

Washington Newsletter
by Mike Masaoka

The Inaugural of President Nixon



Washington
A few minutes after Monday noon, Jan. 20, Richard M. Nixon was inaugurated as the 37th President of the United States.

To the disillusioned and to the disadvantaged minorities, and to the discouraged citizens, the inauguration of Richard Nixon should be an inspiration and confirmation that the American dream can still come true even in this day, for his winning of the presidency climaxes a Horatio Alger story in the greatest democratic tradition.

Born to Quaker parents of modest means who operated a not-so-successful grocery store in suburban Los Angeles, he worked himself through college at Whittier and law school at Duke. After a routine stint in the Navy in World War II, he turned to politics as a Congressman, then a United States Senator, and then as the Vice President who rode the coattails of popular General Dwight D. Eisenhower into that office.

Only eight years ago, in 1960, when he tried for the White House on his own, he was defeated in probably the closest presidential race in history by the late John F. Kennedy. Two years later, after being trounced by more than a million votes for the governorship of California, he was a discredited, discounted, bitter politician who was considered "dead" as a national force. Four years ago, his Republican Party did not even consider him as a possible nominee when it named Senator Barry Goldwater as its presidential candidate.

Today, after making the biggest comeback in American political history, Richard Nixon is trying to bring peace and unity to both the nation and the world, with most of his fellow citizens at least willing that he be given the opportunity to prove himself.

As we noted in a Newsletter after the November 5 elections last year, without doubt more Japanese Americans know Richard Nixon personally than any Chief Executive of the past, for many went to public school and college with him in Southern California.

Moreover, as a Congressman and then as a Senator, he supported every JACL effort for corrective and remedial legislation in the post-war Congress, including both major and minor bills. Among these measures were equality in naturalization for the Issei, repeal of the Japanese Immigration Exclusion Act, suspension of deportation and adjustment of immigrant status on the same basis as for Europeans, Japanese American Evacuation Claims, quota-free entry of Japanese brides of American servicemen, veterans, and other citizens, etc.

Always a supporter of statehood for Hawaii, he cooperated in that successful movement while Vice President, where he also headed up the first presidential commission for equal employment rights for Negroes and all other Americans.

Though he has not yet appointed a Japanese American to high responsibility, he is expected to soon, possibly for the federal judiciary.

No wonder that at this inauguration, including the evening balls, more Japanese Americans were in attendance than at any previous inauguration.

Though practically all of his Cabinet Secretaries are unknown to most Japanese Americans, some know Health, Education, and Welfare Secretary Robert Finch, who resigned as California's Lieutenant Governor to accept the post. Housing and Urban Development Secretary George Romney, who gave up his Michigan's governorship to take this national position, and Secretary of State William Rogers, a Nixon law partner who may be remembered as President Eisenhower's former Attorney General who offered to represent the JACL without fee if necessary to persuade the Internal Revenue Service to reverse its decision of the early 1960's to tax Japanese American Evacuation claims paid by the government in partial compensation for some Evacuation property losses.

The number three official in the State Department, U. Alexis Johnson, former Ambassador to Japan who addressed the National JACL Convention in Seattle in 1962, is also remembered as the American Consul in Yokohama immediately after World War II who was so helpful to Japanese Americans stranded in Japan during the hostilities. He is the new Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs.

Utahns in general and Salt Lakers in particular may remember Rocco Siciliano, a presidential assistant and then an Assistant Secretary of Labor in the Eisenhower Administration and the newly designated Under Secretary of Commerce, as a University of Utah debater whose father ran the Italian restaurant on South West Temple before and during the war. He returned to Washington from the presidency of a West Coast maritime organization based in San Francisco.

Richard Nixon's inaugural address in all likelihood will not go into the history books as one of the "greatest" such speeches ever delivered. It was low key, not particularly eloquent, and conciliatory. It was not an inspired call to action, nor a definitive outline of his Administration's policies.

But it did serve to set forth what may be the "tone" and the approach of his Administration to the twin major problems challenging his first term—war in Vietnam and the threat of war elsewhere in the world and divisiveness and turmoil and tension within the United States.

He promised to consecrate his Administration to the cause of peace, both at home and abroad. He pledged to open his administration to youth, to the disaffected, and the alienated, to make America's promise "real for black as well as white."

To the world, President Nixon declared that "We seek an open world—open to ideas, open to the exchange of goods and people, a world in which no people, large or small, will live in angry isolation. We cannot expect to make everyone our friend, but we can try to make no one an enemy."

To his fellow citizens, President Nixon said that "The simple things are the ones most needed today if we are to surmount what divides us and to cement what unites us... To lower our voices is a simple thing... We cannot learn from one another until we stop shouting at one another—until we speak quietly enough so that our words can be heard as well as our voices..."

EYOA project for L.A. Oriental poor funded till April

LOS ANGELES — A special \$10,800 grant from unexpended 1968 anti-poverty funds will allow a unique Oriental Service Center to continue its services, Manuel Aragon, executive director of the Economic and Youth Opportunities Agency (EYOA), announced last week.

The Center, which serves the growing problems faced by Los Angeles County's Oriental poor, began two months ago under a special EYOA grant. The new grant will insure services will continue through March. By that time it is hoped that more stable funding will be found, Aragon said.

Traditionally, the needs of the Oriental poor were served by self-help organizations within each community. Lately, with the sharp increase in new arrivals to the United States "the problems of poverty have become too large for self-help efforts alone to handle," said a proposal submitted by the Council of Oriental Organizations (COO).

Under the EYOA grant, COO and the International Institute of Los Angeles operate a service center with a multi-lingual staff of four. Field workers have established contact with Japanese, Chinese, Korean, and Filipino organizations to coordinate services. "We are getting good responses from all of the Oriental community," said project director Kay Kokubun who for 17 years was the pastor-director of the All Peoples Christian Church and Community Center.

Ex-prosecutor convicted in Hawaii tax case

HONOLULU — Mamoru Shimokusu, recently retired as Hawaii County's first deputy prosecutor, was found guilty in Federal Court Jan. 16 of failing to file his Federal income tax return for 1965.

The United States Attorney had charged Shimokusu with not filing income tax returns for five straight years—from 1962 to 1966. However, Shimokusu was permitted to plead no contest to the one count. In similar cases, the remaining counts are eventually dismissed once sentence is imposed.

Federal Judge C. Nils Tavares accepted Shimokusu's plea of no contest and found him guilty. He referred Shimokusu to the Federal Probation Office for a pre-sentence report. Sentence will be imposed when the report is completed. Shimokusu is now free on his own recognizance.

The 42-year-old attorney is alleged to have earned a total of \$67,000 in the five years for which no returns were filed.

According to a criminal information filed against him, the amounts were \$10,889.36 in 1962; \$12,473.94 in 1963; \$12,649.29 in 1964; \$15,201.23 in 1965; and \$16,384.38 in 1966.

Shimokusu, of Hilo, has been deputy prosecuting attorney for the County of Hawaii since September, 1956. After the sentence is imposed, Shimokusu also must pay any back taxes and penalties.

CALENDAR

- Feb. 1 (Saturday) Salt Lake City—Natl JACL Credit Union annual meeting, Prudential Bldg., 8 p.m. (South & State, 7 p.m.)
- Gardena Valley—Installation dinner, Minnie's Restaurant, 1835 S. Western Ave., 7 p.m. Mas Fukai, L.A. County Narcotics Commissioner, speaker.
- D.C.—Installation dinner-dance, Twins Bridge Marriott Hotel, 6:30 p.m.; Rep. Spark Matsuda, speaker.
- Feb. 1-2 (Sunday) IDC-IDYC—Qtrly Session, Salt Lake JACL, 10 a.m.; Prudential Bldg., 8 p.m. (South & State, 12 a.m. Sat., 9 a.m. Sun.)
- Chicago—St. Trip, Indianapolis and Powderhorn.
- Feb. 4 (Tuesday) Seattle—Human Relations Comm Mtg, JACL Office, 8 p.m.
- Feb. 7 (Friday) Chicago—JACL Mtg, JASC Bldg., 7:30 p.m.; Kenji Nakane, speaker.
- Feb. 7 (Sunday) Chicago—JACL "Reach Out", Monroe Urban Program Center, 3 p.m.
- PSWDC—Civil Rights workshop, St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 2-7 p.m.; Penny Nakatsu, Warren Furutani, guest speakers.
- Feb. 8 (Saturday) Chicago—JACL Social Hour, Holiday Inn, Lawrence & Marine, 3 p.m.
- Detroit—Installation dinner, Belmont Inn, 6000 W. Grand, 7 p.m.; Councilman Mel Bavit, speaker.
- San Fernando Valley—Installation dinner, Howard Johnson's restaurant, Sherman Oaks, 7 p.m.; Ralph Lugo, speaker.
- Sacramento—Installation dinner, El Rancho Hotel, West Sacramento, 7 p.m.; Mike Masaoka, speaker.
- Feb. 8-9 (Sunday) San Jose—Jr. JACL ski trip, Budget Park.
- Feb. 9 (Sunday) Stockton—Installation dinner, NC-WNDC—1st Qtrly Session, Stockton JACL hosts, Stockton Inn.
- Feb. 12 (Wednesday) San Francisco—Auxiliary panel discussion, Title II, Internal Security Act of 1950, Pine Methodist Church, 7:30 p.m.
- Chicago—JACL dance, JASC Bldg., 8-11:30 p.m.
- Feb. 14 (Sunday) PSWDC—Qtrly Session, Gardena Valley JACL hosts; Mar. 8 (Saturday) Progressive installation dinner-dance, Airport Marina Hotel.
- New York—Installation dinner, Longchamp Restaurant, 42nd & Lexington.

NEWS CAPSULES

Government

Sen. Hiram L. Fong has credited civil service employees as being instrumental in America's rise to world prominence and predicted they would continue to play a leading role in meeting the challenges of the future. Fong was keynote speaker at ceremonies in Washington, D.C., recently commemorating the 60th anniversary of the U.S. Civil Service System.

Politics

Rep. Patsy T. Mink has been re-elected v.p. of the Democratic Study Group for the 91st Congress. She will serve as regional representative for the group for the Far West and Midwestern states. The group is made up of about 120 liberal members of the House.

Sports

Three Sansel swimmers with their eyes on the 1972 Olympics in Munich have been recognized by the U.S. Amateur Athletic Union as record books for national age group marks. They are Karen Hansen of Las Vegas, who swam in the 11-12 year group, whose mother is a former San Francisco Nisei; Dawn Nakanishi, 10, daughter of the Jim Nakanishis of Sunnyvale; and Billie Yoshino, 10, of Monterey Park.

Medicine

The Research to Prevent Blindness award for outstanding contribution to ophthalmology was awarded to four Harvard professors. This \$27,500 award, one of the richest prizes in medicine, will be shared by Harvard scientists. Included in the group are a Nisei and a naturalized citizen from Japan. Dr. D. G. Cogan, head of the department, and his colleague, Dr. Teichgraber Kuwabara, formerly of Kyushu Medical School, were acclaimed for their outstanding work on diabetic retinopathy. Dr. Jin Kinoshita, a former San Francisco Nisei, was cited for elucidating the mechanism of cataract formation. Dr. Morton Grant won a share of the prize for his study on the detection and treatment of glaucoma.

School Front

Buddy T. Iwata, member of the Merced College board of trustees since the first election in 1962, is seeking re-election to the board. He was chairman of the board twice, Enrollment last September was 3,622 students. Past Seattle JACL president George Iwasaki was elected 1969 vice-president of the Seattle Community College Federation of Teachers.

Churches

First phase of construction of the Zenshuji Soto Temple, which combines traditional Japanese architecture with contemporary concepts, has been completed at 123 S. Hewitt St., Los Angeles. With the recent demolition of the existing church on the same site, construction is now underway on the final phase, which comprises a two-story, 4,200 square-foot classroom facility. Designed by architects Ken T. Tawa and Jim E. Shimozono of Los Angeles, the 13,000 sq. ft. temple is marked by a viceroy like exterior with elevated walkways surrounding the structure and creating what architect Tawa calls "a floating effect" for the building.

Business

Michiko "Mike" Shinohara was appointed Japan Air Lines public relations manager for the American Region, succeeding Hideo Mitsuhashi, who has been transferred to The Netherlands as regional manager for JAL. A veteran of 13 years with JAL, Shinohara served in Tokyo and Bangkok and comes to JAL's 701 N. Harbor Blvd., Fullerton, Calif. 92632. Tel.: (714) 626-3740, 626-3452—(714) 526-7781.

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Nixon and Civil Rights

As President Richard M. Nixon entered the White House with a somewhat solemn and restrained Inaugural Address, it was only fitting that a nation, embittered with years of divisiveness, should ask what it can expect from the new President and his Administration in bringing us together.

While devoid of specific proposals toward this goal, President Nixon's Inaugural Address contained a "sacred commitment" to devote himself and his office to bring peace at home through spiritual renewal and reconciliation and more justice and opportunity for all Americans.

To the millions of Americans who live a day-to-day existence in a world fraught with racial discrimination and poverty, President Nixon promised a new hope. He declared his intention to do more for Negroes and underprivileged Americans than any previous President.

In addition, the President has given some indication that vigorous enforcement of civil rights laws enacted during the Johnson Administration years—Civil Rights Act of 1964, Voting Rights Act of 1965, Jury Selection Act of 1968, and Fair Housing Law of 1968—will be given top priority by his own Administration.

Several members of the Nixon Cabinet have already committed themselves and their departments to enforce the laws that attack segregation in education and housing, eliminate discrimination in job opportunity, guarantee the right to vote, and insure the right to fair trial.

At the same time, however, many "liberals" who are active in the civil rights struggle are skeptical of the Nixon Administration promises with a "wait and see" attitude.

Attorney General John Mitchell, a former Nixon law partner, said civil rights laws will be given considerable attention by his Justice Department, but has failed to be specific.

Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Robert Finch, former Lieutenant Governor of California, pledged to enforce school-desegregation laws, but not necessarily by withholding federal funds from communities that are not pushing integration rapidly enough. And, while Secretary Finch has taken no position on guaranteed annual income for the underprivileged, he has criticized the way federal aid money is being wasted by not "hitting their targets".

Secretary of Housing and Urban Development George Romney, former Governor of Michigan, promises to improve present "model cities" programs by providing adequate and low-cost housing for millions of poor Americans. As a former President of American Motors, Secretary Romney believes private industry cooperation can do much in solving this nation's social problems.

Efforts by the moderate leaders among the Negro community, such as NAACP leader Roy Wilkins, to move their people into the middle class will be given full support by the Nixon Administration. At the same time, the "militant" demands for a separate Black society in America and separate Black Students Department that would be wholly autonomous with students picking the teachers and having control of the budget will be opposed by the new Administration.

As an overall view, we can expect the Nixon Administration to be "conservative" minded in the struggle for civil rights. It is doubtful that President Nixon will initiate any new civil rights legislation, as witnessed during the Kennedy and Johnson years. And, while the goal of integration will be fixed by the Nixon Administration as it was by the Johnson Administration, from all indications it appears that there will be less aggressive use of Federal Government power to force integration, but more emphasis on quiet persuasion and pressure.

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Aloha from Hawaii

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Mayor's Office

Iwao Yokoyoji, 47, who managed Mayor Frank F. Fasi's campaign in the recent elections, has been named executive assistant to the city managing director Richard K. Sharpless. The job pays \$19,000 a year.

Keoka D. Kaapu, whose appointment as Urban Renewal Coordinator is still unconfirmed by the city council, was named by Mayor Fasi as acting head of the same post. In another appointment, Fasi named Young Bok Ko, 46, as new deputy director of parks and recreation.

Mayor Frank F. Fasi has named Miss Jean T. Kadonaka to the post of municipal librarian. Barry Poling, the new city prosecuting attorney, has named Lloyd L. Ching as one of his deputies. Miss Kadonaka is a native of Hilo and holds a master's degree in library science from Case-Western Reserve University.

Inspector Wilfred K. Husey, a veteran of more than 22 years in the Big Island Police Dept., retired Jan. 19. He joined the department in 1936 under the old sheriff's system and worked up through the ranks to be appointed inspector in 1958.

Former Mayor Neal S. Blaisdell on Jan. 18 became the second recipient of St. Louis High School's outstanding student award, established in 1967. Blaisdell is a 1921 graduate of the school, where he distinguished himself in debate, dramatics and sports.

William J. Gelzer, 67, former principal of McKimley High School, died Jan. 17 after a long illness. He lived at 3609 Woodlawn Drive, Honolulu.

The Army on Jan. 17 reported the death in action of Lt. Douglas K. K. Chung, the second in Vietnam in 1969 and the 174th since the fighting began there. He was the son of Mrs. Janet H. Chung, 2427 Waiomao Rd., and Winfred A. Chung, 1568 Ulua Rd., Kailua, Chung, 23, was killed Jan. 12 while in a fire fight at a forward observation base.

Hawaii state legislature convened with seating either Fong, Akizaki

HONOLULU — Hawaii's state legislature was convened Jan. 15. New legislators were sworn in but Hiram L. Fong Jr. (R) or Clarence Akizaki (D), who are contesting the right to the seat in the state House of Representatives.

The battle over the seating of the eldest son of U.S. Sen. Hiram Fong provided the major piece of drama for the otherwise routine kickoff session.

On the basis of original returns, Fong beat Akizaki (inc.) by two votes for the sixth (and last) House seat from the Manoa-Waikiki 15th District. Akizaki asked for a recount and because of the matter of invalid ballots the case reposes in Judge Tom T. Okino's circuit court for resolution.

The House minority leader, Rep. Buddy Soares, sought to have Fong Jr. seated until the court submits its final decision. "Not to do so would be to deny proper representation to the 15th District," he said.

House Democratic floor leader, Rep. Stuart Ho, sympathized with the ordeal of Fong and Akizaki and said "neither party in this dispute is entitled to a seat . . . we cannot ignore the matter of mathematics of this matter (which) doesn't speak well of a mandate."

The legislature recessed for 25 days to allow completion of the state budget and construction on the new Capitol. The one-day session was required to comply with the new requirements of the State Constitution which provides the legislature convene on the third Wednesday in January (a month earlier than usual).

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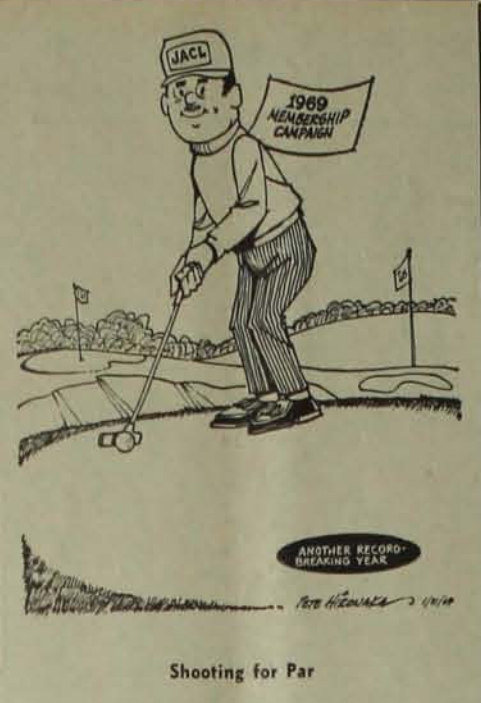
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Refereeing girls wrestling match no powder puff

By GEORGE YOSHINAGA Los Angeles. It was an interesting experience I was confronted with last night in Van Nuys. I was a referee for a girl's wrestling match.



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Greatest human desires hidden and tempting

By JIM HENRY Tokyo. Without a doubt, one of the greatest desires of most people is to say to the other person what he has been constantly saying to you.

Sounding Board Jeffrey Matsui Today's Protest

A few evenings ago I may have gotten a couple of Nisei upset by suggesting that our future may not be too bright, not too comfortable or secure.

Friday, January 31, 1969

BY THE BOARD: Henry Kanegae

December Dash

It was quite a year: 1968. There was much to be thankful about but also the year just past has been one of frustration and disillusion. Man's mental ability is amazing in the scientific and technical fields, but is woefully deficient in the field of human relations.

The trip of the astronauts to the moon and back home is a great achievement. Their colorful photographs of our earth from 150,000 miles out show us a beautiful but a small ball in the middle of the vast universe.

Seeing the relative smallness of our earth, we get the feeling that it is very easy possible for men now to blow it to smithereens. The capability is there.

I believe it was Apollo-17 that Borman's voice from space which said in essence: "If man could see what a small restricted globe on which we men live, and how close together we really are, then he felt men would begin to feel the need to get along together. What a thought. We are now where we can destroy the only place men can live on—the earth."

During December, in the midst of our routine business contacts around the country, we were able to meet with JACLers — often on short notice — in areas where there are chapters.

In St. Louis, we enjoyed an "out of the world" steak at Stan Musical's Restaurant with Dr. Jackson Eto, Fred Oshima, a nd past president George Hasegawa. Following the dinner, went to the gracious home of Dr. Eto, and with Mrs. Eto had a very interesting and informative discussion not only about JACL but on many other subjects of interest.

These three men represent some of those most successful Nisei in our country today. Dr. Jackson Eto is a very highly regarded pediatrician, while George Hasegawa is one of the top architects in the St. Louis area. In field of business, Fred Oshima holds an executive position in the food distribution industry.

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professional wrestling, exchanging grips with veteran Waver Bryant. The latter is a 165 pounder with muscles which make my biceps look like a shoe string.

How did I get involved in such a situation? That's easy, I always seem to get caught in the middle of these things without even trying.

As for me... I had a tough time getting out of bed this morning. I'd better take Patty O'Hara's advice. As I was stungering out of the gym she called out to me. "You'd better get in shape old man if you want to keep up with us gals."

PC Letterbox

Hayakawa Issue Editor: National President Jerry Enomoto intimates in his column of Jan. 17 that Chapters should take knowledgeable stands even in the face of creating misunderstanding and distrust among minorities.

The impressions, and questions of the chapters, their needs, and desires have been duly noted and have been communicated to the President Enomoto's Office. What good comes of these trips of mine is hard to evaluate, but we feel that just communicating with them will eventually produce some good for the JACL. If time and conditions permit, I shall continue this visit during the term of my office.

Dr. Hayakawa's stand to keep the school open sounded good on the surface but it was, at the same time, a public challenge to the striking students. A violent confrontation was therefore predictable.

Dr. Miyara is chairman of the JACL Ethnic Concerns Committee, which called for special care in assisting the San Francisco State College situation after Dr. Hayakawa was named acting president—Editor.

EAST WIND: Bill Marutani

Bin-Boh

WHILE IT MAY SOUND like a ping-pong game, "bin-boh" in Japanese means "poverty" or "being poor." (Neither is it a pitch by a Japanese hurler aimed at the head.) Anyway, not unlike a number of other Nisei, in those youthful years this writer lived under very modest circumstances in the small farming community of Kent, Washington.

ON THE ROCKS, PLEASE

THE OTHER DAY I got to thinking whether or not that prolonged material poverty had affected my (and perhaps yours) current standard of values. And I think it has, at least for me.

TAKE FOR INSTANCE drinking, the spiritous stuff I mean. Not being able to afford liquors I never learned the "art" — yes, they tell me it's an "art" — of drinking. I still don't know the difference between whiskey, rye, scotch, etc. The brand names mean nothing to me and when it comes to mixes, I'm really lost. A real unsophisticated boob. But not all is lost, I think, and I'm not sure because I'm embarrassed to reveal my ignorance by openly asking my "drinking friends," it shows good taste and breeding to order your scotch "on the rocks" as contrasted to mixing it with soda or, horrors, 7-Up.

I DON'T HAVE an emotional or religious-founded aversion to that spiritous stuff. To be quite honest about it, that stuff actually tastes downright bitter. But for the sake of covering up my "inaka" upbringing and instead exhibiting a bit of that savoir faire, I'll hold a glass or two during the course of a social evening. After all, no one wants to be that "nesshin."

SHOYU, RICE & DIAMONDS

SPEAKING OF FOOD, having been hardened to a regimen of simple fare, among other things I savor to this day weiners and boiled eggs. While other more-advanced, if not more refined, Nisei will argue that one shoyu is better than another brand of shoyu, or that "shinnai" rice is better, etc. to me "shoyu is shoyu" and "rice is rice."

AMONG THE THINGS that I once vowed I'd never own are a diamond ring for myself (and I'm confirmed on this), a mink coat for the wife I'd have (she's working on this), and a tuxedo (renting, still don't own one). As to tuxedos, in those early years I had reasoned that a neat suit should suffice for any occasion and that putting on a tux was "putting on the dog." However, one can rationalize away almost anything and it appears we may rationalize way "the dog" ... or at least before "the mink" anyway. But be careful on which you place your money: a wife has a way of being mighty persuasive.

POVERTY SYNDROME

IF THERE BE a point to any of this, now that Nisei generally do not suffer anymore from material poverty, they may suffer from "poverty syndrome": that is, having been so poor for so long, some may so fear hard times and so rely on material support that they are, in fact, yet poor. Right in the midst of plenty.

ON THE OTHER HAND, a more encouraging way to view all of this may be this: Knowing that we can survive poverty, and having proved it by going through it, perhaps we need not fear material poverty.

GUEST EDITORIAL: Honolulu Advertiser

Elks, Lions and Race

One does not want to pick on the Elks Club, a pleasant place with many pleasant members gathered there on the shore by Diamond Head beneath an American flag proudly flying 24 hours a day.

There are other vestiges of racial discrimination in Hawaii clubs. But the barriers have gradually been giving way. For one notable example, the most important of the old holdouts, the Pacific Club, has made quiet steady progress in the last couple of years.

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to a student who pulled his tie. "You're suspended for an indefinite period" — so to shout to his wife after she grabs his tie at home. "You're suspended indefinitely from your job as wife!" is the wish of writer-doctor Inada Nada.

Yuji Aida, professor of Kyoto University says: "I would like to see the university handed over to the Zengakuren, have the professors attend lectures and demand mass bargaining, then subject the Zengakuren members to a kangaroo court, asking them what kind of university they intend to create."

A salary earner said, "I'd like just once to meet the company president in the corridor, pat him on the shoulder and ask, 'Well, old boy, how are things going these days?'"

Twenty-three other salaried men in Tokyo, all dissatisfied with their higher ups, "What a lousy job you've done. You had better quit before I fire you."

A 30-year-old bank clerk, tired of being formal every day, said he dreamt of going to work in a turtle-neck sweater.

"I want to change my wife," said a 27-year-old daredevil, while a 32-year-old realist said, "I'd like to spend a week at a hot spring resort, leaving my wife at home."

A 36-year-old veteran dreamt of putting bar hostesses to forced labor.

One man with a sense of adventure said he wished to become a staff officer with the Zengakuren and lead them in clashes with riot police.

A young housewife said, "I'd like to have a date with my old lover and make him promise to meet me once a year for the next 10 years."

A husband said he'd like to break down the walls of his next-door neighbors out to get more living space.

Junior high school students, of course, said, "Making love is what I want to do most."

Okura —

Continued from Page 4 grams to be executed. The test of achievement lies in the results, in evidence that the problem is being solved or substantially reduced, not in the effort expended or the number of individuals served.

The Urban League is beginning to become a problem-solving link between the ghetto and the establishment. It is beginning to develop the power of the poor by helping the poor get for themselves the things they need.

The League's only alternative is, indeed, becoming the League's finest opportunity: to work with people, where they are, to involve them deeply in this work, to link their aspirations and energy with the resources and leadership structure of the community of the nation, and to move forward together with all the speed our collective efforts can generate.

policy, we would suggest they think about making a point at their national convention in Dallas in July.

Man's right to discriminate in private clubs is well established, of course. But so should be man's responsibility to honestly ask himself why he discriminates.

Imagine 10 years from now how threatening China will look and what will be the America-Japan relations like after another decade of competition for business markets. And so Americans will be "told" to hate Asia.

Enter American of Oriental ancestry. But, of course, something must be done with your previous image of being the "good" minority. And so we'll also have to go through the painful and slow operation of having our image changed.

Both Nisei argued loudly that this would never happen and I was at first hopeful that they would be able to convince me with new thought that I was wrong. But as it turned out, the Nisei seem to think about it more until at the end they seemed to be thinking "Why not?", "Why couldn't it happen?"

In any event it's hoped that at least these two Nisei will listen closely to what many of these "crazy" youths of today Americans of Oriental ancestry may well be for him and his children.

Accent on Youth Alan Kumamoto

Young Adult Sequel

Last week found our column entitled "Young Adult Now" appropriately preceded Don Hayashi's Potshots column "Responding to Change."

Activist Don, you will recall, was laying on the line three imperative remedies, as he saw it, for chapter level response with an eye on ex-Juniors JACLers continuing on the Young Adult track. We would like to add some further expressions.

Our first assumption, of course, is that the JACL genuinely wants new blood and is not just giving lip service. We realize at times in any establishment, those entrenched well into the fixtures consider change a real threat. Yet undeniably organizations will not progress and keep up with the times if innovation and change does not occur. JACL with a new membership including the young adults help the younger, less-settled Japanese American to develop and establish their own manner and means of participating and in so doing determine their own destiny and place.

When we look at the complex scope of the Young Adult question, we have glanced at the Chicago auxiliary, the Progressive Westside JACL chapter and the Seattle Young Adult college-type approaches. Each provides a plausible solution on how to include the younger segments of the Japanese American community within the realm of JACL.

The major "how?" may be effected along the scale from integration into the existing adult chapter to a separate but equal structure. The melting pot to separatist philosophies may not have to be resolved at the national levels for the ultimate conclusions must be drawn within the acceptable framework of the grassroots chapter.

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