily put into perspective the fundamental "reason for being" of the JACL.

Suppose that JACL as a national organization did not exist at the present time, would you commit yourself to organize a national group?

If so, you must first be convinced such a national organization is both necessary and worthwhile. You might first seek information at the

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## Nomination Time

By LILY A. OKURA  
MPDC Governor

Omaha  
We all know what procrastination is — "to put off doing something until a future time; postpone or defer taking action." We all have good intention — BUT never seem to get it accomplished!

On March 19, information on the nominations procedure was mailed to all District Nominations Chairmen, National Board members and chapter presidents. It was announced at that time that, in accordance to the National Constitution, nominations for National Offices should be submitted "not later than 60 days before the next National Council meeting." The deadline was announced as June 21, 1968.

As of Friday, June 7, the National Nominations Committee chairman received only one candidate's application. One chapter returned the application, stating that "none of our local people are willing at this time to sacrifice his time." I shall assume with this type of response that I shall be swamped with the forms on the zero hour, or that no one is willing or interested to become a candidate.

'Tis very interesting that I have heard via the "grapevine" that this person or that person is going to run for a certain office... where are their applications?

To refresh your memory, there were three recommendations which were made at the 1966 National Convention and accepted.

1—All candidates for national offices to be announced at the same time.  
2—All publicity on nominees to be handled by the National Nominations Committee only. No advance publicity by District Councils or Chapters on their particular candidates or candidate.

3—Names of all nominees must be cleared through respective District Council.

### Operations

As a matter of information, I give you the following: The National Nominations Committee will meet for breakfast at 7:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 21 at the St. Claire Hotel in San Jose. At this time, the final slate of candidates will be submitted. At this meeting, members of the National Nominations Committee may make further nominations provided such nominees have the endorsement of a majority of the chapters of his District Council.

Further nominations may be made from the floor at the time the National Council is convened for the election of officers, on August 24. I wish to emphasize at this time that the Committee is anxious to have as much information before hand.

In all fairness to candidate, we wish to submit as much background as possible to the Pacific Citizen.

### Qualifications

Along with our memo, a rating sheet was attached, listing some of the qualifications. No nominee was expected to meet all of the qualifications, but it was hoped that the Committee member would check the list to see that the person rates fairly high on most of the qualifications listed. HOW WOULD YOU RATE? ARE WE EXPECTING TOO MUCH?

1—Poise: (a) Able to meet the public; (b) Able to meet leaders or organization and government (President of the United States, Senators, Judges, mayors, governors, etc.); (c) Able to speak fluently before sizable audiences; (d) Able to communicate well with intellectuals and the man on the street; (e) Able to speak some Japanese.

2—Knowledgeable: (a) JACL affairs; (b) Knowledge of local, national and international affairs; (c) Cultural subjects; (d) General background of Japan and its culture.

3—Favorable Public Image: (a) Appropriate dress — neat; (b) Proper grooming; (c) Posture and physical appearance — physically fit.

4—Self-starter: (a) Unbounded

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MIDWEST ORATOR—Chicago JACL's entry Karen Suzuki (middle) wins the Midwest District Council oratorical contest at Detroit. Her parents (at left) are the John Suzukis. Karen is studying speech education at Northeastern Illinois State, serving her second term as Chicago Jr. JACL president. At right is Ruby Nakagawa, contest chairman, and Tak Tomiyama, Chicago JACL president. Runner-up was Karen Mayeda, daughter of the Kaz Mayedas of Detroit and graduate of Mumford High who will attend Univ. of Michigan this fall. —PC Photo by Gil Furusho.

# Rotarians hear Mas Satow

Mas Satow was the speaker at the San Francisco Rotary Club luncheon June 4. The following report was written by Robert Patterson, San Francisco Examiner writer. Patterson's wife is the former Kaye Lyeda, active local Nisei.

By ROBERT PATTERSON

San Francisco  
Masao Satow is a sincere and humble man, an obviously wise man. For more than a generation he has been a spokesman and mentor for all of America's Japanese Americans.

He has spoken for them often, well and eloquently. Though no spellbinder like Hawaii's Senator Inouye and no debater in the mold of erudite Mike Masaoka, Satow has amply swayed Caucasian prejudices and effectively invoked Caucasian understanding.

Never though has he accomplished more for his people than he did on June 4 before members of the San Francisco Rotary Club at their weekly Sheraton - Palace luncheon.

He took his listeners down through the tortured years with his fellow Nisei in a way that brooked no possible misunderstanding of their problems, of their triumphs over their special adversity, of their intense and stubborn Americanism.

"We go back to the turn of the century when our parents migrated from Japan," he told the civic group and their guests.

"With their strong backs and willing hands they brought other attributes. They brought a sense of the dignity of honest toil. A respect for law and those in authority. A respect for elders. Patience and perseverance in the face of adversity. A feeling for the importance of good reputation based upon good character. A certainty that one's actions reflected upon one's family and ethnic group. A respect for the rights and feelings of others. And faith in the high priority of education."

### Low Key

The small, spare Oriental gentleman with the low-keyed voice and muted manner was clearly not the conventional dispenser of luncheon oratory. He offered no warmed-over anecdotes nor elocutionary banalities. His listeners—from the start—were intent, absorbed and obviously stirred by his words.

"Our parents could not become citizens for the laws then made them ineligible for citizenship. But they were not content to remain laborers. They scrimped and saved to better themselves and did so. "But they had different customs and a strange lan-

guage and because they did not assimilate readily into the life of the larger community they were looked upon with suspicion and became objects of prejudice and discrimination stirred up by the press and politicians.

"Anti-alien laws were passed in California and other states but the Japanese bought and leased land in the names of their citizen children. They took land no one wanted and grew crops no one else could. They made significant contributions to agriculture and horticulture.

"The FBI was later to report that not a single act of espionage or sabotage was committed by any resident alien or citizen of Japanese ancestry before, during or after Pearl Harbor.

"Japanese Americans volunteered from behind barbed wire fences to write a brilliant record of Nisei loyalty on the battlefields of Europe. Other Japanese Americans volunteered for U.S. military intelligence to become the eyes and ears of the U.S. forces in the Pacific.

"Starting with Aizu, they were with every frontal assault on the road to Tokyo. They intercepted enemy directives, interrogated prisoners, translated captured documents and assisted in the occupation of Japan. These boys were also fighting for the right to be known as Americans once and for all."

"All of these factors in our favor were to become known too late. Even as they occurred, the Native Sons of the Golden West filed suit with the registrar of voters to disenfranchise American citizens of Japanese ancestry. It has since been estimated that the

losses sustained by the Japanese as a result of the evacuation and internment amounted to 400 million dollars. Only 36 million of this was returned to them."

Mr. Satow then recounted the efforts his people have made to fight their way back in the years since the war, their desperate struggle "to pick up the broken threads of their lives."

Their attainment have been substantial. He was proud of this as were his listeners.

"Surely the greater America all of us seek is an America where any reference to one's ethnic background is merely to designate and honor a rich cultural background out of which one will have the opportunity to contribute to the enrichment of our country, our democracy.

"There are no spectators in a democracy. Either we are all participants or there is no democracy. This is the challenge before us Americans, a challenge which each of us must meet if this is to be truly a government by all of the people, for all the people, and of all the people."

Mr. Satow had provided his listeners with a moving experience in Americanism.

—San Francisco Examiner

### Meant Nothing

"We, the American-born Japanese, soon found that our being born and educated in America meant nothing to the prejudiced."

"We Japanese Americans have not forgotten that we were once a despised minority. The same elements of society that rejected us as Americans are those who still think America is only for the white people."

"The same people who referred to us in a derogatory manner as 'Japs' are of the same ilk who refer to other Americans as 'kikes', 'dagos', 'niggers' and 'chinks'."

Mr. Satow then depicted other stages of the almost intolerable ascent toward acceptance. He described the impact on his people of Pearl Harbor and the war, of the lies and calumnies that were employed against them, of the uprooting from their homes and lives of an entire people and of their long internment in arid, prison-like concentration camps.

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... the Way to San Jose: Robin Eto



## Lively Time for Jr. Boosters Seen

San Jose  
"No more pencils, no more books..." — that old familiar refrain is echoing among the out-of-doors as school closed for the summer in our area last week. The past few weeks have been hectic, rewarding, and sad, as students crammed for finals, celebrated their long-awaited graduations, and silently shed tears as they saw the life of a great American, Senator Robert F. Kennedy, slip away as a result of an assassin's bullet.

Many of the Jr. JACLers are returning to school for summer studies, others are hard at work on a summer job; but all of us are working energetically for our fast-approaching National Convention.

In today's article, let's expand on the Junior Booster Events to be offered at the confab. Our committee for this phase of the week's events is being chaired by Hideko Janet Oda. An active member of the San Jose Jr. JACL, Hideko was chapter scholarship chairman last year.

Having just completed her sophomore year at San Jose State College, Hideko will return next fall to resume her studies, which is a major in Commercial Art, with a special concentration in the area of Graphic Design. She has lived in several places before settling here in San Jose, where she graduated from James Lick High School 2 years ago.

Hideko was born in Hiroshima, Japan, and attended Aozaki Elementary School for two years before coming to the United States. Sketching, painting, drawing, bowling, tennis, and volleyball are her favorite pastimes.

Hideko and her committee have several activities planned for you during the free hours between official events. Many of these activities may be new and different to

some of you, but all promise to hold many moments of fun and new friends.

Throughout the duration of the convention, there will be free recreation for the delegates. Facilities for swimming, volleyball, basketball, softball, and table tennis are available.

A special Volleyball Tournament is planned, but limited space is available, so be sure and sign up for it as soon as possible after your arrival here.

There will be get-togethers to enable everyone to get acquainted with delegates from all areas of the United States.

In order to utilize the facilities of the San Jose State campus, an informal "Lawn Party" has been arranged. The meal ticket for this event will probably cost around 25 to 50 cents.

A barbecue lunch, folksinging, and just plain relaxing is in store for you for this event, with the highlight being a "Slave Auction."

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their "master."

Another activity in the making is an "Ugly Man Contest", with contestants selected from the different sections of the dormitories. It should be interesting and fun to see which group can make-up their contestant the wildest, and have him claim the title of "Ugly Man."

In addition to these activities, Hideko has informed us that several "surprise" events are still being planned, so be ready for anything at our convention!

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**Honolulu**  
A third fire set by vandals  
in two weeks did some \$4,500  
damage June 3 to Stevenson  
Intermediate School's library.  
The series of school fires be-  
gan May 21 when two pupils  
at Kawanakao Intermediate  
School set a fire that did \$1.3  
million damage. Both were  
arrested a week later. An-  
other fire did about \$39,500  
damage May 31 to classrooms  
at Nanakuli School. Two  
Honolulu men have failed to  
report for Army inductions  
here. They are **Richard M.**  
**Tanamura**, 25, of 3495 East  
Manoa Rd. and **Rodger C.**  
**Brooks**, a teacher in the Com-  
munity Action Program. Tan-  
amura, according to informed  
sources, has left for Sweden  
instead of reporting for duty  
with the recently federalized  
National Guard. He was a  
Univ. of Hawaii student.

**Byodo-in Temple**, replica of  
the 900-year Byodo-in Tem-  
ple of Kyoto, Japan, was de-  
dicated June 7 in Ahiuamau  
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## Aloha from Hawaii

by Richard Gima

**Park.**  
Shizuo Matsuo, president of  
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July 13 for a one-week visit  
and participation in the cen-  
tennial of the arrival of the  
first immigrants from Japan.  
Matsuo is coming at the in-  
vitation of the Japanese Cen-  
tennial Committee.

**Pan American Airways** is  
having a fly-in at 20 Mid-  
western cities to introduce the  
airline's international service  
to community leaders and  
travel agents. Business  
firms would get special tax  
credits for creating new jobs  
which assist the chronically  
unemployed in obtaining pro-  
ductive work under a bill co-  
sponsored by Rep. Spark M.  
Matsunaga. Fire of unde-  
termined origin all but de-  
stroyed a Japanese pickle  
plant in Hilo June 2. Dam-  
age to the Waimanalo Ko Ko  
Co. at 803 Leilani St. was es-  
timated at \$105,000. Its own-  
er is **Richard Kiyoto**.

**Killed in Vietnam**  
The Army announced on  
June 5 the death of two more  
Hawaii men in Vietnam fight-  
ing. They are **Spec. 4 Alger-**  
**non P. Kaakimaka, Jr.**, 20,  
son of **Algermon P. Kaakima-**  
**ka, Sr.**, of 332-A Iolani St.,  
and **Sgt. 1C John Salazar**, son  
of the **Floro Salazars** of Hono-  
kua on the Big Island.  
Although **Prof. Oliver M.**  
**Lee** has been fired at the  
Univ. of Hawaii, it appears

that he will be teaching on  
the campus this summer. Af-  
ter the political science pro-  
fessor was fired by the board  
of regents on the recommen-  
dation of the university ad-  
ministration, Lee said he had  
a contract with the summer  
session and would teach.

**Names in the news**  
**Chir W. Kruger**, president of  
Island Federal Savings & Loan  
Assn., has been named chairman  
of the Hawaii chapter of the  
Young Presidents Organization.  
The YPO is an organization of  
men who have become presidents  
of their companies before reach-  
ing the age of 40. Others chosen  
for the coming year are **Clarence**  
**Furuya**, vice chairman, **Glen K.**  
**Oda**, sec., and **Edward D. Sultan**,  
Jr., treas.

**Jose Bulatao**, an English teach-  
er at Waihee High School on  
Kauai, will attend a two-week  
workshop on using the news-  
paper in the classroom at UCLA  
this month. Seven police ser-  
geants and detectives were named  
for the coming year are **Clarence**  
**Furuya**, vice chairman, **Glen K.**  
**Oda**, sec., and **Edward D. Sultan**,  
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**Kan Young**, a member of the  
Pall Lions Club, has been  
named head of Hawaii's 2,250  
Lions. He was elected at the 32nd  
annual convention of Lions club  
meeting June 1 in Hilo. The Pa-  
lo Alto Lions Club was honored as  
the state's best club. **Kalehua**  
**Lions Club** was second and **Kali**  
**Lions Club** third. **Stanley Naka-**  
**son** of **Waihee** Lions Club was  
named the outstanding club se-  
cretary of the district, and the bu-  
letin of the **Kapahulu** **Molili**  
**Club**, edited by **Robert Shimada**,  
took top honors.

An \$18 million contract that  
guarantees construction in Hono-  
lulu one of the world's most  
beautiful, scientifically designed  
stadiums was signed June 5. The  
plan, signed by Mayor **Neal Blais-**  
**dell** for the City and **Chas. Luck-**  
**man**, head of **Chas. Luckman As-**  
**sociates**, architects, calls for the  
stadium to be completed by late  
1972. **Nelson Yoshioka**, Kal-  
muk High School basketball  
coach, has been named the ath-  
letic director of the school. He  
will succeed **Albert Mann**, who  
has been accepted into the ad-  
ministrative internship program  
and who will study towards a  
principship. — **Willie Kiriaka**,  
former Hawaii Islander ballplayer  
now with the **Tigers** of the  
Japanese league, has been a dis-  
appointment to the **Tiger** owners.  
In 40 games, Kiriaka has hit  
only .200 (.52-160). He has hit 9  
home runs and driven in 19 runs.

**Students from Mainland**  
**Edward H. Nakamura**, chair-  
man of the Univ. of Hawaii  
board of regents, said on May  
30 that demonstrations by stu-  
dent activities have generated  
new pressures for a tuition  
differential for out-of-state  
students. Nakamura said he  
believes that the growing  
pressure on the state legisla-  
ture will be felt in the 1969  
session opening next Feb.  
Some legislators have indi-  
cated a belief that much of  
the confrontation between  
students and the university  
administration in recent  
weeks may be traced to a  
small core of non-resident  
students from the Mainland.  
— **Wayne Newton**, the sing-  
er, and **Elaine Okamura**, for-  
mer airlines stewardess, were  
married June 1 in Las Vegas.

**Mayor Neal S. Blaisdell**  
was honored June 1 by his  
alma mater, **Bucknell Univ.**,  
at **Lewisburg, Pa.** He was  
cited by the **Bucknell** alum-  
ni association for his achieve-  
ments as a public servant.  
**Geo. Grittinger**, a classmate,  
accepted the award on the  
mayor's behalf.  
Three Honolulu students have  
each won \$500 cash awards in  
the fifth annual Educational  
Awards Program. They are **Aileen**  
**S. Nakamura** of **Kahului**, **Steph-**  
**anie Rezents** of **244 Hawaii** **Loa** **St.**  
and **Ray T. Tamashiro** of **408** **Uhi-**  
**uli** **Pk.** The program is an in-

## Bowlers from Japan defeat four ace Southlanders at Holiday Bowl matches

by Richard Gima

**LOS ANGELES**—Japan's top  
professional bowlers defeated  
four of the Southland's ace  
keglers in a special exhibition  
match recently staged here at  
Holiday Bowl. Miss Kayoko  
Suda, Japan's number one  
woman bowler, scored an up-  
set win over **Judy Sakata**  
from Los Angeles by posting  
games of 202-220-227 for a  
649 total.

In the men's division, **Eichi**  
**Kawai**, Japan's youngest dele-

gate at 24, topped **Gerry**  
**Morita** from Holiday Bowl  
with a 603 series, while on  
the adjoining pair of lanes,  
**Walt Block**, just named So.  
Calif. Bowler of the Year,  
fent down at the hands of  
**Tomisaue Yasutake**, 678-594.  
The only win for the local  
bowlers came when **Gary**  
**Yamauchi** edged **Min Mizu-**  
**tani** 588-584 in a match that  
was decided in the final frame  
of competition.

The foursome of Japanese  
representatives are currently  
winding up their tour of the  
United States after their par-  
ticipation in the **Bowling Prop-**  
**rietors' Assn. of America All-**  
**Star Tournament** held in Gar-  
den City, New York.  
**Mizutani** and **Yasutake** were  
competing this past week in  
the **P.B.A. Portland \*Open**,  
while **Miss Suda** was entered  
in the **So. Calif. Nisei Bowling**  
**Assn. tournament** at **Garden**  
**Square Bowl** in **Orange Coun-**  
**ty**.

**Picnickers** have been asked  
by co-chairmen **Akira Take-**  
**shita** and **Walt Obayashi** to  
bring enough food to feed  
four additional men. Some 40  
Japan Air Line pilots in train-  
ing at **Brown Field** have also  
been invited.  
The picnic fishing derby  
weigh-in will be at 3 p.m.

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panese Maritime Self-Defense  
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400 men at the community  
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**POMONA**—East San Ga-  
briel Valley Japanese Com-  
munity Center will hold its  
20th annual picnic on June  
23, 11 a.m., at the County  
Fairground Picnic Hill, ac-  
cording to **Leo Hayashi**, chair-  
man.  
Community organizations  
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**rus Valley Optimists**, **West**  
**Covina Judo Dojo** and **San**  
**Gabriel Valley JACL**.

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**World**.  
**Hawaiian Airlines** on June  
4 graduated 21 new steward-  
esses to bring the airline's to-  
tal to 85. All are island girls,  
representing almost all of Ha-  
waii's racial groups. **Nisei**  
girls include **Dianne Y. Ka-**  
**wakami**, **Thelma M. Tanimo-**  
**to** and **Antoinette Yamada**.  
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Ye Editor's Desk

GOOD CITIZENSHIP EXTENDED

The young man we envisioned as JACL national president someday is running as the sole Democratic candidate for the Utah State Senate from District 1.

Before entering private practice of law with the firm of Ronnow, Madsen & Tanner, Ray was assistant attorney general, serving as chief counsel for the State Welfare Dept., State Industrial School, State Training School, State Hospital and other state health and welfare agencies whose annual expenditures exceeded \$50 million.

As a JACLer, he served as chapter president for two terms, edited the Salt Lake newsletter for two years, three years as youth adviser and most recently as IDC youth commissioner. He also served as resolutions chairman of the 1964 National Convention at Detroit.

Ray graduated from Weber College and Univ. of Utah Graduate School of Social Work and the Univ. of Utah Law School. He was referee for the district juvenile court and also deputy county counsel.

As the first Utah Nisei running for the legislature, he seeks to represent what has been described as an "elite district" because of its constituents: Democratic Governor Rampton, Attorney General Phil Hansen (onetime Salt Lake JACLer) and the Democratic state chairman. But the district also covers a stable, wealthy and predominantly Republican residential area around the State Capitol. The low-income residents who are predominantly Democrats and professors, students and people associated with the University and workers at the State Capitol and downtown also reside in the district.

While it was a personally difficult decision for Ray to accept the party's call to run, even more difficult will be the struggle ahead. His Republican opponent is incumbent W. Hughes Brockbank, who was regarded the most influential and powerful legislator in the last legislative session.

The minorities in District 1—the Spanish-speaking Americans and Negroes—are with Ray Uno as well as the party regulars. "With a lot of hard work, organization and luck, I just may be able to pull it off," Ray believes. "A lot will depend on who runs nationally and which way the people vote for the presidential and senatorial races."

In trying to break away from government service and community activities and establish himself in private practice, Ray thought his hand in the coming campaign for his boss, Attorney General Hansen for the U.S. Senate, would be the parting shot to politics, government and volunteer work on a statewide basis. But as an executive committeeman of Forum for Democratic Responsibility, a group of young professional people seeking competent, young people to run for political office, his personality and talents must have shown through for the party selected him to run for the state senate.

Ray had never expressed any inclination to run for public office, had never been active in the party nor attended political meetings. Today, he is voting district chairman for his party.

This summer and fall, the 37-year-old Nisei barrister will stump hard, talking about the problems of quality education, taxes, individual equality, welfare, industrial development, juvenile delinquency, law enforcement and of the small and medium-size businesses.

"Even if I do not win, I want to show the voting public that Japanese Americans are good citizens, hard campaigners and decent vote getters. This may open the way for other minority groups, even the Sansei, to get more involved in politics," Ray declared.

This year, we have three Nisei running for legislative post: Grayson Taketa (D) of San Jose running for a congressional seat; Moonray Kojima (R) of New York seeking a state assembly seat; and Raymond Uno (D) of Salt Lake City.

Their decision to serve the people of their district is most commendable. JACL has always preached good citizenship and running for political office ranks as the crown of civic responsibility.

25 Years Ago

In the Pacific Citizen, June 24, 1943

U.S. Supreme Court rules unanimously coast curfew legal in Yasui and Hirabayashi cases. JACL officers Mike Masaoka and Joe Kanazawa of Washington, D.C., called to testify at Dies Committee hearings: Hearst press give sensational coverage to alleged disclosures from JACL files seized by Congressional investigators. Rep. Karl Mundt (R-S.D.) of Dies committee "amazed" at crowded conditions at Poston center. Nebraska Gov. Griswold challenges Warren statement at U.S. governors conference that release of evacuees may lead to sabotage. Arizona Gov. Osborn wants evacuees to return to coast after war, wants no surplus after war. WRA Director Dillon Myer defends evacuees on work leaves, no one reported disloyal. CIO unions condemn Dies Committee smear campaign against Nisei. Pasadena

Not Negro, but Afro-American or Black...

By BILL MARUTANI

Philadelphia
In the previous column we promised to discuss the use of varying terms of "Negro," "colored," "Black" and "Afro-American." Not unlike many others, I, too, have been somewhat confused as to the proper term to use; this confusion may be evident right in this contribution to this column.

In Philadelphia the Nationalities Service Center (for-

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merly the "International Institute") conducts a biennial Folk Fair in which various ethnic groups participate. And so at Convention Hall there will be various nationality booths: "Greek," "Italian-Americans," "Ukrainian-Americans," "Japanese-Americans," etc. That is, until one gets to a booth selling Southern fried chicken, sweet potato pies, and other Southern delicacies. This booth has a banner reading: "American Negro."

Now, note the reversal of the words. Everyone else is Italian-American, Chinese-American, etc. and then suddenly "American Negro." Is he not an American? (Take, for example, such a term as "American Japanese." Somehow, wouldn't this strike the wrong chord?) Perhaps significantly, I could think of another subjugated group in which the emphasis is reversed: that is the "American Indian." Is this reversal of words an insidious implication that these are "Negroes" and "Indians" who just happen to be in America?

No Hyphenations

Mike Masaoka, a semantist of no small means, long ago used to object (and still does) strenuously to hyphenating "Japanese-American." Frankly, I used to wonder why. As I understand it, Mike's reasoning is that we are Americans who happen to be of Japanese ancestry; that to hyphenate the term would indicate that we are not fully Americans, that we would then be "hyphenated Americans." And I agree fully with Masaoka. Even though it took me a while to figure out why.

Why Not "Negro"?

The term "Negro" was one picked out by the majority and pinned on the slaves; it was not one selected by the Blacks themselves. Perhaps that is reason enough to reject it, under the circumstances.

Moreover, it is the only racial term commonly used in our language that refers to color. Thus whereas other minorities are designated Italians, South Americans, Spaniards, Japanese, etc.—each of which is referable to some geographic area or country—the term "Negro" refers to color. Where on the map is "Negro"? (What if, for example, instead of Japanese we were labelled by others as the "Yellows"? Or to fit into terms of the Blacks, we were known as the "American Yellows"?)

And so it is entirely consistent with the accepted pattern of things in our society to use the geographic designation of "Afro-American." (And if there be a Black "Mike Masaoka" among them, they'll insist upon striking out the hyphen.)

Muhammed Ali & Malcolm X

Now, then, why did Cassius Clay reject his given birth name and adopt Muhammed Ali? Or why "Malcolm X", which sounds almost like a non-entity, or at least the name of some inanimate object? While I've never met Muhammed Ali nor have spoken to Malcolm X, may I offer the explanation which I believe is correct.

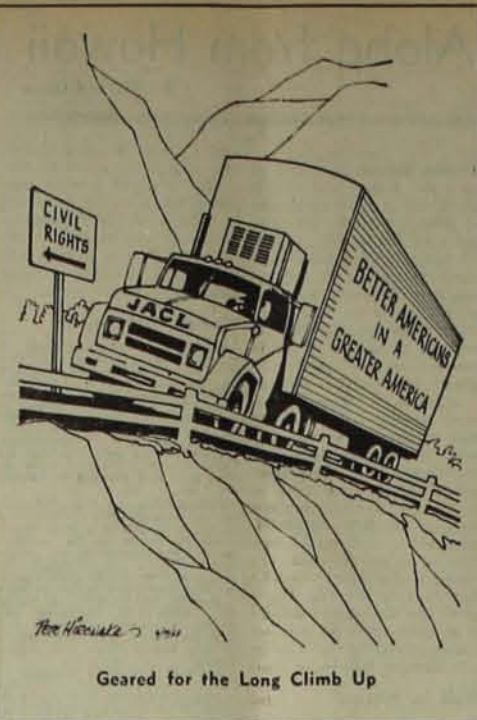
The surnames of the Afro-American are those that can be traced back to slavery, specifically to the slave-masters whose surnames many slaves, as chattels, had adopted.

Thus, if instead of that good Hiroshima Japanese name of "Marutani", someone pinned the name "Clay" upon me because my great-grandfather was a chattel or slave of "Mr. Clay", frankly I think I, too, would be inclined to refuse to perpetuate the name of the slave-master who held my ancestors in subjugation.

Now, if this doesn't jostle you just a bit, add 350 years of deprivation and suffering. If it still doesn't move you, you're insensitive to pressure and you're ripe for slavery in this modern day.

PTA honors

LOS ANGELES—Mrs. Betty Kozasa, outgoing 10th District PTA president, was elected secretary of the statewide California Congress of Parents and Teachers.



Geared for the Long Climb Up

Letters from Our Readers

Brotherhood for RFK

Editor:

I am appalled to think of the tragedy that Senator Robert F. Kennedy has met. My heart is saddened to think that a great leader has met with such brutal violence. How many more of our great leaders are to be struck down at the hands of men who make their own laws?

Robert F. Kennedy was a man with great vigor. He was one of our most promising leaders. He was a man whom so many of the younger generation loved and wished to be identified with. The young Senator had deep compassion for his fellow men. He was one man who really cared about the black man and the poverty in our country. He was totally committed in what he believed was right. Robert F. Kennedy had so much to offer only to meet an untimely death.

We, the young people in America will be tomorrow's leaders. We have seen and heard too much violence in our short lifetime. With the help of a strong leader we are willing to fight hard to build a country that our children will not be afraid to live in. With Robert Kennedy we felt we could bring equal rights for all in America and a new hope for peace in Vietnam. Now once again our dream has been shattered leaving us to seek another leader.

In this time of tragedy, we as citizens, must act now to end violence. Nothing can ever be gained through violence. We must work in unity, the black and white, the rich and poor, to try and achieve brotherhood. Only in achieving brotherhood can we find a final understanding to ward peace.

It is only in achieving brotherhood that we can pay our finest tribute to Senator Robert F. Kennedy: A man... a public servant... a great leader.

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Political Alliance

Editor:

"A time comes when silence is betrayal." That time has come for Asian-Americans in relation to the political and racial turmoil in America. Asian-Americans on the whole either have deluded themselves that the turmoil need not concern them, or feign ignorance of it. Who among us can deny this fact? Notable exceptions there have been to be sure; and to them we pay the respect which is their proper due. But the fact remains: most of us are guilty of silence and apathy, whatever the degree may be. Thus, believing that all existing organizations in the Asian-American community are too committed to the status quo and believing that silence must cease now, we as Asian-Americans announce the establishment of a new political organization, the Asian-American Political Alliance.

Our organization will speak out on issues which have a direct bearing on Asian-Americans as well as on others. To take stock of our own particular position in present-day society, to reassess our relationship to the dominant white majority, and even more important to define our relationship to the Black, Mexican, and Indian liberation movements—these are the initial main purposes for which this organization has been established. The crucial question facing us today is not that of integration. Now there is the more compelling question which we must pose first, and that is: what is this society which we have sought, too often with ludicrous fervor, to become integrated into? Is it that society which now shows every

evidence of liquidating Black people? Is it that society which is waging the political and morally insane war in Vietnam? Such questions and others like them, we feel, must be raised, and in doing so we wonder whether American society as it exists at present is worth integrating into. That we are Americans, we do not deny. What kind of Americans we are, however, is for us to decide.

Because we have elected to remain silent, our existence has been taken for granted. That we Asian-Americans have political grievances cannot be denied. Conditions in San Francisco Chinatown give indisputable evidence of them. And despite the hallowed and much heralded "success" of many Asian-Americans there still remain subtle forms of discrimination in society which most of us have experienced in one way or another. Moreover we have been, and still are, used politically to the detriment of oppressed minorities. Those who say to oppressed minorities "follow the example of the orientals" or variations thereof are making racist statements, for they are saying in fact "they know their place."

Many of us have acted as individuals for lack of an effective, relevant political organization to express our views. But as individuals we have found ourselves ineffective, and so we have established this new political organization. For those Asian-Americans who wish to break their silent betrayal and join us, we welcome you. We do not presume to judge those Asian-Americans who have preceded us in the past. But we will not hesitate to judge those who persist in dragging up past examples as shining models to be followed in the present and those who elect to remain silent.

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Eye for an eye...

Editor:

Following the shooting of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy and the ensuing capture of the man charged with his assassination, I have heard several people voice the opinion that the assassin should be deprived of life. Needless to say, similar statements were made after the death of Rev. Martin Luther King. These are statements made at a time when emotions are at a peak. It is a feeling expressed after a person's outer shell has been stripped away. His idealistic pseudo-character did not play in as a factor. It is a gut reaction. It is the real man speaking. However, it is a feeling that is suppressed in to the most inner part of man by society; and it is only exposed when the facts really hit home.

But isn't life just as precious to one man as it is to another? Then why is it that only when the life of an internationally known figure is cut short, do we feel that the death of his killer is mandatory. Shouldn't we feel this way about anyone who takes the life of another?

As a Sansei nearing voting age, I realize that it will soon be time for my generation to step forward and make the decisions that will influence and control society. I hope this is one paradox that we will not pass on to the future.

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local chapter level and then at district meetings. You would try to appraise their programs and activities, their membership support, their standing in their communities. To be worthwhile and necessary, any group must perform a meaningful function. What are JACL's functions currently?

In broad terms, JACL's functions embrace the welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry (which many have criticized as being too narrow), good citizenship, education and public relations and as a kind of watchdog over the rights of Japanese Americans. For a long time in our history, these functions were meaningful and had a significant effect upon the lives of most of us, whether we chose to acknowledge this or not.

Today, under vastly changed conditions these broad functions—although still ideologically worthwhile—have lost specific meaning for many members and particularly for those newer and younger members who are looking for a commitment. Somehow JACL's functions, hedged with limitations, seem bland when compared to all of the other great problems confronting us.

At the 1948 National Convention one of the main propositions posed was: "JACL's main business is to work itself out of business." Now, twenty years later, some are wondering if JACL has not approached this point.

Perhaps these are harsh words, yet they will serve their purpose if more of our membership start asking, "Where is JACL going?" and if all of us start thinking about JACL's future and how it can become more significant in our lives, in our children's lives and in our communities.

The winds of change blow—even in the conservative JACL—and if the National Planning Commission does not challenge our membership and leaders, then who will? It may be that our membership will soon start challenging our leadership!

In view of the subject matter, I feel that it is particularly fitting to end this discussion with the inspiring words to the late Senator Robert F. Kennedy:

"It is a revolutionary world we live in... and this generation has had thrust upon it a great burden and responsibility..."

"Each of us can work to change a small portion of events and in the total of all those acts will be written the history of this generation..."

"Few are willing to brave the disapproval of their fellows, the censure of their colleagues, the wrath of their society. Moral courage is a rarer commodity than bravery in battle or great intelligence. Yet it is the one essential, vital quality for those who seek to change a world that yields most painfully to change..."

"The future does not belong to those who are content with today, apathetic toward common problems and their fellow man alike, timid and fearful in the face of new ideas and bold projects. Rather it will belong to those who can blend vision, reason and courage in a personal commitment to the ideals and great enterprises of American society..."

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initiative; (b) Dynamic personality; (c) Diplomacy; (d) Social situations; (e) Work and organizational environments; (f) Inspiration; (g) Able to inspire optimism and high morale; (h) Polished and Cultured; (i) Presentable manner in speech and action; (j) Social etiquette and niceties—eating habits; (k) Has "savoir-faire"; (l) Writer; (m) Able to write proficiently for the PC and other news media; (n) Teamworker; (o) Able to work well in group situations; (p) Availability; (q) Occupational time flexibility; (r) Can spare the time from his occupation to attend functions necessitated by his office; (s) Guest speaking; (t) Installing officers; (u) National Board meetings (There may be additional official correspondence); (v) Fulfill the duties of the chairman of a National Committee; (w) Maturity; (x) Can take advice, constructive criticism and suggestions well; (y) Spouse (where applicable); (z) Has a spouse who encourages active participation in organization activities, or is not opposed to the nominees participation; (aa) Has a spouse who can represent the JACL at official functions; (ab) Appearance; (ac) Personality.

I, personally do not feel that the qualifications are too high. As I mentioned, no one is expected to meet all of the qualifications, but I would like some of these qualities to represent me on the National Board. In other words, I would want to be proud of our leaders!

Young adult dance

LONG BEACH—The Young Adults of Long Beach JACL will sponsor a dressy-sport and tie dance at Lafayette Hotel in the French Room June 22 with two bands playing: The Society and Something Else.



Slow Train

We hadn't seen the JACL Midwest Office Secretary Esther Hagiwara's brother Paul for about ten years. He had just flown in from Los Angeles where the crowds around the airport was waiting to see the plane that was to take Senator Kennedy's remains to the crowd around the airport was waiting to see the plane to catch the plane. Paul looked as though the years had treated him kindly, and he still was the rascal that had spent his years in the Korean War, bouncing on planes between K— and Ashiya, buying prizes for the officer's bingo games. Somehow, even in those days, he had a hard time catching planes and spent about four days of the week in Japan, buying knick-knacks, so he said. Paul lives near Washington now and is a man of some importance.

Later as we watched on TV the slow sad progress of the train from New York to Washington, over the same route we had taken many times, the places looked the same, even to the great dirt culvert in Baltimore where once we waited for a girl. Somehow the scenes never really change and for all the anguish and remorse, through all the turmoil we all have experienced with perhaps more to come, we recall only the ridiculous. The people standing on the same corners, who are they, but our sons, still sweating the draft, and still wondering about their future.

It would be equally absurd if all the JACL membership had to show for these years was two cars in the garage and wondering whether or not their sons should get a hair cut.

Accent on Youth: Don Hayashi

Youth Intern Program

Beginning June 15, Portland Jr. JACL President Don Hayashi has joined the JACL staff as summer intern in the Youth Program at Los Angeles.

In a new program as the Youth Intern Program, there is reasonable uncertainty of what the results of this program will be. What may appear to be good on paper, may not work out an actuality. Still there is the hope that at least some of the goals and objectives of the program may be achieved.

As I begin this task, there is a sense of uncertainty accompanied with the hope that I will be able to profit from and contribute to the Youth Program. I am confident that with the guidance and patience of Alan Kumamoto and other JACL staff members, it will be a productive and profitable summer.

I hope to receive a better understanding of the total Junior JACL program. The great diversity and vastness of chapters have caused me to think that the National organization is a myth rather than a reality. The relevance of the National organization should become clearer as I work on the Youth Manual in the coming weeks.

I believe that I will come to have a greater appreciation for the National program. At the chapter level, it is easy to think of the District and National organizations as simply "one big chapter". Rather it is necessary to begin to employ those ideas and programs which best compliment the large size and diversity of the National organization, while preserving and expanding the program of the local chapter.

Finally, I hope to be able to contribute ideas to the existing form of Junior JACL to bring about greater awareness an appeal to members and chapters—thus resulting in more interest, and participation. In the coming months, I plan to spend time exploring various approaches toward alleviating the problems of communication at every level of JACL. Hopefully the Youth Manual will be a beginning toward overcoming this stumbling block.

Now to begin to fulfill these expectations.

THOUSAND CLUB NOTES

By DR. FRANK SAKAMOTO

National 1000 Club Chairman

How often have you had a chance to do your best? A good example is our Christmas cards—we care enough to send our very best. Do you care enough for the JACL and its purposes to do your very best? The recent riots, the grim warnings of a coming hot summer, and the worsening race relations in our beloved country should be enough of a warning to us to have a strong JACL to counteract this trend and bring harmony.

Our latest tally shows that we have 1,870 1000 Clubbers. We can easily go over the 2,000 rank if each of our loyal 90 JACL chapters would sign up two new members.

Remember, if you care enough to do your very best, we shall overcome all the obstacles in our path and make our democracy function. The need is urgent and the time is now—join the JACL 1000 Club.

Deaths

PORTLAND: Kitahara, Mrs. Shige, 81; May 19 — a Tio Kiyokawa. SALT LAKE CITY: Mori, Mrs. Tsune, 84; Apr. 17 — d. Kazuo, Yasu Mitsunaga (L.A.); Michiko Shiotani, Fujii Yamagata (San Diego); Kiyu Tashiro, 19; 8c, 28; 8c, 28; Yano, Kichitaro, 28; May 19 — Shimizu, a Mas, Raymond, d. Hideo Shioi (Japan), 4; 8c. NEBRASKA: Matsutani, Masaharu, 32; North Platte, Apr. 9 — w. Ruth, 4; m. Naoko, Ben Kay, as Mrs. George Handa (Lincoln), Mrs. Kim Nakayama (Chicago). DENVER: Kitashima, Yoko, 60; Apr. 20 — San, Aki, Richard, Taka, Cecil, Ben (D.C.); Nobu, Kaz (L.A.); Nue Motomura, Mui Onodera, Mary Nakaguchi. OMAHA: Ono, Kenkichi, 81; Ft. Lupton, Apr. 22 — d. Mary Okimoto, Sachiko Hisanaka. SAKAKI, Kiso, 86; Brighton, Apr. 20 — b. Ryosuke, d. Mitsuye Kozumai (N.Y.). CHICAGO: Hibino, Matsuo, Apr. 9 — a Kenji, Jun, d. Aiko. Ozone, Koko, Apr. 22 — w. Sel, one son, three daughters. PHILADELPHIA: Inouye, Saburo, 14 — w. Michio, a William, George, d. Miyoko. NEW YORK: Okochi, Mrs. Edith T., Apr. 23 — (in Los Angeles) — a George, d. Kathryn Liestman (Los Angeles).