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Nat'l President

## CHICAGO POLICY

The "human relations" policy reported by the Chicago Chapter (PC, June 14) is encouraging, not because it is new or profound, but because it speaks to the specific issues of housing, employment, and education. These are the core issues at the guts of most social problems today.

Disadvantaged Black and Mexican American citizens suffer most from the vicious cycle of inferior education—poor and sporadic employment—bad housing.

The Chicago Chapter calls upon its members to participate personally and financially in positive action movements aimed at achieving breaks in this cycle.

Happily (and these are not happy times) there have been some breakthroughs, granted not enough.

Recent developments continue to support the optimistic view that "open housing" will ultimately become a reality.

However, it will be some time before a significant number of today's disadvantaged can afford to buy or rent decent housing, whether such is open to them or not.

Thus, the concept of "open housing" means little, unless the wherewithal to take advantage of it exists.

Since money is the key, sufficient jobs to earn it must be available. In order to hold down jobs, especially "good" jobs, a quality education is a must.

There is every reason to believe that a quality education cannot be obtained in the ghetto, or racially segregated schools.

Thus, when we run head on into the hot issue of "busing," which may not be the best answer to this problem, it may be the only practical answer at a given period in time.

A JACL Chapter in a community where busing is a critical issue may feel compelled to publicly support it. Is this wrong?

If we believe in equal opportunities in education, and oppose de facto segregation, it may be that we are wrong if we don't support it.

Let's keep in mind that the concept of education today includes practical job training. JACL must be interested in movements and legislation intended to expand job training opportunities.

Since not all youth (even Sanses) go to college, apprenticeship opportunities shouldn't be overlooked.

Discrimination in trade unions, particularly certain ones, has been a longstanding problem. JACL does have a stake here.

The Chicago policy speaks to "promoting" individual commitment to the principles of fair housing and equal employment opportunities through specific programs within the Japanese American community.

As I have mentioned in these pages before, this concept has been long overdue.

Furthermore, it can be said more bluntly, i.e. before we talk about others, let's get our own house in order. Let's talk about Japanese American apartment owners who discriminate.

How about Japanese American businesses (where the work force is big enough)—are they "equal opportunity employers?"

Frankly, I hope that more JACL chapters commit themselves to the course followed by Chicago. The same old formula of installation dinner, picnic, scholarship presentation, New Year's Dance, with a blood drive or isolated "discussion" about civil rights (if that) thrown in, is increasingly too little, much too late.

**THE COURT**

Add to the ominous clouds hovering over us today, the intertemporal mouthings of politicians who are using the U.S. Supreme Court as one convenient patsy to attain office for which they are grossly unqualified.

You and I should be ever mindful that our country's laws protect us.

They aren't vague and academic things that exist for Blacks and criminals.

The U.S. Supreme Court is the highest protector of all of us from the excesses man is subject to in the name of, among other things, patriotism and law and order. In a real sense it is the "court of last resort."

"Crime in the streets" was not created by, nor increased by, that Court.

If we are concerned about crime, expressions of that concern can take the form of positive steps toward achieving a society with a minimum of bad health (both physical and emotional), want, bad housing, unemployment, broken homes, lack of

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**CONGRESSMAN CALLS**—Riverside JACLers met their Congressman, John V. Tunney (D), at the Riverside Gakuen Hall. Greeting him is Gen Ogata, chapter president. Tunney spoke on the Indian conservatorship and poverty program.

## San Francisco in close victory at JACL Olympics

SAN FRANCISCO—Four new records were set and two records tied in the 16th annual San Francisco JACL Nisei Olympics held in balmy weather here June 18.

With 200 friends and relatives watching from the stands of the Cox stadium of San Francisco State College, close to 150 young Nisei athletes competed in four classes—open (A), lightweight (B), Junior and Pee Wee.

The Northern California Western Nevada JACL District Council's perpetual trophy for overall championship was won by the San Francisco Junior JACL team which amassed 92 points in both the open and lightweight classes, edging Livingston—Merced which had 88 points.

Division championship trophies went to Livingston—Merced in the open class with 88; Reedley with 41 in Class B; Sequoia with 35 in the Juniors; and San Mateo with 37 in the Pee Wee class.

Two competitors were presented the "Outstanding Athlete" award.

One was Dale Kadani, who was a "one-man team" from the San Benito County. In Class B he won the 50 and 100 yard dashes and took a fourth in the shot put for a total of 14 points.

The other was Greg Sano of Reedley who won three events in Class A—the 100, 220 and broad jump.

Other two event winners were Bob Kataoka of Reedley, who captured the Class A high hurdles and low hurdles and Jim Yamakawa, also of Reedley, who took the low hurdles and broad jump in Class B.

The summaries:

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## THREE MORE UP FOR NISEI OF BIENNIAL HONOR

Water Expert, Race Relations Promoter, School Director Named

CHICAGO—National Recognition Chairman Kumeo Yoshinari submits the following additional candidates for the Nisei of the Biennial Award: David H. Furukawa of Denver, Y. Philip Hayasaka of Seattle, and Dr. Kayo Sunada of Wheat Ridge, Colo.

David H. Furukawa has distinguished himself in the research and development of membrane processes in the desalination of brackish water to provide economical potable water for the arid areas of the United States. So outstanding were his achievements that he was offered the top technical post at a desalination plant in Israel, which was subsequently withdrawn because of the Israeli-Arab conflict in the summer of 1967.

Considered a foremost research engineer in the field of processes involved in desalination, Furukawa currently heads the Saline Water Desalination Section of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, whose responsibilities range from planning of research programs to directing the actual research investigations and formulating conclusions and recommendations.

In May 1968, he was presented the "Outstanding Performance" award which is the highest honor bestowed upon a civilian employee by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.

Y. Philip Hayasaka has been nominated for his distinguished achievement in the highly challenging field of race relations. His remarkable ability as an administrator, combined with an understanding of people of varying backgrounds, has proven that his selection as Director of the Human Rights Commission of Seattle has been a most auspicious one for the cause of race relations. He has been an instrumental force in the demanding role of promoting better race relations and in the recent adoption of Seattle's Fair Housing Ordinance.

In May 1968, a resolution was passed by the City Council to express particular commendation to Hayasaka for coordinating the successful seminar on Equal Opportunities and Racial Harmony, which brought together some 700 concerned citizens seeking answers to mounting social problems.

Dr. Kayo Sunada was individually cited by the Mountain-Plains JACL District Council for his outstanding contributions to the benefit and welfare of this country in his dedication and service to retarded and handicapped children. It was graphically demonstrated at the presentation ceremony that his work was deeply appreciated in the presence of some 50 parents, mostly from rather strained financial background, who attended the JACL banquet at their own expense to express their thanks and appreciation for the work he was doing for their children.

His professional skills and devotion to humanitarian purposes were likewise recognized by Gov. John A. Love, who subsequently named him Director of the State Home and Training School for the State of Colorado.

This appointment to head a highly complex state institution by a Governor attests to the high caliber of distinguished community leadership and distinguished achievement attained by Dr. Sunada.

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**MDC QUEEN**—Teresa Muraoka of Dayton-Cincinnati Jr. JACL will represent the Midwest District in the Miss National Jr. JACL queen contest at San Jose in August.

## SEN. DAN'S WIFE CHRISTENS SUBMARINE

HONOLULU—Local news columnist Eddie Sherman relates Maggie Inouye was a little nervous at the Portsmouth (N.H.) Naval Shipyard because it was her first ship christening, the submarine USS Dolphin, and wondered whether the bottle would break.

"Upon close examination of the bottle, Mrs. Inouye noted some fine engraving on the silver lattice work which covered it. The message read: 'Sack it to me, baby!' She did..."

## Warlike sponsor Bynner dies at 86

SANTA FE, N.M.—Poet, playwright and author Witter Bynner died June 1 at his home here. He was 86.

During World War II, he volunteered to be a sponsor of National JACL. Sponsors were prominent Americans of various color, race and creed who were staunch defenders of the Nisei as loyal Americans, when it was highly unpopular to do so.

Bynner was known chiefly for his translations of Chinese and American Indian poets. He was associated with Arthur D. Ficke, the pioneer who introduced Japanese poetry to America, in 1916.

He graduated from Harvard in 1902, later became assistant editor of McClure's Magazine, taught at Univ. of California for a year before traveling extensively in the Orient. When he returned, he took up residence in Santa Fe.

**SAN FRANCISCO TO HOST NC-WNDC 3D QUARTELY**

SAN FRANCISCO—Chapter delegates to the National Convention are expected to attend the NC-WNDC third quarterly session being hosted by San Francisco JACL on Sunday, July 28, at the Bank of Tokyo Hospitality Room in the Japanese Cultural and Trade Center.

There will be no registration fees. Business commences at 1 p.m.

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**East San Gabriel Valley to enter NWF queen race**

GLENDORA—The first annual "Miss East San Gabriel Valley" queen dance will be held at the Glendora Community Center (formerly American Legion Hall), 159 North Cullen, on Saturday, June 29. The dance is sponsored by the Citrus Valley Optimist Club of Covina.

The winner of this contest will be crowned at the dance and will then represent East San Gabriel Valley in the upcoming Nisei Week queen contest.

## JACLer of Biennium search on

SAN FRANCISCO—In order that potential candidates for the JACLer of the 1967-68 Biennium are not overlooked, National Headquarters this week called upon the chapters to submit nominations for the Dr. Randolph M. Sakada Memorial Award.

The award is to "the JACLer who has contributed most to the strength and growth of the Japanese American Citizens League during the biennium."

The recipient will be determined by the nationally elected members of the National Board who themselves are ineligible for the award. The district governors, though members of the National Board, are eligible for this award.

In making the nominations, the chapters are expected to list the activities and contributions to JACL for the two-year period. It would help to note any other contributions to civic and community betterment. While the award is based upon activities during the immediate biennium, previous significant activities should be noted for reference.

Nominations are due Tuesday noon, Aug. 20, the date of the National Board meeting at San Jose.

Previous recipients of the Dr. Sakada Memorial Award are:

1955-58: Jerry Enomoto (San Francisco) and Abe Hagihara (Chicago). 1957-58: Sue Joe (Long Beach-Harbor) and Kumeo Yoshinari (Chicago). 1959-60: Frank Oda (Sonoma County). 1961-62: Joe Kadowaki (Cleveland). 1963-64: Fr. Clement (Downtown L.A.). 1965-66: William Marutani (Philadelphia).

**Denver community scholarships given to 10 grads; attendance overwhelms**

DENVER—Ten students received awards and grants June 15 in the Silver Glade Ballroom of Cosmopolitan Hotel at the 1968 Community Scholarship dinner-dance.

When reservations exceeded the capacity of the hotel's Century Room, the dinner-dance was transferred to the spacious ballroom.

Dave Furukawa served as general chairman of the special community committee for this event. It was served by members of five area organizations: Brighton Japanese American Association, Cathay American Legion Post, the Buddhist and Simpson United Methodist churches and Mile Hi JACL.

Students Win Awards  
Recipients of scholarship and grant awards were:

The Tri-State Buddhist Church grants to Faye Chikuma and Gloria Koshio, and the Simpson United Methodist Church Scholarship to George Yamasaki, Jr., Ron Nakayama, co-chairs; Mrs. Helen Hori, Jack Kusaba, Jack Mayeda, Dr. Harry Nomura, judges.

**Nihonmachi housing for aged Issei proposed**

SAN FRANCISCO—The local Japanese American Religious Federation has proposed a moderate income senior citizens housing development to be developed in a one block square adjacent to the Japanese Cultural and Trade Center.

Ten of the Japanese congregations of all faiths comprise the federation. Yuki Wada and Wataru Nakahara were elected co-chairmen of the nominations committee to select a board of directors.

**Tri-County young adult group being organized**

FULLERTON—An organizational meeting for a young adult JACL chapter embracing adjacent areas of Riverside, Los Angeles and Orange counties was called for Thursday, June 27, 7:30 p.m., at the home of Clarence Nishizu, the PSW-DC new chapter chairman.

These and other convention officials were announced June 18 by John M. Bailey, party chairman, Rep. Hale Boggs of Louisiana will be platform committee chairman.

**RETIRED ISSEI, 89 IS NATURALIZED**

WASHINGTON, D.C.—At 89, Naka Hori has become an American citizen. Barely visible in the crowd of 86 who became naturalized June 11 in ceremonies at the U.S. District Court, the 4 ft.-3 in. woman came here in 1920 and eventually worked her way up to become head nurse of the maternity ward at old Columbia Hospital.

She finished nursing studies at St. Luke's in Tokyo, and in 1904 answered a call for a registered nurse to care for the son of Col. P. M. Rixey, USMC. She moved with the family to the Philippines, Cuba, Nicaragua, Virgin Islands and finally, Washington. That son is Gen. P. M. Rixey today.

**East L.A. Emerald ball aids chapter scholarship**

LOS ANGELES—Proceeds of the East Los Angeles JACL Emerald Ball staged at Man Jen Lew May 25 has boosted the chapter scholarship fund.

The chapter honors a graduating senior from one of the following six high schools: Alhambra, Mark Keppel, Montebello, Wilson, Garfield and Roosevelt.

Ritsuko Kawkamaki, chapter president, acknowledged donor prizes from:

Pacific Silk Importers, Hughes Super Market, Bank of Tokyo, Security First National Bank, Pan American Bank, Inyu Fish Market and Mrs. Yamaoka, queen's corsage—Haru Florist.

**Over 300 attend San Diego testimonial**

SAN DIEGO—Over 300 attended the first biennial JACL JACL-Jr. JACL Issei testimonial potluck dinner in April. Seventy-five Issei were honored.

Hideo Ochi emceed the talent show. Highlight was a presentation of Momotaro with Mas Hironaka cast as the Peach Boy. Susan Yanagihara and Colleen Goto played their accordions. Becky Urata rendered a Japanese dance. Kay Ochi and T. Shibata sang Shigin and I. Hayashi and Mrs. Y. Kashima opened with Uta.

**20th Biennial National JACL Convention**

AUG. 21-24, 1968—SAN JOSE

9 Weeks Remain Until Convention Time

**Summer infern for Jr. JACL initiated**

By Mike Masaoka

## Washington Newsletter



### WASHINGTON COMMENTS

After leaving Roger Nishida pinch hit for me for several months while I visited Japan and then returned to concentrate on several important congressional and administrative hearings on foreign trade policy and legislation, I am returning the writing of this weekly Newsletter. Since I have written either the PC Editor or me that they missed my periodic observations, Roger must have been more than adequate as my temporary replacement.

Indeed, writing as a *Sansel*, his views may have been more acceptable to the present generation of JACLers than those of one of the "Old Guard" Nisei who, along with so many other "older" Americans, have so badly guided the country that there is so much frustration, tension, and inquiry today.

Regardless, my personal thanks to Roger for more than filling in while I was otherwise engaged. It is always satisfying to know that there is one waiting in the wings to take over who can do a better job.

Looking back over the period that Roger took over, many great and momentous events took place, especially here in the United States.

President Johnson surprisingly took himself out of the race for the White House this November, with the current campaign being a Minnesota vs. New York runoff. The Democrats have Vice President Humphrey and Senator McCarthy, both Midwesterners, offering themselves for the presidency, while the Republicans have former Vice President and California Governor Rockefeller, both Easterners now, as rival candidates for the highest elective office in the land.

For the first time on the continental mainland, a Nisei is a candidate for the United States Congress. After winning his primary, San Josean Grayson Taketa is the Democratic candidate for the National House of Representatives.

And, on the state levels, Ray Uno of Salt Lake City is running as a Democrat for the Utah Senate, while Republican Moonray Kojima of New York City is running for the State Assembly.

And, with Hawaii's Nisei trio—Senator Daniel Inouye who has just been honored by being named to the keynote speaker at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago this August, Congressman Spark Matsunaga and Congresswoman Patsy Takemoto Mink—also up for reelection, Japanese Americans can look forward to a most interesting general election this fall when more Americans of Japanese ancestry than ever before will probably be involved in the campaigning.

Among several unfortunate victims of the primaries, the most difficult to accept for Japanese Americans, as well as for many other citizens of goodwill and "forward" objectives was the defeat of California's Thomas Kuchel, one of the liberal leaders of the Congress for the past 15 years and the most personally interested and helpful to Japanese Americans of California ever to be a United States Senator.

The tragic assassinations of the Rev. Martin Luther King and Senator Robert Kennedy, among others, underscored the discontent so prevalent nowadays and the threat of violence.

### CALENDAR OF JACL EVENTS

- June 29 (Saturday)  
East Los Angeles—JACL Recognition program, Chuo Gakuen.  
Progrressive Westside—Sounds of Summer—open dance, Main St. 9 p.m.  
Chicago—Graduates dinner-dance.  
June 30 (Sunday)  
Sonoma County—Jr. JACL bowling tournament, Santa Rosa, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Monterey Peninsula—Community picnic.  
July 1 (Tuesday)  
Pasadena—Sophie Tordoff reception, Miyako Restaurant, 7 p.m.  
July 4 (Thursday)  
San Diego—Community picnic, Silver Strand State Park, 11 a.m.  
July 5 (Friday)  
Sequoia—Glendale vs. Cards baseball, Candlestick Park.  
West Los Angeles—Earth, Sun, Moon, Stars Playground, 7:30 p.m.  
July 6 (Saturday)  
Darien—L.A. Golf tournament, Rio Honda CC, 11:30 a.m.  
July 7 (Sunday)  
Seattle—Annual JACL Picnic, Thunderhead, Fervent Lake Park.  
Monterey Peninsula—Glendale vs. Cards baseball, Candlestick Park.  
Sonoma—Chaparral picnic.  
July 9 (Tuesday)  
San Mateo—Ed M. Sturge Presbyterian Church.  
July 11 (Thursday)  
Westside—Annual Festival, Magenta Plaza Center, 3-8 p.m.  
July 12-14  
Seattle—Japanese Cultural Festival, Seattle Center Flag Pavilion Plaza.  
July 13 (Saturday)  
Petaluma—Cherry picnic, Petaluma Central School, 2:30 p.m.

## NEWS CAPSULES

### Courtroom

The Reedy Justice court of Judge Charles Edwards was darkened to show motion pictures supporting the charge that Esther M. Escamilla had stolen money from the liquor department of the Farmers Supply Market, where she was employed. The hidden movie and videotape TV cameras were installed by police at the request of store owner E. M. Otani, during the suspect's working hours from April 18 to May 26. Store employees Kenji Hayashi and Masumi Toi testified during the hearing they had observed her taking money from the cash register.

A \$2 million damage suit for infringement of a patent for a cartridge tuner issued to Gerald J. Golden, James E. Walker and Tom T. Tuohi of GW Electronics, Inc. of Torrance was filed in the federal district court June 14 against General Mobile Electronics Co. of California, Goodway Inc. of Pennsylvania and Channel Marketing Inc. of New York. A cartridge tuner converts any cartridge tape deck into a radio receiver.

With the retirement of Associate Justice Jack H. Mizu-ha this week from the Hawaii state supreme court, Gov. Burns will name his fifth justice. Among the top potential is Attorney General Bert T. Kobayashi. Mizu-ha was the last of the justices to serve on the high court under appointment by former Republican Governor Quinn.

### Business

The Bank of Tokyo of California board of directors declared a 55 cents per share dividend for the first half of 1968, a 10-cent increase over the second half of 1967. Sears Roebuck, Montgomery Ward and Macys, it was reported, are exploring possibilities to open shop in Japan by 1970. All three firms have offices in Japan now for purchasing Japanese products. Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler Corp. are reportedly interested in business tie-ups with Japanese companies to start production of cars from knockdown parts shipped from the U.S. Ford has reportedly contacted Kintetsu Motors in Nagoya and Chrysler is interested in buying the stocks of Toyo Kogyo Co. of Hiroshima, third ranking auto firm in Japan.

Japan Air Lines has leased the 8-story Helena Rubenstein Bldg. on the corner of Fifth Ave. and E. 52nd St. in New York as its future American Region headquarters. The move from San Francisco is expected to be completed by the middle of next year, after its \$1.5 million renovation has been completed.

A board of inquiry investigating the sinking of the Japanese ore carrier Shozan Maru in Panama Canal has blamed the pilot and skipper for the mishap. The pilot took the vessel into Galliard Cut in excess of 6 knots and Capt. Sho Suzuki was absent from the bridge, a violation of canal regulations.

### Organizations

Mrs. Tom Watanabe of Santa Clara was installed as president of the Santa Clara County VFW Auxiliary. K. William Sasagawa, western regional manager for Muzak, was inducted as the first Oriental member of the San Francisco Rotary Club June 12. The club is regarded as the "grand-daddy" by Rotarians.

### Medicine

Five USC dental school faculty members, including Dr. Steve Yokoyama of prosthodontics dept., will work three weeks this summer in a volunteer dental—medical—educational mission in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. Each is paying his own transportation. The Honduran government is providing housing at the Univ. of Honduras, where a dental school is being established.

### Churches

The Rev. Jack Takayanagi of the 1st Congregational United Church of Christ in Santa Cruz gave the invocation at the UC Berkeley centennial commencement exercises June 15. Two Oakland Methodist congregations, West 10th (Japanese) and Lake Park (Norwegian—Danish background), have merged and their dramatic venture is unprecedented. When West 10th sold its church building to the Redevelopment Agency in 1967, they accepted an invitation to share the Lake Park church. Separate services were conducted. When

West 10th began to look for a new site, Lake Park requested they consider the merger. Last April, the two congregations agreed. Lay leader Charles S. Teshima said the merger came from the conviction that what was needed was a new commitment rather than new buildings.

### Awards

In commemoration of the Meiji Centennial, the Japanese government announced the award of a record 209 decorations to Japanese living in North and South America. A total of 55 are Hawaii residents. Among the Mainland recipients are: Order of Sacred Treasure, 4th Class—Shichinosuke Asano, 73, San Francisco; Setao Sakamoto, 83, Fresno; Nisaburo Akiba, 58, Turlock; Rev. Hiram H. Kanow, 79, Denver; Masuo Mitamura, 73, Los Angeles; Shigetoshi Fujii, 71, Gardena; Order of Sacred Treasure, 5th Class—Gyosuke Iseda, 74, Riverside; Isao Toshima, 77, Pasadena; Kenichi Shigematsu, 79, Los Angeles; Kotaro Sakakura, 80, Los Angeles; Choshu Iida, Los Angeles; Shasui Takayanagi, 74, Los Angeles; Etsuo Miyahara, 78, San Francisco; Sanjuro Kawasuchi, 83, San Francisco; Iwasuke Bikiyama, 78, San Mateo; Masao Itano, 78, Sacramento; Kiichi Nodohara, 72, Lincoln (Placer County); Gunzo Miyamoto, 78, Fresno; Toshitake Yamanouchi, 73, Fresno; Torata Hoshiko, 78, Fresno; Mrs. Kuniko Terasawa, 71, Salt Lake City; Yutaka Inai, 75, Denver; Moroku Sayehiro, 84, Denver; Kiichi Sazawa, 80, Phoenix.

Morio Fujioke, 79, Tokunotsuke Iahli, 81; George Y. Kurosaka, 87; Seisaku Kuwahara, 90; Hiroshi Matsuo, 72; Sakichi Sugimoto, 73, all of New York City; and Tamihei Hamashima, 90, of New Jersey, Order of the Sacred Treasure (class not reported).

Joe Shinoda Memorial scholarship foundation of the California State Florists Assn. increased the number of awards to students in floriculture from eight to ten this year. Awards ranging between \$250 and \$1,000 total \$4,750. The foundation was established by the family of the late Joseph Shinoda, Nisei leader in the floral industry.

### School Front

Four Nisei are teaching at Montana universities. Dr. Mitsuru J. Nakamura, professor of microbiology and department chairman; Dr. Richard N. Ushijima, asst. professor of microbiology; and Dr. Toshimichi Tatsuura, associate professor of religion, all at Montana University at Missoula; and John S. Takehara, instructor in the art department at Montana State at Bozeman. Nakamura and Tatsuura have doctorate degrees from Boston University, while Ushijima received his Ph.D. from Univ. of Utah. Takehara is a 1959 Walla Walla College graduate with an M.A. from Los Angeles State.

Paul Yokota, first Nisei principal in the Los Angeles City School District at Mari-

anna Ave. School in 1937, has accepted the same position at Lorena School from the fall.

Inez Kawano, daughter of the Frank Kawano, was valedictorian at Fowler High. The Fowler JACL scholarship was presented to Verne Hirasaka. Tennis star Paul Endo, son of the Takeshi Endo of San Leandro, was voted the top athlete-scholar by the East Bay Prep Writers Assn. With a 4.0 grade point average, Endo will attend Harvard in the fall.

My college freshmen are better read than college freshmen were 20 years ago," commented Dr. S. I. Hayakawa, San Francisco State College professor of English. "This is extraordinary and I don't place" USC Pharmacy School students, spearheaded by Frank Hatanaka, gathered medical supplies and drugs for use by the sick and poor in the developing countries of Asia, Africa, Central and South America.

### Beauties

Only Nisei in the 14th Annual National College Queen

### Crime

Two San Francisco men were arrested June 14 by Los Angeles police, who confiscated what was described as a homemade LSD laboratory at their apartment in Tarzana. Charged with possession of heroin for sale were Tak Kusano, 46, and Nolan Blaine, 17.

### Press Row

Harvard University appointed five foreign newsmen as associate fellows for the 31st class of Nieman Fellows to study at Harvard this fall. Among them was Yoshihiko Muramatsu, 32, foreign news section, Tokyo Bureau of the Hokkaido Shimbun.

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By Bill Hosokawa

## From the Frying Pan

Denver, Colo.

**ENTERPRISE**—If you're proud of what you're doing and want to tell someone about it, what do you do? Why, you go to tell him. Which is what Ben and Pauline Yoshioka of Chicago were doing a couple of weeks ago when they dropped by the house to talk about the Japanese American Service Committee. Actually, they didn't travel all the way to Denver just for that. They were on their way to Aspen, Colo., where Ben has the responsibility of making sure that arrangements for the annual Design Conference don't go askew. But it was a good opportunity to relate the story of a project that has become a major concern among Nisei in Chicago, and which is filling a gaping need.

The Japanese American Service Committee is successor to the Resettlers Committee which was formed during World War II to assist relocatees. It has the support of all segments of the Chicago community and operates out of a \$60,000 building at 3257 North Sheffield. Its chief project is an Issei work center which offers parttime employment to some 70 Issei. There are a dozen to twenty other Issei on the waiting list; they would like to work but there isn't room for them.

Mostly, they do light assembly work for a variety of industrial firms on a straight commercial basis. Pauline Yoshioka hunts up work for the Issei, bids for contracts in competition with other organizations, and usually manages to land the jobs she wants on the basis of superior workmanship by the elderly (the average age is about 76) Issei men and women who are paid a regular hourly wage.

**MANY BENEFITS**—Pauline Yoshioka explains that the workshop benefits the Issei in many ways. First, of course, the income supplements Social Security payments. But more important, the work provides the Issei dignity in their old age; they are proving to themselves that they are useful once again, that they can work and earn, that the world has not passed them by.

The work is also a form of therapy. It enables the elderly to get out of apartments and rooming houses, to see people and do things. Some of the Issei are living alone in dingy rooms. Some live in low-rent apartments for the aged. Still others live with the families of sons or daughters. In any event, the opportunity to break the routine of sitting around at home, and to get out among people like themselves, has proven to be a healthy diversion.

**OTHER PROJECTS**—The workshop is but one facet of the Service Committee's activities. It operates on the philosophy that the Nisei have an obligation to the aging Issei, and that the Nisei must work with the Issei as an investment in the future. Each month the committee sponsors outside trips for the Issei, chartering a bus for an outing, a visit to a nearby attraction, a picnic. Twice weekly it stages social programs for the Issei. It also delivers hot Japanese meals for Issei shut-ins living in nursing homes or their own apartments. The meals are prepared by a restaurant, but the committee makes a nominal charge only to avoid the appearance of charity.

The building itself is available for use by some 30 Japanese organizations in Chicago and, in keeping with the integration program, by some 15 non-Japanese groups. While the Community Fund contributes to the Committee, the largest part of its financial support comes from concerned Nisei families and businesses in the Chicago area.

Many Japanese American communities around the nation these days are seeking a reason for being. Why should they continue to try to hold themselves together? What group activity can they undertake? Chicago seems to have found an answer. And even though the Issei are a rapidly dwindling group, it will not be long before the oldest of the Nisei will be requiring such services as the Service Committee provides.

Having heard this story from the Yoshiokas, we promised to drop by and see the Issei work center on our next visit to Chicago.

## San Jose Jr. JACL glee club to sing at August confab

Group has opening for more members

By SHIRLEY MATSUMURA

San Jose — With a large repertoire of five songs (would you believe six?) the San Jose Jr. JACL song group is just about ready to "rock 'em to you" at the coming national JACL convention. Actually, they are still looking for more material and usually add a song or two at each practice.

They now meet regularly after every Jr. JACL meeting the first Friday and third Friday of each month at 8:00 at the Wesley Methodist church. (This info for those who would like to join the group.)

Right now, there are 12 very enthusiastic members in the group: Winston Ashizawa, Mary Shinguchi, Sharon Uyeda, Caroline Uyeda, Lorraine Kishida, Dale Sasaki, Jeanne Nakashima, Carolyn Nakamura, Kathy Taoka, Clifford Higashi, Gert and Sharon Mitsunaga and Shirley Matsumura.

Its very creative director is Beverly Takeda, also the San Jose Jr. JACL adviser.

Its debut at the San Jose JACL potluck dinner in April was a real smashing success. Nightingale voices of Winston, Mary, Lorraine, yours truly with the accompaniment of Caroline delighted a captive crowd of 150 people. We were dressed like a little children trying to depict the character out of song "Happiness" from "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown".

With short dresses, knickers, and large bows in their hair (Winston had a large bow tie instead), we happily skipped in with a large pepper lollipop (actually, the lyrics were placed on the back of the lollipop).

Since that debut, the group has had several offers to perform, but decided to save its next performance for the convention. So be sure to look for them at the National Convention in August... until then... Happiness is... pre-registering for a Package Deal—don't forget.

## Riverside JACLers to help Sendai Festival

RIVERSIDE — In honor of their Japanese sister city, Riverside JACLers are assisting in the Sendai Festival at Magnolia Plaza Center on Thursday, July 11, 2-9 p.m. Ed Mitoma is festival chairman.

Exhibits and demonstrations in Ikebana, Origami, Sumi-e, karate and judo are scheduled with Bon Odori as the climax. Japanese food items will also be sold.

## Boys State official

BOISE—Herc Shiosaki, active Pocatello JACLer, was elected president of the Idaho Boys State board of directors.

## Kagawa's daughter to work in U.S. ghettos

TOKYO—The United Church of Christ in Japan, responding to the American "Crisis in the Nation" call for help from overseas, has assigned Mrs. Umeko Momii, director of the Toyohiko Kagawa Foundation, and the Rev. Akira Nishihara, pastor of Shimano-uchi Church, Osaka, to spend four months in an American ghetto area.

Mrs. Momii is the daughter of noted Japanese evangelist Kagawa.

## Sacramento JACL scholars presented

SACRAMENTO—Seven Sansei high school graduates being awarded scholarships administered by the Sacramento JACL scholarship committee were announced by Dr. George Takahashi last week. They were:

Sacramento JACL Merit — Phillis Iwasaki, Delta High, daughter of the Nathan Iwasakis, West Sacramento; Roy Kurosawa Memorial — Robert Komoto, Hiram Johnson High, son of the Robert Komotos, Sacramento; Japanese Gardeners—Steven G. Omoto, John F. Kennedy High, son of the Kay Omotos; Nisei VFW Post #885—Shira Lynn Tokuno, Norie Del Rio High, daughter of the Shiro Tokunos; Hiroshima Nikkeijin Kai —Star Fuji, Nikkeijin High, son of the Tony Fujis; Nisei Bowling Assn.—Susan Fukutome, McClatchy High, daughter of the I. Fukutomes; and Stanley Kline, McClatchy High, son of the T. Klines.

## Stockton JACL awards two \$100 scholarships

STOCKTON — The Stockton JACL honored three Edison High graduates this past week.

Nelson Nagai, son of the Kats Nagais, 1836 S. Hunter, was nominated for the National JACL scholarship. He enters Stanford in the fall. Nancy Baba, daughter of the George Babas, and Wendy Dobana, daughter of the Mas Dobanas, received the \$100 chapter scholarship.

Nancy will major in music this fall at Chapman College; Wendy in business at San Joaquin Delta College.

Serving on the Scholarship Committee were: Bill Shima, Aono Ishikawa, Kengo Terashita, Mrs. Teddy Sakai and Mrs. Henry Kusama.

## Downtown L.A. JACL

LOS ANGELES — The fifth annual Downtown L.A. JACL golf tournament will be held at Rio Hondo Country Club on Saturday, July 6, with first tee-off at 11:30 a.m.

Ed Matsuda (MA 9-3141) and Frank Tsuchiya (MA 6-5641), co-chairmen, said 50 spots have been reserved.

## Denver Nikkei redevelopment group organized

DENVER — Urban redevelopment is about to change the face of the Nikkei business and community focal area presently bound by Larimer, Lawrence, 18th and 20th Sts.

Denver Urban Renewal Authority's powers, including those of condemnation and demolition, will initiate the landmark project. It is presently contemplated that Bukkyo Kai will be spared. Once cleared, individuals and business enterprises can establish themselves in this area.

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## Ye Editor's Desk

### GRADUATION ISSUE

One of the most ambitious pieces of Nisei journalism is the Rafu Shimpo semi-annual graduation issue. No other Nisei paper has anything like it. Their latest comprised an eight-page section for the first time. Next year, it could be bigger.

Commanding prime space are the photos and vignettes of the cream of Sansei graduating this year: the Phi Beta Kappa seniors at USC and UCLA, and the Ephebian from the Los Angeles city high schools. The Ephebian, a group celebrating its 50th year, are elected on the basis of scholarship, responsibility, extracurricular activities, leadership and popularity.

The issue lists all of the Japanese names from the graduate lists which the local schools (from junior high up) supply. It also includes graduates from schools in Central California. Gardena High as expected graduated the largest number of Sansei—142 in a class of 621. Dorsey High in southwest L.A. followed with 78 Sansei in a class of 559, and then Los Angeles High with 63 Sansei in a class of 570. (In a subsequent issue, there were 173 Japanese American names in the UCLA list to lead among the colleges.)

Indeed, the tribute paid to the graduating Sansei by our colleagues down the street is stupendous when one considers the amount of editorial effort involved.

The same week, the Los Angeles Times published for the first time a special section devoted to Southern California high school graduates who are members of the California Scholarship Federation—and Japanese names were well scattered throughout. One couldn't help but recognize the paucity of names in schools situated in the so-called ghetto areas.

It is regrettable we couldn't impress our readers with the talent and magnitude of the Sansei graduating this summer by listing all the names, too. We hope our mention of the two special editions published locally gives one a glimpse of the happy picture that a commencement exercise provides—so far as Southern California is concerned, where the concentration of Japanese Americans is the greatest outside of the State of Hawaii.

### KENNEDY REQUIEM

After the assassination in Los Angeles, the whole nation was hard pressed to answer an anguished "why?". Historians, poets and psychologists will someday give us their answers. Today, that answer in the language of human reason does not come easy.

In watching the grief unfurled that Saturday when Sen. Robert F. Kennedy was being buried, you marveled at the quiet patience of the crowd—those who sustained the muggy heat in front of St. Patrick's Cathedral, and the thousands who lined the route of the Penn Central to Washington.

And the homily of the Kennedy family banded together vividly displayed their faith and solidarity. Surely, this was the family that had most reason to ask "why?"

We can only add here what Sen. Edward Kennedy expressed in his eulogy of his fallen brother before the Requiem Mass. "... He should be remembered simply as a good and decent man who saw wrong and tried to right it, saw suffering and tried to heal it, saw war and tried to stop it."

One lesson of this tragedy, which Americans must now relentlessly address themselves to, is: What has made it easier for these assassinations to occur?

Dr. John Spiegel, director of the Lemberg Center for the Study of Violence at Brandeis, notes that group violence must be distinguished from individual violence. Riots in America are small-scale when compared to those in other nations. But the violence (in killing) we commit as individuals is high—higher than in Canada, France, England, West Germany and Japan.

The minimal measures that can be taken to check individual violence is gun control legislation. We should accept a curtailment of individual rights with strict gun control laws for the sake of the common welfare.

### MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

The latest JACL Membership Bulletin underlines the Venice-Culver chapter as having surpassed its all-time high again—and they are still pushing for more. What is their trick?

The man in charge happens to be the immediate past president. It has been a traditional assignment for a number of years. The outgoing president knows the territory, the people and the organization. The membership chairman's job is about the most important committee position in the eyes of Venice-Culver board members.

Past president Gram Noriyuki credits his successful drive to:

- 1—An adequate supply of membership cards (1,000) on hand.
- 2—At least three solicitations through the mail for new and renewal members. (The new JACL membership kit helped.)
- 3—Follow-up with personal contacts.
- 4—JACL involvement in community affairs.
- 5—Through its newsletter, people realize JACL is not just a social club.
- 6—Community awareness of JACL's role in the community through services to Issei, Nisei and Sansei.
- 7—Membership benefits, such as Major Medical plan.

(Undoubtedly there are other chapters with a formula for topping their previous all-time high year after year. We'd appreciate hearing about them.)

Another thing going for Venice-Culver is that the area is still growing. Southern California is that way.

History Project Needs Documents

## Japanese mark centennial of emigration in 1968

By JIM HENRY

Tokyo  
 The history of Japanese emigrants dates back 100 years to May 16, 1868, when a group of 153 Japanese boarded a British ship at Yokohama bound for Hawaii. It took them 34 days to reach their new world in the islands.

The Tokugawa Shogunate had long banned trips overseas by Japanese under its isolation policy, although countless numbers of people

### SAKURA SCRIPT

used to leave the country for fishing and trade before the Shogunate came into power. Then came the Meiji Restoration in 1868, and the country was far from stable. It was at such a time that Hawaii sought to induce labor from Japan.

Suffering from a serious labor shortage, the Koloa Sugar Plantation, founded in 1835, had once employed emigrants from China but had found them "stubborn and exclusive."

The Government of Hawaii then decided to induce Japanese instead on a trial basis and had Eugene M. van Reed, U.S. Consul in Yokohama, negotiate with officials of the Shogunate on the matter.

#### Over 300 Apply

More than 300 applied for employment, and preparatory work was making smooth progress at the time of the Restoration.

The new Meiji Government, however, was opposed to the emigration program on the ground that Hawaii had not been recognized and that the contract term of three years was too long.

Meanwhile, rumors spread that those to be sent to Hawaii would be sold as slaves. Driven into a corner, van Reed was forced to take an emergency step letting 153 of the 300 applicants who passed a series of tests board the 800-ton British sailing ship *Sciotto* and having it set sail from Yokohama Port without the permission of the Government on the night of May 16, 1868.

A long and tiresome voyage of 34 days aboard the small British ship came to an end when it cast anchor at Honolulu Port June 19. The emigrants were given two weeks vacation before they were assigned to seven sugar cane fields.

#### \$4-a-Month Pay

They were given \$4 each monthly for 26 days of work, with free meals and lodging provided by their employers. With this small wage, however, the life of the emigrants was far from comfortable as prices were high. A pair of shorts reportedly cost as much as 50 cents.

The emigrants soon began complaining about the treatment they were receiving, including 12 hours of work a day, with an ever-present whip ready for their shoulders.

Stories of cruel treatment and hardship reached the U.S. mainland and then the Japanese Government, which immediately took action to help the suffering people.

A mission was sent to Hawaii and demanded that the emigrants be allowed to return home. Negotiations dragged on, with strong words exchanged.

Negotiations were finally concluded and 40 of the 153 emigrants returned to Japan in March, 1870, by way of San Francisco.

Though there were some conflicts between the governments of Japan and Hawaii, the two countries retained amicable relations.

The solution of the emigrant problem resulted in the conclusion of a Japan-Hawaii amity and trade treaty in 1871, and friendly relations between the two became much closer than before.

Thanks to those pioneer emigrants' hard work Japanese became highly evaluated throughout the world.

#### Postwar Emigration

After the Pacific War, emigration was resumed from 1962, since which the number of emigrants has been increasing annually. By March, 1967, approximately 60,000 emigrants, counting only those going with travel funds provided by the Government, have left Japan, besides which there is an additional number that left on their own expense, making for a total of 150,000.

#### Author's note:

According to Foreign Ministry statistics as of March, 1967, 320,000 Japanese were living in every corner of the globe. Of this total, 300,000 live in Brazil forming the largest number of Japanese and Nisei in a single foreign country.

The South American Country is followed by the U.S. with 40,000 people. Peru with 40,000, Canada with 25,000 and Argentina with 15,000.

The above figures include only permanent residents and do not include Government officials, company representatives and students who stay for short periods.



## Letters from Our Readers

### Matter of Statistics

Editor:

Regarding Dennis Deane's letter (PC, June 14) about my article on labor discrimination, I feel that I ought to make a comment to clear the air a little. Perhaps Mr. Deane should have written two separate articles of his own, one dealing with "the progress of the Japanese Americans in California between 1950 and 1960," and the other "a comparative study of the Chinese, Filipino and Japanese cultures as they influence the achievements of those groups in California."

Apparently Mr. Deane has completely misinterpreted the meaning and purpose of my article, the probable reason being that he did not read it in the proper historical perspective. He should be reminded that before World War II there were many Nisei with college degrees in engineering, in the sciences, in the arts, etc., who worked on their father's farm or managed fruit stands and the like because appropriate jobs were not open to them.

#### Resettlement Era

Then at the end of the war large numbers of Japanese went back to farming or went into gardening and other service areas upon returning from the relocation centers as a matter of necessity.

Therefore, as Mr. Deane points out, the statistics will show that large numbers of Japanese moved out of agricultural activities and went into blue collar and white collar jobs during the 1950's. However, even in the mid-1950s there were major business corporations who were still reluctant to hire the Japanese.

Mr. Deane further pointed out that "many" are just beginning to move into executive level positions. I would say a few are now beginning to move into executive level positions which should have happened ten years ago.

The purpose of my article was to show that as of the 1960 census the Japanese Americans had not yet attained equality in the labor market with the White majority. One contributing reason for this is the existence of some degree of qualitative discrimination in the labor market.

#### Wider Area of Concern

Furthermore, Mr. Deane acknowledges that the JACL acts as a watchdog for the interest of its membership. It should be pointed out that although we are primarily concerned with the interests of the Japanese American community, we are equally concerned with any and all injustices in our society in general, whether it affects the Chinese, Filipino, Jews, Negroes, Mexicans or segments of the "White" population.

As one having majored in sociology, Mr. Deane should be well aware that time as a healer of social problems is not enough. Social change for the better requires continuous prodding.

With regard to Mr. Deane's contention that the high income of the female Japanese Americans in such activities as chick sexing would have a significant effect on their median income, I doubt it. I think the number of female Japanese in such a specialized category is not great enough to carry that much weight.

#### High School

Also, on the level of education attained by the Chinese and Filipino females relative to the Japanese, Mr. Deane is correct in saying that the Chinese and Filipino females achieve higher standards. In other words 9.3 percent of the Filipino females complete

four or more years of college, 8.3 percent of the Chinese females, and only 5.7 percent of the Japanese females achieve that level of education.

However, from the standpoint of effective education for the female in the labor force the following data seems meaningful. For the Japanese female, 43.3 percent of them have completed high school whereas for the Chinese the corresponding figure is 24.9 percent and for the Filipino it is 21.9 percent.

I must agree with the editor that "many points of view can be gleaned from statistics," and I shall respect Mr. Deane's right to express his views.

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### Eta and Negroes

Editor:

Bill Hosokawa (PC, June 7) did a most excellent job of showing the relevance between the self-denigrating image of the Eta and that of our American Negroes who have been "niggered" for generations and have acted accordingly.

All who are put off by the angry manifestations of Black Power should bear in mind that it is the means by which the old and hateful self-image—the image insisted upon in the past by the dominant white majority—is being smashed and cast aside.

As we are responsible for the origin of the "nigger" image and its long perpetuation, we hardly are in a position now to act innocent of any and all the consequences of our own self-righteous stupidity.

I predict that the Eta will turn to violence one of these days unless the dominant and discriminatory majority in Japan consciously sets out at once to substitute complete Eta equality and a new image of Eta dignity and self-respect for the traditional attitudes and image which have caused the Eta to feel so cut off from the mainstream of Japanese life.

#### Cultural Pluralism

If I may, I should like to add a small comment on the subject of cultural pluralism. Pro and con discussions on this (PC, May 24 and 31) do not specifically mention the fact that cultural pluralism in today's swiftly changing world is strictly a transitional phenomenon. Such pluralism usually lasts in significant degrees only as long as barriers to full social acceptance exist.

One reads in leading Jewish publications, complaints by rabbis that complete acceptance of Jews by the large community leads more and more to loss of "Jewishness."

The compulsions of science and technology are all in the direction of a wholly reunited human race. Divergent racial and other groupings of Homo Sapiens are being thrust together and a common world culture is developing.

Far from depriving us of infinite variety, this reunification of man enriches us all and there is vastly greater pleasure in being one with all men than there is in being molded and trapped within the very limited confines of a single culture, regardless of its excellence.

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#### Pre-July 4 festival

CHICAGO — The Buddhist Temple of Chicago will stage its pre-Fourth of July festival June 29-30 at 1151 W. Leiland. Cultural exhibits, endo dancing and teen fashion show augment the food and game booths.

## Gannen-mono Welcome

By ALLAN BEEKMAN

HONOLULU — On June 19, 1868, a three-masted British vessel *Sciotto* arrived off Honolulu with about 153 Japanese immigrants aboard—five or six of them women, and two of them boys. Since 1868 is the first year of the Meiji era, which the Japanese call Meiji gannen, these immigrants were later to be called Gannen-mono (first year fellows) by their countrymen.

Gannen-mono were heartily welcomed; they were urgently needed in the Kingdom of Hawaii. Since Capt. James Cook had discovered the islands 90 years before, the native population had been rapidly declining. Some predicted the early extinction of the aborigines if the stock was not revitalized. The deeply concerned government had been looking to Japan to help reverse the trend.

A popular theory in Hawaii held that the native Polynesians and the Japanese were a cognate race. Japanese castaways had readily married native women and become good citizens. The Hawaiian officials believed the immigrants would likewise amalgamate and help repopulate the islands.

#### Sugar Planters Anxious

The sugar planters shared the government officials' concern for the depopulation of the kingdom and the belief that the Japanese immigrants would help reverse the trend. And the interest of the planters in promoting Japanese immigration was increased by the need of man power on the plantations—for the civil war in America had stimulated

ed the sugar industry in Hawaii.

The passengers of the *Sciotto* seemed to be promising recruits. The ship had been in sanitary condition and well-supplied with food of good quality. One Japanese had died during the voyage, but the survivors had arrived in excellent condition.

The board of immigration signed the immigrants to contracts in general accord with the terms that had been set forth by the Japanese recruiters in Japan. The Gannen-mono were to work for a period of three years for \$4.00 a month, plus food, lodging, and medical care. Upon expiration of the contracts, those who chose might return to Japan at no expense to them. For redress of grievances, they were to have full right of appeal to the board of immigration and the courts of the kingdom.

#### Transportation Cost

Upon payment of \$70, the board assigned each contract to the employer desiring the service of the immigrant. \$70 was equal to the cost of each man's transportation plus a \$10 advance each had been given in Japan.

Twenty of the Gannen-mono became domestic servants in Honolulu. Most were assigned to plantations.

Of those assigned to plantations, it is possible to trace the destinations of 114. Eight were sent to Lihue, Kauai; 15 to Wailuku, Maui; 15 to Haiku, Maui; 15 to Ulupalakua, Maui; 36 to Koolau, Oahu; and 25 to Kaneohe, Oahu.

Life on the plantations was hard, especially for those who had been vagabonds, recruited in Yokohama and Edo (now Tokyo), and unaccustomed to work. On the plantations they toiled under the hot sun 12 hours a day. Only serious illness excused them from work; lighter cases were sent to toll in the fields. Rest was prohibited; overseers lashed those who slackened.

Some of the laborers objected to the manner of payment—one-half of their monthly wage was paid by note to be redeemed in Japan upon expiration of the contracts. In some cases employers and employees interpreted the contracts differently. Japanese goods were

scarce and high-priced. Delay in adjusting grievances exacerbated the ill-feeling.

#### Complaints Reach Japan

Often those called upon to redress grievances were unable to ascertain what they were; for Tomisaburo Makino, the headman, who was supposed to be the interpreter, was unequal to the task.

Three immigrants ended their misery through suicide.

The complaints of the Gannen-mono reached Japan where the situation afforded the lamentations sympathy and credulity. Eugene M. Van Reed, American businessman and Hawaiian consul general, who was responsible for sending the Gannen-mono, had carried on his negotiations with the Tokugawa administration. This was during the civil war between the forces of the Tokugawa family, which had ruled Japan since 1603, and the forces wanting to restore the emperor to full power.

After the Gannen-mono had boarded the *Sciotto*, the forces of the emperor had gained the upperhand and taken over the administration of Yokohama and Kanagawa. The new administration had rescinded the permission their predecessors had given Van Reed for export of the Gannen-mono.

#### Sails Without Permission

The *Sciotto* had sailed with its immigrants not only without the approval of the new government, but over its objections. And now the emperor was in complete control of the country.

The new government sent an embassy, headed by Kage-nori Ueno, to settle the problems in Hawaii and bring the Japanese home. He arrived in Honolulu Dec. 27, 1869.

He did not visit the neighbor islands, but he was taken on a four day tour of Oahu, stopping at the plantations where Japanese were employed. As a result of his visit and investigation, 40 Gannen-mono soon returned to Japan; 13 more returned after the expiration of their contracts.

Others remained in Hawaii for the rest of their lives; some have descendants here today. Many went to America and became pioneer settlers there.

CONFAB CORRAL: Phil Matsumura



## Calling Former San Joseans

San Jose

As vacation and convention time draws nearer, anticipation is probably the keyword that would describe the thoughts and moods of all the prospective delegates to the forthcoming 20th biennial national JACL convention in San Jose, Aug. 21-24, 1968, only 9 weeks to go.

Delegates who are not familiar with our fast-growing city of San Jose would be looking forward to the hospitality of an All-American award winning city as well as of the convention hosts and to the pleasure of seeing sights and doing things in our famous "Valley of Heart's Delight" while local members are eagerly awaiting the arrival of friends from distant places to render them a warm welcome and to share and enjoy all of the convention activities together.

San Jose's Japanese American community today is composed of many who have relocated and resettled here from out-of-state and other California areas, therefore a reunion or grand reunion with former hometown folks would be a natural. There will be ample opportunity for this... the opening mixer, the free periods, tours, ban-

quet, luncheons, family outing and after hour snack time in Nihonmachi.

We, pre-war native San Joseans, would certainly like to exchange greetings with former members or residents at the convention.

Some of the transplanted San Joseans or Santa Clara valley residents I would like to see at the forthcoming gathering and who would find much change here, are:

The Henry Mitras of Elberta, Utah; Mrs. Kay Kuroki of Minneapolis; Mrs. Mitsuru Kuroki (nee Mitsuru Miyata) of Denver; Mrs. Ruth Hashimoto (she was San Jose chapter's only women president in early 1950's) of Albuquerque; Mrs. Mike (Etsu) Masaka of Washington D.C.; Sadaaki Mouri of Nebraska; Tasaku Yamada of Detroit; Vernon Ichisaka of Seabrook, New Jersey; Mori Oyama of Denver and June Kubo of San Diego, Dr. and Mrs. Kiyoshi Higuchi of Maryland.

These are only some of the names that come to my mind at this time. However, I'm sure there are many others from San Jose who have relocated elsewhere, and we certainly invite you to attend. It would be nice meeting you again.

## 25 Years Ago

In the Pacific Citizen, July 3, 1943

JACL President Kido brands Dies Committee charges as vicious attack upon Nisei integrity. ... Dies Committee opens hearings on WRA and JACL at Washington on July 1, tries to uncover Communistic activity within JACL but none found. Dies sees link with racial disturbances including Detroit race riots. ... Mary Arakawa, 21, of El Monte and Heart Mountain WRA Center is first Nisei girl accepted by WAACs.

J. A. Balch, former telephone executive, asks 100,000 Japanese in Hawaii be evacuated and be replaced by Puerto Ricans or Mexicans and Filipinos from California. ... Over 700 Nisei in Hawaii answer call for combat intelligence. ... Tule Lake WRA Project director deplores false charges directed at camp, American Legion report on conduct of camp rapped. ... A. L. Wirin says

major constitutional issues of Evacuation undecided by Supreme Court in Yasui and Hirabayashi cases; recommends now test case on Evacuation. ... Dillon Myer denies charges against Nisei on NBC "March of Time". ... California legislature demands voice in postwar plan on evacuee problem, selects five-man committee as interim group.

Eighty-six Nisei girls from Jerome and Rohwer centers entertained by Camp Shelby Nisei GIs June 19-20. ... 300 Nisei combat team GIs guests of Earl Finch, Hattiesburg rancher. ... Nisei USA: Journey Around America (revisiting New York). ... Editorials: "Race Riots vs. Our War Aim"; "And Now We Speak" (JACL testifying before the Dies Committee); "The Obstructionists" (among the press).

Be a Registered Voter

Sounding Board Jeffrey Matsui

## Hippies & Unicorn

After spending most of my two weeks in Hawaii on the islands of Maui and Molokai, it appears from my experiences that good ole rural Hawaii hasn't changed much in the past four years in spite of the construction boom and the heavy increase in tourism.

The most pressing problem on the minds of the local citizenry is the "invasion of the hippies" and the effect of their "drop out", "back to Nature" philosophy on the industrious people of the land. To be fair, it should be noted that the natural reaction to change and difference from a small community is not often filled with compassion or understanding. But the attitudes expressed were nevertheless interesting.

On Maui the most talked about incident was the arrest of a female hippie swimming nude at night at one of the "lonely" beaches in Kihei in the company of male companions.

While touring the island, my uncle spoke often of the "invasion" and was quick to point out the hippies to me although most of them appeared to be young male tourists with their shirts off to escape the humidity and heat. Some were especially difficult to accept as hippies as they drove what looked like Hertz cars.

On Molokai, thanks to the local health inspector and police, the "invasion" has been adequately checked. The "Friendly Isle" showed even less change than Maui. And for this reason, Molokai is one of the best places to enjoy calm and relaxation.

One of my nights was spent in a bar in the company of about 10 people, including the proprietress. As the night progressed, the juke box played a song which mentioned the word unicorn. And so for the next couple of hours we talked about unicorns.

According to the proprietress, when she first heard the song she looked up "unicorn" in two separate encyclopedias and found two different descriptions. One said the unicorn had a single horn growing out of its forehead straight up while the other said it had two horns that curled toward its back. Some guy on the right of me thought the discussion very interesting as the only prior knowledge he had of the unicorn was that it was some sort of "horny" animal. And so the night went on.

In listening to the people on the two neighbor islands, I found two things especially interesting.

First, the recent call-up of Hawaii National Guard units to Vietnam did not anger them at all. In fact they were extremely proud saying the units in Hawaii were called because they were one of the best prepared and sharpest in the entire nation.

Second, the people were extremely angry at the student protestors at the University of Hawaii but nobody seemed to know what the problems were that these students were trying to focus attention.

In spite of a few disappointments, Hawaii remains in my mind as the most beautiful place with the most beautiful people. However, if you plan to visit the islands as a tourist, might I make a few helpful suggestions:

Women, take along a large bottle of Chanel No. 5. Men, be sure to take along your shaving kit, keep your shirt on and for heaven's sake, don't forget your Right Guard at home.



West Wind

Yosh Hotta

## Beans in June

In this ocean breeze cooled Bay Area, it is easy to forget the heat of summer. . . . Recently, in Fresno, Fred Hirasuna said that he was happy I picked a cool day to come. It was only 75 degrees. . . . While ghost stories may cool off some in Japan, there are others here who get a vicarious chill thinking about the long hot summer. Summer is also the time for barbecues and brides.

My little Mexican friend, my former boss, said that no matter how well he ate, he had to have beans once a day or he didn't feel as though he had a full meal. . . . Just as some of you probably have to have rice. . . . I like the taste of beans, and no one cooks them at barbecues better than the members of the Salinas Valley JACL. Sitting in the shade and drinking beer, it filled me with awe to watch the members cooking over a hot fire, their only reward being that everyone in the community enjoyed their efforts. It gave them a chance to get together occasionally, like long married husbands and wives.

Another friend, who was once a Jr. JACL queen, is getting married. I wish her and all the young who are getting married the best of everything. And as you have children, build your homes where you please, try to avoid the normal humdrum life, and take the spirit of living, of daring, into building compassionate, decent lives not only for yourselves, but for those around you. . . . Our summers may always be long and hot, but understanding can help cool it.

## JACL chapters survey in civil rights being compiled for convention report

OMAHA—A picture of JACL activities in civil rights and human relations will be presented as part of the biennial report of the National JACL Civil Rights Committee to the delegates assembled at the San Jose convention, according to K. Patrick Okura, civil rights chairman.

An eight-part questionnaire has been distributed to chapters, which are expected to reply by July 1. The seven questions requiring either a "yes" or "no" are:

1—Has your chapter or any member in your chapter submitted articles to the PC or other publication on any phase of Civil or Human Rights?

2—Are there members in your chapter who are active or who have participated in any phase of Civil or Human Rights programs?

3—Has your chapter been involved in any degree in Civil or Human Rights programs with any other organizations (Church, civic, social, etc.)?

4—Has your chapter sponsored any informational or educational programs on Civil or Human Rights (speaker panels, discussion groups, workshops, films, etc.)?

5—Are there any members who serve on Civil or Human Rights Commissions in your community?

6—Has your chapter given any financial assistance to any Civil or Human Rights project or program?

7—Are there any members (Sr. or Jr.) volunteering their services for any type of tutorial or Head Start or similar program?

The eighth question asks the chapters to describe programs or projects in the area of civil rights in which it has participated during the past biennium.

"We are seeing more involvement and activity on the chapter level, which is encouraging," Okura declared, "but we still have a long way to go."

**Air crash survivor** — Stewardess Helen Nishida of Honolulu was among 57 survivors in the crash of a Pan-Am Boeing 707 jetliner June 12 in Calcutta, India.

## SPECIAL REPORT:

# 'La Raza' rallies Mexican Americans

By YOSH HOTTA

San Francisco. The activities of Cesar Chavez, director of the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee of Delano, Calif., and of Reyes Lopez Tijerina in New Mexico, (which resulted in violence), have served to publicize the aspirations of Mexican Americans, the "Chicano" as they call themselves.

While some Japanese Americans may now choose to hide behind the convenient "enemy syndrome," the JACL membership should at least be cognizant of "La Raza," the race, and the problems they face not only in the Southwest, but in California, Colorado, and even New York.

La Raza is becoming a rallying cry, merging the culture, the language, and the history of five million Chicanos into a social and political entity. The movement for group identification through recognition and acceptance of a common heritage, of common goals, even if not of methods by which to achieve them, is capturing the imagination of more Chicanos as it awakens in them an awareness of the need for personal involvement and commitment.

There are many Mexican American groups, which while they may not work together, do have common goals, the concept of La Raza as a people striving for its rightful place as a contributing partner in American Society. Some of the larger and well organized groups and their leaders are:

Bert Corona, Oakland, Calif., president, Mexican American Political Association (MAPA); Roy Elizondo, Houston, president, Political Association of Spanish-Speaking Organizations (PASO); Augustin Flores, Riverside, Calif., past president, American G.I. Forum; Dr. Hector Garcia, Corpus Christi, founder, G.I. Forum; Judge Alfredo Hernandez, Houston, past president, League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC); Cesar Chavez, director, United Farm Workers Organizing Committee, Delano, Calif.; and Reyes Lopez Tijerina, New Mexico.

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education, ad infinitum.

For those who appreciate the practical, they can push for higher quality police recruitment, better training, better equipment but, most of all, healthier police-community relations.

Oh yes, tighter gun control laws too.

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## An American Tragedy

Los Angeles. The death of Robert Francis Kennedy is a further indication that the American Dream just might not be possible. Beyond the tragedy of losing a major political figure who received world attention is that many steps will be taken in the next few years to remove his human qualities and his ideals. The many beautiful remembrances will tend to recall the tragic event which snuffed out his life, without paying due recognition to his high ideals.

During the recent presidential primaries, I openly opposed the nomination of the New York Senator on the grounds that he was not yet ready to become the president and his methods toward the goals was neither reasonable nor possible.

However, today, as in the past, I do agree that the ultimate goal which he was striving to achieve were the same as mine and millions of others. With his passing, someone must pick up where he left off, or the American Dream will not be possible for at least another generation, if not entirely lost.

I feel the greatest tragedy of the past month is that following Senator Kennedy's death, more action and dedication did not take place.

Certainly the Gun Control Law was immediately acted upon by Congress, but it is merely a move to alter the consequences of violent thoughts and action rather than getting to the bottom of the problem.

Many have articulated that

Mexico, Federation of Free City States.

## Cabinet Committee

In May 1966, President Johnson met privately with the first five named individuals above and as a result, a Cabinet Committee on Mexican American Affairs was established composed of the Secretaries of Agriculture, of Labor, of Health, Education, and Welfare, of Housing and Urban Development, the director of the Office of Economic Opportunity, with Vincent T. Jimenez, as director of the inter-agency committee. Jimenez is a past national president of the American G.I. Forum, and presently a member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

In October 1967, in El Paso, Texas the Cabinet Committee held hearings on Mexican American Affairs, while a separate La Raza Unida Conference, formed primarily of dissident groups which were not in accord with the Cabinet Committee, met.

Jimenez suggested during the hearings that Mexican Americans are needed in all agencies to fulfill the Federal agencies' responsibility in understanding and meeting Chicano needs and problems.

The Chicanos want increased job opportunities, job training programs, open up labor union apprenticeship programs, promote bilingual and bicultural instruction in schools heavily attended by Spanish speaking children and a change of attitudes in both public and private sectors toward the Mexican American.

## La Raza Unida

The La Raza Unida Conference centered on a quest for unity among Mexican Americans. Presiding at the La Raza Conference was Ernesto Galarza, San Jose, Calif., known as "el apostol de los campesinos," the apostle of the field workers. The main complaint of La Raza Unida Conference was that the Cabinet hearings had excluded the poor and youth to the degree that these groups were forced to resort to demonstrations before being allowed to participate.

Jose Angel Gutierrez, San Antonio, president, Mexican American Youth Organization (MAYO), stated: "We are going to march and you can join us, but if you don't, you will be left behind."

John Garcia, San Jose State College, representing the Mexican American Student Association (MASA), said: "We want our rights not as gifts from the whites but as citizens. We have to stand up against injustices and demand they be stopped."

The El Paso hearings were a catalyst to crystallize for the Mexican the obvious issues: Lack of communication, lack of group awareness, lack of political "clout," lack of clear definitions of purpose, and need for coalitions with other minority groups for common objectives.

La Raza was pondered in terms of "brown power," "Chicano power," the red button with the black eagle of "La Huelga" (strike) the farm labor organizing movement. It brought out the aspirations of Chicanos not only in the South West but everywhere, in places such as Chicago, East Chicago, East St. Louis, where large "pueblos" exist, and in smaller communities in Wisconsin, Kansas, Indiana, Nebraska, Iowa, and Michigan.

## Los Angeles

The assassination has implications which apply to the deterioration of the total society. Thus, they call for a complete re-examination of our values and philosophy of our American way of life in search of a better society.

Our Nation seems to be drifting about without purpose, and many ask what this country is coming to, while failing to re-examine themselves.

We must look for new direction, and we can ill afford to look back to the "good old days."

Instead, we must begin to take bold and courageous steps to not only act out of duty, but also out of conscience. It is only in this way that we can build a viable society without the frustrations and violence which has plagued this decade.

Likewise, there is a need for JACL to face a broad reawakening. Rather than looking back to the past, it must begin to search out new directions to move.

Such a change will bring three positive results: (1) It will rekindle the purpose and spirit of the organization; (2) it would promote greater understanding for other racial groups; and (3) it will enable the youth and the young adult to take a new look at JACL and begin to penetrate into the organization toward the alleviation of social injustice and hatred.

The tragedy of JACL's inaction can only be described as another example of an American tragedy.

Maclovio Barraza, Tucson, Ariz., executive board member of the Mining, Mill & Smelter workers union stated that the recent civil rights measures were promising avenues, but not enough. He called for the inclusion of farmworkers under the National Labor Relations Act and under the Fair Labor Standards Act, abolition of section 14b of the NLRA ("right to work" provision) recruitment of Mexican Americans for Federal jobs, etc.

"The Mexican American is growing more and more restless, he may soon be forced to seek dramatic alternatives to his patience — alternatives that seem to bring more generous responses from government than obedient restraint in face of adversity and injustice."

Some of the data presented at the hearings indicated that the Mexican American was the largest minority group in California, yet completed fewer years in school, generally had higher unemployment rates, and had the fewest Fed-

eral jobs.

Hector B. Abeytia of Fresno cited three facts for the Manpower Development Program, 1—Mexican Americans are at the bottom rung.

2—The bottom rung is continually being replenished by new poor from Mexico.

3—Two permanent cultures —Mexicans and Anglo — co-exist in the Southwest.

## Green Card Workers

One of the biggest problems in the employment picture is the "commuter" or "green card" worker, those persons from Mexico allowed to work in the United States for seasonal work. There was a request for the enforcement of the Alien Registration Receipt card by insisting on actual residence in the United States after allowing a reasonable period for establishing residence.

Dr. Clark Knowlton, sociologist, Univ. of Texas at El Paso stated: "Until the Spanish American as a people, experience the physical return of all or a good part of the land taken from them or re-

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# Civil Rights Commentary

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To Secure Equal Opportunities and Equal Dignity

# Let's heed the Zoroastrian maxim

Good Thoughts, Good Words, Good Deeds

(Following is the significant portion of the address delivered by Roy Wilkins, chairman of the U.S. delegation at the International Conference on Human Rights at Tehran, Iran, on July 24. He is remembered by JACLers as the principal speaker at the JACL national convention in Detroit four years ago.—Editor.)

did have then a fair record, but it was below the ideal. The United States possessed in 1941 the political and civil framework within which justice, then confidently in force in a disarming number of areas, would not permanently endure, but it was not framework which it is now becoming and will someday be.

The deficiencies of the United States have largely been the result of a false sense of perception. The vision of the Universal Declaration and our association in the United Nations systems have been very helpful in expanding our sights.

It may be very much in point for me to outline the tortuous path by which the United States has corrected its past myopia about human rights, often by pain and once by a civil war.

We, of all people, should now know that the fabric of human rights is woven in many strands, many of which are broken in a process which is tiring and unending.

## American Background

In 1787 when the United States Constitution was written, the charter was very advanced for its age but its protections were limited to civil and political rights. From most of these, one-quarter of the population was excluded as slaves and one-half as women. The fabric was certainly not complete.

In the 1860's a terrible war erupted over slavery—that supreme denial of human rights. Following the war the Constitution was amended to abolish slavery, to guarantee equality to the freed man, and to enfranchise him.

Elaborate supplementary legislation was enacted. The black man soon found that the promises of constitution and law, as in so many other countries, were illusory. Segregation, inequality, and discrimination persisted, in other forms. The fabric was not complete—the American ideal remained a dream for the black man.

From 1876, the date of the last post-civil war civil rights bills, until 1947 the nation slept and the new Negro American citizen suffered.

In 1947, a very short time before the UN proclaimed the Universal Declaration, President Truman's Civil Rights Commission gave the nation its report. It contained the then revolutionary sentence, "Racial segregation must be eliminated from American life."

## Truman's Order

President Truman led the way by abolishing, through an executive order on July 26, 1948, racial segregation in all branches of the U.S. Armed Services. From that date on, the nation has moved from apathy to action.

In 1954, our Supreme Court, in a unanimous decision in a historic case, outlawed differentiation between citizens on the basis of race and thus, at last, brought black Americans under the umbrella of

ceive what they define as an adequate compensation, the deeply rooted burning emotions of resentment and of justice will continue to exist. The poisonous abuses of alienation, rejection of Anglo American society, and poverty should be lanced."

Dr. Julian Nava, member of the Los Angeles Board of Education, suggested that curricula should be revised to "give proper attention to Hispanic — Mexican contributions to Western civilization and America." He suggested that precollege aid be given Mexican American students and that admission policies be modified to admit students who do not meet formal academic standards but show potential and motivation to complete studies.

## Major Areas of Concern

Augustin Flores stated that major areas of concern were: on financing, the lowering of loan requirements to more realistic levels, adjustment of living demands of the target area; on personnel, the need for bilingual Mexican American staff; on policy participation, of people in target urban renewal areas to determine their wishes; and on research, formation of a national advisory committee on housing needs of Mexican Americans and provision of adequate research grants to document these needs.

Census surveys for 1960 and 1965 in East Los Angeles showed an increase of from 66% to 76% in Spanish surname population out of a total of 228,000. Poverty conditions, according to Daniel R. Lopez, East Los Angeles Service Center director, are illustrated by health district figures:

TB case rate, 31.5%, 20.8% in LA county; TB death rate 62.2% 28% county; syphilis case rate 122.7% above 1958 to 88.7% for the county.

Tijerina told La Raza Unida Conference: "We have learned from the government's respects nothing more than power. We need a spark to fire our movement — that spark is not communism but justice. We must unite and fight for justice, not justice in books, but justice in our culture, our language, and in the land. We have discovered the value that is in the land and in justice."

## Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo

Corky Gonzales of Denver told the Unida Conference: "We have to start judging our lives with new values. The Anglos consider us conquered citizens but we are not second class citizens. We must declare that our rights under the Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo be recognized, that the educational system be changed and include bilingual teaching and the history of the Mexican Americans. Que viva la raza y la revolucion!"

Many Mexican American leaders trace much of the troubles confronting the Mexican American to violations of the treaty which was formulated in 1848 to conclude the war between the United States and Mexico. Articles 8, 9, and 10 treat of the political or civil and land rights of the Mexicans who remained to become American citizens within the new boundaries established by the treaty.

Student groups such as MASA and the Brown Berets can be credited with inspiring the student walkouts at five dominantly Mexican American high schools in East Los Angeles in March, 1968.

claration and not a fact.

In part the problem is the unlimited claim of national sovereignty. I submit that under the United Nations Charter no nation is entitled to wrong its own citizens. Either the Charter provisions dealing with human rights have meaning or they are a cruel fraud. If these provisions are meaningful, they must carry their trust into the boundaries of member states. Human rights violations on this planet (except in Antarctica or outer space) occur in the territories of states.

## The Apartheid

Some contend that the UN system is incompetent to discuss human rights violations except in southern Africa or in association with hostilities. This is an artificial, contrived and unbalanced view—uninspired by the Charter or the principles of the United Nations. . . . I predict here the end of Apartheid in South Africa—if South Africa is to survive.

We meet on the 20th anniversary of the UN Declaration of Human Rights.

What will be the state of human rights around the world in 1988? There will be no UN system will the UN system contribute to this development?

I have no answer but I can be forgiven a flight of imagination: a rising standard of living; a revolution in communications and technology; the escalation of expectations, material and spiritual. All these will excite populations everywhere.

No state in any system will be able to fence out ideas or fence in people. All shall learn from all and mankind will enjoy a communally now unshared. There will be national differences, but there will be aspirations for expression and opportunity which will overleap all boundaries.

States of every system must prepare to accept freedoms—with South Africa included—or accept the fact of states which cannot live with liberty and with change. Change, domestic and international, will require a commitment to action.

As the President's National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders, October 1, was a member stated: "A commitment to action—compassionate, massive and sustained—new attitudes, new understanding, and above all, new will."

## Inch by Inch

We in the United States are not completely changed but the tortuous road I have traveled shows that we have worked for change, inch after excruciating inch. This commitment and will of which I have spoken, now bright, now grim, must mark the way internationally if the world is to fulfill the promise of the United Nations in 1948.

The Universal Declaration points the way for ordered liberty. It encompasses two of the abiding principles of the great Iranian teacher, Zoroaster: "good thoughts, good words, good deeds."

My country's flag are still at half-mast — mourning the assassination of my friend Martin Luther King, Jr. He used the freedoms of my land to free it of the dreadful heritage of slavery and its aftermath. His life had purpose and his death will have meaning if we adopt all three of Zoroaster's principles which I now leave with you: "good thoughts, good words, good deeds."

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dition to Burns are Jack  
Quinn, general manager of the  
Hawaii Islanders, and Fred  
Kanehiro, manager of Col-  
umbia Inn. Harold Chong  
has resigned as varsity basket-  
ball coach at Castle High  
School. It has been announced  
by Wayne Sakamoto, the  
school's athletic director,  
Chong is entering the admini-  
stration intern program for  
principalship.

**Names in the news**  
E. E. Blake, Honolulu contrac-  
tor, was this year's "Honolulu Fa-  
ther of the Year." Other "fathers  
of the year" picked from various pro-  
fessions were Michio Watanabe,  
law; Li. Abraham Alana, police;  
Joseph S. Nishimoto, education;  
Nancy K. Matsunaga, post office;  
Dr. J. L. Frederick Reppun, medi-  
cine; Maj. Richard A. Spinner,  
military; and Lt. Arthur A. Lee,  
fire department. Thirty-nine  
persons received their Ph.D.s at  
commencement exercises at the  
Univ. of Hawaii June 2. Among  
Nisei recipients were Lester Ota,  
Yasuko Kato, Herbert Ota,  
Stanley Oyama, and Richard Sa-  
kai.  
The Willie Funakohs of Los  
Angeles and their daughters, Je-  
anne and Kay, passed through  
Honolulu June 14 on their way  
to Japan where they plan to  
spend a two-week vacation. Fu-  
nakoshi, an active member of the  
JACL, is a leading Nisei insur-  
ance executive in the Los Angeles  
area. Jeff Matsui, from the  
JACL's office in Los Angeles,  
spent his recent vacation in Maui,  
Molokai and Oahu. His older brother,  
Jiro Matsui, lives at 2142 Al-  
garoba St. in Honolulu.

**The M. McInerney Store** at  
Fort and King Sts. was torn  
down on June 12. The store  
was opened in Mar., 1948.  
Over the years the store was  
one of the best known in  
town. The City and County  
of Honolulu paid \$933,760 for  
the property to be included in  
the Fort St. mall project. As  
for the future, McInerney  
V.P. William A. Fontana said  
there would be another store  
downtown "as soon as we  
find a suitable location."  
Former Kauai Chairman  
Hartwell K. Blake on June 12  
announced his candidacy for  
the newly-created office of  
mayor. The office comes into  
being Jan. 2. A member of a  
kamasina Kauai family,  
Blake is an educator by pro-  
fession and organizer and di-  
rector of a number of small  
business firms. County  
Auditor Lawrence De Mello,  
Hilo Democrat, has hinted

**that he may be a candidate**  
for Big Island mayor in the  
Oct. primary. He will be out  
of a job with implementation  
of the Big Island's charter  
next Jan. If he runs, he will  
in all probability oppose  
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## National Planning

By TOM T. SHIMASAKI  
National 1st V.P.

A few years ago someone conceived the idea of a Planning Committee to give some direction to the course on which the JACL should be steered. It was obvious that most of the goals, particularly, the legislative objectives were attained and if the JACL were to continue to serve the Americans of Japanese Ancestry in the United States, serious consideration would have to be given to the areas which would command our primary emphasis in the years ahead.

The narrow confines of "welfare of persons of Japanese Ancestry" might have to give way to a broader look upon the concerns of our fellow mankind of other races, colors, creeds and national origins.

In the past, we looked to an era in our nation free from racial animosity and antipathy. While without a great deal of doubt, this has been accomplished for members of the Japanese American community, there is a long way to go before such true blessings of the American heritage can be the lot and life of all Americans.

In recent months, we have been able to take stock of ourselves and our national organization and see what changes must be made in our programs so that we can continue to be the dynamic and steady influence for racial equality and good of all mankind in our nation as we have professed.

Through the medium of the

National Planning Commission, we have been able to discuss some of the issues that will give support to the real purposes of the JACL in the forthcoming years.

### Efforts of Others

The great and immense problem of civil rights as it stands in our nation today is prompting us that here might be an area of real service that we can render America.

More and more, we are conceding that we did not make it entirely on our own and that the enviable status we enjoy in America today came through the efforts of those Americans who were willing to stand up and be counted on our behalf during the time of our greatest tragedy.

Probably the least that we can do is to extend our help to those disadvantaged Americans so that the blessings and destinies we Americans of Japanese Ancestry hold so dear in this great land may become a living reality for all Americans.

It appears that the conclusions that have been reached thus far point to the civil rights effort as the priority for the next biennium with other worthy programs to follow.

The healthy climate created by the discussions held on the subject of National Planning by all levels of our organization, the chapters and district councils as well as the national committee will lend orderliness and dispatch during the national council sessions in San Jose.

This kind of system enables the chapter member to participate in the total JACL planning and affords him the opportunity to express himself on the total JACL policy.



A FUNNY LINE—Men at the head table of the Midwest District Council spring meeting banquet at Detroit react to a laughable line by Ross Harano (at the podium), who delivered the main address. The men (from

left) are Mas Satow, National JACL Director; Fr. Paul Hiyama, St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Clawson; Dr. Dan Anbe, toastmaster; and Richard Okabe, MDYC chairman.

—PC Photo by Tom Hashimoto

## Detroit hosts joint Midwest adult-youth conference as prelude to National Convention at San Jose

DETROIT — Over 120 delegates representing the eight Midwest District Council JACL chapters attended the pre-convention meeting over the May 31-June 2 weekend here.

Delegates gathered Friday night at the Ponchartrain Hotel, meeting headquarters, for a gay mixer while the youths relaxed to the Motown "Soul Music".

Saturday morning, MDC Governor Henry Tanaka and MDYC Chairman Richard Okabe called their respective meetings to order. Issues discussed in the MDC meeting included budget and human relations. Jrs. meanwhile, discussed plans for San Jose and elected the district representative to the National Jr. JACL Council, Dennis Kato, a member of the Dayton-Cincinnati chapter will take office following the San Jose convention. He succeeds Elaine Uchiyama of St. Louis.

At the conclusion of these meetings, Dr. Tom Taketa, National Convention Chairman, addressed a joint adult-youth session, reporting the progress of the 20th Biennial National JACL Convention. His report included slides of various convention activity sites.

Luncheon drawing approximately 150 persons — both adults and youth — was held in the Plaza Room of the Ponchartrain Hotel. Roy Kaneko presided. The Rev. Clifford Grob, of St. John's Episcopal Church in Detroit gave the invocation. Richard Okabe, MDYC chairman and host chapter president Mary Kamidol extended greetings. Toastmaster Kaheko then introduced the many guests in the audience.

Mr. Satow, National JACL Director, Dr. Frank Sakamoto, National 1000 Club Chairman, Shig Wakamatsu, JACL History Project Chairman, Dr. Taketa, General Chairman of the 20th Biennial National JACL Convention. It was announced that Miss Teresa Muraoka from the Dayton-Cincinnati Jr. JACL will represent the Midwest in the Miss National Jr. JACL contest to be held in San Jose.

Oratorical Contest

Following the luncheon, the district oratorical finals were held. Five contestants vied for the opportunity to represent the district in the national contest. Karen Suzuki, representing the Chicago chapter, took first place. Runner-up was Karen Mayeda, the De-

troit representative. Miss Suzuki is a 20-year-old senior at Northeastern Illinois State College, majoring in speech. She received the Abe Hagihara Memorial Trophy, a perpetual trophy to be kept by the Chicago chapter for the next biennium; a first place trophy and an expense paid trip to the San Jose convention. Miss Mayeda is an honor graduate at Mumford High School in Detroit. She will attend the University of Michigan this fall.

Judges of the contest were: Prof. Charles Dause, Univ. of Detroit; Prof. James McDonough, Wayne State; and Russell Mack, Area Governor, Toastmasters International.

Other contestants were Richard Sato, Cincinnati; Mark Okano, Dayton and Debbie Hong, St. Louis.

An afternoon presentation by Joe Grant Masaoka and Dr. Gene Levine of the Japanese American Research Project was made.

### Workshop

The Jrs. meanwhile, met for a workshop on "JACL Heritage for the Future". Mas Satow was the main speaker. Later, joined by adults from the History Project session, youth and adults divided into 3 buzz groups led by Ross Harano, MDC Youth Commissioner; Hiro Mayeda, MDC past governor; and Henry Tanaka, MDC Governor.

Topics discussed were functions of Jr. JACL, interaction between Srs. Young Adults and Jrs. Chapter presidents from the eight MDC and MDYC chapters met to discuss their concerns.

Because of an overflow crowd of 200+, youth and adults dined separately but combined to hear the banquet program. Dr. Dan Anbe presided as toastmaster, while the Reverend Paul Hiyama of St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Clawson, Michigan gave the invocation. Greetings were extended by MDC Governor Henry Tanaka and Jr. JACL host chapter president Connie Abe. The main address was given by Ross Harano, MDC Youth Commissioner. His theme centered around a Sansei viewing the civil rights issue. (Text of his speech appeared in the June 14 PC.)

### Heritage Award

Hiro Mayeda introduced the presentation of the Dr. Joseph Sakaki Heritage Award. This award is presented to the chapter in the MDC whose

## Boise Valley JACL honors graduates

(Special to Pacific Citizen) CALDWELL — Three graduates of Canyon County high schools received \$50 cash awards at the Boise Valley JACL graduates banquet held June 14 at the Golden Pheasant Restaurant.

Recipients, each averaging 3.8 or better in grades, were Douglas Tamura, son of the Warren Tamuras of Nampa; Terry Yamada, son of the James Yamadas of Parma; and Julie Takeuchi, daughter of the Paul Takeuchis of Nampa. John Arima presented the gifts.

Yamada is being entered in the National JACL scholarship contest.

Erwin Schweibert, aide to the president of the College of Idaho, was the main speaker. Yoshie Ogawa was toastmaster. Tony Miyasaka, chapter president, welcomed the 150 persons attending.

## East L.A. JACLers to entertain Issei

LOS ANGELES — A program of entertainment, refreshments and door prizes is in store for Issei of East Los Angeles this Saturday, June 29, 8 p.m., as the East L.A. JACL stages its recognition night at Chuo Gakuen.

Roy Yamadera heads the program committee, assisted by Henry Onodera, emcee. The Dream Band led by Kauru Shinmei will entertain.

## Mrs. Sophie Toriumi

PASADENA — A reception for Mrs. Sophie Toriumi, a winner of JACL-JAL summer fellowship, will be held at Miyako Restaurant, 139 So. Los Robles, on Tuesday, July 2, 7 p.m., it was announced by Mrs. Aki Abe, Pasadena JACL chapter president.

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