















## Sansei Slant

By PATTI DOHZEN  
Chairman, Nat'l Youth Council

Los Angeles  
Several weeks ago, I was asked to sit on a panel for an Oriental Speakout Symposium sponsored by Oriental Concern. I readily accepted because I thought it would be an interesting experience. The event proved to be more enlightening than interesting.

### Look Inside

Other members on the panel were Laura Ho (UCLA), Dr. Roy Nishikawa (JACL), Mrs. Margaret Suzuki (Rafu Shimpo) and Mike Yamaki (Yellow Brotherhood), guest speaker, Warren Furutani, and moderator, Ron Wakabayashi (Oriental Concern).

The main important issue was presented by Mike Yamaki, a former gang member, who appealed to the audience to give the members of the Yellow Brotherhood an opportunity for higher education.

In most cases, Yellow Brotherhood members have low grade averages, or juvenile police records. This would not enable them to apply to a college or for a scholarship, thus hindering opportunities for furthering their education.

This incident clearly illustrates the need for Orientals to look within their own immediate community and confront the existing problems rather than extending themselves beyond.

Interestingly enough, the problem concerning the Yellow Brotherhood was brought to the attention of National President Jerry Enomoto by Dr. Nishikawa and has been referred to the scholarship board. Both are hopeful that a JACL scholarship will also be available to non-superior students.

In the past, the Japanese communities have been known for its low, almost nonexistent crime record. However, this is no longer true among the Sansei. We have drug and marijuana users, just as in other communities. Shot-gun weddings are common occurrences; so are the gang wars, dropouts and delinquents. Some of these problems are even pertinent to junior chapter members.

But instead of ignoring the fact, instead of hiding or denying the issue, the conditions and causes must be realized, dealt with, and resolved.

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**Santa Barbara Jr. JACL**  
Santa Barbara Juniors wish to note a change in date of the "Udon Day." Due to change in plans, a later date has been set for APRIL 20, at the Bethany Congregational Church.

**San Jose Jr. JACL**  
The San Jose Jr. JACL in conjunction with the San Jose JACL is having a panel discussion concerning the goals and values of the Sansei as seen by other Sansei and his Nisei parents. It will be held on Saturday, April 5, in Leininger Hall, Kelly Park.

**Dayton-Cincinnati JACL**  
A delegation of from 10 to 15 youth from the Dayton-Cincinnati Jr. JACL will attend the MDC workshop April 11-13 at St. Louis, carrying with them posters prepared last week to boost the EDC-MDC Convention come Labor Day holidays at Cincinnati.

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# Youth Page

## GETTING INVOLVED:

### Human Relations—a Needed Pursuit

By RICHARD OKABE and KAREN SUZUKI  
Co-Chairmen, Chicago JACL Human Relations Committee

CHICAGO — How does one become sensitized to the problems in an urban society, focusing especially on those in need? The answer is simple—get involved. While the answer appears rather elementary, its implementation is not. It requires careful planning, and responsible leaders and workers.

Fortunately, the success of the first meeting with the children of the Montrose Urban Center can be attributed to such planning and the united efforts of hard working juniors. We were surprised and happy to see the juniors so at ease with the 43 children. The children, being children were not easily subdued, but easily bored. Therefore, each Junior had to be on their toes during game time, craft period, illustrated story time, sing-along, and finally refreshments. When it was time to go home, many of the children did not want to leave, because they had become close to the Juniors.

This is understandable; because of the attention they received, they tended to become attached. These are sensitive children who need this care, for they may be unable to receive such attention at home or at school.

The focus of the first meeting was in providing an activity time, however, for our second meeting this focus will change. The attempt here will be toward individual attention. Each Junior will have two or three children under his care. The child may ask for help in a particular subject or may wish to play games. Mad-Libs, Scrabble, or the like may be educational as well as fun. We hope that this approach will be as successful as the first.

The Chicago Juniors are enthusiastic and conscientious in this project in human relations. We are pledged to the Urban center for two Sundays a month. This is our way of becoming more "sensitized" to the needs of an urban community.

## KAREN'S KORNER:

### Someone to Talk to

Someone to talk to—  
I need someone to talk to  
Someone who will listen and understand  
Someone who will look at me and give me comfort  
And maybe hold my hand  
And ask: "What's wrong? Tell me."  
And I would, I would tell that someone all about it.  
Of

When all is quiet  
When the stillness of the night creeps in  
And I'm alone in my room  
My mind goes back, back to so many things  
So many things I'd like to forget—but can't.

Try hard as I may  
My mind only digs deeper—  
Deeper into what keeps me lying awake at night  
The sounds, the feelings, the words, the pain—  
I can hear, see, and feel so clearly  
Those long and seemingly never ending days and nights  
They all seem to recur over and over again  
I tell myself to not look back  
To close my eyes and to think happy thoughts  
Then I will fall into "dreamland"  
And dream of beautiful and sweet things  
And my black lonely nights will disappear.

I close my eyes, I think happy thoughts  
But they fade away—far, far away  
I only feel wetness on my cheeks  
And once in awhile I hear a whimper . . .  
Am I not alone? Is there someone else in the room?  
Maybe . . . maybe someone to talk to . . .  
Who am I fooling? There's no one else in the room  
Just me.

What is "dreamland"? It is only a word to me.  
Will I ever forget? I must!  
But when? How many more dark nights do I face?  
If I had someone to talk to—  
Maybe the load wouldn't be so heavy.

Have patience I tell myself  
It's not easy. But I try—and I'm still trying  
Hoping and praying—  
For "dreamland" not to be just a word to me  
But a reality  
For my cheeks to be dry  
And my lips to remain silent and smiling  
For my nights to be bright and full  
As the moon that shines outside my window  
To not have to dread when I shut the door behind me  
And draw into darkness.

Close your eyes now my friend . . . and rest  
You've put into writing  
What you would have said verbally to "someone"  
The load is lighter . . .  
Maybe the word "dreamland" becoming a reality  
Is not far away.

—Karen L. Sumida

## Future growth of Little Tokyo subject of city agency survey

LOS ANGELES — The Community Redevelopment Agency will begin a series of surveys or studies in the area of the Little Tokyo Neighborhood Development Program, according to Richard G. Mitchell, CRA Administrator.

Mitchell says that data gained through the surveys will be given to the newly appointed Citizens' Advisory Committee, so that the Committee can better help the Agency plan for the future growth of Little Tokyo.

The CRA is sending letters

to property owners, informing them that Agency representatives will begin visiting the area within the next few weeks to begin gathering background information for the Little Tokyo NDP plan. The first study phase will be a survey of structures in the area roughly bounded by Third, Los Angeles, First and Alameda Streets.

Other surveys in the near future will seek information on businesses and residents, Mitchell said, to help the Citizens' Advisory Committee and the Agency better define the needs and desires of Little Tokyo.

"It is essential," he said, "that the community and the Agency continue to work closely together so the goals of the Little Tokyo Program will truly represent the desires of the people in the community."

**Egg hunt**  
MONTEREY PARK—On Easter Sunday, from 2 to 4 p.m., the annual Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the East Los Angeles JACL will be held here at Grandview Park, with the Jr. group in charge again for the second year. In charge are Craig Ohira and his committee members: Nancy Dobashi, Vickie Sasho, Betty Iwata, Gay Nishizu and Shirley Kikubo, and president Ron Masumoto.

## Ad hoc committee on uniform dues holds 3rd session

CHICAGO — Henry Tanaka, Midwest District governor, convened the third session of his ad hoc committee on uniform dues here last week (Mar. 23).

Members of the nucleus committee called were: Dr. James Taguchi (Dayton), Joe Tanaka (St. Louis), Chie Tomihiro, Ross Harano, Tak Tomiyama, Kumeo Yoshinari, Richard Okabe (Chicago), and Kaye Watanabe (Cincinnati).

The committee was organized following the 1968 National JACL Convention, which had differing proposals for uniform membership dues which were referred back to the Budget-Finance Committee.

Also under study is a method to phase out the present quota-rebate system.

The nucleus committee previously met in October, 1968, to review the materials, and then last January to set up the MDC quota for 1969 reflecting attempts to phase out the present system.

The chapters can be expected to receive the Mar. 23 plan for additional comments and reactions before a final draft is prepared for the Interim National Board meeting in July.

### Three Different Plans

The PSWDC proposal urges uniform membership dues of \$10 single, \$15 couple, allowing chapters to retain one-third of such income including the supporting memberships in the 1000 Club (to be \$30), and to eliminate the rebate system.

The 2-1 ratio would be fixed by the PSW proposal, even if dues are subsequently raised.

The EDC proposal calls for six classifications of membership dues to be specified by the National Council but not as a constitutional matter, that National Headquarters be responsible if feasible for securing and renewing all memberships, except for such new memberships gained by the chapters and elimination of the quota-rebate system, or that district council quotas are fully met before chapter rebates are allowed.

The CCDC proposal, advocating a per capita method of allocation, accepted the PSW principles but modified the sums involved: \$8.50 single (\$2.50 for chapter), \$15 couple (\$5 for chapter), \$25 Thousand Club (\$5 for chapter).

### San Francisco JACL scholarship offered

SAN FRANCISCO — Applications for the 1969 San Francisco JACL scholarship of \$250 are being accepted until April 15, according to Russell Obana and Ron Nakayama, co-chairmen, chapter scholarship committee.

All applicants will also be considered for the National JACL scholarships.

### VFW Post 9885 gives \$100 to Wakamatsu fund

SACRAMENTO — The Nisei JACL — Wakamatsu Fund \$100, it was revealed by Kinya Noguchi, post commander, who stated the Issei Centennial program is important to all persons of Japanese ancestry as it does mark a milestone in the history of the Japanese in America.

### Japanese festival at Upland celebrated

UPLAND—Mayor George Gibson proclaimed the week of March 30 as "Japanese Spring Festival of Arts Week" in honor of the many Japanese cultural arts popular throughout Southern California.

Demonstrations and exhibit of Japanese arts were performed this week at the Upland Savings & Loan by: Mrs. Ozeki, dollmaking; Tom Yoshikawa, bonsai; Kazuko Shimizu, flower arranging; Mrs. Hitori Sowa, tea ceremony; Toshio Kawai, sumi-e; Mrs. Rokuska Hanyagi, Japanese classical dance; Mrs. Katsurichi Kineya, samisen, koto, nagauta.

### TWLF delicacies

BERKELEY — Third World delicacies, including teriyaki and chow mein, and entertainment, will be served April 13, 5 p.m., at 42nd and Grove community center, Oakland. Dancing follows from 9 p.m. Proceeds are for the Third World Liberation Front legal defense fund.

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# Venerable N.Y. Lawyer Reminisces

By JOE OYAMA

New York  
Getting people together in New York isn't an easy task. For instance, the Abes, Harry and Fusa, live way out in Wanaug, Long Island, and the Kubos, Gerald and Elko, live way out in River Edge, New Jersey. But just the fact of living across the river is a psychological barrier. Manhattan is an island, and the Abe lives beyond the East River where he has his medical practice, and the Kubos live in the opposite direction—way west of the Hudson, where Jerry commutes to the Bronx, crossing two rivers to teach at the New York University.

## MANHATTAN ECHOES

But, somehow the New York JACL had an almost modulated voice, he told the audience that he landed in Japan on an iron mat runway. This was right after her surrender in 1945-46. For the first time, he saw the devastation wrought by war.

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### Now a brief background

Portland Jr. JACL president in 1965 killed in Vietnam

By DON HAYASHI

PORTLAND — Lt. Curtis Onchi, former Portland Junior JACL president, was killed in action in Vietnam on March 24. He enlisted in the army in January, 1967 and graduated from Officer's Candidate School the following year. He was assigned to Fort Ord prior to his reassignment to Vietnam in December of last year.

Lt. Onchi was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Onchi of Portland. He is also survived by four younger brothers.

Curtis was born and raised in the Portland community and graduated from Benson High School in 1963. He attended Portland State College before being called into the service. A president of the Portland Junior JACL, Curtis took an active part in community affairs, and was the chairman of the 1965 Portland (Jr. JACL) Workshop. He was also active in the local Judo Dojo.

A memorial service was observed on March 28 at the Epworth U. Methodist Church with Revs. Waichi Onagaki and Francis M. Hayashi officiating.

Lt. Onchi is the second Portland Sansei to be killed in action in Vietnam. In March, Grant Henjioji was fatally wounded on March 8.

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### Issei appreciation

RICHMOND — A program of Japanese music and dance will entertain for the Contra Costa JACL Issei Appreciation and Welcome New Members night April 20 at Kennedy High School cafeteria. Yosh Hotta will be toastmaster.

On the committee are: Kimi Adachi, Haruno Yamashita, Amy Nakamura, dinner; Chris Komatsu, Tey Oji, arrangements.

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about the man. He is listed in the American Blue Book and in the Royal Blue Book of England, and almost every other Blue Book published internationally. He was the first Nisei graduate of Georgetown University School of Law; the first Nisei to pass the New York State Bar; and the first Nisei to argue cases before the United States Supreme Court.

He was secretary of the Japanese Committee to the Philadelphia World's Exposition of 1926; advisor to the London Naval Conference delegates in both 1929 and 1930. He then travelled all over the world to Europe, Russia, and China in 1930 and 1931, and then stayed for a while in Japan.

He has been with his present law firm since 1931, 38 years. He became a senior partner in this firm in 1940, and established law firms in Tokyo, Paris and Washington, D.C.

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# Aloha from Hawaii

by Richard Gima

## Statehood Fete

Honolulu  
Hawaii Democrats celebrated Statehood Mar. 14 with a \$100-a-plate dinner and a plea from Mayor Shunichi Kimura of the Big Island. About 1,400 persons paid around \$100,000 for tickets, packing the Ilika's ballroom to hear Kimura warn that "when people rail against the Establishment today, they are talking about us." The young Kimura said, "are not deterred by limitations set by the rule of political feasibility. Our response must be to lift the level of political feasibility to meet the needs of our young, aged, poor—in fact, all of our community."

Republicans in the state senate are pressing Circuit Court Judge Samuel P. King to resign from the bench and become a GOP candidate for governor of Hawaii next year. King acknowledged Mar. 18 that Republicans have approached him with the suggestion. Sen. Percy K. Mirikitani said he had made the proposal to King recently as part of the GOP's continuing survey of top-quality political resources.

Mrs. Joseph R. Farrington was named Mar. 11 by the Secretary of the Interior as director of the Office of Territories. Mrs. Farrington, 70, former delegate to congress from Hawaii, was at one time pres. and director of the Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

## Mayor's Office

Peter A. Donahoe, campaign mgr. for Mayor Frank Fasi, resigned Mar. 20 as chairman of the Honolulu Liquor Commission. A new city ethics policy will bar city board and commission members from representing private clients for a fee before any city agency or department. Donahoe, an attorney, resigned because of this policy.

Moses W. Kealoha, 40, has been named to the city police commission by Mayor Fasi. Kealoha is pres. of Airport Volunteers.

## Vietnam KIA

The Marine Corps on Mar. 19 reported the death of S. Sgt. Dalmacio Pascua, Jr. in Vietnam. Pascua, whose sister lives on Lanai, was hit by enemy mortar fire Mar. 12. He had been in the marines since 1957. Sgt. 1/C B. Hose, 27, was killed in action at Vietnam Mar. 14 when he was mistaken for a member of the enemy during a combat operation. His wife, Loretta, lives at 3379 Kilaua Ave.

## Working Conditions

Hawaii's unionized sugar workers will receive wage increases ranging from 47 to 89½ cents an hour in their new three-year contract. The 9,100 workers at 22 plantations voted on the contract terms, which are the best ever negotiated. They got their major demand—equal pay with pineapple company workers. And employees of Honolulu's two major newspapers—the Star-Bulletin and the Advertiser—got their major demand—equal pay with San Francisco newspapermen. Newspapermen with five years experience have been earning a minimum of \$190 a week under the contracts which expired Jan. 31. Under the agreement reached Mar. 18, they will be paid \$238 a week by the time the contract expires in three years—a raise of \$48.

The Dept. of Education unveiled a plan that would raise teachers' pay from \$906 to \$1,723 a year at a cost of \$13-million.

Honolulu is the most expensive of 20 urban areas as far as enjoying a moderate standard of living is concerned, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. It is based on the price level in the spring of 1967.

The Japanese reference bureau on Mar. 19 released an exhaustive

study which concludes that Hawaii alcohol prices are fixed abnormally high by wholesalers and enforced by local government—at the consumer's expense. A comparison in prices of various brands follows: Seagrams—Hawaii, \$5.50; national low, \$3.48; Canadian Club—Hawaii, \$7.28; national low, \$4.99; Jim Beam—Hawaii, \$5.29; national low, \$3.49; Cutty Sark—Hawaii, \$7.50; national low, \$5.58; O.V. Crew—\$7.50; national low, \$5.58.

## Night life

The Princess Theater, which first opened its doors in Oct. 1922, closed its doors for good Mar. 25 after 46 years of continuous operation. The 1,436-seat theater is one of 12 Oahu theaters in the Consolidated chain. Through condemnation proceedings, the city has acquired the site for a parking facility. The Hawaii Theater, oldest of 15 theaters owned by Consolidated, will be renovated soon now that the Princess will go out of business. In addition to its theaters on Oahu, Consolidated has one on the Big Island and another on Kauai.

## Hawai Visitors

Joe Grant Masakaka and Dr. Gene Levine, both of UCLA and of the Japanese American Research Project, arrived Mar. 18 for a two-week on-the-spot survey of Issei-Nisei problems in the Islands. But it was not all work for the two genial visitors. Among other places, they visited the Polynesian Cultural Center, Sea Life Park and Hawaiian Wax Museum. "Every visitor to Hawaii must be sure to include these places of interest in his itinerary," said Joe, who was making his second visit to the Islands. Gene, the UCLA sociology professor, making his first visit to Hawaii, said his first visit to Hawaii was made mostly because of his visits to the cultural center, Sea Life Park and the wax museum.

## Traffic fatality

Shirley Kamigaki, 26, of Honolulu, Kona, died Mar. 19 of injuries suffered Mar. 18 when she was struck by a car driven by Alfred Medeiros, 41, of Oahu. The accident was the Big Island's seventh traffic fatality of the year compared with 11 on Oahu at this time. Miss Kamigaki, a student at Kona Craft Center, was the daughter of the Joseph Kamigaki.

Hatsuo Oshiro, 43, of 198 Pulua Rd. was injured fatally Mar. 16 when he apparently dozed while driving home and crashed into a utility pole on Nuuanu Ave. near Pauoa Park. The death was Oahu's 17th traffic fatality this year, one fewer than last year's toll by the same date.

## Deaths

Vernon K. Minami, 20, son of the T. Minamis of 89-226 Wilko Dr., Alea, is believed to have drowned off Waikiki Mar. 11. The Alea airman was home on leave from the Mainland. Dr. Charles H. Hunter, 64, Univ. of Hawaii history professor, died Mar. 11 on the Manoa campus. Witnesses said Hunter was walking between Crawford and Hawaii halls, stopped by a bench hit rent, then fell to the ground about 8:45 a.m.

Ted G. Lewis, 47, was killed Mar. 18 in a pre-dawn fire which destroyed his Puna St. home. He was an art dealer. Firemen estimated damages to his home at \$50,000. Manuel R. Aguilar, 77, prominent rancher-politician of Kapaa, Kauai, died Mar. 19 at Mabelona Hospital. Mitsuo Kure, 41, of 100 Kure St., Hilo, died Mar. 15 of a skull fracture suffered in an industrial accident at Hilo Mar. 14. Kure, an employee of the Durant-Irvine Co., was working on the tractor repair shop at the Theo. H. Davies Co. in Hilo. His firm was doing some gutter work, and he apparently fell backwards about eight feet from a scaffold and struck his head.

Carroll Klotzbach, 69, whose marriage to Japan-born Mitsue Shigeno 18 years ago took an act of Congress to make possible, died Feb. 9 at Hale Nani Hospital. The couple met in Chofu, Japan, in 1948 when Klotzbach was chief civilian technician with the U.S. 8th Army.



The Foul Line: Gary Yamauchi

## Gardena Valley JACL's Instructional League

The Gardena Valley JACL will be placed three on a team in order that lane assignments can be given each week. Corresponding teams will compete for wins and losses and trophies will be awarded to the league champions at the conclusion of the summer schedule. Other awards to be presented will go to the high series, high game, and a special award for the bowler who displays the most improvement.

The fee for this class is set at \$2.25 per week. This nominal cost will include the entrance into the league period, three games of bowling, and a bowling shirt or blouse provided by the Gardena Valley JACL. Both men and women are eligible to sign-up, and bowlers need not be JACL members to register for the Instructional League.

All Welcome  
As the instructor, I extend my personal invitation to all Nisei bowlers. I cannot guarantee you a higher average, but I can assure you that your understanding of the fundamentals will be greatly increased. Whether you are a beginner bowler or a 200 average, you're welcome.

Anyone wishing further information concerning the Nisei Instructional League, please contact Helen Kawagoye—328-1510, Ty Kajimoto—327-8944, or myself at 371-7521.

## League Format

The format for the bowling program is actually quite unusual. Each week, the participants will attend a brief lecture period prior to their bowling on the lanes. During this time, the instructor (Yours Truly) will have the opportunity to address the group as a whole in an attempt to convey the basic fundamentals involved in tenpins. By doing so, more time can be allocated towards the instructions while the members are actually bowling.

At the onset of the bowling course, the league bowlers

## Japan team ready for Global League

TOKYO — Japan's newly-formed baseball team will participate in the Global Baseball League scheduled to open play on April 24, it was announced this past week.

The announcement was made by Toru Mori, manager of the Japanese team, after a meeting with George Yoshinaga, Global League vice-commissioner.

Only a week ago, Mori said the team might disband because of difficulties in arranging for the team's U.S. trip.

Play in the new league is scheduled for a 138-game season with six teams, one of them Japanese. The others are the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Venezuela and two U.S. teams.

## Talk on narcotics

SACRAMENTO — Lt. Larry Stamm of the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office will speak on Narcotics and Drug Abuse at the Sacramento JACL dinner meeting April 10, 7:30 p.m., at Sacramento Inn. Kinaya Noguchi is program chairman.

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## Ye Editor's Desk

### JACL CONSTITUTION

Wholesale rearrangement of the National JACL Constitution into three parts—Constitution, By-Laws and Rules of Order—has been undertaken. Whether it will secure recommendation for adoption by the 1970 national convention is still moot at this point, but the hope is for a more orderly and simplified statement of principles, guidelines and practices will eventually supplant our present form.

Basic character and structure of the League are contained in the Constitution. Qualifications and basic functions of the key parts of JACL (National Council, National Board, National Officers, Chapters, District Councils, etc.) are stipulated in the By-Laws. And procedures or practices governing the key parts of JACL are set forth in the Rules of Order.

The essence of JACL, less susceptible to change, comprise the six articles of the proposed Constitution.

The dynamic aspects of JACL, which make the organization a "living organism" with its key parts, comprise the 22 articles of the proposed By-Laws. The "functions" of the National Council and National Board, for instance, are scattered throughout the current constitution and by-laws. These have been re-assembled under separate articles.

How these key parts of JACL are to operate or proceed are reserved for the new section, Rules of Order. Rights of delegates at National Council, credentials, method of election, functions of national committees, operating rules for National Council and National Board meetings, etc., are noted in the proposed 20 rules.

Still under consideration is the compilation of practices enacted by the National Council and National Board and the administrative guidelines of National Headquarters and other integral units within JACL for a fourth section, Standing Rules.

These four sections, coupled with the JACL President's Handbook, Youth Manual and PC Manual, would conceivably comprise the "JACL Bible"—a compendium of practices and principles governing the entire organization. And another chapter to the JACL Bible is yet to come since we have a Convention Manual due.

As JACL approach its 40th year (1970), operating on the American principal that it is the right of the majority to decide, the right of the minority to be heard and right of absentees to be protected in securing the objectives of the League, it has become necessary to commit in orderly fashion the principles and methods as envisioned by a codification of JACL rules and regulations.

In removing any prospect of conflict at deliberations, we thereby assist whatever group within JACL to accomplish its mission in the best possible manner. At the same time, we are always for innovations—but in a prescribed and orderly fashion.

The JACL Constitution revised should be a welcome, but hefty document.

EAST WIND: Bill Marutani

### Trivial Flotsam

Philadelphia

FUNNY HOW SOME little things adhere to the memory. One of the most irrelevant flotsam that I've retained from my college literature course is that "Parson Weems" was the author "Indian Depredation in Texas." Even had the question in the course examination, as I recall. Since then the number of times I've had to call upon that bit of earth-shaking knowledge you can count in disgusting negatives. I can begin to understand why college students are rebelling against this sort of claptrap. Parson Weems, indeed!

### MATTER ON COUNTING

SOME OTHER TIDBITS stick to the mind. I recall, as a little boy, my mother asking me why, in counting in Japanese, "hitotsu," "futatsu," etc., "ten" was not "ju-tsu" instead of "toh." Pondered that one for a while, and then she told me, with a mischievous twinkle, because "five" or "it-tsu" took care of two "tsu's" in the line count of ten. I'D FORGOTTEN about that riddle. The old gal is rambling about Japan on an extended trip and she's due back sometime this summer. Think I'll spring it back on her; see if she remembers.

### ICHI-NI-SAN

THE GENERATION COUNT is Issei, Nisei and now Sansei. Propagation being what it inevitably is, if we follow this system we'll go to "Jusse" (No, not "Toh-sei" this time) and beyond. My time-projected sympathies go to those of the ninth generation: under certain corrupt Japanese idioms they will be known as the "kusei-de" or smelly generation.

### WHEN MORE THAN ONE

ALL OF WHICH leads to a letter received from a reader who suggested a column on the proper usage of the words "Issei" and "Nisei" insofar as the plural form was concerned. Although if one bothers to look up these words in Webster's, the alternate plural, with an "s," is given, the preferable plural usage is without the "s." After all, Webster's may not have true Japanese linguists (not that this writer is one) who are attuned to the development and true meaning of Japanese words. The word "Issei" refers to a specific group, not a category; thus it would be anomalous to refer to them as "first generations" ("Isseis"). In this context it is somewhat like referring to a group of Japanese as "Japaneses."

### JACL, TOO

JACL IN "NIHONGO" is "Nikkei Shimin Kyokai" and we submit this is erroneous, for literally translated it comes out "Japanese Lineage Citizens Association." What is missing is "American" or "bei-jin" so that correctly speaking the name for JACL should be "Nikkei Beiji Shimin Kyokai" or, if you wish, "Nichi-bei Shimin Kyokai."

WELL, I GUESS that reader is now sorry that she started all this.



Portrait of Centenarians

## NC-WN continues stress on Issei centennial fete

By Dr. KENGO TERASHITA  
NC-WNDC Governor

Stockton  
At the 22nd annual California History Institute held at the Univ. of the Pacific in Stockton on March 21-22, Henry Taketa, a member of the Wakamatsu Centennial Committee, spoke on the topic "Wakamatsu Tea and Silk Farm Colony."

Taketa described the history of the ill-fated colony. He also spoke on how the history

## Zengakuren had its beginning aiding 'repats'

By JIM HENRY

Tokyo  
How it Began: The militant Zengakuren has become notorious throughout the world for its acts of violence and radical demonstrations in which bitter clashes have occurred between students and police throughout the nation.

However, the origin of the Zengakuren was nothing like its present state. In fact, it was a force for good. In 1945, when the war ended, defeated

### BY THE BOARD

Japan was in a chaotic state. Repatriates from Manchuria and Korea, their entire fortunes lost, separated from their kinfolk, sick, starving and ill-clothed, poured into the country on overcrowded repatriation ships.

At this time, Teruo Fujimoto, a 25-year-old law student at Tokyo University, learned that his mother and brothers were missing in Korea. While seeking news of them, he began to extend aid to others in like circumstances, gathering together his college friends to form the Student League for Aiding Relatives Abroad. They campaigned for donations of money, food and clothing which they distributed to repatriates. They boarded repatriation vessels to aid the sick and even cleaned the toilets.

The Centennial Year represents all the ramifications of a hundred years of human trials, endeavors, and triumphs. For us the Wakamatsu Colony story is the story of the very beginning. For the Japanese American this is where it all began.

The NC-WN District Council will sponsor the Japanese Centennial Banquet on June 7 at the Eldorado Hotel in Sacramento. No host cocktail will start at 6 p.m. Tickets for the banquet will be shortly available through the NC-WN Chapters and will cost \$10 per person.

A reminder to support the NC-WNDC Wakamatsu Centennial Fund Drive. Send your contributions to: George S. Oki, P.O. Box 7118, Sacramento, Calif. 95826. Make checks payable to "JACL-Wakamatsu."

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CIO wins in effort to permit use of Nisei on east coast merchant ships... Pfc Harry Hamada of Honolulu writes "Go For Broke" marching song for 442nd... Kiyoshi Nakama of Ohio State wins NCAA swim titles in 440 and 1,500-m freestyle events... Ogdan Standard-Examiner hits exclusion of Japanese Americans from former west coast homes.

Nisei USA: Reports of unrest in Japan.

### SAKURA SCRIPT

DR. DAVID MIURA  
6226 E. Spring St.  
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Hayakawa Dinner  
Dear Editor:  
National JACL President Jerry Enomoto (see Mar. 21 PC) was "very gratified that those who peacefully picketed the (Hayakawa) dinner were well disciplined and had the guts and motivation to be there..." He should be just as much gratified that the sponsors of the dinner and those who attended the dinner were also "well disciplined and had the guts and motivation to be there." It took courage to sponsor the dinner, and it took courage to attend the dinner in face of the loudly vocal and written opposition of such articulate and influential personalities as President Enomoto, Yori Wada, Res. Lloyd Wake, Edison Uno and others.

There now should be no doubts in the minds of the unbiased that it was a good thing that this dinner was held. The air was cleared. It was definitely established that there were at least two schools of thought in regard to the situation at San Francisco State College among the so-called Japanese American community of San Francisco, even among the Saneis generation. It was established that picketing could be peacefully conducted. It was conceded that Dr. Hayakawa's speech at the dinner was "generally very appropriate," and that it did shed some light on his relations with the JACL and Japanese Americans in general.

As Jerry has stated previously, "We need more communication and understanding..."—and it should be said, of BOTH sides of any controversy.

Use of Methods  
We agree with Jerry that the "dinner was just a small slice of a lot bigger pie." We also agree that undoubtedly some, perhaps many, changes are needed in our educational system.

We think that he agrees with us JACL's "deep obligation to look at what is going on in-depth with compassion and understanding" does not imply that we should condone the methods employed by the extremists among the dissidents. In fact, we think that he will agree with us that the JACL, the supporters of the dissidents, and the dissidents themselves should be more forthright in condemning the extremist tactics of terrorism, violence and destruction which do their cause more harm than good.

There have been too many statements made condemning violence and destruction, followed by a qualifying clause or sentence starting with a "BUT" or a "HOWEVER."

One wonders what the striking Japanese American instructors and students whom Jerry talked, think about violent and destructive methods used by the extremists among the dissidents. When a student, who seeks to pursue his education, is afraid to go to his classes because fellow students and teachers threaten violence to his person, something is radically wrong. In short, do the ends that they seek justify any and all means?

When one talks about the "utility of trying to impose

## Letters from Our Readers

### 'Imagine JACL'

Editor:

Regarding the "Imagine JACL" proposals by Edison Uno appearing in the Mar. 28 PC, I will not dwell on those items that are under consideration, but will touch lightly on some of the provocative (can do now) suggestions.

Special Legal award: Perhaps a group of attorneys can be asked to present prizes similar to those of the essay and oratorical contests. This group could be made totally responsible for raising funds, selecting the topics and judging.

Committee to screen school textbooks: This can be established immediately. Such a committee will probably be more effective as a permanent committee similar to The Endowment Fund committee, so that there will be continuity of responsibility and action. Such a committee would be in contact with all publishing companies so that they would receive manuscripts before the actual printing occurs. They would also have factual material to present to the authors.

Admission by Chief Justice Warren: This is an ideal year to go in conjunction with the repeal of Title II.

### AACL?

Expanding Membership: As a starter several have requested that JACL consider changing its name to include all Asians. Discussions at least at this level should be started.

Living Trusts: The general concept has been approved but nothing concrete has come out of it. Some suggestions that I can recall, (1) A PR film telling the JACL story, (2) Headquarters building, (3) Feasibility study of Japanese language tape and teaching manual that can be used by chapters to offer classes. One of the Universities that has a good language department might be induced to do this under a JACL grant. Present Japanese language schools generally do not teach Japanese as a foreign tongue. The teachers being from Japan only know how to teach it as a native tongue.

Scholarships: This question was raised at one of our workshops. The scholarship committee should also consider a student loan program. Perhaps the "Living Trust" could be tapped to initiate the program.

education with bayonets!"—these bayonets may be necessary to prevent danger to the lives of innocent people, to stop the dynamiting or the burning of buildings, the senseless destruction of equipment and the forcible, physical coercion of students who wish to attend classes. It is not so much the matter of "imposing education with bayonets," but rather of making it safe for students who wish to continue their education without costly interruptions in terms of time and money.

### The Dissidents

Is there any question what our Federal Government and Congress would do, if dissident citizens picketed the halls of Congress and used violent methods and physical intimidation to keep Senators and Congressmen from attending sessions, because legislation that the dissidents favored was not passed?

The "bad guys" are not all of the dissident students, whatever their demands, but they are the extremists among them who advocate and actually use illegal violence and destruction to attain their ends. Included with them, necessarily, must be those who, by word, deed or implication, overlook and condone such violence as a necessary evil to draw attention to demands which they believe would otherwise be ignored.

If students wish to protest, let them do so without the destruction of property, without unseemly obscenities and without bodily violence to others. If such methods are to be glossed over or condoned in universities, colleges and even high schools, we can demand such tactics if they are used in the United States Senate, the House of Representatives, the state legislatures and state offices—or a JACL convention?

Our failure to listen to our youth? We, who are parents and who are sending our children to schools, many of us at great financial sacrifice, have been listening to our youth for years unending. We think that we know not only our own, but all youth.

We fully recognize the legitimacy of many of the demands made by our youth, but we also recognize the foolishness and the unreasonableness of many of the demands. We recognize, above all, the frantic impatience and the uncompromising, often unpragmatic idealism of youth—undulled by the responsibilities of family and parenthood.

### Permissive Parents

We recognize that so many of us Nisei parents, in common with other contemporary parents, have failed too often in our duty to our children by being too permissive and by giving them too much of the material things of life for their own good. We recognize our many parental shortcomings, but we refuse to admit that we do not love and cherish our children, and that we do not want the best in life for them.

In our fierce and protective love, we want them first to secure their education as one of the prime necessities for their future in this highly competitive society of ours. We do not want that education interrupted by the threats and violence that dissident students employ or condone to call attention to their own desires and rights.

What about the right of those students who wish to pursue their education? What about the precious time and money lost never to be recovered, because the educational process has been forcibly halted? What about the buildings that have been burned and dynamited, and the equipment that has been sabotaged—which now must be replaced with tax money that might better have been spent to further some of the legitimate demands of these dissident students?

The President of the United States soon finds out after he takes office that he has to be the leader of all of the people, not just the leader of his particular party. On a much smaller scale, the president of an organization such as the JACL necessarily must give up some personal prerogatives, prejudices and inclinations for the sake of the organization as a whole. His role is more fittingly that of a mediator than that of a judge or arbitrator.

### Role for President

If we understand Jerry's column correctly, he is totally and uncompromisingly opposed to tactics of violence on the part of dissident students, and he supports the publicly expressed goals of Dr. Hayakawa. We take this to mean that, regardless of the legitimacy of any or all of the demands of the dissidents, violent methods of coercion cannot be tolerated, and that law and order must be restored before negotiations or even the so-called "unnegotiable" demands can proceed in good faith.

When Patsy Mink, Congresswoman from Hawaii, declared "Force and violence will not solve anything..." (see Mar. 21 PC) we feel sure that she means this to apply equally to violent methods of protest and to unprovoked violence on the part of law enforcing agencies.

Our major difference with Jerry seems to be the good judgment of the sponsors in holding the Hayakawa dinner under the circumstances previously discussed. In view of the not unfavorable aftermath of this dinner, we feel more than ever that the sponsors were right and should be commended for their courage.

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## Ralph Lazo

Los Angeles  
A few weeks ago I listened to a student counselor at James Monroe High School in San Fernando Valley reminisce about the old camp days. He said he was looking forward this year to the 25th year reunion of the Class of '44—Manzanar High School.

There wasn't anything unusual about the conversation except his name is Ralph Lazo; he's a Mexican American. How young Ralph Lazo got interned in Manzanar would seem an adventure worthy of Huckleberry Finn, but to hear him talk about it, his involvement was no big thing. He was no crusader. He just did what he wanted to do and ought to do. That's all.

Ralph lived with his older sister and father, who worked for the Santa Fe Railroad, near First St. and Temple in Downtown L.A. He recalls it was a really Cosmopolitan neighborhood because there were Jews, Chinese, Filipinos, Mexicans, Japanese all living close by. Lunch time at school was a gourmet's delight because he could trade his bologna sandwich for nigiri or whatever there was in the Japanese boy's bento box, tacos from Mexican kids, dried octopus and red ginger from the Chinese, etc.

Ralph spent much of his childhood and high school days playing at his Japanese friend's homes in Downtown L.A. and the Virgil area. Everything was just along just fine and then came Pearl Harbor and World War II. As the months went by things got worse as more and more people began talking of threats. By March the Evacuation orders were out and by the end of the month people of Japanese ancestry were being taken to camps. He saw how the Japanese had to dispose of their property.

Ralph said he knew the things being done to the Japanese were wrong. Maybe it was because he grew up with friends from different ethnic groups and saw everybody as just people, or maybe it was because of his youth. Whatever the reason, he knew the reaction of the local Japanese after Pearl Harbor was wrong.

At first he tried to speak to some adults about the wrong being done, but as Ralph explains it: "You know how grownups are, they listen in a patronizing manner and are very good at rationalizing and explaining things. Anyway, how could a punk of 17 tell grownups what was wrong?"

Persons of Japanese ancestry in the San Pedro area had already been evacuated and some of his Nisei friends at Belmont High School were discussing the inevitable during lunch recess. "What are you going to do after we go," asked one Nisei. Ralph said he didn't know as he really hadn't given the matter any thought. "Why don't you come with us," another Nisei said jokingly.

Ralph forgot about the con-

versation until the idea popped up about a week later. The more he thought about it as weeks went by, the better he liked the idea. Finally, one Saturday morning, he walked to the Virgil registration center to sign up as a person of Japanese ancestry. He thought they'd catch him during the interview and he remained hesitant until finally he mustered enough courage to make the attempt. Nobody really questioned him and he passed.

He was later notified as to time and place of departure. The night before he left, he said his goodbyes to his father and sister. At 4:30 a.m. next morning he delivered the newspaper to his 300 customers for the last time. At about 7 or 8 a.m. he caught the train at the old Santa Fe depot and arrived in the late afternoon at the Manzanar Relocation Center, which was to be his home for the next two years. And the irony was that all his Nisei friends were sent to either Heart Mountain or Poston camps.

At first he bunked with the Issei in the bachelor section, six to a room. And he remembers how neat the Issei were, always sweeping the room. Although he was 17 some of the Issei must have thought he was still a kid as he would at times find candy or other sweets on his pillow when he was returned from school. He was later placed with other young adults.

In camp people looked at him a little funny at first but they must have figured if he was there he must be Japanese.

Ralph recalls there was always something planned for the young adults after school or on weekends. He said he was made athletic manager for a teenage group, the Manzanar Knights, because he was so lousy in all sports.

After his graduation from Manzanar High in 1944, he immediately volunteered to join the army. He was sent to the war in the Pacific where he made sergeant's pay, took quick and won a bronze star in the Philippines.

He returned to the U.S. at the end of '46. From 1947 to 1950 he attended UCLA and then went to Mexico to teach. While vacationing in Los Angeles, the director of International Institute talked him into staying to work with Saneis kids.

In 1955 he joined the L.A. City School System where he is still employed today. Because of his exposure to the desert at Manzanar, Ralph says he enjoys the wildlife and spends his summers as seasonal ranger at Yosemite.

Today, Ralph Lazo works with young adults within the Mexican American community. He has a beautiful wife and three lovely children of whom he is extremely proud. Ralph says life has been very good to him and he is thankful for it. According to his Nisei friends, whatever Ralph got from life he worked for and earned.

Accent on Youth Alan Kumamoto

## Ethnic Cry

JACL's endeavors and collaboration with UCLA in the Japanese American Research Project have more and more particularly meaning to us personally as we journey to several local high schools, spending time in the classrooms informing, exchanging and discussing.

The documentation or history of the contributions of American Japanese is sorely needed as Saneis and non-Japanese inquire about the facts of our existence.

Thus we are elated that several books are soon to be published with JACL's help. The Bill Hosokawa manuscript has been put into the hands of the publishers last month. On April 15, Dr. Harry Kitano's textbook on the Japanese Americans will be published.

These kinds of books and the renewed interest in the Asian American are gratifying signs.

Local colleges are also introducing programs on ethnic studies. UCLA has an umbrella-type institute covering the ethnic study centers treating the Black, Mexican, Indian and Oriental communities within the U.S.

OASC (Oriental American Studies Center) or the OACC (Oriental American Cultural Center), which are the descriptive titles that have been used, possesses four levels of decision making: administration, faculty, students and community, in promoting the program. The complexity of

dealing with these diverse elements in creating a tangible working unit has at times appeared monumental. However, perseverance has led to progress.

We salute UCLA's effort and energy in extending its resources in opening its arms to these four communities as even exchanging with one has led to turmoil within the particular ethnic group.

Each one of these ethnic groups within the UCLA institute complex has maintained its own separate identity and, indeed, each has been the target of oppression and discrimination within this nation.

We are not fragmenting society but are attempting to produce the missing past for a segment of the citizenry who have aided in making the United States what it is.

Ethnic identification has been associated with individual self-awareness and we contend that the distinctive subculture of the Japanese American is one which is necessary to relate, if we are ever going to answer the "who" and "what" we are.

We urge your support of Oriental and Asian American studies at secondary and college levels. Some inroads are being gained with the introduction of Asian studies, but the cry we hear today is for more about the Japanese, Chinese, etc. in this country, both from within our community and from without.

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