

Amid the excitement generated by the Convention and its new, I almost missed Jim Henry's "Sakura Script" in the Aug. 30 PC. This item shouldn't be missed, for it mirrors an aspect of history which many of us today would prefer not to remember, but which some can't forget. The column talks about the ritualization, in memory of the Hiroshima atom bomb tragedy, while some 35% (or a population of 4,000) who are victims of the bombing, live in poverty and physical misery in a neglected slum area. These people can't forget what happened to them and, as the article says, "symbolize man's inhumanity to man."

Frankly, until I saw this, it had been a long time since I had cause to remember Hiroshima, or the bomb's victims. The piece reminded me again about the eternal question of values. Peace museums and atomic domes have their place but are we doing enough for the victims? It doesn't look like we are.

The thought strikes me that JACL chapters looking for constructive projects, may find exploration of this situation appropriate and worthwhile.

AN OPINION

In this presidential election year we will all see both the happy and miserable sights of history being made. We will react as human beings first, each in our own way.

I want to share my own reactions to the miserable sights I saw on TV, both inside and outside of the recent Democratic National Convention.

Let people quickly accuse me of being ignorant of reality, or being a "bleeding heart," let me say that I have worked for years in a field where dangerous people and violence are ever present. The necessity of applying appropriate force to restrain violent people is realistic and unquestioned.

The spectacle, at least the part that I saw on TV, did not represent discipline or restraint on the part of the Chicago police, and I do not indiscriminately criticize police, because I feel we cannot live in a state of anarchy.

However, I cannot express strongly enough my opposition to police clubbing demonstrators, already under control and hardly in a position to resist. Neither can I understand officers scurrying around the street chasing people down, who appear to be running away.

To those who say that much of the demonstrations were planned by professional agitators, that the police had been subjected to extreme verbal and other indignities, I'd like to say that such does not justify what happened.

Whether it seems reasonable or not, we must expect the actions of police officers to be restrained. Whether they like it or not, they don't have the license, whatever the provocation, to use "bully boy" tactics. In the times we live in, we cannot afford to condone excesses on the part of anyone, least of all those appointed to enforce law and justice.

What happened inside the Convention Hall was perhaps less distasteful to me, but was a symbol of the kind of "bossism" that we can do without in American politics, and I am not a McCarthy supporter. It is too bad that the open discussion to gut issues was detracted by the antics of one man.

ANOTHER OPINION

The above is not unrelated to another matter which has been called the "Open Primary."

The opportunity for you and me to vote for declared and legitimate candidates in a State primary, brings us closer to expressing our preferences. It becomes increasingly evident that we are being pushed out of the picture, while political parties and picked slates, in which we had no voice, make decisions for us.

If the rhetoric about "bringing government closer to the people" is not political double talk, this kind of system deserves support. In California, where a bill to enact such a system was passed by a bipartisan vote in the Legislature, the Governor saw fit to veto it. Since overriding vetoes seems to be a near impossible task, that bill should be kept alive until it is enacted into law.

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Merchants group  
SAN FRANCISCO — A new Nihonmachi Merchants Assn. to publicize the new Japanese cultural and trade center and its neighboring Nihonmachi enterprises is being organized.

## Tutorial program natural for Sansei

By SAM HANSON

SAN JOSE — Japanese Americans, who have made a comeback from one of the most severe racial repressions in U.S. history, are beginning to dedicate their talents and energies to helping other minorities.

Their first effort, a pilot project, is to furnish volunteer tutors and helpers in a summer Head Start program in East San Jose.

"This summer tutorial pro-

gram is a small first step in trying to do more for those who need help, but much more needs to be done," said James Ono, chairman of the Civil Rights Committee of the Northern California - Western Nevada District Council of the Japanese American Citizens League.

### \$1,500 Budget

Ono, an attorney with the Legal Aid Society of Santa Clara County, said the San Jose JACL is furnishing the manpower for the tutoring program while the budget of \$1,500 has been raised by an assessment of 25 cents on district council membership.

Ono said that JACL, which was organized during and after World War II to protect the interests of Japanese Americans after they were uprooted from their West Coast homes and sent to relocation centers, has tended in recent years to become a social rather than a civil rights organization.

(JACL was actually formed in the 1920s.)

"Many of the Nisei of 30 to 40 years of age are becoming comfortable and don't want to rock the boat," the young attorney said.

### For More Involvement

"But the Sansei and the younger Nisei," Ono continued, "are pushing for more involvement. As a result, the organization is now going through a massive educational program on the issues of civil rights."

Ono explained the decision to involve JACL in the Head Start tutorial program.

Head Start was a natural, Ono said, "because in our culture education has been highly revered."

Another reason, he said, was to "get more people in our organization to become greater advocates of programs to help minorities and other poor people."

"The greatest push in this effort is coming from the Junior JACL group which is composed of high school and college students," Ono said. This youth group is headed by Ben Matsunaga, district governor, and Winston Ashizawa, San Jose chapter president.

### Praised Highly

The young people are furnishing most of the volunteers for the program and are winning almost extravagant praise from Head Start teachers and administrators.

"Their contributions this summer have been one of the best parts of the program," said Ameal Hunter, coordinator for the Alum Rock District Head Start program. "The kids accepted them so well and they accepted the kids. It's been a marvelous thing."

The JACL volunteers work at seven of the 10 Head Start centers being operated this summer by Alum Rock District. Adults go to two centers and members of the Junior JACL the other five.

Some of the young volunteers are paid \$1.30 per hour for four hours daily by the district council of JACL. Other students are unpaid.

"At the end of the eight-week summer Head Start program we hope to have about 1,500 hours of contributed time," Ono said.

—San Jose Mercury

## Monterey Park Nisei threatened over telephone

Five families told to leave their homes

MONTEREY PARK — At least five Japanese American families were warned by anonymous telephone callers to move out of their homes in the substantial Monterey Hills area, the local police reported the last week of August.

Threats that their homes would be burned down if the occupants failed to follow the warnings were made, it was learned.

Police have stepped up their vigilance of the area. Telephone company also is cooperating with police to trace and stop these calls.

Monterey Hills and Monterey Highlands are residential areas with homes ranging between \$30,000 and \$60,000. Nearly a third of the homeowners in the area are of Oriental ancestry.

### 'Oriental Ghetto'

Area has been tagged as an Oriental ghetto by Negro resident Bob Liley, who has accused the city council for permitting such imbalance by failing to recognize the need for a strong human relations program.

Liley said as a Negro he has been trying to prevent any portion of the city from becoming a black ghetto and said Orientals have the same responsibility within their ethnic group.

The Monterey Park City Council, in the meanwhile, reaffirmed the city's "open door" policy, welcoming any and all residents to make Monterey Park "a good place to live."

Shogo Iwasaki, city community relations commissioner, who had tendered his resignation a year ago in hopes of bringing in new voices, said he has no intention of resigning now in view of recent events.

## Polish, Italian groups to fight defamation on TV

CHICAGO — The Polish-American Guardian society and the Americans of Italian Descent, Inc., announced last week that they had launched a joint program to obtain federal legislation which would empower the Federal Communications Commission to suspend the license of any television station found guilty of defamation of any ethnic group.

The two organizations said they had prepared a joint statement to be presented to both the Republican and Democratic convention platform committees requesting the political parties to adopt a plank which would empower the FCC to enforce the provisions of the "television code."

In a related move, the Polish American Guardian society said it had retained Luis Kutner, an attorney, as counsel in its suit against the NBC network and the Rowan and Martin Laugh-In show, charging them with a planned campaign of defamation with "malicious intent" against Polish-American people.

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### Peace Pagoda fete

SAN FRANCISCO — The five-story Peace Pagoda will be dedicated this weekend with a program at the Japanese Cultural and Trade Center. Ono dancing is scheduled Saturday night and formal dedication Sunday at 2 p.m.

### SPECIAL REPORT:

## Floor view of Republican convention excites Nisei

By STEPHEN NAKAMURA  
(Special to Pacific Citizen)

Miami Beach, Fla. — My first experience in being selected an official delegate to the Republican National Convention here has been interesting and exciting. Before leaving San Francisco on a chartered jet, I received 136 letters, 33 postcards, nine petitions signed by 156 people from supporters of various candidates.

In addition to the deluge of literature, news releases and telegrams from both the Nixon and Rockefeller headquarters, there were additional letters and cards waiting for me upon arrival at Deauville Hotel, headquarters for the California delegation.

At the Aug. 4 Sunday caucus, we were issued our tickets and delegate badges. From the standpoint of real business at hand, there was some division within the California delegation.

### Active Candidacy

The trip became quite active on Monday, Aug. 5, when former Senator William Knowland presented the delegation with a resolution asking Governor Reagan to become an active and open candidate for the nomination. A great majority of the delegates, including myself, had accepted the honor of being a delegate or an alternate on the representation that Governor Reagan would be going to Florida only as a favorite son and that he actually had not aspirations to become an active candidate.

At the same time, each delegate and alternate was required to sign an affidavit stating that he would be bound to Governor Reagan until "released." My understanding of the document I signed was to the effect that I would vote for him until he released the delegation.

After the caucus on Monday, the question arose as to whether or not we were still bound to Governor Reagan since he was no longer a favorite son, but had become an active candidate. In other words there were many who felt very strongly that we had agreed to vote for him as a favorite son candidate only. Among those who felt that we were no longer bound after the first ballot was a National Committeeman from California, an astute and able attorney and political activist.

### No Vocal Opposition

Unfortunately, the resolution presented to the caucus on Monday, Aug. 5, was the product of a very few individuals who, in my opinion, gave some bad advice to the Governor. The total time consumed in presenting the resolution and voting upon it was approximately five or six minutes. It is my opinion that many of the delegates were too surprised and stunned to say anything and the resolution was adopted by voice vote. No vocal opposition was heard.

Thereafter, it was announced that the resolution was adopted unanimously. Many of the delegates stated afterwards that they did not vote for or against the resolution and therefore, the resolution could not be interpreted as having been adopted unanimously. Statements were made by some of the delegates and alternates to reporters and after their comments were published, certain die-hard delegates and members of the Governor's staff became upset.

Reports circulated to the effect that the quoted delegates were reprimanded by Senator Knowland, and I actually heard and was part of a heated verbal battle between supporters of the resolution and Nixon backers. Some bitter feelings developed over this controversy. I personally spoke to Senator Knowland to find out whether or not the individuals were actually "bawled out" by him. He denied that he had bawled anyone out, but that he did have some discussions with certain individuals.

### 'Until Released'

The misunderstanding over the binding effect of the affidavit was very easy to understand. I felt that I was obligated to vote and go along with Governor Reagan "until released," even though I was not understanding that he was running only as a favorite son. His position as a favorite son was to insure party unity. I felt obligated to vote for him or in accordance with his request until I was released, even though I felt that he should not have become an active candidate.

Those who felt that the affidavit was binding only for a favorite son position, felt that they were released from

the affidavit when he announced his candidacy. A good many of these individuals were Nixon supporters who resented the active candidacy of Governor Reagan since they knew that this would encroach very heavily in the Southern States where a good portion of Nixon's strength lay.

There is reason to believe that their interpretation was not unreasonable since an announcement had been made that the delegation was to be based upon a broad representation covering the spectrum of views from liberal to conservative.

In my defense of those who felt they were had, I was considered a maverick by the conservatives. On the other hand, the statements made by the Nixon supporters should not have been made to the press since matters discussed in the caucus were to be kept out of discussions outside the meetings.

After reviewing the situation, it was my opinion that Governor Reagan was talked into going along with the resolution by some bad advisers. At a meeting held after the resolution was adopted, he indicated that he had told the individuals wanting to present the resolution, that he would go along with whatever the delegation wanted. The successful maneuvering and ramrodding of the resolution through the California Delegation caucus would not have been possible had there been ample opportunity for all individuals to think it through.

### Convention Floor Seating

At the opening session of the Convention on Monday night, I asked Ann Bowler, the National Committeewoman from California, as to the procedure used in deciding the location of each state delegation on the Convention floor. She indicated that each state was given credit for various factors and these points were added up.

Among the factors considered were, one, whether or not the Governor of the State was a Republican; two, the number of Republican Senators; three, the number of Republican Congressmen; four, whether or not the state met the financial quota set by the National Committee; five, whether or not the state legislature was within the control of the Republican Party. Many other factors were considered in determining the order in which each state was able to select its position on the floor.

California was 7th on the list and was thus given seventh choice. First choice was given to the host state, Florida. My seat was in the third row directly behind several Congressmen, Assemblymen, state senators and other party

leaders.

The activity on the floor of the convention throughout the four nights was something to behold. I have never seen so many news reporters, television cameras, photographers, etc. in one place as I did at the Convention.

At various points on the floor, the strategists from the various camps had telephones. Roger Morton, a floor manager for Richard Nixon, was two rows in front of me and three seats over. It was quite interesting to see how they operated. His position was similar to a field command post.

### Exciting Time

All in all, the active participation in the convention was very exciting to me and I will never forget the excitement and interests one encounters by becoming an active participant. Many things which have never been written in newspapers or televised, took place behind the scenes and in the various caucus rooms. These were especially interesting.

Both my wife, Sally, and daughter, Jann, who accompanied me to the Convention also had a wonderful time and enjoyed the various functions during the Convention. On Wednesday night, both my wife and daughter stayed from 5 p.m. to 2 a.m.

On Thursday night, I was able to slip through some of the security which had been established and even had my daughter, Jann, sit with me in the delegates' section for about one hour. This was quite an experience for a 13-year old girl.

I hope very strongly that more Nisei would take an active part in partisan politics and have the opportunity of going to national conventions in the future.

### Nisei in Politics

Mrs. Toshiko Yamamoto, from Los Angeles, an alternate on the California delegation, is a good example of the type of individual who has worked hard for the party and on the basis of her hard work, was selected for the delegation. I find Mrs. Yamamoto to be very hard working and an interesting person.

Many individuals have asked me how I was selected to be a representative of the California delegation. (Continued on Page 3)



Mrs. Stephen (Sally) Nakashima and daughter Jann meet Governor Reagan at Republican National Convention at Miami Beach.

## Democratic Convention a Mixed Bag

By HAROLD GORDON

Chicago — Several months ago the Democratic National Committee wrote the Pacific Citizen editor and asked if he wanted to accredit a reporter to the Convention. My name was turned in as "Chicago Editor."

I procured my credentials, parked my car in an area adjacent to some empty animal pens (most of the packing companies have moved out of Chicago), entered the gate assigned to the "Weekly Press" in the second balcony and attended my first Convention since 1932 (when I was on hand for F.D.R.'s acceptance speech).

### IN THE HOPPER

The sight upon entering the Convention Hall is a thrilling one... a blaze of color and humanity... each of the State standards are alternately red, white and blue...

As I look around the huge Amphitheater I spot the NBC booth up near the roof with Huntley and Brinkley sitting in august majesty... In the CBS booth at the opposite end of the hall Walter Cronkite looks rather lonely sitting by himself... A representative of Newsweek, sitting several rows in front of me has a TV on the screen—while in the booth he is sitting with his back towards the Convention Hall facing the camera with its red light indicating he is on the air.

### ANTI-WAR FEELING

Senator Dan Inouye is introduced to deliver the keynote address and receives a standing ovation. He launches into an eloquent address which is punctuated by applause in the right places until he begins to speak about Vietnam... when for the first time there is an indication of the strong anti-war

sentiment among the delegates and in the galleries.

Dan in discussing the dissenters in the country says: "they say the war is an immoral one"... here he receives an unexpected reaction... he is interrupted with a loud cheer wherein those yelling indicate that they feel that the war is indeed immoral... when Dan proceeds to justify the administration position he is met with some booing... I do not recall a prior instance where a keynote speaker met with boos... but then there have been so many issues that have been so divisive and have created such emotional reactions as the issue of the war.

In what prior Convention for instance have Senators and other leaders of a party spoken out before a nationwide audience (as they did on Wednesday) in condemning the war policy of the President of their own party?

This minor disturbance was soon forgotten as Dan went on to make one of the most pertinent and meaningful keynote speeches in the recent history of party conventions.

### HAWAIIAN CONTINGENT

Spark Matsunaga delivered a conciliatory speech in favor of the majority Vietnam plank and made the point that both versions were "peace planks" Patsy Mink was the only congressional face missing from the Hawaiian contingent... had been defeated in the election for delegates... probably because of her outspoken opposition to the war.

I managed to ease past a security guard onto the Convention floor and wandered among the delegates. I looked among the D.C. and Hawaiian delegations for Mike Masoaka with no success... Later in the week I lunched with Mike, Shig and Hiro Mayeda and they brought me up to date on the convention in San Jose.

Our discussion centered on the militant youth in JACL angering well for the organizational's future.

Since Hiro is the 1970 Convention Chairman we also began kicking around some ideas for 1970.

### OTHER IMPRESSIONS

The firm hold on the proceedings by the administration which was reflected in almost every room all over the Convention Hall... the overreaction of Mayor Daley's "security men" in attacking newsmen in the Convention Hall... and of his police in attacking with clubs some of the Yippies who had come to Chicago with the avowed purpose of disrupting the proceedings... and the consequence turning to ashes of what Daley had planned as his blaze of glory... and finally H.H.H.'s acceptance speech indicating that Nixon hasn't quite got the election wrapped up... particularly if Ho Chi Min decides he would prefer Humphrey to Nixon... and gives the signal demanded by the administration so that the bombing can be stopped and the peace talks begin in earnest—leading to a cease-fire.

### GI Mail

In the odd manner in which the tragic is ever close to the ridiculous, there were some ironic incidents in the internment story. There were numerous cases where a Japanese family, living in a thin-walled wood and tar-paper barracks, watched the mail anxiously for word of a son serving in the Pacific, not with the Japanese forces, but in the U.S. Army or Navy. There were even more who watched for letters postmarked from Central Europe or Italy, where a Nisei battalion, made up of American-born Japanese from Hawaii or the mainland, was becoming the most decorated unit in the American Army in Europe. Ironic, indeed, to find such mail delivered to parents in an internment camp.

### Arizona Co-ops

But one incident topped (Continued on Page 3)

## How the Japanese Americans were treated in Arizona in mid-'30's and WW2 recalled after woman's question

(J. F. Weadock, Arizona Daily Star columnist who pens the "Desert Notebook," is assistant editor-publisher William R. Mathews, who was cited by the Arizona JACL late last year for his prewar and wartime support of Japanese.)

By J. F. WEADOCK

A question from a woman reader of the Notebook, who lives in Green Valley, brings back the memories of a period in the life of Arizona, and of the United States, which is no reason for pride. Instead, it is a rough example of how even here in the United States prejudice and racism, coupled with a kind of mass hysteria, can cause a people to violate their own Constitution, their moral code and the rights of others.

"Did we, in Arizona, have Japanese internment camps during World War II," she asks.

The answer happens to be "We did." And it was to our shame, and later regret, that the majority of the people permitted it to happen without protest. It was one of those incidents in human affairs where pseudo-patriotism was made the cloak to hide racism, prejudice and greed, under the pressure of a wartime buildup.

### Alien Land Law

As early as 1935 the Arizona legislature had before it HB-78, an act which would forbid an alien, ineligible for citizenship, to own, lease or enter upon land used for agricultural purposes in the state, or to do any work on such land for the production of crops used for human consumption. It also provided for the confiscation of such crops.

### Camps Flourish

But the wave surged on and after the bombing of Pearl Harbor the "detention camp" idea burst forth in full bloom. First, as military defense action, then supported by Congress, the camps were built at Parker, Ariz., on the Colorado Indian Reservation; at Sacaton, also on an Indian reservation, and at eight sites in other states.

Japanese families, for no other reason than their national and racial backgrounds, were rounded up and sent to these camps. Many, in fact the greater percentage of these

people, were American-born, and in no single instance was there ever a charge of sabotage made against them. They were farmers, laborers, doctors, lawyers, dentists and businessmen and their families. Their citizenship rights were disregarded; their homes abandoned; their properties and businesses permitted to disintegrate. Both in California and Arizona some of them managed to sell—at sacrifice prices—some of their highly developed farm and vegetable lands. Others got little or nothing. Their only crime was they were born Japanese, even though that birth was in the United States! It is indeed something to remember, but not with pride.

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By Mike Masaoka

## Washington Newsletter

### POLITICAL CONVENTIONS

As the post-convention session of the 90th Congress convened last week, the first order of business was not the legislation at hand but comments regarding the Democratic National Convention a week earlier in Chicago.

Though most of the remarks were directed toward fixing the blame for the violence, there appeared to be an underlying belief that the general electoral process needed reform, though it was too late for any constructive action this year.

Suggestions for reform were offered by both Democrats and Republicans. Senator Gaylord Nelson (D-Wis.) for instance, proposed the creation of a 30-member Federal Commission to work out a new system for nominating presidential candidates, which would report to Congress by August 1, 1969. His personal recommendations included either a national preferential primary to choose each party's presidential and vice presidential candidates or a "reformed" convention system which would guarantee fair and representative delegate selection and nominating procedures.

Others, like Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield of Montana and House Minority Leader Gerald Ford of Michigan, would also reform the national election process.

Senator Mansfield renewed his call, first made early in the summer before the Republican and Democratic conventions in August, for sweeping election changes including the abolition of political conventions and the Electoral College system.

Congressman Ford, however, was not convinced that nominating conventions should be abolished. He urged that they "might be reformed a little." At the same time, fearful that third party candidate George Wallace of Alabama might prevent either Richard Nixon or Hubert Humphrey from winning a clear majority on November 5, he favored the elimination of the Electoral College system under which each State chooses electors who, in turn, elect the President and the Vice President. If no candidate received a clear electoral majority, the election would be decided next January in the House for the President and in the Senate for the Vice President, with each State delegation having only one vote in each chamber.

The House GOP Leader said that he tended to endorse the idea of the popular election of the President, with a runoff election if necessary. This plan is proposed by the American Bar Association.

The abolition of the Electoral College would require a constitutional amendment.

In any event, it seems that the chances are fair that before the 1972 presidential nominating and electing campaigns there may be changes in the existing methods for selecting candidates and electing the President.

Amid all the charges and countercharges regarding the "demonstrations" and the police "brutality," as one who was in downtown Chicago during the Democratic National Convention and witnessed some of the "violence" that took place, it seems fair to say that while there was much "provocation" on the part of the "demonstrators," in our judgment there was no justification for the over-reaction of the police to the often deliberate "provocations" of the "demonstrators."

In view of the racial tensions and experiences of the city, and especially in view of the forewarnings that the police must have had about the planned efforts to "wreck" the Convention, the Chicago police should have been trained and disciplined enough to have handled the very real "provocations" in a much more orderly and peaceful manner, rather than resorting so quickly to the storm-trooper tactics of the fascist police of recent memory.

While it is conceded that perhaps the television cameras and the newspaper accounts may not have presented either a "balanced picture" of what actually happened or failed to expose as they might have the deliberate "provocations" of those who goaded the police into their vicious reactions, it is equally clear that the Chicago police reacted more violently and aggressively than did the apparently better trained and disciplined National Guard troops who relieved the police.

Be that as it may, with a week of the Democratic Convention at least three major organizations (American Psychological Assn., American Sociological Assn., and American Historical Assn.) cancelled their respective national conventions scheduled for Chicago within the year because they resented the high-handed and abusive tactics of the Chicago police.

Asked to compare the Republican Convention in Miami and the Democratic donnybrook in Chicago, several Japanese observers who attended both party conclaves noted that GOP gathering was more orderly, better organized, and clearly under the control of the Nixon adherents. They saw the Republican Convention as a kind of board of directors meeting of a big business concern, with the delegates merely rubber-stamping what the party executives wanted.

All of them found the Democratic Convention not only "more interesting" but, perhaps surprising to many of us, more meaningful and democratic. They saw disunity and disorder, but in these indications they also saw that major differences could be aired in public and that the great issues of the day could be debated by and before such a large and motley gathering of delegates. They felt that the "real America" was evident in the Chicago meeting, with racial and other minorities having a chance to at least express their thoughts to the majority.

The visitors from Japan said that in Miami it was clear that Richard Nixon and his associates were in command of the situation at all times, while in Chicago the unseen ghosts of President Johnson and the late Senator Robert Kennedy seemed to haunt the huge auditorium.

Understandably, all those from Japan seemed to think that Senator Daniel Inouye of Hawaii, in his keynote address and in his temporary chairmanship of the Convention itself, was the star of the week-long Democratic gathering. But more significantly, in Senator Inouye's active participation and leadership they recognized that in the American system a member of one of the smallest racial minorities can become a truly national leader. To them, the lesson of democracy in action of these political conventions became reality because one of their ancestry demonstrated the truth of its potential.

## Sansei widow trains as therapist to carry on husband's work in Army

FORT HOUSTON, Tex.—The young widow of a soldier killed in Vietnam is now attending the Medical Field Service School, in training to aid injured and maimed servicemen.

Second Lt. Karen Gallego, 21, of Portland, Ore., joins the Army Medical Specialist Corps in July and has begun a year of training which will qualify her as an Army physical therapist.

She had given up the idea of entering the Army's physical therapy program two years ago when she learned that student applicants must be single—and she was planning to be married before she graduated from Oregon State University.

Soon after they were married in December 1966, she accompanied him to San Antonio, where he spent two months at the Medical Field Service School taking the Medical Service Corps basic course and the essential medical training for the Army Medical Department Aviators Course. He had spent the previous year at Fort Wolters, Tex., and Fort Rucker, Ala., in helicopter training.

"I came to love the Army when we were here," Lt. Gallego said. "The people were so friendly it made us feel like we had a real home here."

### Sent to Vietnam

But by June her husband of six months was sent to Vietnam, an assignment he had looked forward to since it would give him a chance to fly.

"His love for flying began when he was in ROTC in college," she said.

### MIS veterans reunion

slated Nov. 9-11 in L.A.

LOS ANGELES — Veterans of the Military Intelligence Service Language School will hold its second national reunion Nov. 9-11 at the Ambassador Hotel.

George Kanagaki of West Los Angeles is reunion chairman, assisted by Paul Bannai and Gerald Kobayashi, both of Gardena, as co-chairmen. Tours of Southern attractions, reunion mixers, fashion show, memorial service and banquets are scheduled for the weekend.

Detailed information may be secured by writing to MIS Reunion, P.O. Box 2347, Gardena, Calif. 90247.

### Col. Campbell Johnson, 72

WASHINGTON — Col. Campbell Johnson, 72, assistant director of the Selective Service, died Aug. 22 of a heart ailment at his home, 800-44 St. SW.

One of the top three officers in the agency, he worked with Saburo Kido and Mike Masaoka in 1943 to restore Nisei eligibility to Selective Service. He was among the few that felt the Army was wrong in deciding after Pearl Harbor the SSS be closed to Nisei. In 1946, he became the second Negro soldier to be awarded the Distinguished Service Medal.

### Oahu family income

HONOLULU — A state report showed that the median annual income of Oahu families between 1964-67 was \$8,046. This is more than \$1,000 more than in 1960. High family incomes were found in the Tantalus-Makiki Heights, Manoa and Waiialea-Kahala areas.

Family incomes were lowest in the areas near Honolulu International Airport, Palahua Housing and in the Palama-Mayor Wright Homes area. On Oahu, 23.5 per cent of the families had annual incomes under \$5,000.

### CALENDAR

Sept. 13 (Friday)  
Philadelphia—Bd Mtg. Sumi Kobayashi res. 8 p.m.  
Sept. 14 (Saturday)  
Contra Costa—Conventional Japanese class regis. 11:30 a.m.  
Pasadena—JACL booth, 1st Presbyterian Church, 1118 N. Valley, El Cerrito, 3:30-5 p.m.  
Sept. 15 (Sunday)  
Seattle—Issei Appreciation Night. Buddhist Church, 4 p.m.  
San Mateo—Community Picnic, Boysville, La Honda.  
Pasadena—1000 Club whang ding. Tom Ito's poolside.  
Sept. 20 (Friday)  
Contra Costa—Japanese Class regis. 11:30 a.m.  
Pasadena—JACL booth, 1st Presbyterian Church, 1118 N. Valley, El Cerrito, 3:30-5 p.m.  
Sept. 21 (Saturday)  
San Francisco—Women's Auxiliary fashion show-luncheon, The Village.  
Sept. 22 (Sunday)  
West Los Angeles—Earth Sci field trip. Sequoia—Issei testimonial.  
Oct. 1 (Tuesday)  
West Los Angeles—Bd Mtg.  
Oct. 4 (Friday)  
Sonoma County—Election Mtg. West Los Angeles—Earth Sci Mtg. Stoner Aud. 7:30 p.m.  
Oct. 5 (Saturday)  
West Los Angeles—Earth Sci potluck dinner. Community Methodist Church.  
Oct. 4 (Sunday)  
Prog. Westside—Pancake Breakfast. Food Giant Market parking lot (adj. to Crenshaw Square).  
Oct. 5 (Tuesday)  
San Mateo—Bd Mtg. Sturge Presbyterian Church.  
Oct. 11 (Friday)  
Philadelphia—Gen Mtg. Nationality Sv. Ctr.  
Oct. 12 (Saturday)  
Milwaukee—Fall social.

## NEWS CAPSULES

### Government

William L. Taylor, 37, staff director of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission, and his deputy director, M. Carl Holman, resigned their positions Sept. 9 to work with the Urban Coalition. Taylor addressed the 1968 Washington, D.C. JACL installation banquet and also met with JACL president Jerry Enomoto during the latter's visitation of the Eastern District Council last year to develop liaison. Taylor will return to Yale Law School as a senior fellow for a year to work on a book on urban crisis. Holman will be in charge of program development, working with John Gardner, former Health, Education and Welfare secretary.

### Press Row

Greater Los Angeles Press Club and Japanese American Press Club staged their "Japan Night" dinner Aug. 22 with Japanese Consul General Kanji Takasugi making his first address since assuming his post at Los Angeles. Program concluded with comedian Pat Morita and a group of Japanese dancers entertaining from the Far East tour.

Larry Sakamoto, Hawaii Hochi English section editor, will join a public relations firm in Tokyo, the Reliance Corp. A 42nd veteran, he worked with International News Service and the Pacific Stars & Stripes during his 15-year stay in the Far East. First Japanese reporter to be killed in Vietnam was Tatsuo Sakai of Nihon Keizai Shimbun during the Aug. 21 rocket attacks against Saigon. He was in his apartment at the time of the attack. First Japanese newsmen to be killed in Vietnam was UPI photographer Hiromichi Mine last March 5.

### Vital Statistics

Mother of Spokane JACL president Dr. James Watanabe, Mrs. Taki Watanabe, died Aug. 8 of cancer in Spokane. Her four sons and four daughters are all JACL members in Los Angeles, Idaho, Seattle and Spokane. Seventeen grandchildren and five great-grandchildren also survive her.

### Military

Sidney Mashbir, retired Army colonel who commanded the Allied Translator and Interpreter Section of some 4,000 Nisei GIs during World War II in the Pacific Theater, spoke at the MIS 25th anniversary reunion Aug. 31 in Honolulu. About 300 attended. "Had it not been for the loyalty, fidelity, patriotism and ability of these American Nisei, that part of the war in the Pacific which was dependent upon intelligence gleaned from captured documents and prisoners of war would have been far more hazardous, long drawn out affair," Mashbir declared.

Sgt. Robert Uyesaka, son of the Caesar Uyesakas of Santa Barbara, was announced as "killed in action" in Vietnam by the Dept. of Defense Sept. 5 after previously being listed as "missing."

### Organizations

Jack S. Kusaba, Sumitomo Bank of California vice-president, was appointed to the board of governors of the San Francisco Civic League of Improvement Clubs and Associations.

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### Business

To quiet widespread misinformation, Henry Kuwada, president of the Berkeley Board of Realtors emphasized its members are abiding by the U.S. Supreme Court ruling of June 17 barring all racial discrimination in the sale or rental of property. The Berkeley board multiple listing service has not accepted listings with racial restrictions since Mar. 31, 1968, he added. "We are surprised that some property owners do not seem to realize that this is now the law."

Toshio Hotta of El Cerrito has been appointed to head the Jio Toura department of the Jio Travel Service, Berkeley. Hotta is a retired U.S. Army major and former assistant national JACL director. Tad Hirota of Berkeley will serve as sales promotion and public relations consultant for his travel firm, according to proprietor Shigeru Jio.

### Churches

Rev. John Miyabe has left his Berkeley pulpit to be Nisei pastor of Anaheim Free Methodist Church Sept. 3. Joining him as Japanese-speaking pastor is the Rev. Masaru Goshima from Japan. They succeed Revs. David Shigekawa and Soki Ito, Mr. Shigekawa is now in Hawaii on a survey tour.

### School Front

USC Center for Social Action, coordinating university efforts to meet urban minority needs, was established Aug. 30 with Alan Nishio appointed project administrator. The center will provide comprehensive training in leadership techniques for group leaders of the Black and Brown communities, according to Dr. William J. Williams, assistant professor of public administration, who will head the center.

Hiroko Miyabe, Tokyo Univ. graduate, will assist the Los Angeles city schools with the Volunteers to America Program this fall to broaden and internationalize the Area Program for Enrichment Exchange curriculum. Other volunteers from the Philippines, Ghana and Iran will serve as language and cultural aides in the eight junior and five senior high schools in the APEX program.

### Crime

A 19-year-old Gardena High School athlete was stabbed in a fight late Sept. 1 outside a teenage party held at the home of Robbie Shibao, 13801 S. Berendo Ave. Two suspects were at large but one was arrested, booked as Dickie Yamamoto, 21, by Lennox sheriff deputies.

### Music

Gail Niwa, 8, of Frederick Stock School was featured piano soloist at the third Chicago Symphony Young People's Concert recently. She won first place in the Society of American Musicians primary division contest last year.

### Science

Dr. Joe Kamiya, research psychologist at Univ. of California's Langley Porter Neuropsychiatric Institute, San Francisco, thinks learning how to control one's Alpha Rhythm may be useful in alleviating forms of anxiety and other mental and physical problems. Alpha Rhythm is the name scientists give to a certain type of brain activity which can be measured on an electroencephalograph (EEG), appearing on the charts as a continuously shifting series of wave lines. Kamiya has been engaged in this research for the past 10 years and thinks almost

everyone can be taught to control alpha waves for a sustained period. People interested in Zen and Yoga, he said, were able to control alpha waves more quickly than the average subjects.

### Youth

Bryan T. Yamauchi, 25, son of the Hiroshi Yamauchis of Denver, has accepted the position of assistant district scout executive of the Greater New York City Council to work with Negro and Puerto Rican youth in East Harlem. After service in the Marine Corps, he resumed his studies at Univ. of Colorado and graduated in psychology last year.

### Sports

The St. Louis Cardinals, 1967 World Series champions and front-runners in the 1968 National League pennant race, will open an 18-game post-season goodwill tour in Japan on Oct. 25. The Yomiuri Newspapers are sponsoring the Japan visit. The Japan Little League all-stars from Wakayama won the Williamport (Pa.) Little League world series by defeating Richmond (Va.) 1-0 in the finals Aug. 31. It was the second straight triumph for a Japanese team. Bob Kataoka, 135-lb. split end for the Fresno County all-stars which lost 13-12 to the Fresno City all-stars in the 14th annual high school football all-star game recently, is planning to play at Reedley College. At Kingsburg High, Bob was the leading scorer and pass receiver. He is also a ranking Valley hurdler.

### Reno Sansei judged

### Jr. Achievement prexy

RENO—Craig Ihara, 18-year-old son of the James Ihara, of Reno High was judged President of the Year at the National Conference of Junior Achievement held in late August at the Univ. of Indiana.

He was selected over 107 others and the seven finalists. Testing involved interviews, written tests and a five-minute speech. Craig was president of Flarecraft, the Jr. Achievement company sponsored by Rocketdyne, comprised of 23 teenagers who fashioned safety flare kits for autos.

For his efforts, Ihara won trophies and a \$1,500 check.

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## From the Frying Pan

By Bill Hosokawa

**TOURING**—One morning during the recent JACL convention, Haruo Ishimaru, the insurance man, having heard of our interest in Japanese gardens, dropped by the hotel and escorted us to Kelley Park. Here some seven acres have been beautifully landscaped in Japanese fashion, and the result is a delightfully green and moist oasis not far from the heart of a busy community. About all that needs to be done to complete the project is to stock the several ponds with Japanese golden carp. Haruo said he understood that whenever the fish were available from a donor in Japan, air transportation wasn't, but there is hope that the schedules of fish and Japan Air Lines can be coordinated before long.

One does not need an appreciation of things Japanese to enjoy the beauty, the serenity, the disciplined peace that is provided by San Jose's Japanese garden. One can know nothing about Japan and its culture and still sense something of the love of nature that is such a large part of that nation's life. And so the creation of the Japanese garden here, the result of the effort of many hands, is a fine community asset and certainly something all citizens of San Jose can be proud of. Many other communities have somewhat similar gardens and still others are contemplating such projects, efforts worthy of encouragement.

**PEARS AND WALNUTS**—Enroute to the Japanese garden, we walked through a grove of trees that looked like nothing I had ever seen. The trunks of these trees were somewhat larger and looked much older than the branches that grew out of them, and the leaves looked something like those of peach trees but longer and larger. Haruo explained the trees looked that way because the branches had been grafted to older stock. I asked what kind of trees they were and Haruo said he wasn't quite sure but they looked like walnuts.

Since I had never seen walnut trees I went for a closer look and found what appeared to be many dozens of green pears among the leaves.

"These aren't walnuts," I said, "they're green pears."

Haruo, who has grown wise and cautious over the years, wasn't about to challenge the assertions of a world-traveled newspaperman who can be expected to be well-informed about almost everything. Nonetheless, he was skeptical enough to pick one of the "pears" and crush it under his foot. The outer husk broke open, revealing an immature walnut. That's how I learned for the first time that walnuts are like coconuts in that the part you eat grows inside a heavy, useless husk.

Now I wish someone would tell me how they get the nut part out of the husk.

**JET TRAVEL**—After a deplorably brief stay in San Jose, we headed south by jetliner for San Diego by way of Los Angeles. The bright-eyed young lady in the next seat (how could she be so bright-eyed after the kind of hours the Junior JACLers kept?) identified herself as Lynn Watanabe. She said she was a senior-to-be at the Illinois Institute of Technology, that she lived in Chicago, that she flew to San Jose for the convention, that she was enroute to San Diego, and that she would fly to New York City for a Buddhist young people's gathering before finally going home.

I reacted like a parent and a member of the older generation and remarked that it seemed like an awful lot of traveling for a young lady. She must have caught the flicker of dollar signs in my eyes because she pointed out that students flying on a stand-by basis can cover an astonishing number of miles for relatively little money.

Suddenly I felt terribly old because I was almost a grown man before I had either the money or the temerity to travel all the way from Seattle to Portland—about 200 miles in those days—for a JACL convention. Lynn was busy eating cereal corn, which was her breakfast, so I decided not to bore her with details about my youth.

## By the Board

Is \$20,000 enough?

By HENRY TANAKA  
MDC Governor

The question is: Is \$20,000 enough?

One of the most significant actions taken at the 20th Biennial JACL Convention in San Jose, was the approval to hire a full time field director on civil rights who would help chapters engage in action programs. The voice of JACL on the local level will no longer be silent on the urban crisis.

Those of us on the local and district levels may not be aware of the hours of soul-searching by our National officers and leaders, individually and collectively, in coming to grips with JACL's action role in civil and human rights.

The issue was not whether JACL should take an educational or social action oriented approach, but what steps would be most realistic, practical and effective. In short, what was recommended is an integrated program of short term and long range goals.

For a fleeting four days, delegates to the National Convention struggled to come to grips with their own feelings and attitudes about our commitment to the desperate human struggle for dignity and equality in our country. For many, it seemed so painful that they preferred to remain uncommunicative and non-committal. Some sought to avoid the issue by subscribing to the notion articulated that "we should take care of our own backyard first." Still others, not willing to maintain

Distaff Side

By KAZ HORITA  
Nat'l. 2nd V.P.

Philadelphia. The 20th Biennial National JACL Convention is now history. By the time this piece goes to press, you will have read about the decisions made and the discussions had at this National Convention; our concern for human rights, renewal of emphasis on Japan—America relations, the two joint adult/youth sessions on civil rights and the Generation Gap. The successful Convention banquet, testimonial and recognition luncheons, the Whing Ding will all be reported on.

I am not a long time National Convention attendee so I can not relate much history of conventions, but with my relatively limited exposure to conventions, I believe that this 20th Biennial Convention in San Jose seemed a little more intimate, a little more homey than previous conventions to this writer. It may have been due to the motel atmosphere or maybe the noodles served up by the host Chapter for a midnight snack.

This was an impression of the 20th Biennial Convention, but a more lasting impression for me from all of the National Conventions I've attended, has been the abundance of charming ladies at the registration desks, the Council meetings, the luncheons, the banquets and dances. They just are not aging like their male counterpart. The ladies just stay youthful and vivacious. The men have aged gracefully, some balding, some graying and some growing a

# Colusa celebrates its centennial, recall heydays of Issei rice barons

An article about Japanese pioneers in the Colusa area, written by Wilmer G. Brill, Sacramento free staff writer, appeared in the paper's July 14 issue.

Much of the information was supplied by Akiji Yoshimura, who conducted research into the history of the Japanese in Colusa county for the JACL's Japanese American history project.

COLUSA — This county seat community, preparing to celebrate the 100th anniversary of its incorporation as a city, has a bit of its history tied to four wooden buildings on the east bank of the Sacramento River five miles south of town.

These four structures, soon to be razed, are all that are left of 50 buildings in what was once a Japanese camp housing laborers and their families. It has been the Japanese camp for longer than anyone now living in Colusa can remember.

The camp is deserted now. Overseers of area farm workers live in five trailer homes communities and live in nearby communities and travel to and from work in their own automobiles. But it was not always so.

### Arrive in 1869

It was in 1869 that the first Japanese immigrants began to arrive in San Francisco in

numbers. A few years later they were in Colusa County, working to clear trees and brush from land along the banks of the Sacramento where Butte Creek flows into it.

There is little, if any, written history of the camp. It is known that as far back as 1889, Naotaro Yoneda of Osaka, a Japanese with an eye to business, established a labor camp on the banks of the Sacramento at a place called Yoneda's Landing.

His boarding house and trading post served hundreds of Japanese immigrants. The landing still exists under the name of Ward's Landing.

Yoneda also was the foreman of gangs clearing land which is now one of the most fertile and productive agricultural tracts in Colusa County.

Kenichiro Okikawa, the last resident of the camp, recalled Yoneda was a tough foreman.

### Few Women in Camp

Okikawa arrived in San Francisco from Japan in 1898 and by 1900 was a member of Yoneda's labor gang. He lived in the camp with about 130 others, most of them bachelors.

Okikawa took up farming

on land which he and the laborers had helped to clear, raising beans and rice. There were few women in the camp, Okikawa recalled. He brought his own bride over from Japan in 1917.

The women lived with their husbands in the better houses but the wives had to do the cooking, the sewing and the cleaning for the other men as well, Okikawa said.

With the land cleared and the labor gangs no longer needed, Yoneda dismantled his trading post and moved into Colusa where he established a Japanese Center on Main St.

Okikawa continued to live in the camp farming the land for the absent owners. It was not until two years ago that Okikawa, his wife, son and grandchildren moved from the camp into a new home built by the son, Jiro, in Colusa.

### Japanese Decrease

Okikawa has many recollections of the old camp.

By 1917-18, the number of Japanese residing at the camp had dropped, but there still was a sizable colony. They were engaged in raising rice, beans, and planting walnut and prune orchards.

By the end of World War I, Yoneda had moved on but the Japanese store and center remained, along with a Japanese school which was built in Colusa by contributions from Japanese who had become affluent in the rice industry. Akiji Yoshimura, Colusa dry cleaning plant operator

who has made a study of that era, said:

"Colusa Japanese community is now but a shadow of its former self. In the heyday of rice farming, which the Japanese helped to pioneer under such men as Otojiro Noda, Buntaro Yasuoka, Rikizo Takata and others, it was a thriving, brawling community of from 400 to 500 residents.

"Hardly a Japanese of the time had not had his life touched by the magic of rice farming in the Colusa County area.

### About 'Rice Barons'

"It is said by the old timers, and not without a twinkle of amusement that the rice barons of the era lived 'high on hog', taking in bright lights in San Francisco, dressed in tuxedos and tossing their money around with the reckless abandon uncharacteristic of the Japanese we have come

### 'Living Arts of Japan' at L.A. County Fair

POMONA — Contemporary masters of the "Living Arts of Japan" will demonstrate their talent and skill at the Los Angeles County Fair fine arts pavilion Sept. 13-29.

Pottery making, brush painting, woodblock printing, stencil-dye design, flower arranging and the tea ceremony will be shown by artists from Japan daily during the 17-day run. Collection of antique Japanese dolls and Japanese kites will also be on display.

## Ralph Emerson and other American influences on Japan thought recalled

By TAMOTSU MURAYAMA

TOKYO—Influence of American writers since the visit of Commodore Perry throughout the last century is beyond ordinary imagination. Many of them have directly or indirectly formulated Japanese thoughts and behavior in society.

The unfortunate Pacific War of 1941-45 temporarily wiped out the deep appreciation the Japanese had of America, but today the Japanese are trying to retrace that impact of American thought and achievements in Japan.

Most influential was Ralph Waldo Emerson, whose essays were widely used in English textbooks used in Japan over the years. His lines were memorized and uttered often.

The diaries and letters of Japanese students and officials who had met famous American writers reveal their impressions.

Baron Tanetaro Tagame, who was sent to America in 1870 to study, was interpreter for the Japanese Mission headed by Deputy Prime Minister Tomomi Iwakura in 1872. The baron noted: "When they came to Boston, I had the good fortune to serve with the Board of Trade in helping at the reception, and hence the honor of being present at a distinguished dinner at the Revere House. The toast was given by Governor Alexander Rice, an able orator; the poet of the evening was Oliver Wendell Holmes, and the final speaker of the evening no less than that of Ralph Waldo Emerson of Concord, who expressed noble sentiments about Japan and Bushido."

Baron Naimu Kanda, whose contribution to have English as part of the school curriculum in Japan was tremendous, went to America as a lad of 14 to study. He accompanied Minister Arinori Mori, who had studied in England and America with Kanoe Nagasawa, the Japanese pioneer at Fountain Grove, Santa Rosa, Calif.

Kanda wrote on Emerson in his diary as follows:

"Mar. 19, 1897. We had a great and rare treat this evening in listening to a lecture by Ralph Waldo Emerson on the subject: 'The Superlative or Mental Temperance.' It was an essay upon the use of superlatives in our speech and action, a plea for the positive or the simple. He said, 'Simplicity is good enough for all that is good'."

"He spoke of Nature, how she never indulges in the superlative, but always expresses herself in the plain, the simple, the positive. His lecture was full of amusing illustrations of superlatives and the positive in our speech and thought and action. His great simplicity of speech, dress and manner was the best illustration of his thoughtful essay."

"We sat there for one hour, charmed by every sentence he uttered and when he ended I could not but feel that I had received an impetus toward a life of greater simplicity and truthfulness."

Baron Kanda returned to Japan to lecture widely on Emerson's concepts of Nature, Friendship, Civilization and Art. Masaichi Sotoyama was another Emerson disciple, lecturing on Culture, Behav-

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### Convention -

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ifornia delegation. I do not know how the selection process went, but my reply has always been that it was probably due to the fact that they needed some minority representation on the delegation and that I knew some of the individuals who were on the 30-man steering committee who helped select the delegation. All of the representatives on the 30-man steering committee from this area were friends of mine and they all recommended me to the Governor. I felt very honored to have been selected as a delegate. It has made me more aware of my duties to my country to become more active in politics.

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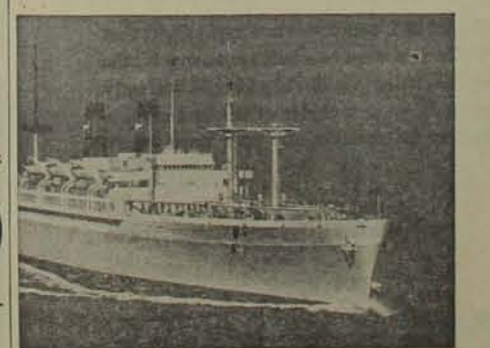
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Yoshimura pointed out that the alien land law passed by the State of California in 1913 deprived many of the Japanese of their possessions, but there still were Japanese who farmed rice and made and lost fortunes.

Records of Colusa County reveal that many corporations were formed by Japanese for the purpose of farming rice, bearing such names as "U.C. Farmers Co.," "California Rice Farming Co.," "Chico Rice Co.," "Grimes Rice Co." and

By the time World War II came along with the relocation of the Japanese, the camp had faded considerably. Most of the children of the residents, when grown, had moved to other communities seeking something better than life as a tenant farmer.

After the war, many of those who had been in the camp at the start of the war never returned but went elsewhere to seek better jobs.

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# Jr. JACL 2nd biennial convention now history, may be springboard for formation of Young Adults groups

By ROBIN ETO

SAN JOSE — Memories — "Omoide" — was truly appropriate theme for our Sayonara Ball, which ended the 2nd Biennial National Junior JACL Convention here in San Jose. A feeling of relief and final fatigue fell over us as we saw the last few delegates boarding busses, cars and planes for their journey home. The long-awaited convention had finally come and gone, and now drifts into the pages of Jr. JACL and JACL history.

To me, the '68 confab was a success, yet who is to define "success" except each individual himself. It was rewarding to see the arduous task of hosting and planning a convention become a reality of actual accomplishment.

No one will ever forget the hours of fear and disappointment that we experienced with the sudden arrival of the phenomenal rainstorm that swept over San Jose during that first day. With determination, yet hesitation, we hoped for clear weather for the rest of the week. As if by a miracle, the skies cleared the next day, and warm wea-

ther remained with us for the duration of the convention.

## Opening Ceremonies

The convention officially began with the Opening Ceremonies, which I am proud to say had an audience composed mostly of Jr. JACLers. I was amazed to hear such excellent speeches from the oratorical contestants; it really showed the intelligence and awareness of the young people. The selection of a winner was a most difficult task for the judges, but the award was given to a deserving speaker, Miss Karen Suzuki of Chicago.

A scream rang out in the audience with the announcement of the essay contest winner as our own Mary Shimoguchi of San Jose Jr. JACL.

A highlight of the evening was the crowning of the Miss National Jr. JACL, by last year's queen, Tricia Toyota of Portland, Oregon. Ann Nakadate, also of Portland, happily and tearfully accepted the honor, with Nancy Yamashita of IDYC as first runner-up. I was able to meet all the girls, and found each to be friendly and full of enthusiasm. Any one of them would

have made a perfect queen! Unusual food and fun described our Opening Mixer, which joined together delegates from all areas into teams for Human Bingo, a fun Animal Game, and the Modern Art Festival. It seemed that everyone had a good time, with plenty of laughs and "frisbees" filling the room. Pizza and punch satisfied the hunger of our famished participants.

## Sunny Thursday

With each day of the confab passing quickly, time was filled with serious talk and jovial fun. The sun broke through Thursday for our Outing and Bay Cruise.

The last minute addition of the San Francisco Bay Cruise turned out to be a successful one, as the tickets sold like hotcakes, and the boat was filled to capacity. The quickest change ever made by the girls occurred during the brief 15 minutes they had between arrival at the docks from the outing, and the departure for San Francisco! The boat ride was the first chance for many of us to actually relax a few hours and enjoy our own convention. The night was clear and crisp, with some people on the top deck admiring the gorgeous bay, and others inside, dancing to the groovin' soul sounds of the "Eneanchanters."

Even though all the antics and social activities dominated the convention days, the ever important topics of the Generation Gap and Civil Rights were not forgotten. For the first time, youths and adults gathered together to pour out their respective views.

After the forum on Friday, the Jr. JACLers went for fun and relaxation to Frontier Village for a barbecue and dance. While there, they even witnessed a live "sunlight" of the good guys winning, of course. The entire park was open to the JACLers, with the night climaxed by the dance, featuring the "Something Else".

## The Final Day

The last day of the Convention was marked by the volleyball tournament and the Lawn Party. The slave auction was a huge success, with fantastic amounts of money being bid for each person. I'll never forget carrying water balloons in a "little red wagon" from the dorms to the Lawn Party for the balloon toss game, which ended the afternoon.

Perhaps one of the most interesting events of the convention for me was in the Sayonara Banquet. It was a well-run activity, with the highlight of the evening being the guest speaker, Whitney Young, Jr. His short, but inspiring speech held my undivided attention, and the attention of the entire audience

which filled McCabe Hall to its capacity.

The banquet also featured installation of the new National Youth Council: Patti Dohzen (PSWDYC), Winston Ashizawa (NC-WNDYC), Paul Tamura (PNWDYC), Marian Okamura (CCDYC), Doug Sakota (IDYC), Dennis Kato (MDYC), and Norman Ishimoto (EDYC). Congratulations to all of you, and a special congratulations to Patti, who succeeds Russell Obama as new National Youth Chairman.

It was really an inspiring and beautiful speech by Russ, which brought tears to the eyes of many JACLers, and brought the entire audience to its feet to honor him with fantastic applause. We all thank Russ for the wonderful and hard work which he has done for all Jr. JACLers the past two years, and wish the best to our new Chairman, Patti Dohzen.

Finally, the end of the convention arrived, with the Sayonara Ball at the Civic Auditorium. The decorations were beautiful, the bands wonderful, and the delegates happy, with a few sad faces, as the prospect of parting from friends struck them. The juniors returned to Royce Hall that night for a final good-bye and a special treat of pizza for the final night.

## In Retrospect

The entire convention seemed to me to be a combination of fun, inspiration, and learning. Through the combined activities of discussions and outings, the delegates were able to meet one another, exchange ideas, and have fun.

Few people know of the late hours spent by the National Youth Council in their meetings. They sacrificed their sleep to get their work done; many remaining up all night for their meetings.

There are truly too many people to thank or congratulate for this convention. Through all the efforts of the Seniors and Juniors, the '68 convention will be one which will be remembered by many for so many years to come. I hope that the delegates which attended felt it to be worthwhile to them. I'm only sorry that the Junior JACL was not started even sooner, for now when the goals and ambitions seem to be really taking shape, there are those of us who are out of the age limit of the Junior JACL. Perhaps a young adult group will be formed for us soon.

With this final convention article, I wish to extend my thanks for a wonderful convention to all those who planned it, to those who attended, and to those who sent their best wishes. A special thanks and congratulations to Sharon Uyeda, our youth chairman for the convention, and to the San Jose Jr. JACL for their hard work, and finally, to the best advisers anywhere, Miss Beverly Takeda, Ben Horuchi, and Richard Tanaka. Their guidance and understanding helped to make it so much easier for all of us involved.

I leave you and this column now, sadly, but happily, that so many of you did find your way to San Jose!

# Osaka-California sister state lies endorsed by JACL

SAN JOSE — The National JACL at its convention here endorsed the California-Osaka sister state relationship, which has been a dormant program for the past three years.

Haruo Ishimaru, cultural heritage committee chairman, hoped that by JACL action the three district councils in the state might develop a sister state program in cooperation with sister cities throughout California related with Japanese cities.

## 1000 Club Notes

1000 Club Pin: The National Council at San Jose voted for a special 1000 Club pin to show the year of membership.

Aug. 31 Report: New and renewing memberships acknowledged during the last half of August includes the 2,000th current member — a goal which has required 10 years of active promotion. They are:

21st Year — Sequoia: William H. Enomoto.  
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8th Year — Portland: Dr. George S. Hara. East Los Angeles: Mrs. Jane Ozawa. Sacramento: Kiyoshi K. Takamoto. Snake River: Tom Ueda.  
7th Year — Marysville: Takeo Nakano. Seattle: Edward E. Otsu. Sacramento: Loretto Seto. Mike M. Suzuki.  
6th Year — West Los Angeles: Dr. T. Scott Miyakawa. San Francisco: James T. Sakata.  
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## Models for S.F. fashion show named

SAN FRANCISCO — Marilyn Lew, Miss Chinatown U.S.A., heads the list of models who will display the sparkling fall and winter creations from Jon Robert on Saturday, Sept. 28, when the San Francisco JACL Women's Auxiliary presents its 11th annual fashion show luncheon at the Village, Columbus Avenue at Lombard.

Mrs. Mary China, in charge of models, announced that the fashion parade will feature along with Miss Lew, her stunning mother, Mrs. Helen Lew, a professional model.

Mrs. Yoko Murakita Iriyama, another professional model, will lend her special flair to the style show, as will Reiko Endo, Sylvia Fukugal, Mary Ann Furuchi, Mrs. Mary Kovacic, Mrs. Georgetown Omi Shintaku, Mrs. Phyllis Watanabe Yasumoto, and Sandra Hamamoto, Auxiliary president and general chairman for the event.

All seats are reserved. Tickets are priced at \$8.50 and can be obtained from:

National JACL office, 1634 Post Street, (301-6644); Louise Kolke, 261 - 24th Ave., (386-5080); Mrs. Char Doh, 1021 Larkin, (776-9725).

## Arizona -

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them all for sheer dam foolishness.

An editor who had made no protest of such treatment for American citizens was shown a certificate for incorporation made out to some Japanese in the Parker and Sacaton camps. The Japanese wished to operate a small canteen in each of the camps so their people could purchase with the money, certain necessities which did not come under camp fare. One of their own businessmen suggested the corporate setup to facilitate purchasing, etc. A civilian lawyer was hired to handle the details. He used a standard incorporation form, filed it, paid the fee and it was accepted. Someone showed a copy to the aforementioned editor. In reading it he found that the attorney, in his application, had made no change in the form. The canteen operators were empowered, under Arizona law to build an operate railroads, truck lines, ocean-going shipping and all what have you (as is always there in the fine print).

The balloon went up! A plot to take over the western United States was uncovered! An injunction was sought to stop this dangerous thing—and on, far into the night.

Only the voice of the Star pleaded for legality, sanity and compassion. It was ignored. Political profit and personal greed spoke more loudly. The public shame came much later.

But remembering it today may be helpful—and healthy. For he who fails to read history, it is said, may be called to relive it!

## Fall barbecue

SAN LORENZO — The Eden Township JACL held its annual fall barbecue Sept. 7 at the Eden Japanese Community Center with Tosh Nakajima and Roy Yamamura as co-chairmen. Local graduates were special guests.

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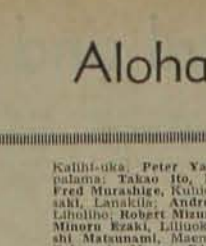
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## Ye Editor's Desk

### 'THE GENERATION GAP'

"Generation Gap" forum at the San Jose JACL Convention cleared the air for the parents and children generations to the extent that they were willing to communicate—if not agree—with each other. The Chicago JACL Convention will probably continue the series—and we can't think of a better pair of moderators than author James Michener and his Nisei wife Mari.

Whereas the San Jose format dwelt on what the two generations thought of the JACL organization and cultural heritage, the Michener format (after reading Michener's article in the New York Times Magazine of Aug. 18 on "The Revolution in Middle-Class Values") will dissect and analyze the sensitive differences of the two generations. With this kind of dialogue, the Nisei and Sansei may agree to work together under the aegis of JACL and study together the richness of their Japanese heritage.

Having two moderators may not be Hoyle—but if "Mich" is unable to make it, Mari can handle the assignment in a very vibrant fashion. We remember sitting with Mari and others at JACL conventions after sessions tearing apart the Nisei psyche (and JACL, too) and trying to reshape it in a more ideal mold. . . . But dual moderators will mean no quiet moments at all.

What are the middle-class values which Michener sees in ferment today? These are the values which predominated in the parent generation as the good and desirable—but which the young generation minimizes. Thus "I have been forced to re-evaluate them," Michener says.

**Ethics**—The older generation lived primarily within the Christian ethic. But such austere figures as John Knox, John Calvin, Martin Luther and Thomas Aquinas for the perceptive young person today seem "slightly ridiculous". . . . In trying to introduce the matter of religious ethics to a young group, one girl said to Michener, "Please! Today the Pope is just as confused as we are."

**Morals**—To get ahead, one had to subscribe to Puritanical virtues but today "no single strand of middle-class values has been rejected more totally in recent years than this stranglehold of Puritanism which once bound us so strongly, and against which the young have rebelled with such contempt."

**Education**—As a cornerstone for success, education was a must. Issei sacrificed so their Nisei children would have a better opportunity. Michener calls this the "middle-class faith in education". . . . Yet, he observes, the upper classes have done little for the education of anyone but themselves.

**Mobility**—Young people ridicule the legendary middle-class struggle to attain a better station in life, but this central belief that a son of a ditch digger could become a college president is still being illustrated. A wayward son of the top family in town could drag bottom, too. . . . Michener finds young people believe that man is no better off "ahead" than when he was when he started.

**Competence**—The elders held that competence set the limits as to what a man could become. Without skills, you were sentenced to mediocrity. And competence was not equated with formal education, as Michener explains, "to this day I retain a sense of awe in the presence of anyone who knows how to do something."

**Hierarchy**—Though America has no royalty, there is strongly ingrained the principle of hierarchy or "class consciousness." The strong affection for this value, Michener feels, has been a strong factor for social stability. . . . But much of the young today protest our country-club pretensions.

**Responsibility**—This commitment to the doctrine of responsibility—that man is responsible for himself and his family; a group of families for their respective communities—has created the multitude of public charities in America (schools, museums, hospitals, etc.) which are not evident in other countries such as Spain and Japan. It is tragic, Michener adds, that this exercise of responsibility does not operate in areas like race relations or preservation of our cities.

**Accumulation**—Strongest motivating factor among the American middle-class is that urge toward accumulation (money, property, etc.). . . . But this is a mania, too, says Michener, for the man who has spent his most productive years of his life to accumulate is powerless to answer his children who ask, "Why did you do it, Pop? What good did you get out of it. . . . two cars and three picture windows?"

**Optimism**—This is the most appealing middle-class value, a sense of "general euphoria" as Michener calls it. In spite of war, depressions and other setbacks, the middle-class clings to its optimism. And to demonstrate his point, Michener finds Walt Disney's Mickey Mouse who humiliated a battalion of cats each week in Technicolor cartoon as the epitome of optimism. "I suppose the damage done to the American psyche will not be specified for another 50 years, but even now I place much of the blame for Vietnam on the bland attitudes sponsored by our cartoons," Michener notes.

I have tried to cream off the essence of Michener's article and it's unjust but space requirements prevail. Michener mentions other middle-class attributes such as Smugness, Philistinism, Conservatism and Pragmatism but too harsh to include. Besides he had space requirements, too, to consider and reserve the remainder of his article to those middle-class values which the rebellious young Americans do not hesitate to reject.

And we shall continue our inept silhouette of Michener's latest article in the same space next week.

# Texts: JACL Oratorical and Essay

## Plastic Clay

By CHARLES TAKAHASHI  
2nd Place Oratorical

I took a piece of plastic clay. And I play-fused it one day. And as my fingers pressed it still. It bent and yielded to my will. I came again when the days were past. The bit of clay was hard at last. The form I gave it still it bore. But, I could change it then no more.

History has long forgotten the author of this poem, so today, in the space where we would normally look for a name, we just find the words, "Anonymous" or "Unknown." But, it really doesn't matter who was the first man to utter these words, what is most important however, is what these words mean and in what manner, can they help to improve our lives, as "Better Americans in a Greater America".

At times, it seems that people are more concerned about, "Who said what", rather than, "What was said." Sometimes we take words or phrases from the surface only, and in doing so, we miss the original thought or meaning completely.

Take this poem for example. The author isn't really talking about plastic clay, or the type you would find along the banks of an almost motionless, muddy stream, instead he's talking about you: the way you live, the way you talk, and the reasons you do the things you do.

But he's also talking about me, in fact he's talking about everyone, because all of us have been molded into what we are, by our parents, our environment, our individual selves, and of course, our Heritage.

But, the question is, what types of individuals have we been molded into, and what types of citizens will we mold for the future?

**Handed Down**  
It is for this reason, that I am going to view the JACL—Heritage for the Future. Roughly speaking, heritage means something that is handed down from one's ancestor or the past, such things as, customs, beliefs, skills and ways of life.

Americans of Japanese ancestry are unique when we speak of heritage as a whole. We are unique in that our heritage isn't pure Japanese, instead it is a mixture of the Western Civilizations as well. Generally, we see that this is even more so among the latter generations, most of which we classify as Sansei. Most often they use forks instead of bamboo-hashi, bowing in front of elders is out of the question, and conversations in fluent Japanese seldom, if not rarely occur.

But a more interesting gap lies between the Issei and the Nisei. In this situation, we find the second generation easily converses in English and Japanese while the Issei is usually restricted to the Japanese language alone, and his ties to the traditions and customs of Japan are much closer.

We can logically assume that the Japanese American is unique, in that his heritage is not exactly the same as the vast majority of Americans, and we can further assume that this heritage is forever changing from generation to generation.

**Changing Heritage**  
What effects will this changing heritage have on the Japanese Americans of tomorrow, and what effects has it had on the Japanese American youth of today? Although we can't directly pin-point our heritage, word for word, we can however, observe the results our heritage has played on our lives by reviewing the opinions society has placed on the JACL and all Japanese American citizens.

President Lyndon B. Johnson said, "None have worked harder, fought more bravely, or contributed finer sons and daughters to their adopted home than our citizens of Japanese ancestry. I am pleased to salute the enduring contributions you have made to our way of life and happy to commend your efforts to perpetuate a culture and a heritage which have so enriched our society."

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy commented that the JACL has earned an enviable reputation for the high standards of citizenship which you have set for all of our members. He then went on to say, "You have contributed generously to your communities and to our national life." Encouraging statements like these makes one proud to be a Japanese American citizen; it offers hope, that the bigots of today will realize tomorrow, that Americanism is a matter of the mind and the heart, and not of race or ancestry.

I, a member of the Japanese American youth, the ones who will determine the Japanese American image of tomorrow, thank you for the time and effort you have exerted, so that Americans of Japanese ancestry would be accepted in today's society.

**A Grateful Sansei**  
I am grateful that a handful of Nisei from California, Oregon and Washington met in Seattle in 1930 to form the Japanese American Citizens League. I am even more grateful that they didn't stop here, instead they went on and carried campaigns for equal rights, instead they went on to battle against discriminatory laws, instead, they went on to create 90 chapters with a membership exceeding 22,000.

Yes, I am grateful, to you the Artists for creating a living statue, a masterpiece, an image for all Japanese Americans to be proud of.

But speaking of statues and bits of images that can be molded like plastic clay, we found that the author of the poem I read earlier warns us that when he returned when

the days were gone, he could change that form no more.

Let this serve as a warning, to all of you who are the artists of today, that the Japanese American heritage of close family ties, and respect for all, is changing. My generation has more money to spend, more free time and generally are better educated.

But education alone is not the key to success, wisdom demands time, experience, and responsibility, and these are lacking within my generation. My generation hasn't felt the overt forms of racial discrimination that you have witnessed, so the need of security within Japanese American groups isn't as great, so gradually we are changing and even rebelling.

### The Maverick

Let's examine some of those who have deviated from our heritage. In the book, "Burn Baby Burn, The Watts Riots," Jerry Cohen and William S. Murphy remind us that, "With few exceptions, Japanese-American children are raised in homes with strong family ties where there is respect for parental authority. A maverick in the Japanese-American community brings dishonor to all those of his ancestry."

They then went on to name an 18-year-old Japanese American who was killed for looting a liquor store. I'm sure that you have heard of Japanese Americans participating in "juvenile gangs" in Los Angeles and San Francisco, and I'll admit they represent a very small minority, but what types of citizens will they produce when they become the artists, how will they mold the Japanese American image?

It is up to you, the parents, to draw the ties of our heritage together, to mold your children into a masterpiece that all Americans will be proud of. For some Japanese Americans who have deviated and completely rebelled, perhaps their bodies of plastic clay will no longer yield or bend, but we have another group that I think has been neglected. They are the ones who don't know the real meaning of the term, "A Jap is a Jap." They can't really understand what a relocation camp is, because they weren't there.

Some people of this group I am referring to couldn't tell you what the 442nd was or its significance; most of the people of this group couldn't tell you what Executive Order 9066 was or its significance.

This group I am referring to is my generation. I have heard some of them use words that bigots in white sheets have used to stereotype some minority groups who are still victims of overt and obvious discrimination. Strange isn't it, now who's discriminating? And I wonder, what image will they create for the Japanese Americans of tomorrow?

### What to Keep

Have I offended you because some of them might be your children? Have I created illusions and gross exaggerations? Before you condemn me, remember that I am in a position to evaluate your children differently, I see and hear them when you don't.

In this case I have only presented the so-called "bad sides." After all if everything were good we would have nothing to worry about. We have seen that our heritage is changing, we have seen that my generation thinks they are secure when at the same time they don't know what insecurity is.

Yes, our heritage is changing, but we can throw away the bamboo-hashi and the friendly and respectful bow with a firm and sincere handshake, but at no time can we disregard honesty, citizenship, liberty, and patriotism and the other factors of our Japanese American heritage that have created "Better Americans for a Greater America."

So when someone asks me about the JACL—Heritage for the Future, I can only say, that you are the artist.

I took a piece of living clay. And molded it with power and art. And gently formed it day by day. A young child's soft and yielding heart. I came again when the years were gone. He was a man I looked upon. The early imprint still he bore. But I could change him then no more.

## Tanaka

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just the status quo, pushed for immediate action to firmly commit JACL to the cause of civil and human rights.

At first, it seemed astonishing that the National Council so readily approved funds to hire a full time field director in civil rights. And yet, it became quite apparent that not only did the National officers and leaders do their homework well, but the great majority of National Council members had already done a great deal of soul searching on their own.

The issue was not should JACL get involved, but how can JACL make its contribution in a most practical and realistic way.

By action of the National Council, the 90 chapters not only approved a 15% increase in the National budget, but agreed to meet the additional funds needed by increasing local membership dues. This increase is but \$1.50 per member to carry out a National program geared specifically to assist local chapters in promoting meaningful and useful activities in civil and human rights.

The question remains: Is \$20,000 enough?

Accent on Youth Alan Kumamoto

## Notebook Tributes

The JACL National Youth Program Notebook was distributed at the San Jose National Convention to National officers, staff and key persons directly involved with youth work (district youth commissioners; Junior JACL District Youth Council chairmen; chapter advisers; Junior JACL chapter presidents).

By way of tribute if one glances at the acknowledgments, two names ring out for their professional services that contribute so greatly to the quality and beauty of design and production. Mas Kataoka, of Wilshire-Uptown chapter, did the art and design portions following a theme which begins with the cover and continues throughout the five tabbed divider pages. Each divider creates its own individuality through the use of color and art work. Roy Uno of the Orange County chapter masterminded the graphics production. This portion can be unjumbled to mean that Roy was responsible in helping decide type styles, layout and assure us that the rough drafted copy which we gave him would come out properly composed in final form.

Fitting too is the dedication "in memoriam" to two JACLers who contributed in their many ways toward the youth movement. Abe Hagihara (Midwest) was coordinator and editor of the revised 1962 JACL Youth Work Manual. Bob Mukai (Intermountain) undertook the most recent revision of the Manual until his untimely death.

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Sounding Board Jeffrey Matsui

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