

Los Angeles
This piece is being written "on the fly" enroute home from a short "vacation" hop to Phoenix, Ariz., where a cousin of Joyce's got married.

During the festivities I ran into several Arizona JACLers: Tom Kadomoto, Mas Inoshita, Min Inoshita (who was the reception toastmaster), Ben and May Komatsu (she's Pat Okura's sister) and others whose names just escape me.

Unfortunately the quick trip did not give me a chance to contact chapter president, Dr. Richard Matsushita, or long time JACL spark plug, Mrs. Hattie Miyachi. I hope they got the hellos we passed on.

We enjoyed an unexpected treat at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Okabe, next door neighbors of uncle and aunt Mr. and Mrs. George Kawata, parents of the bride. Sam has a real eye-opening collection of ancient weapons including Japanese "katanas" and armor. To balance things, he also unveiled his collection of sea shells and Japanese artifacts. An old ceremonial horn that nobody could blow proved no match for my old Troop 12 bugle-blowing prowess.

So Joyce's San Francisco aunt can't say she never made the illustrious pages of the PC. It's my privilege to announce that Peggy Kanawaka, her son Denny and fiancée Joanne Lorin were among the guests. (Better than the Chronicle social page.)

Our very best to the newlyweds, David and Yuki Oishi, who will enjoy a Hawaiian honeymoon and make their home in Seattle, where he works for Boeing and she will teach.

COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

At Jeffrey Matsui's invitation, I joined him for a discussion with Rev. McClain, assistant to the director of the Los Angeles Council of Churches. The talk was spiced with a JACL contribution to the Council, which had been OK'd by the National Civil Rights Committee when it met over the Memorial Day weekend here.

The diversified program of the Council of Churches is a real try at making the Protestant Churches a force on the social action scene in the Los Angeles "inner city".

Although focusing in on plans to meet possible future crisis in the city, a la Watts riots, the organization is staffed with a sizeable corps of social workers that man job finding centers and do other essential preventative type jobs.

INVOLVEMENT

Also by courtesy of Jeff, I got in on a weekly talk session of a group seriously interested in committing themselves in improving some of the social ills around us.

Although predominantly Japanese, it is a multi-racial group with one black and one white member sitting in that night.

This kind of group seldom "digs" JACL, but Jeff's "propaganda" had apparently created an acceptance of the idea that maybe even a traditionalist outfit like JACL could change.

The only message I tried to put out was that JACL needed the voice and help of this kind of group. I felt that there was a real healthy thing about what was being said.

There was an acknowledgment that JACL was a useful organization that could be an even more useful one today with commitment. However the commitment had to come from individuals who were dissatisfied with the status quo and were willing to work for change.

I like the approach that a group could "package" a program, present it to JACL, and have the manpower standing by to help implement it. Given such a situation, even an apathetic chapter could "get with it" without too much trouble.

I enjoyed the session and I hope that this group grows in number and spirit; mainly because we all need its brand of concern, secondarily because I know that JACL needs to listen to this kind of group "blow its piece".

Good luck to Mori Nishida and the "brothers".

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Schwabacker Wharf

SEATTLE — Plaque at the foot of Union St. marking the NYK Miki Maru tied up at Schwabacker Wharf on Aug. 31, 1896 was placed during annual Maritime Day ceremonies. Seattle shipping tycoon James J. Griffith persuaded the Japanese to schedule its first regular ocean service to America via Seattle.

PNWDC Paper on Civil Rights

(The Seattle JACL Newsletter this month presented what may be a Pacific Northwest District Council "position paper" on possible JACL roles at local and national levels in civil rights. Writer Phil Hayasaka, nominee for the Nisei of the Biennial, is executive director of the Seattle Human Rights Commission—Editor.)

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PNWDC Civil Rights Chmn.

Seattle
There have been a number of thoughts presented by a number of JACLers pertaining to how the JACL might relate to the current human relations situation. And now—here's another one!

It's very commendable that the National JACL leadership has voiced its position on human relations in an unequivocal manner, and it's equally commendable that district councils are beginning to feature human relations as part of their programs. However, it appears that the local chapter activities leave much to be desired.

Remarks are still heard that "Nisei have it made," and that "progress was made by their own efforts." It's sometimes difficult to know if some Nisei actually believe that, or if they were saying things that they thought whites wanted to hear.

Problem Areas

Nisei do not have it made. Places of public accommodation are open, but Nisei are still denied entry in private clubs — so social acceptance is still a problem.

Nisei can usually find a job at the entry level, but few Nisei can be found at the top echelons or positions of responsible management — so promotions are still a problem.

Housing opportunities have broadened, but still by no means is housing opened to the extent that in any house for sale in any area for which they may be qualified can Nisei purchase, or rent in any apartment — so housing is still a problem.

As a Nisei making progress by their own efforts, it coincides too much to be coincidental that "progress" came about the same time as when Japan and things Japanese became acceptable, and respectable.

That the record of the 442nd was magnificent, and that Nisei achieved the highest medal grade completed of any other group is commendable, but it appears that the image of how other Americans view Japan was

instrumental in the change of climate for Nisei.

Japan is viewed favorably, and so are Japanese things, such as flower arranging, landscaping, architecture, cooking and judo. There is a strong economic relationship between Japan and the United States. There is a friendly Sister City relationship between many United States and Japanese cities. And there is a growing recognition that Japan must remain a strong ally in the Far East.

Attitudes Toward Nisei

All of these factors have resulted in the warmer, friendlier climate for Nisei. Apparently verifying this is the survey taken in California last year, and published in P.C., where of those who viewed Japan as friendly, over three-fourths trusted Japanese Americans.

That there is a strong relationship between the image of Japan and the acceptance of Nisei is apparent, and this should serve as a warning flag to us and to America, for then we only give lip service to one of our American principles — to judge, then to reward or to penalize a person on individual merit.

The danger becomes real to any easily and readily identifiable group, for what guarantees are there that another Evacuation would not take place if the relationship is based so tenuously?

That same survey published in the P.C. indicated that nearly half of those surveyed still approve Evacuation.

When one hears that Nisei are hesitant to speak out and "don't rock the boat," the message appears to be that they believe the relationship with whites is so tenuous and the foundation so shaky, they must remain passive. If that's true, what real progress has been made?

A Closed Society

It's been said that we live in a closed society — racist, as viewed by some. It's a tragedy that by the prejudicial attitude and discriminatory activity of some Nisei, they become part of the problem. By subscribing and contributing to the closed society, they close it tighter against Black Americans, which, in effect, closes it tighter against themselves and all of us.

Individual merit and personal effort have no opportunity in a closed society. That America must be for all

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Seattle JACL human relations group conducts postal supervision classes

SEATTLE — Many Oriental postal employees after 20 years of service have found that promotional opportunities were woefully lacking. They have seen their white counterparts with similar skills and educational background and less seniority by-pass them on the promotional ladder.

This has caused most Oriental employees to refrain from taking any more promotional examination. "Why try to buck a system?" was the expression often heard.

However, a new reawakening has taken place in keeping with the time. A feeling of obligations to pave the way for the younger generation has caused the long time employees to seek through the equal opportunity board channel, ways and means to correct the existing situation.

Meetings were held with Jim Symbol, regional director of the Post Office, and the late George J. Morry, postmaster. They have encouraged the Orientals to take supervisory examination implying that fair consideration will be given. The motivation will have to come from the employees. This challenge is now being met.

The first class to prepare for the supervisory exam was held at the Central Seattle Community Council office May 20. Attendance increased to 30 students the following week now split into two groups. They meet every Monday from 7 p.m. for twelve weeks.

Urban League has sponsored similar courses.

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Proposed JACL Policy Statement

Americans of Japanese ancestry form a small, but distinct, racial minority, and as such have long been faced with serious and difficult problems of civil and human rights. The Japanese American Citizens League was therefore organized in 1930 to meet these problems in as effective and constructive a way as possible. Our activities over the years have dealt mainly with the special situation of the Japanese American minority, but in these efforts the Japanese American Citizens League has always attempted to adopt positions which would strengthen all minority groups in their battles against social and economic injustices.

The term "Japanese American" in the title of this organization identifies our special interest, but does not limit the nature of our membership or our basic aims. We encourage and solicit membership of all Americans, so that we may form as strong an organization as possible.

The Japanese American Citizens League is non-partisan and non-sectarian, and does not endorse candidates for political office. On such matters we urge individual members to express themselves as individual Americans and join actively the groups in their communities which best express their points of view.

The first and major concern of the Japanese American Citizens League continues to be the specific problems of the Japanese American minority. We recognize, however, that the basic problems of attitude and acceptance which we have faced in the past, and continue to face, are also the problems of other minorities of race, color or creed. Our broad aims, therefore, go beyond our involvement with our own problems, and we strongly endorse, and actively participate in, all social justice, and full economic and educational opportunities as a matter of fundamental rights for all Americans.

We pledge to devote ourselves to hastening the day when complete equality becomes the normal conditions of all minority groups — for Americans of Japanese ancestry as well as Americans of all other races, creeds and national origins.

Community work of Minnnesota Nisei mother with deaf earns national post

MINNEAPOLIS — For an outstanding record in making the public aware of the services and programs available to hearing-impaired children and adults in Minnesota, Mrs. John Oshima of 4829 Xerxes South was named to the national governing board of the International Parents Organization, an affiliate of the Alexander Graham Bell Assn. for the Deaf, Inc.



Mrs. Nami Oshima

Selection was announced at the biennial national convention of International Parents Organization just concluded last month at Chicago. A member of the Twin Cities JACL, the chapter honored Mrs. Oshima for her community role at its installation dinner earlier this year. Her volunteer efforts included the distribution of a directory of resources for hearing-impaired children and adults to the medical community and special educators. She was also responsible for spot announcements on radio and television concerning diagnosis and educational services.

This past year, Mrs. Nami (Ihara) Oshima was president of the Minneapolis Assn. for the Hearing-Impaired. She brought nationally prominent educators of the deaf for parent-teacher meetings, innovated award luncheons for clubs and citizens who have furthered services for the deaf and continued the on-going IPO program of parent education, teacher recruitment, public awareness and legislation.

The Minneapolis group numbered about 200 parents. The IPO board meetings are held each year in Washington and their national conventions are held every two years.

The IPO board is comprised of 15 governing members, each member being assigned parent groups in the immediate area. Mrs. Oshima is a staff member of the local CBS affiliate, WCCO-TV, as traffic coordinator, Husband John, formerly of Oakland, is associated with Picker Nuclear Corp., White Plains, N.Y., at its St. Paul office. Mrs. Oshima hails from San Francisco. Her mother, sisters Kim and Patti, and three brothers Steve, Teisuo and Phil, still reside in San Francisco.

It was John and Nami Oshima's fourth child, Karin, who lost her hearing at age 2 from meningitis while they were living in Hibbing, that moved Mrs. Oshima to take an active community role in a special way.

The Oshimas then moved to Minneapolis so that Karin could attend day classes for the deaf. In the process of trying to educate her, religious facilities were not available so with a few other parents, they started catechism classes for young deaf children.

Karin is now 11 years old. She has a brother Kevin attending Univ. of Minnesota and three sisters, Kristie at Univ. of Minnesota Duluth campus, Kyle Ann at Academy of the Holy Angels and Kathleen, 8.

RENO JACL TO IMPROVE GANNEN-MONO GRAVE

RENO — The Reno JACL, at its recent meeting held at the new home of the Fred Aoyama, 1201 Palisade Dr., approved starting procedures of moving the gravesite of Wm. Takahashi, whose tombstone reads "First Japanese to land in the U.S.A. 1867" to a more permanent, perpetual-care cemetery.

The tombstone is presently at UCLA among the "documents" of the Japanese American Research Project.

Chapter picnic

RENO — The 21st annual Reno JACL picnic will be held at the new Davis Recreation Park on Sunday, July 28, with Paul Nozu as chairman.

Thousand Club current total at 1,900 — only 100 more to go by Aug. 22

CHICAGO — National Headquarters staff members Chiz and Mas Satow spent the Fourth of July checking out the 1000 Club membership records instead of holiday picnicking with friends, according to Dr. Frank Sakamoto, national 1000 Club chairman.

The current total as of last week was 1,900 — one hundred shy of the goal for 2,000 active Thousanders by the time JACLers meet at the San Jose JACL Convention whining Aug. 22 at Napredak Hall on Trimble Road in San Jose.

Since Memorial Day, the following chapters are credited with bringing in new 1000 members:

CONVENTION AGENDA MATTERS

Minor changes proposed for updating JACL policy statement

PHILADELPHIA — No new policy is being proposed in updating certain documents governing the Japanese American Citizens League, according to Dr. Warren Watanabe, chairman of the ad hoc committee of District Governors.

The direction in which proposed revisions are suggested in the JACL Policy Statement and the National Constitution have been to state more clearly JACL's concern and involvement with civil rights of all minorities, Dr. Watanabe explained.

The ad hoc committee was organized in March by National President Jerry Enomoto, who felt the updating was necessary in today's context. The eight district governors comprised the committee with the Eastern District governor appointed chairman.

The committee is recommending for consideration by chapter delegates at the San Jose convention the following:

- 1—A revised form of the Policy Statement.
- 2—Minor expansion of the JACL Preamble and separating Article II, Sec. 2 (on Policy) into Sec. 2 and 3.
- 3—Simplification of the Installation Ceremony for new officers.

Policy Statement

Referring to the policy statement as it appears in the President's Notebook, the ad hoc committee regarded it as "obscure, negative, rather than positive, vague in its prohibitions and must be read very carefully to understand its meaning."

With reference to the statement that JACL may not stand upon "other matters" wherein the membership may be divided, the ad hoc committee advised "a non-specific and sweeping generalization of this sort is not proper and should not be part of any stated policy of the JACL."

And in view of the 1963 and 1966 civil rights statements of JACL as acknowledged policy, it was most desirable to reword the statement.

The main differences are: 1—The prohibition against stands on "other issues" has been removed and replaced with the more definite wording of Article II, Section 2, except that the equally vague phrase, "any other political activity whatsoever" is not included.

2—Positive statements have been added expressing JACL concern with civil rights problem of other minority groups.

In rewording the Policy Statement, the ad hoc committee kept close to the spirit of the original, retaining its major statements and its sequence of ideas.

JACL Preamble

Again, in view of the two JACL civil rights statements, the ad hoc committee pointed out that portion of the JACL Preamble reading, "secure justice and equal opportunities (only) for persons of Japanese ancestry," recommends the Preamble to be amended as follows:

"We, American citizens, in order to foster American democracy, promote active participation in civic and national life, and secure justice and equal opportunities for

Americans of Japanese Ancestry, as well as for all Americans regardless of their race, creed, color or national origin, do establish this Constitution for the Japanese American Citizens of the United States of America."

The committee substituted "Americans" of Japanese ancestry for "persons" of Japanese ancestry in the Preamble since citizenship privileges are now available to the Issei, declaring it would be a more accurate wording.

Art. II, Sec. 2

Because of the persistent vagueness in the JACL Constitution regarding policy, the ad hoc committee suggests a shortening of Article II, Section 2 and adding a new Section 3.

The proposed sections read: Section 2. This organization shall be non-partisan and non-sectarian and shall not be used for purposes of endorsing candidates for public office.

Section 3. The primary and continuing concern of this organization shall be the welfare of Americans of Japanese ancestry. In its programs and activities, however, it shall strive to secure and uphold full civil rights and equal justice under the law for all Americans, regardless of race, creed, color and national origin.

An alternative wording for Section 3, submitted by National Director Mas Satow, was not considered by the ad hoc committee and may be preferred, it reads:

Section 3. The continuing concern of this organization shall be to assure the welfare of Americans of Japanese ancestry, and to secure and uphold full civil rights and equal justice under the law for all Americans, regardless of race, creed, color and national origin.

Installation Oath

The ad hoc committee was of the opinion that the present wording of the Installation Ceremony is long, repetitious, somewhat stilted and formal. Since the charge uttered by the administrator quotes Article II, Section 1, of the JACL Constitution, the ad hoc committee saw no real need for the charge since in the oath the new officers swear "to further the purposes" of the JACL.

The revised wording: "Newly elected officers of the Japanese American Citizens League, may I congratulate you on your election to office and ask you to pledge with me your acceptance of the purposes stated in the Constitution of the Japanese American Citizens League, your support to maintain and uphold the Constitution of the United States and to perform faithfully our duties and obligations to our country, and your dedication to the ideals expressed in the motto: Better Americans in a Greater America."

Correction

Caption on Page 4 of last week's issue should read (from left): Toyoko Dei, Sandra Hamamoto (Auy. pres.), Diane Oki, Miss Ruth Asawa, Sue Sumida, Dorothy Kawachi (mig chmn.), and Lucy Ichikawa.

JACL Collegiate Scholarship deadline extended to July 31 for nominations

LOS ANGELES — Deadline for chapter nominations has been extended to July 31 for the JACL collegiate scholarship program. It was announced this past week by Alan Kumamoto, program administrator.

In extending the nominations deadline for chapters, however, the application of the candidate and supporting documents must be submitted at the same time or not later than July 31.

The collegiate scholarship program was inaugurated this year with the donation of two \$500 awards by Sumitomo Bank of California to commemorate its 15th anniversary of its charter as a California bank.

Applicants must be a college student who has completed at least one year of college work and be nominated by a chapter. Preference will be given to candidates studying in the field of banking, finance, business administration, economics, accounting, international trade or related fields.

Chapters are not limited to the number of candidates they may select.

A Los Angeles committee will serve as judges. Candidates will be judged on the basis of scholarship (80 points), extracurricular activities in school and community (60 points), personal statement (20 points), letters of recommendation (10 points) and financial need (10 points).

tion to your officers, and ask you to pledge with me your acceptance of the purposes and ideals of the Japanese American Citizens League. The Constitution of our organization states that we shall uphold the Constitution of the United States and perform faithfully our duties and obligations to our Country. Our ideals are expressed in our motto: Better Americans in a Greater America."

Will you raise your right hand and repeat after me: "Aware of the responsibility to which I have been elected/and conscious of the role which the Japanese American Citizens League must play in our community and nation, I do swear that I will discharge/ the duties of my office/ conscientiously/ and to the best of my ability/ I will further the purposes/ of the Japanese American Citizens League/ and serve my fellow citizens/ so that we will be worthy/ of the privileges of citizenship in our country/ the United States of America."

Alternate Wording
The ad hoc committee also offered an alternate wording submitted by Grant Shimizu, NC-WNDC governor, of the first paragraph of the Installation Ceremony as follows:

"Newly elected officers of the Japanese American Citizens League, may I congratulate you on your election to office and ask you to pledge with me your acceptance of the purposes stated in the Constitution of the Japanese American Citizens League, your support to maintain and uphold the Constitution of the United States and to perform faithfully our duties and obligations to our country, and your dedication to the ideals expressed in the motto: Better Americans in a Greater America."

Enomoto keynotes intergroup session of Sac'to schools
SACRAMENTO — A 19-day workshop on intergroup relations conducted by the Sacramento City Unified School District for principals and teachers concludes today. During the past two weeks discussion centered on the Negro, Mexican and Oriental communities.

Jerry Enomoto, national JACL president, opened the July 15 workshop on the "History of Japanese in America" and Charles Miura, William Land Elementary School teacher, served as moderator of the panel discussion on the Relevance and Meaning of School Programs to Japanese American Students.

Among the resource material on Japanese Americans were special articles from the Pacific Citizen.

JACL Deadlines
July 31 — For chapter nomination of 1968 collegiate scholarship. Candidate application also due July 31, at So. Calif. JACL Office, attn. Alan Kumamoto, 125 Weller St., Los Angeles, Calif. 90012.

Aug. 1—JACL Convention pre-registration: \$35; after Aug. 1, convention package registration will be \$40. Refunds allowed if requested by Aug. 14. Mrs. Jane Asanuma, regis. chmn., 687 W. 7th St., San Jose 95112.

"Heritage for the Future"

20th Biennial National JACL Convention

AUG. 21-24, 1968—SAN JOSE

6 Weeks Remain Until Convention Time

DC 1000 Club Chmn.	Cur. Lap.
PNW: Ken Yamane	190 8
NCWN: Tom Miyayama	602 26
CC: Paul Kawasaka	101 5
PSW: Mas Hironaka	433 41
IDC: John Ayuma	121 8
MP: Don Tanabe	41 6
EDC: Joe Tanaka	250 12
EDC: Dick Horikawa	128 6
Total:	1,900 108

By Mike Masoka

Washington Newsletter

NATIONAL JACL CONVENTION CHALLENGES

This forthcoming 20th Biennial National JACL Convention in San Jose late next month may well be the most critical and challenging since the 1946 conclave in Denver set up the postwar objectives of the national organization.

Since attaining naturalization and immigration opportunities for those of Japanese origin, evacuation claims, statehood for Hawaii, and several other legislative goals, not to mention litigious successes that have assured the citizenship of the native-born of Japanese ancestry, nullified the alien land laws and other racially discriminatory statutes directed against the Japanese, and promoted the civil rights of all citizens, the JACL — understandably — has been more or less consolidating its gains and continuing its generally proven programs for the welfare of the group.

Now JACL, as is the Nation, may well be at another crossroads in its history. Our Sansei, thankfully, are as inquisitive and dubious of current standards, principles, and practices, and are as restless and as frustrated, as are most other American youth. The "revolution" if you will of the poor and the disadvantaged in this country, of all races, creeds, and colors in all parts of the land, as they struggle for equality and dignity, has revealed what may be fatal shortcomings in our democratic processes and rewards.

As a responsible citizens organization, JACL cannot ignore the signs, and the problems, of these tumultuous days. At the same time, JACL must recognize its own limitations — in membership, in finances, in staff, for merely enunciating constructive programs and projects does not result in meaningful achievements.

In San Jose next month, JACL delegates must be prepared to grapple with a number of very fundamental issues.

Probably the most important and urgent is whether JACL should now expand from its relatively successful but narrow and self-serving aims to a broader and more humanitarian concept of organizational responsibility and service. Such an expansion would be at the individual membership and local chapter levels, as well as regionally through district councils and nationally, even perhaps internationally.

Another is the necessary executive reorganization which will enable the JACL to be more effective and expeditious in implementing the mandates of the National Council and of the National Board. To be considered too is the expansion of membership categories to include possible business or corporate members and a uniform national membership dues structure that may be helpful to both National Headquarters and local chapters.

And, as always, is the ever-present need for additional funds to effectuate the changes that are programmed and to carry out successfully the mandated projects, including extra staff personnel with professional qualifications. If JACL believes that these "improvements" are both necessary and desirable, members must be ready to "pay" for the increased services and programs through substantially increased membership dues.

Too often in the recent past, National Conventions have decided upon worthy goals through meaningful programs. But, they fail to provide adequate financing, thereby making a mockery of such professions. In San Jose, we trust that this procedure will not be repeated.

In the weeks before the 20th Biennial, if Washington events permit, we hope to comment on at least the question of JACL expansion into

— CALENDAR OF JACL EVENTS —

July 19 (Friday)
Venice-Culver-Dodger Night.
July 20 (Saturday)
Alameda — Bridge night, Buddhist Church, 7:30 p.m.
French Camp — Bazaar, Community Hall, 5 p.m.
San Diego — Award dinner, Town & Country Hotel.
July 21 (Sunday)
IDC — Idaho Falls hosts 2nd Qtrly Session.
July 21 (Sunday)
PSWDC — San Diego hosts 3rd Qtrly Session, Town & Country Hotel.
Contra Costa — Picnic, Little Hill Ranch, Bollinger Canyon, San Ramon.
July 23 (Thursday)
Sacramento — Gen Mtg., Nisei Hall, 8 p.m.
July 26 (Friday)
San Jose — Jr. JACL bd mtg.
Philadelphia — Bd Mtg., Louis Gossett, 8 p.m.
San Diego — Bd Mtg., JACL Office, 8 p.m.
July 28 (Sunday)
Reno — Picnic, Davis Recreation Park.
Spokane — Picnic, Minnehaha

July 19 (Friday)
Park, 12th.
Pasadena — Community Center carnival.
NC-WDC — Exec Bd Mtg., Bank of Tokyo, Japanese Cultural and Trade Center, San Francisco.
July 20 (Saturday)
Seattle — Human Relations Mtg., JACL Office, 8 p.m.
Aug. 2 (Friday)
San Jose — Jr. JACL mtg.
West Los Angeles — Earth Sci Mtg., Stoner Playground auditorium.
Aug. 3 (Saturday)
Oakland — Bay Cruise, Jack London Square, 6 p.m.
Aug. 4 (Sunday)
Milwaukee — Picnic.
Aug. 11 (Sunday)
Philadelphia — Outing, Clementon Lake Park, 2:30 p.m.
Aug. 12 (Tuesday)
San Mateo — Bd Mtg., Sturge Presbyterian Church.
Pasadena — Bd Mtg., Bob Miyamoto res.
Aug. 18 (Friday)
Sequoia — Baseball Night (Oakland vs. New York).

Immigration plank for political party conventions given

JACL among member
organizations signing

NEW YORK — The American Immigration and Citizenship Conference will urge the platform committees of both the Republican and Democratic National Conventions to assiduously guard the concept of selecting immigrants regardless of their national origin.

Action was taken at its executive committee meeting here June 27. The Japanese American Citizens League, a member organization of the Conference chaired by Edward J. Ennis, was a signatory agency of the statement prepared for the political conventions.

The Conference noted that the operation of the Immigration Act of 1965 has already indicated certain statutory changes are required, but such changes "must be consistent with our law's humanitarian objectives: (1) Safeguarding the integrity of the family unit; (2) Enabling the entry of immigrants who will enrich our economic and cultural life; (3) Continuing unimpaired our responsibility for refugees."

Amendatory legislation has been proposed in the Senate and House to further humanize and improve immigration and nationality policy.

The conference also gratefully commemorated the historic date of July 1, 1968, when the 1965 Immigration Act signed by President Lyndon B. Johnson at the foot of the Statue of Liberty on Oct. 3, 1965 became operative.

President Johnson in a message to the Conference said: "This legal milestone must not make us complacent. The changing needs of our society demand further changes in our immigration laws."

The 1965 act removed the national origins quota system and established the system of immigrant selection on a first-come first-served basis.

Tourist office in N.Y. bombed

NEW YORK — The U.S. Department of State this week expressed regret over the July 7 bomb explosion that blasted the Japan National Tourist Office.

Sources close to the State Department promised to step up protection of Japanese consulates and Japanese residents.

Meanwhile, Consul General Yasuhiko Nara wrote a letter to the police chief here requesting further protection of Japanese government and private offices.

The explosion on Sunday, believed to have been committed by a group of Cuban refugees, occurred just at a time when police had launched probes into a series of blasts since the beginning of this year.

Nara warned Japan Air Lines, Japan Trade Center and other Japanese business establishments to take proper measures to protect themselves against attack.

S. F. Nihonmachi due more police protection

SAN FRANCISCO — Additional police patrol and improved lighting were assured businessmen at the Japanese Cultural and Trade Center this past week by the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency in the wake of rising nighttime crimes.

Stronger lighting was expected to be installed by this week, according to Toshio Nagamura, manager of the Bank of Tokyo Japanese Center branch, who heard from the SFRA.

Seattle Central School

SEATTLE — Former students who attended the old brick and stone Central School at 7th and Madison will attend a reception for retired principal Frank D. Henderson and teacher Grace Beauchamp July 28 at the home of Dr. George Kumasaka, 3320 Lakewood South, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Business in Century City

LOS ANGELES — Hollywood Chapter's 1000 Clubber, Dorothy Katano, proprietor of Jewels by Tameko recently moved to a more spacious establishment at 1901 Avenue of the Stars to display her fine jewelry and objets d'art. She had recently returned from a buying trip to Japan and has added some fascinating new items to her classic displays.

Be a Registered Voter

NEWS CAPSULES

Military

Two projects of the Nisei Memorial VFW Post 9938 of Los Angeles, which swept top state honors, are entered in the national VFW competition at Detroit: the post scrapbook designed by editor Ted Yano and his wife Yone, and the Buddy Poppy display designed by Dave Monji who used 1,500 poppies depicting a Koinobori scene over a Japanese teahouse. The post also received top awards in the All State Post Commanders Team headed by Tak Eno, the community service award for meritorious program, 5th District community service award and outstanding Nisei post.

Dr. Kay Toda, Seattle JACL 1st v.p., is unopposed in the Cathay Post 186, American Legion, election for the 1968-69 commander post. Cathay Post and Ballard VFW Post are co-sponsors of the Imperial Drum & Bugle Corps, which is now in midst of its \$25,000 budget fund drive. Contributions are being accepted by the corps, P. O. Box 18165, Seattle 98118.

Awards

San Fernando Valley JACLer Hideo Endo of Tujunga was one of the three men recently honored with the Silver Beaver from the Verdugo Hills Council, B.S.A. During the past 16 years, Endo has served in every capacity of Scouting and is currently serving his third term as District Commissioner of the Foothill District.

Kiyoshi Joichi of Chicago was the lone person in the Midwest to be honored with a decoration from the Japanese government in commemorating the centennial of Japanese immigration to America. He was awarded the Order of the Sacred Treasure, 5th Class.

Jeanne K. Okura of West Covina High, daughter of the Leo Okuras, was among 100 Southern California high school students selected by the American Field Service International Scholarship Program this summer. She will spend eight weeks with a Lienz family of 9 children in southwest Austria. Program brings 3,000 teenagers from over 60 nations to live in American homes during their entire senior year. And over 900 American youth go abroad as "teen ambassadors" for a single summer. Over 5,000 American teenagers apply.

Jolene Hayashi, daughter of the Mas Hayashis of Ontario, Ore., who finished Ontario High with a 3.95 grade point average was named winner of the Fred Nitta Scholarship, according to the Buddhist Churches of America, San Francisco.

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REASSIGNED — Japanese Consul General Toshiro Shimanouchi at Los Angeles, prewar graduate of Occidental College, is being recalled home by the Foreign Office. He has been here for 4 years and was dean of the Los Angeles consular corps.

Government

Kay Sakashita of Colorado Springs was appointed by Gov. Love to the State Practical Nursing Advisory Council for a term expiring July 1, 1970. She fills an unexpired term of a member who moved from the state.

Hideo Matsumoto, formerly reference librarian and editor of the Japanese Union Catalog at the Library of Congress Oriental Division, has been reassigned to the Library of Congress office in Tokyo as field director. The Los Angeles-born Nisei is married to the former Reiko Odade of Berkeley and they have three children. After serving in the Air Force during the Korean war, he graduated in 1958 from UC Berkeley and with a master's degree in Far Eastern studies at American University in 1964. He joined the Library of Congress staff in 1958 as an accounting clerk.

To assure broader representation, the board of the Economic and Youth Opportunities Agency of Greater Los Angeles designated the Council of Oriental Organizations (COO) as one of eight organizations with voting rights. Rev. George Nishikawa, COO president, will represent COO.

son have been cited with other awards in the past. A notable design achievement was the UC Berkeley Student Complex, which they joint-ventured with DeMars and Reay.

Press Row

Kashu Mainichi published its 10,000th issue on July 13. Founded by the late Seiji Fujii in 1931, it was temporarily suspended during the war years and resumed in 1947, Downtown L.A. 1000 Clubber Hiro Hishiki is publisher today. A special edition commemorating the event is now being set.

Politics

Attending the Colorado State Republican Convention June 8-9 at Aspen were Hiroshi Taleyama, Weld County delegate, and his wife as alternate delegate. Rep. Spark Matsunaga told reporters at Honolulu that he supports the "dream ticket of Hubert Humphrey for president and Sen. Edward Kennedy for vice president". Prospects of Kennedy running for vice president are good, he added.

Music

Shigemitsu Matsumoto, the last and most widely applauded of 12 young singers, took first place in the 15th annual San Francisco Opera audition finals June 25 in the Opera House. The 22-year-old soprano from Reseda won the \$1,000 James H. Schwabacher Memorial Award with her interpretation of an aria from Donizetti's "Don Pasquale." It is traditional for each year's winner to be cast in the autumn opera or other San Francisco opera unit.

Architect

The architectural firm of Hardison and Komatsu of San Francisco-Berkeley won an Award of Merit for the "Arbors" for its garden apartment complex in Richmond's redevelopment area in the Homes for Better Living Program competition at the American Institute of American national convention June 23-27 at Portland, S. Richard Komatsu is a past president of Contra Costa JACL and Silver Pin recipient. He and his partner Donald L. Hardi-

son have been cited with other awards in the past. A notable design achievement was the UC Berkeley Student Complex, which they joint-ventured with DeMars and Reay.

Beauties

Janis Hanafusa, 20, is Miss Gardena Valley for the 1968 Nisei Week queen race. Sponsored by Gardena Valley JACL, she succeeds Joyce Oishi. Janis is the daughter of the Ken Hanafusa, graduate of Harbor Jr. College who plans to attend San Jose State in the fall to major in elementary teaching. She is 5 ft. 4 and 110 lbs.

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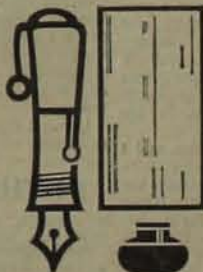
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From the Frying Pan

By Bill Hosokawa

Denver, Colo.

A MATTER OF CUSTOM—The July issue of Radio Japan News, published by the semi-government Japan Broadcasting Corp., carries a small item about the custom of bowing. In contrast to handshaking which is practiced only on special occasions, the story says, the Japanese bow is used in greeting, saying farewell, giving thanks, making an apology or showing deference to someone.

"Bowing as a form of greeting," the story goes on to say, "does not seem to be appropriate when everyone is so busy and more sophisticated as they are today. In the old days, much bowing was done on both sides together with polite words of greeting, but such scenes are less frequently seen at present. Among close friends and familiar acquaintances, bowing as a form of greeting is regarded more or less outmoded. . . . Nevertheless, bowing, or 'ojigi' still holds an important place among older people, especially among women. Scenes of people bowing many times in the middle of a road are still frequently seen. Younger people often lament the custom of greeting their seniors with deep bows . . .

"As the Japanese people are accustomed to bowing when they greet others, they are often seen bowing while shaking hands. The scene viewed from the side seems as if they are putting each other's hand on the head; it can hardly be considered a smart way of greeting."

This rather inconsequential item underscores the rapid changes that have overtaken Japan since the end of World War II — socially, economically, politically, her customs and traditions and all the rest. The Japan of today exhibits significant changes over the Japan of even as recently as two years ago. If this is apparent even to the casual visitor, how much more noticeable her changes must be to people like the Issei who, by and large, remember Japan as that nation was when they left it a half century and more in the past.

What brings all this up is a recent dinner meeting that a number of local Issei held for Takeo Ozawa, president of Japan Publications, Inc., of Tokyo, one of that country's major publishing houses. Ozawa expressed a desire to hear Issei opinions on various matters, and some of them spoke at length on subjects ranging from the failure of democracy, to what course Japanese foreign policy should take regarding the United States.

Evident in all these discussions was a lack of understanding of the temper, the thrust and vitality, the restless energy and ambition of Japan, and the preoccupation with material things that characterizes her people today. Many Issei, regrettably and understandably, have not kept up with the swift pace of change in their ancestral land, and they are inclined to look on it as little changed from the time of their long-lost youth. This is not only a sad but dangerous situation, and unfortunately Ozawa was too much of a gentleman to tell them so.

ASTRAL PROJECTION, OR GOING PLACES WITHOUT ONE'S BODY — Berry Suzukida of Chicago, who from all indications is a person of wide interests, has alerted this column to a book called "ESP and You" by Hans Holzer who mentions a Japanese American woman—Mia Yamaoka of New York City. Miss (Mrs.) Yamaoka, Holzer says, had the strange ability to project herself to Los Angeles to visit her sisters while her own body lay in bed in New York. She did this, she says, by hypnotizing herself—a skill she learned by reading a book — and soon found herself flying through the sky and passing through walls and rooms, apparently without damage either to herself or to them.

Berry says this is the first instance he's come across of Nisei involvement in Extrasensory Perception, but he notes that many Issei harbored deep beliefs about ghosts and reincarnation. He wonders how widely those beliefs have been accepted by the Nisei, and so do I. Anyone care to give us an opinion?

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Testimonial luncheon at San Jose Aug. 23

LOS ANGELES — The So. Calif. Flower Growers Inc. contributed \$200 to the George Inagaki testimonial fund, helping to boost the current total which now stands at \$6,324, according to fund treasurer Mike Shimizu, of 4566 Centinela.

Letters for the bound testimonial album must be in Tats Kishida's hand by July 31, it was added.

Other contributions include: \$25 — Shibata Bros.; Dr. David Mura; Mitsunine Travel Service; Fowler JACL.

\$50 — Alexander Calhoun; Kelly & Morey, Inc.

Area and group totals as of July 12:

	Previous	New	Total
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West. Nev.	855	270	1,125
Bank of Tokyo			500
Central California	80	100	180
Pacific Southwest	1,240	305	1,535
Venice-Culver JACL	1,732	70	1,802
Culver City Rotary	135	10	145
Intermountain	80		80
Mountain-Plains	75	15	90
Midwest	170	22	192
Eastern	245	30	275

The testimonial fund will be used for \$500 awards to the most outstanding chapter of the biennium whose program and activities reflect the Inagaki spirit of citizenship and service.

The JACL national recognition and program-activities committees, together with the Venice-Culver JACL committee headed by Mrs. Frances Kitagawa, are to establish the criteria for the award.

Inagaki will be honored at the JACL Convention testimonial luncheon at San Jose's St. Claire Hotel on Friday, Aug. 23. The Venice-Culver JACL testimonial committee will be in charge of the program.

There is no closing date on contributions to the Inagaki testimonial fund, and individuals have been asked not to contribute more than \$10 but organizational and business contributions are unlimited, Shimizu reminded.

Toru Sakahara heads housing advisory board

SEATTLE — Attorney Toru Sakahara was elected chairman of the Seattle Housing Advisory Board July 6. Vice-chairman last year, his five-year term on the board expires in June, 1970. Appointment to the board is made by the mayor.

The board serves without pay to consider appeals brought by citizens from decisions of the code-enforcement division of the Seattle Dept. of Buildings.

Summer tutorial school opens for young Chinese

LOS ANGELES — A tutorial program for elementary aged children in Chinatown got underway July 8 under the auspices of the Council of Oriental Organizations (COO).

In trying to solve the educational problems that have become evident at Castelar Street Elementary School, 850 Yale Street, where the enrollment is predominantly Chinese, COO has coordinated a program to help students overcome the language barrier.

The program, to continue through Aug. 16, with volunteer help, will teach English and reading to Oriental and Mexican-American children who have indicated difficulty in school due to language barrier.

Sessions are held from 8:50 to 11:50 a.m. Monday through Thursday with Emiko Cunningham, an experienced school teacher, spearheading the program.

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RARE QUEEN CANDIDATE—Joanne Uehara (left), West Los Angeles JACL candidate last year who won the Miss Nisei Week title, congratulates Noriyo Shimazaki, 21, her West L.A. successor. Noriyo graduated from Santa Monica City College, is employed as a secretary, sings with the Holiness Church choir and holds a black-belt ranking in judo.

NISEI WEEK QUEEN CANDIDATES

Torrance lass crowned Miss Harbor

LONG BEACH—Clare Nonoshita was crowned "Miss Harbor" of 1968 at the tenth annual coronation ball, June 22, at the Lafayette Hotel. As Miss Harbor for the Port of Long Beach and the local Japanese community, she will represent the Long Beach Harbor District JACL in this summer's Nisei Week activities.

An international flavor to the program was provided by the appearance of Miss Japan, Yoko Sunami, who exchanged goodwill greetings with Long Beach Mayor Edwin W. Wade.

Fumiko Craner concluded a very popular reign as Miss Harbor by transferring the crown and scepter to the new queen who was selected from a court consisting of Susan Ida, Irene Miyake, Lynda Ogawa and Kana Yoshimoto. Miss Harbor, the daughter of Ryoji and Hiroko Nonoshita of Torrance, is a June '68 graduate of West High School. She has an older brother, Wayne, who is a Navy ensign and in the '68 class of the Naval Academy at Annapolis.

The Nonoshitas are pre-war Terminal Islanders, Mr. Nonoshita having graduated from Banning High and Mrs. Nonoshita, nee Takahashi, from San Pedro High.

The judges making the queen selection were: Charles Vickers, general manager of the Port of Long Beach; Ellen Kreek, columnist, the Long Beach Independent Press Telegram; Sak Yamamoto, city councilman of Carson and; George Taki, TV actor in the Star-Trek series.

Committeemen were: Dorothy Yuhashi, Mas Inoue, Ruby Mio, Nobu Taniguchi, Pat Kintomo, Fred Miyake, Art Noda, Joe Fletcher, Dr. Leo Nakayama, Michie Hirooka, Ray Meyer, Charles Yata, Mitsuye Hamada, Marian Nagano, Sue Sugiyama, Akira Endo, Dr. Mas Takeshita, Cathy Ichikawa and Hiro Morita.

Progressives Crown Powers Model

LOS ANGELES—Progressive Westside JACL chapter announced Frances Miyamura will be the organization's representative in the 1968 Nisei Week Festival queen competition to be held in August.

Disclosure came at the chapter-sponsored "Sounds of Summer" dance at General Lee's Man Jen Low Restaurant June 29. Darlene Hiroto, 1967 "Miss Progressive Westside", did the coronation honors. She was first runner-up in last year's Festival contest.

Dr. Roger Kame was queen committee chairman, assisted by: Glen Kawai, the dance; Tad Okura and Roy Hatanaka, JACL; Roy Higa, hostess committee; Bob Doi, pub.; and Eiko Shimada and Eileen Nakano, flyers.

Music at the dance was provided by The Society, KFWB and Optimist Club "Battle of the Bands" winners, and The Younger Sounds.

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Reagan thanks Jerry for role at confab

SACRAMENTO—Gov. Ronald Reagan thanked Jerry Enomoto, national JACL president, for his role at the April 25-26 Governor's Conference of Human Relations Commissioners in a letter received this past week.

"I was greatly encouraged by the representation at the meeting. I am sure that this occasion to exchange ideas will produce beneficial results in our efforts to create a better society for our state," the Governor remarked.

Enomoto addressed the conference, saying: "There are 400,000 (Japanese Americans) in California with 24 JACL chapters in areas served by 26 human relation commissions. Our involvement should be encouraged. . . . JACLers suffer from the 'respectable minority' syndrome, but we know we haven't really got it made until everybody has it made."

Other government, racial and educational leaders addressed the conference arranged by the state FEPC.

DA probe includes Umemoto contract

LOS ANGELES — The District Attorney will launch an investigation into "certain irregularities" involving the City Parks and Recreation Department, including the contract issued to the firm of Umemoto & Perkinson, the Herald-Examiner learned last week.

The city commission was subject to an investigation by the City Council earlier this year after the Los Angeles Times criticized the manner in which the Parks and Recreation commissioners operated.

Councilman Marvin Braude headed the city council investigation of the Umemoto-Perkinson contract to design a multi-million dollar golf course in San Fernando Valley, but the full city council refused to accept Braude's report and the matter was shelved.

Word of the investigation came from commissioner Francis Lederer, who said "there wasn't too much I could tell. A lot of what they asked me about were things that the commission did before I was appointed."

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CCDC prepares for annual convention set for Sunday prior to Thanksgiving

FOWLER — Tony Takikawa, CCDC convention chairman, met with his committee here June 19 to have preparations underway for the annual district conference which met traditionally the first week-end in December is now set for the Sunday prior to Thanksgiving, Nov. 24, at Fresno's Hacienda Motel.

Dr. Mae Takahashi of Clovis was named chairman of the CCDC fashion show, a stellar attraction of the convention.

The convention committee-men are:

Tad Kanemoto (Parlier), George

Katauki (Reedley), George Abe (Fresno), banquet; Harry Ikuma (Clovis), business and banquet program; Dick Iwanoto (Fowler), invitations and printing; Dr. James Nagatani (Delano), reception; George Nishimura (Sanger), fin.; Harry M. Honda (Fowler), pub.; Hiro Kusakal (Fresno), golf team.

Approximately 30 CCDC members met May 7 to hear Yosh Hotta, asst. national director, at Fowler's Bruce Lodge. He reminded chapters that staff help was available for visitation and counseling.

CCDC Gov. Tokuo Yamamoto appointed the following to the resolutions committee: Dr. Nagatani, James Kubota, Fred Hirasuna, Jin Takikawa, Shio Uchiyama and Hiro Kusakal.

Merced Assembly Center residents in So. Calif. plan July 28 reunion

SANTA MONICA — A reunion open to all former evacuees interned at the Merced Assembly Center will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard G. Mitchell, 1352 Pine St., Santa Monica on Sunday, July 28, 3-6 p.m.

Guests are urged to bring

clippings, handiwork, publications, pictures and other souvenirs to show at the reunion. Former Mercedians who may be passing through the city on vacation are also invited. Local residents are expected to help the pot-luck supper.

The committee on arrangements who met at Kamayatsu home with the Mitchells were Harry Ioka, Miyo Inaba, John Tsuruta, Mack Yamaguchi, Charles and Yuki Kamayatsu. Mitchell, long sympathetic with the problems of the Japanese community, was the Merced Assembly Center

recreation director. He organized the sports, movies, social events, dance class, cultural events to ease the grim situation. Those in Merced Center will never forget the programs he put on for the evacuees to forget for a moment the ugly situation.

Presently he is the Community Redevelopment Agency administrator in Los Angeles, directing a staff of over 85 persons. He comes from the Federal Housing Authority in San Francisco. He is a veteran of 25 years service and has served as the government's top urban renewal official in the West since 1955. At the time of accepting the Los Angeles offer by Mayor Yorty, he had over 100 urban renewals under his jurisdiction, including Hawaii, Guam and Alaska.

French Camp community bazaar this Saturday

FRENCH CAMP—The annual French Camp JACL community bazaar will be held this Saturday, July 20, starting at 5 p.m. at the local Community Hall. Yoshio Itaya, Hideo Morinaka and John Fujiki are in charge as co-chairmen.

While food booths and game are being manned by JACLers young and old, sushi will be available at Jack's Food Market, Star Fish Market, New Star Market and Waki's Fish Market in Stockton from 10:30 a.m., and at the community hall from 10 a.m.

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Youth Registrations Need Picking Up

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We'll see which team can make the best "modern" piece of art utilizing such items as, wire, cans, boxes, bricks, tires, lumber, etc.

After judging of the art pieces, a dance will be held, using tapes or, hopefully, a new singing group, "The Blues Company."

Luncheon & Fashions

A special booster event, the Luncheon/Fashion Show, is slated for 12:00 Wednesday. The price is set at \$5 before Aug. 1 and \$6.50 after Aug. 1. Site of this event is the Hotel St. Claire.

Carol Santo, our youth chairman, has been making plans for this activity, fashions being a special interest of hers. Sewing is one of her hobbies and she also was co-chairman of the San Jose Jr. JACL's Fashion Show last spring, "Designer's Fashions" and a special commentator will be provided by Joseph Magnin, with make-up by Shiseido.

Both Senior and Junior JACLers will be models, and as of right now, those participating will be: Seniors—Barbara Tanaka, Mrs. Norman Mineta, Mrs. Dorothy Hura; Jrs.—Alene Yamamoto, Shirley Matsumura, Mary Shimoguchi, Robin Eto.

As you can see, the first day is filled with activities and events for all. The official Opening Ceremonies and the thrilling Oratorical Contest are just a couple more to remember.

Hope we see many of you in August, and don't forget to turn in your registration forms!

From First Day

Many delegates are arriving for the first day's activities, which will include the Luncheon/Fashion Show and the Official Youth Opening Mixer.

A better chairman could not be found for this activity (mixer) than Mary Shimoguchi. Some of you may remember her as our NC-WNDYC Oratorical Winner last year. Honors are not new to Mary; she has won many, and also has been president of her church group and ASTRA Service Club, and is presently serving as Secretary for the San Jose Jr. JACL.

Mary and her committee

Assignment at Iwojima meant sure death for Gen. Tadamichi Kuribayashi

By JIM HENRY

Tokyo

On June 26, the Ogasawara Islands, after 23 years as a U.S. protectorate were returned to Japanese rule.

Composed of over 20 islands, about half of the Ogasawaras were formerly inhabited until the last days of the war when all were repatriated to Japan leaving only the Japanese army.

SAKURA SCRIPT

It was in June 1944 that Gen. Tadamichi Kuribayashi commanded the 22,000 Imperial Japanese soldiers on Iwo Jima, part of the Bonin chain, 670 miles south of Tokyo.

For Gen. Kuribayashi, the assignment at Iwo meant sure death. The war on both sides of the world was already tipping in favor of the Allies, and Japanese defeat appeared imminent.

The day after the general took command on Iwo Jima, Saipan fell to the Americans.



GOOD WISHES—Navy Capt. John Shepherd, commanding USS Iwojima, presents a gift of Japanese candy to Tad Muraoka as his mother Aiko and grandfather Saburo Muraoka look on. Elder Muraoka is head of the San Diego-Yokohama Friendship Board, and a group of 12 Issei-Nisei welcomed the amphibious helicopter carrier home to San Diego from a nine-month deployment to the western Pacific June 28—two days after Iwojima along with other islands in the Bonin chain reverted to Japanese control after 23 years of American administration.

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GREATNESS OF AMERICA DUE TO CO-EXISTENCE OF MANY CULTURES

Dr. Shoyu Hanayama Tells Seabrook JACL Fete Nisei Responsible for Spreading Own Culture

By ELLEN NAKAMURA

SEABROOK, N.J.—Ted Tetsuya Oye of Vineland was installed as the new president of the Seabrook JACL at an impressive ceremony held during the installation and graduates recognition dinner Saturday night in the spacious new ballroom of the Centerton Golf Club with some 200 persons attending.

A Purple Heart veteran of the famed 442 Combat Team during the second World War, President Oye is a Millville businessman and secretary of the Millville Rotary. He succeeds Masaki Ooka of Westville, who completed his second term.

The eventful dinner which later featured a dance was called to order by Charles T. Nagao as toastmaster. EDC Governor Warren Watanabe of Philadelphia conducted the installation for both the Senior and Junior JACLs.

Russell Ono, whose parents Mr. and Mrs. Masaaki Ono,

are the new advisers, was elected to head the Jr. JACL. President Oye will be assisted by the following officers: Ellen Nakamura and Morio Shimomura, 1st and 2nd v.p.; Peggy Fukawa, rec. sec.; Sunkie Oye will assist her husband as corresponding secretary while James K. Yamasaki will serve another term as treasurer.

Mike Minato is the official delegate and James Taniguchi and Chester Nakai are alternate delegates. Tats Hamlyn will serve another term as historian.

Co-Existence of Cultures

"Japanese Culture and Heritage," was the topic of the inspiring message delivered by Dr. Shoyu Hanayama of the Seabrook Buddhist Church who was the dinner speaker.

Dr. Hanayama, who has taught at Seton Hall University in its department of Asian studies for two years, originally came to the United States as a Fulbright scholar in 1962 and is a noted authority on Buddhism and Oriental culture.

"America is great, not because there is a mixture of various types of cultures in the world, but because there is a co-existence of many cultures from various countries," Dr. Hanayama implied.

"Here in U.S. Japanese culture and tradition are not only for the Japanese Americans but for all Americans. They are a part of the American culture," he continued.

A popular lecturer in various eastern universities and most recently a speaker at the Bridgeton High School baccalaureate service, Dr. Hanayama reminded, "It is you, the Nisei and Sansei, who are responsible for contributing something unique to the future American culture by giving the very culture which you have inherited from your parents and grandparents."

"In order to contribute something worthwhile to the American culture, you must first try to understand what the Japanese culture is all about. You must be proud of your Japanese heritage, and when it is possible to understand the co-existence of all cultures in the United States, there will be no more discrimination among the various races, but peace and harmony," concluded Dr. Hanayama.

Archivist Talks

Richard C. Berner, archivist at the Univ. of Washington library, addressed the June board meeting on the importance of documents, letters, minutes of meetings, diaries, etc. He said the U.W. Library is seeking physical transfer of documents from the custodian of Alien Property of the Western Defense Command to be moved to the library.

Mrs. Sally Kazama, coordinator for the JACL Japanese History Project has been promoting this program locally.

Graduates Honored

As an inspiring feature of the annual dinner, some 35 graduates of grammar, high school and colleges as well as recipients of various JACL awards were recognized by Richard A. Caulk, Dean of Men at Hiram College in Ohio who is married to the former Pauline Nagao.

Outstanding citizenship awards were given to Peggy Pratt and Michael Asada in Seabrook Grammar School and to Jean Taniguchi in



SEABROOK OFFICERS—At an impressive installation dinner, Seabrook JACL honored its 1968-69 officers. They are (from left): Seated—Mrs. Sunkie Oye, cor. sec.; Mrs. Peggy Fukawa, rec. sec.; Ted Oye, pres.; Mrs. Ellen Nakamura, 1st v.p.; Mrs. Tats Hamlyn, hist.; standing—Jim Taniguchi, alt. del.; James K. Yamasaki, treas.; Morio Shimomura, 2nd v.p.; Mike Minato, del.

Bridgeton High School. Dianne Ooka, wife of the out-going chapter president, was recognized as one of the four national winners of the 1968 JAL-JACL Summer Fellowships.

The JACL Creed was read by Barbara Noguchi, one of the Bridgeton High School graduates, while Patricia Oye accompanied at the piano in the singing of "America the Beautiful."

Karen Takata was the narrator for the Japanese dance selections, "Gion Koutsu," and "Hakata Yobune," which were performed by:

Ulko Hanayama, Geri Ann Kato, Julie Yamasaki, Louise Ogata, Jeanne Tazumi, Vickie Yamasaki and Miss Takata.

Guests

Among the many prominent persons attending the event were:

N. J. State Civil Service Commissioner Mrs. Howard Sharp, Cumberland Co. Surrogate and Mrs. Hugo Finelli, County Clerk and Mrs. Earl Westcott, Director of County Freeholders Harry Freitag, Upper Deerfield Bd. of Education President and Mrs. Roland Pratt, Mrs. Herbert Brauer and Miss Marion Glaeser.

Moonray Kojima headed the guests from New York while Mas Miyazaki, Board Chairman, led the group from neighboring Philadelphia. Jack Matsumoto represented the Washington Chapter along with EDCY Chairman Susan Baba, EDCY Youth Commissioner Alice Endo and National JACL Youth Representative Norman Ishimoto.

Members of the clergy participating in the impressive program where the Rev. Clayton D. Fair of the Deerfield Presbyterian Church who gave the invocation and the Rev. Hirofumi Watanabe

of the Seabrook Buddhist Church who pronounced the benediction.

Members of the Seabrook JACL board of governors are: Fred S. Baker, John Hamlyn, Josie K. Ikeda, Henry Kato, Charles T. Nagao, John K. Nakamura, Ben Ogata, Samuel Serrata, John N. Takeda and James U. Yamasaki.

Other members of the new Jr. JACL cabinet include Charles Mason, v.p.; Christine Hanaoka, sec.; Kathy Ono, treas. and Steven Mukai, ex-officio.

Graduates

Recognized for graduating were:

Eighth Grade — Michael Asada, Jay Hamlyn, Christine Hanaoka, Shuichi Kakoda, Wendy Livingston, Charles Mason, Louise Ogata, Kathy Sawamura, Grant Shomamura, Jeanne Tazumi, Janet Yamamoto and Vickie Yamasaki.

College and University — Paul Abrams, Cumberland County College; Sharon Nakamura, Mikel B.A., English, Douglass College; Lenore Nakiwatase, B.A., Romance Languages and Literature, Boston University; and Kennon H. Nakamura, B.A., International Relations, The American University; and Rei Noguchi, M.A., English, Indiana University.

D.C. potluck

WASHINGTON—Kennon Nakamura, JAL-JACL summer fellowship winner last year, presented a slide talk of his experiences in Japan at the Washington, D.C., JACL potluck dinner May 11. Mrs. Katherine Matsuki was co-chairman. Over 350 enjoyed the affair.

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Paul has been accepted at Harvard University. He is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Gish Endo.

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ALAMEDA—John H. Sugiyama, son of Lt. Col. and Mrs. Shigeki Sugiyama of Fremont, was announced as the Alameda JACL candidate for a 1968 JACL national scholarship.

Graduating at the top of his class at San Leandro High with a 4.0 grade point average, John plans to major in pre-med at UC Berkeley. He won outstanding student awards from the California Savings and Loan League and the Bank of America.

Avantes 'Shades of Blue'

LOS ANGELES—The Avantes (Hollywood Jr. JACL) are sponsoring the "Shades of Blue" dance July 20, 9 p.m., at Rodger Young Auditorium featuring the music of the Chosen Few and Three Society. Janet Nomura is dance chairman.

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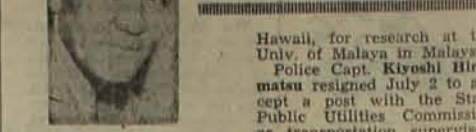
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Aloha from Hawaii

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Gov. John A. Burns will appoint Dick Yin Wong, an attorney and certified public accountant, as a circuit court judge to handle the new State Tax Appeals Court. This was confirmed July 4 by informed sources who welcomed the move as a significant step forward in upgrading that branch of the judiciary system.

Kazuo Kase, 58, has been chosen by Maui County delegates to the Constitutional Convention to act as convention vice president.

Keynote speaker

Sen. Daniel K. Inouye said here June 30 he is not concerned about talk that he may be nominated as the Democratic vice-presidential candidate. He was here for five days of speech-making. Regarding his role as keynote speaker at the Democratic convention in Aug. in Chicago, Inouye said, "I have already indicated to the National Committee that they should not expect an arm-swinging, two-fisted type of speech."

School appointments

The State Dept. of Education has announced the following appointments: Lawrence T. Nakagawa, principal, Mt. Carmel Elementary School; Edwin Y. C. Liu, prin. Waikaelewa School; Donald Shishido, acting principal, Kaimali Elementary School; Ray Blue, prin. Wai Elemen. School; Ted Kalia, v. prin. Kaimali-waena Elemen. School; Howard Watanabe, v. prin. Washington Inter. School; Richard H. H. Mrs. Cynthia Leong, 2nd v.p.; Roosevelt H.S.; Mrs. Alice Takabayashi, 1st v.p.; Elemen. School; Loy Fook Lee, 1st v.p.; Joe Matsukawa, 2nd v.p.; Kaimali Elemen. School; Eva Beach Elementary School; Ramon, v.p. Barber's Point Elementary; Edward Kawamoto, principal, Ponakaea Elementary; Rodger E. Hui, v.p.; Kaimali High & Intermediate; Robert S. LaMadrid, prin. Kalaheo School; Mrs. Martha Morioka, v.p. Kaimali School; Gabriel I. v.p. Wilcox School.

Buddhist Convention

Pier 8, Honolulu, will be the convention site of some 7,000 Buddhists Aug. 20-30. Renovations at the pier—at the expense and labor of the Nichiren Shoshu of America—already are under way to provide accommodations for the delegates from the Mainland. Nichiren Shoshu is a religious arm of Sokagakkai, one of the most dynamic forces in modern Japan.

Consul General Yoshio Yamamoto has been notified by the Tokyo Foreign Ministry that he soon will be assigned to a yet unnamed post. Yamamoto arrived in Dec. 12, 1966, to take up his Honolulu post. Daughters Marie and Yasuyo will accompany Consul Gen. and Mrs. Yamamoto when they leave for Tokyo in Aug.

Dr. Walter S. Yokoyama has announced his association with Dr. Hideo Oshiro in practice limited to otolaryngology at 1010 South King St. Rep. Patsy T. Mink has announced the award of a Fulbright-Hays Scholarship to Dr. Clarence E. Glick, a prof. of sociology at the Univ. of

Hospitality, prize list, unique bonus highlight Palm Springs Singles Classic

By GARY YAMAUCHI

Los Angeles
During the July 4th holiday weekend, I had the pleasure of participating in the 8th Annual Palm Springs Singles Classic at Palm Springs Lanes. This tournament, probably one of the largest and finest in the nation, has a guaranteed prize fund of \$30,000. However, I feel that it is not the magnetism of

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I certainly hope that I will be able to make the trip next year, and, if I do, I know that Julie Kanner and Billy Maglione will provide the same cordial greeting and hospitality that they have expressed in the past.

Bowling Notes

Bowling and politics are going hand in hand in one bowling establishment in the East. It seems that the proprietor is offering three free games of bowling to each child that submits any type of toy gun or pistol. He is doing this in conjunction with the recent controversies about gun control legislation. Happy to see that Fuzzy Shimada was among the finalists in the recent Pacific Coast Professional Bowlers' Open Tournament held at Serra Bowl in South San Francisco. Nice going Fuzzy.

Holiday Bowl's five-game Minuteman Tournament is rapidly approaching. Squads are scheduled on Saturday, July 27, and Sunday, July 28, for the mixed doubles events. Entries and further information may be obtained at Holiday Bowl.

Speaking of mixed doubles, Jefferson Bowl staged a mixed doubles tournament over the July 4 weekend. After all the scores were posted, the tandem of Dianne Sasaki and Paul Dots, Jr. were named the champs with a winning score of 1137 for the eight games. In closing, your tenpin horoscope for this week: "If your anchorman was born this week, beware of close games."

Crenshaw Square festival

LOS ANGELES — Crenshaw Square is the festive site of the annual VFW Post 8938 carnival this weekend. Ondo dancing and cultural displays are also scheduled.

Garden City golf

SAN JOSE—Garden City Golf Club's annual tournament at Pebble Beach and Spyglass Hill courses in Monterey peninsula is scheduled Aug. 17-18 with James Sakaguchi as chairman.

Medical Assn., was in guarded condition at Queen's Medical Center July 2. Miyamoto, a general practitioner in Hilo for 20 years, was elected president of HMA May 23.

Deaths

Mrs. Fujiko Yotsuda Oda, 42, of Wailua Households, Kaula, was killed June 30 when her car slammed into a utility pole on Kuhio Highway near the entrance to the old Wailua Fairgrounds. James T. Nakamura, 56, of 922 Peach St., Wahiawa, died June 30 in a traffic accident. He was secretary of the Modern Painting Co.

Edward Tanaka, 33, of Mt. View, Hawaii, was killed July 2 when a truck carrying a construction crew went off the road and into a ditch during a rain squall. The accident occurred about six miles inside the Hawaii Volcano National Park from the Kau border of the park. Dr. Robert M. Miyamoto, pres. of the Hawaii

1966 election legal

HONOLULU — The Supreme Court of Hawaii unanimously upheld the legality of Hawaii's 1966 general election, in which John Burns was elected governor and Thomas P. Gill lieutenant governor. Randolph Crossley and Dr. George H. Mills, Republican candidates for the same offices, had alleged irregularities and asked that the election be invalidated.

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Ye Editor's Desk

THE 10 PERCENT SURTAX

Uncle Sam has taken a bigger bite out of paychecks since July 1 in the wake of tax increase bill being signed by President Johnson. The consequences of the 10% surtax coupled with a \$6 billion cut in expenditures are two-sided.

There is reasonable hope that the bulging advances in the price level will be slimmed down to safer proportions. There is anticipation of lower interest rates and easier conditions in the money markets since the Treasury will not have to borrow so heavily to finance the smaller indicated budget deficit.

Economists also point to an improved outlook for the balance of payments. The American dollar has firmed on foreign exchange markets.

But other economists, looking at the negative aspects, are openly fearful that the nation will pay next year for the massive reduction in private and public demand with a rising rate of unemployment. From the present 3 1/2% rate, joblessness could go as high as 5% next spring.

With drastic cuts in welfare and anti-poverty programs, the cost to restrain inflation and tending to the problem of rising joblessness is certainly to face the next Congress. Some of the slashes the 90th Congress dictated will be high on the priority list then.

An affluent society such as ours goes for fiscal responsibility — but when a society is so structured economically that the rich get richer and the poor get poorer, it would be wise to keep in mind the turmoil created during the month of May in France.

Only possible way out of the crisis was for calling a national election — in which the French people saw the choice to be either DeGaulle or chaos. The U.S. constitution doesn't provide that kind of out.

What JACLers, as they are about to assemble in national convention at San Jose, may ponder are the implications of economic injustice most seriously.

JULY 7 ELECTIONS IN JAPAN

Though inferior in legislative powers to the House of Representatives, members of the House of Councilors of the Japanese legislature serve six years, two more than its House members. On July 7, there was an election to choose half of the 250-member House of Councilors. Results have been viewed as a pro-American stance by the voters as the ruling Liberal Democratic Party of Premier Eisaku Sato won 69 seats of the 125. Among the 125 members, 50 are elected at-large throughout the nation and the remainder come from the prefectures.

Novelist Shintaro Ishihara got a record 3 million votes, the most any political candidate has ever received. Another successful candidate was Yukio Aoshima, popular TV luminary, who amassed 1,200,000 votes by confining his campaign to television appearances — something which one political pundit in America would like to see in order to minimize the threats to a candidate's life.

Aoshima was convinced there were three qualifications for getting elected: (1) Be a man of no principle, only willing to do everything to win the support of an organization. (2) Be an idiot who has no scruples about screaming his own name. (3) Be a man who can stoop to knock on the door of one company after another to collect money to finance his campaign.

An unknown independent, Aoshima by his election proved his point a candidate no longer has to have a political machine to win. He also showed up the lack of sophistication on the part of the one percent of the Japanese electorate. The influence of TV, on the other hand, showed its selling prowess.

STUDENTS IN REVOLUTION

At a safe distance (Seoul, Korea), the annual meeting of the International Association of University Presidents has passed a resolution strongly condemning student violence and civil disobedience but not before a wide range of opinions was expressed.

Kwang Man Kauh, president of Pusan University in Korea (where eight years ago President Syngman Rhee was overthrown by a group of unorganized students), held strongly that students "should absolutely not become involved in matters under consideration by parliaments or congresses."

He was promptly challenged by Carlos Romulo, first president of the Philippine Commonwealth and now president of the Univ. of the Philippines. We must remember, he said, that we are educating students for a world that will not be ours but theirs. "Give them a chance to be heard," he asked. "Give them a chance to fashion their own world."

Peter Sammartino, head of the association and president of Fairleigh Dickinson in New Jersey, commented on the scene of the universities today that the disciplinary powers of colleges are on the wane. "Slowly we are moving in the direction of a major social revolution," he stated. "My guess is that the role of the universities in taking the place of parents will vanish through a process of slow erosion."

The revolution is underway and it shouldn't be cause for lament. If university students are to fashion the world of tomorrow, surely they have to be trusted today.

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Japanese first foreign language used in telephone

By TAMOTSU MURAYAMA

TOKYO — The first foreign language uttered over Alexander Graham Bell's telephone was Japanese in 1878, Bell (1847-1922) came to the United States to continue his father's work as a teacher of speech for the deaf. At the Philadelphia centennial exposition in 1876, Bell included in his exhibit for teaching the deaf his tele-

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phone which he had developed about the same time, Shuji Izawa, who came to America in 1875 with a group of students, had won a Bronze Medal for his musical composition at the exposition. He came across the strange writings and the telephone at the Bell exhibit. Inquiring what the telephone was and curious if a foreign language could be used like English, Izawa was assured by Bell that any language could be spoken through the instrument. Izawa was astonished to find out that Japanese could be heard clearly in a conversation with his Japanese friends.

Izawa returned to Japan with the Bell method of teaching the deaf and started the first school for the deaf in Japan. Izawa was also instrumental in editing the first Japanese textbooks for the primary schools in 1886.

It is understood that Bell has recorded the fact that the first foreign language spoken over his first telephone was Japanese. When Bell came to Japan after the turn of the 20th Century, Izawa had a reunion with the American inventor at Yokohama.

In connection with the Meiji Centennial, the Cabinet Committee is trying to record this interesting fact prominently at the Ministry of Telecommunication.

Henry--

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expected death, he made every effort to defend the island.

An intricate network of caves was constructed all over the island. Hidden gun emplacements faced the beach areas.

When the invasion came, Kuribayashi intended to let the Marines land before opening up. Then he would use his heaviest armaments and hopefully obliterate them.

On Feb. 19, 1945, 70,000 Marines and 41,000 Army and Navy support troops charged ashore. After all had landed, the general gave the word to open fire.

Although Kuribayashi's aim of wiping out the enemy failed, he did take a heavy toll of lives. Within a week, however the Marines had beaten back the initial wave of resistance.

By mid-March, Kuribayashi's forces numbered only a few thousand. They were without water, food or medicine, yet they continued to resist.

At this time, Kuribayashi's son, now 43 and a civil engineer at Tachikawa Air Base, was living in Tokyo helping at an Army supply depot while his wife and daughters moved to Hokkaido, at his request, and living safely away from the bombings of Tokyo, which by this time were occurring constantly.

No one is sure just what Gen. Kuribayashi did during his last few days.

According to one story, on March 26, the day before the surrender, Kuribayashi walked out of his cave and up to the American lines.

"My men are excellent soldiers," he shouted to a Marine in English. "If captured they should be treated well."

He then returned to his lines and shot himself.

Whatever happened doesn't change the fact that in the eyes of many Japanese, Tamamichi Kuribayashi typified the courage of the country's defenders of his day.

After the war, only those with Allied sympathies were allowed to return. These people form the core of the current residents, numbering 44 families totaling less than 200 people, residing on Chichijima.

For the past 20 years the life of these people relied almost entirely on the U.S. base, medical service, electricity, water facilities, disposal of garbage, etc. Schooling was conducted at the base school with island children and base children studying together. Youths were conscripted for two years' military service and the girls generally married Americans and became U.S. citizens.

Today, the Ogasawaras are administered by the Tokyo Metropolitan government as a rural village of the world's largest city. And the 23 year defeat that Gen. Kuribayashi would have lived with, had he survived, has ended.



Closer than You Think

- Letters from Our Readers -

Warren and Evacuation

Editor: I read with interest Edison Uno's one-made crusade (PC, July 5) to persuade Chief Justice Warren to eat humble pie and apologize for his role in instigating the Evacuation of the Japanese from the West Coast in World War II.

Let us assume that Chief Justice Warren's liberal stance on human rights stems directly from his shabby behavior toward the Japanese in the past. And like Saul of Tarsus on the Damascus Road, he saw the light and was transformed from chief persecutor to chief propagator of the faith.

If this assumption is correct, we Japanese Americans can bask in the reflected glory of the outstanding record of the "Warren" court.

As one Nisei, I feel that Mr. Warren has redeemed himself for past sins against us through his 15 years on the federal bench, fighting for the rights of all minorities despite vicious attacks from extremist groups.

The only apology I would like to see would be a unanimous decision by the Supreme Court that the Evacuation was illegal. I hope that the JACL will resubmit a test case in the near future.

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(The PC would settle for a 6-3 decision, reversing the Korematsu case which ruled Evacuation constitutional. That case drew a 6-3 decision.—Ed.)

Inagaki Testimonial

Editor: My relationship with George Inagaki began when he was a senior student of mine in the old Sacramento Senior High School. George was a good student, so good in fact that he was selected by a committee of judges to be the boy graduation speaker. Thus early in life he showed public speaking capacity, one that he effectively developed as the years went by.

That student-teacher relationship between us has ripened into a man-to-man friendship. Much too often teachers and students break contact after graduation. Not so between George and me. Because of those frequent associations across the years I feel that I am able to evaluate his great influence on American society.

Specifically in this letter I would like to comment on what I believe in his philosophy of American citizenship. I think that it is expressed in the first sentence of the 14th amendment to our Federal Constitution: "All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the state wherein they reside."

That means that in America the "minority group" concept should not exist; the term should be erased from our language. It tends to create an attitude of apathy for all parties concerned, rather than respect for distinctiveness. The reasons for its use are historical. We are North-European oriented culturally, politically, economically and ethically. As far as I know all nations are to a greater or lesser degree similarly oriented. The rolling of the years is slowly grinding down the feeling of apathy that exists within this group. It is being replaced by mutual respect and appreciation, thereby making stronger the America which we revere.

George Inagaki is fully aware of the slowness of this process. He is also aware of the means by which it is

achieved. He knows that it is done not in anger but with dignity, not by militant action but by the force of example, not by lethargy but by alertness. He has proved his fidelity to American citizenship by leadership and by service in the armed forces. To top it off he has inspired his colleagues by accident of immigration and ancestry. I am a descendent of North Europeans, and as such I am grateful to George and his associates for the lessons they are teaching us. They are making us a stronger nation and I am a better man because I have been privileged to know George Inagaki.

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Against Gun Control

Editor: I have been a JACL member for eight years and this is the first time I have been compelled to write in reply to Ye Editor's Desk of June 14. I am in complete opposition with the opinions expressed in the column. I wish to go on record that I stand with Governor Reagan in feeling that this would lead to more bureaucracy and cause harassment of citizens.

Federal registration of guns and licensing of gun owners will not promote any reduction in crime or violence. The criminal is already intending to break the law and most weapons used in crime have been stolen.

I can only point to New York City's increase in crime rate as an example of the effects of disarming the honest citizen. New York City began its gun legislation by requiring free registration. Now the fee for registering a handgun is \$20 a year, if you can qualify under the Sullivan law. Also a \$3 per year fee has been added for all shotguns and rifles; that is, \$3 for each weapon, each year, and it soon becomes prohibitive to own a collection of guns.

I am all in favor of putting better enforcement behind the laws we have already. Punish the criminals, not the citizen who enjoys the shooting sports.

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(Gov. Reagan's legal affairs secretary Ed Meese says California is a leader in gun control laws. Meese.—Ed.)

25 Years Ago

In the Pacific Citizen, July 24, 1943

Relocation of loyal evacuees will be continued, War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes declares, statement sets back anti-WRA critics. Sec. of Interior takes defenders operation of WRA centers, says Parker Dam not endangered by Poston evacuees. WRA budget of \$48,170,000 for fiscal 1944 approved by Congress. Manzanar Jr. College accredited by state. Heart Mountain WRA shop finishes U.S. Navy order for 4,000 "Serve in Silence" posters.

Senate military affairs committee recommends draft of Japanese-Americans; War Dept. reports satisfactory method "for screening out bad ones" operating, over 7,500 Nisei in Army. WACs to open ranks to Nisei women from Sept. 1. Minoru Yasui to be freed from Multnomah County (Ore.) jail July 29 as original sentence of one year and \$5,000 fine revised to time already served of 8 months and 10 days.

NBC Blue network broadcasts Town Meeting of Air debate July 15 on continued exclusion of evacuees from west coast; Rep. John Costello (D-Calif.) takes affirmative. Atty. Carey McWilliams on negative side. Santa Barbara chapter formed by Committee on American Principles and Fair Play, Rev.

Civil Rights-

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Americans and must be an open society is quite evident, for the alternative is hostility and alienation that results in economic and social chaos.

The JACL can play an important role in opening up our society. We can be a bridge of communication between blacks and whites. The JACL can be an effective vehicle to communicate with whites, to educate and to inform them. We can begin by destroying some myths and stereotypes that are hindrances to social progress. Myths that Nisei have it made, that Nisei by their own efforts, made progress and that Blacks should follow their example of personal effort.

The JACL can be an effective vehicle in seeking out and eliminating discrimination against Nisei, certainly, but also against Blacks, Filipinos, Chinese, Indians and other minorities.

Contemporary Problems

The JACL, certainly on the national level, particularly on the district council level, and especially on the chapter level, should be relevant to contemporary problems — urban, social and economic. But there are some who suspect that the JACL would rather talk than act, to muffle discontent rather than change conditions.

We witness today accelerating events of social change. The JACL's stance should be positive and inclusive — and should enjoy a higher degree of visibility in the urban crisis. The voice of the JACL, especially on the local level, should no longer remain silent on the urban crisis, if we are to be viable.

But in order to undertake this new and expanding role, if we are, some difficult soul searching needs to be done. Some of these probing and personal questions might include an obvious but perhaps the most difficult — that of our own personal commitment.

Are we committed to equality and opportunity in all its aspects? How much do we reflect the attitudes and mores of the white community?

Is the position we hold in the JACL really based on dedication to an ideal or is it a status spot or a "don't rock the boat" role? Are our discussions on human relations just a concession to our conscience and a token acknowledgment of a problem without the vigorous will to treat the problem?

Has the JACL the will and readiness to challenge the existing order of things and create new programs, new policies and new procedures for social change?

Roles for JACLers

We can rise to the challenge of our times and be active participants in seeking answers to inequities in our society, or we can hide behind a barricade of formalism.

We can establish better communications with other non-whites and establish empathy. We can communicate to white America the urgency of what needs to be done.

We can interpret the dynamics of social change and awaken the community to the necessity of a climate for equality, understanding and acceptance.

It's possible that we may not succeed, but at least, let us be recorded as passing on to our successors a heritage of dedication. Hopefully, we may record some accomplishments.

Control laws. Meese would like to see the courts impose additional punishment when guns are used in crimes plus additional laws to keep guns out of the hands of potentially dangerous persons and criminals. He also strongly favors federal legislation to supplement existing state laws controlling mail order of guns, rifles and shotguns. We thank reader Yoshioka for the news clipping on the state's gun control laws and comments by Meese.—Ed.)

Sounding Board

Jeffrey Matsui



CRSC

Last year one of the items on the agenda for both the Pacific Southwest District board and council meetings was the payment of the annual dues of \$100 to the Community Relations Conference of Southern California, a conglomeration of 88 separate organizations, whose general purpose is to promote fair and equal treatment for all Americans. JACL is a charter member.

Discussions at both meetings drifted toward whether we were not becoming overly involved with Civil Rights and whether the JACL is not in fact overstepping its boundaries when it supports organizations that are not dealing with problems directly affecting the welfare or civil rights of persons of Japanese ancestry. As sympathy for the appropriation was lessening at these meetings, Harry Honda was asked to give a brief history of the CRSC.

At each meeting Harry stood up to explain that the CRSC was first organized at the end of World War II under another name to help the Japanese returning to Southern California from relocation centers with their resettlement, especially in the areas of housing and employment. And as the problem of the Japanese resettlement came to an end, the organization changed its name to the present Community Relations Conference of Southern California and re-directed its energies to attain the right of fair and equal treatment for all minority groups. After this brief explanation the appropriation was quietly and unanimously passed.

A very large perpetual trophy is presented to the organization which has contributed the most to establish fair play for minority persons within the past year at the annual CRSC dinner. The trophy is donated by the Southern California Japanese Chamber

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Accent on Youth

Alan Kumamoto



Service to Servicemen

Several youth groups throughout the country have been corresponding or sending food and "goodies" to some of the military personnel fighting in Vietnam.

Actually what really brings home the message that there is a war going on, fighting, and people getting killed are not the press headlines or the living room TV set which shows the war in "living color" below the sound level unimaginable to one who has not been in combat, but letters and other correspondence from friends and relatives that hit you harder "in the gut." The reality of the world situation rocks you even though you are sitting and relaxing at home.

Yes, some ex-Junior JACLers are out there fighting on land, sea, and in the air. In corresponding with some of them, they always venture a question on how are things going back home.

Some of them, your friends, brothers, relatives, will not be coming back the way you knew them before. Some will mature, have a brighter outlook and attitude. Some will have grown in stature and in values. Yet, we feel some who will not be as fortunate. They will be wounded or give their life for their country.

Junior JACLers have a vested interest in the Vietnam war from the standpoint that many of the current youth are draft age and are wondering. Some of the older exhausted Juniors are now sweating it out. Thus the problems and implications of the conflict hit hard at the American youth — whether male or female.

Without questioning whether we should be there, have the right or whatever, we know that Sansei are over there fighting, and there must be something we can do.

Why not adopt a chapter program to keep in touch with those overseas? I know that there are those who can truly empathize with those who have been away and have waited for some written communication to cling to and grasp as a piece of back home.

If you don't know anyone to write to, contact us and we'll send you some addresses.



West Wind

Yosh Hotta

Travel

There is turmoil in the streets, and going along the wide boulevard at night, at the city line, policemen with flashlights, stop your car. "You can't go into the city, don't you know there is a curfew?"

"I know, but I live there." You tell the officer your address and he waves you in. But the chill still remains, and it reminds one of the events that happened 25 years ago. It's just like the feeling before Evacuation.

We stand in line with some suitcases with the servicemen and the little old ladies waiting to board the bus to Monterey. It looks like the same bus of 25 years ago. And you say good bye to the pretty girl with you, only this time, she is wearing the uniform with the gold bars on her shoulders, and she is getting on the bus.

We go to the airport and watch three happy recipients of the JACL-JAL fellowship wing their way to Sophia and the great adventure. Dianne Ooka who probably knows more about Japan than the Japanese because she studied them from afar. Rev. Horinouchi saying good bye to his basketball team of sons, and Ann Bacnic, flustered because everyone is giving her their business cards and lamenting that she has no title. "Well, perhaps I can say that I am a vice governor of the Jr. JACL!"

"You know the French students who took over the Sorbonne, were using the exact tactics perfected by the Zengakuren (militant Japanese student organization) in Japan." Is that right, you murmur politely, but your heart and good wishes go with the young who are beginning their new lives.