





Washington Newsletter  
by Mike Masaoka

## Defense Production Security

After an all-afternoon floor controversy, the House of Representatives on Jan. 29 passed the Defense Facilities and Industrial Security Act of 1970 (HR 14864) by a 274 to 65 margin.

This measure is now pending in the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Internal Security. There are those who suspect that some of its members may attempt to add HR 14864 as a rider to S. 12, the Internal Security Act of 1970, as additional titles to this particular legislation.

This Internal Security Subcommittee is chaired by Mississippi Democrat James Eastland, who is also the Chairman of the full Senate Judiciary Committee, with the following Democratic members—John McClellan of Arkansas, Sam Ervin of North Carolina, Thomas Dodd of Connecticut, Birch Bayh of Indiana, and Robert Byrd of West Virginia. Its Republican Senators are Roman Hruska of Nebraska, Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania, Strom Thurmond of South Carolina, and Robert Griffin of Michigan. It also has one of the largest subcommittee staffs in the Congress, with some 25 people listed, headed by J. G. Sourwine, who has been its Chief Counsel for more than the past two decades.

Although the Subcommittee ordered reported S. 12 early last spring, the full Judiciary Committee has not yet taken up the bill and cleared it for Senate floor consideration. Many opponents hope that HR 14864 can likewise be "bottled up" in the Judiciary Committee.

If the bill is ever reported by the full Judiciary Committee for floor consideration, however, it is feared that the mood of the Senate is such that HR 14864 will also be passed by an overwhelming majority.

Recently, to illustrate the temper of the Senate, by a 73-1 margin the so-called organized crime bill was passed on Jan. 23 and by an 80-0 margin the so-called narcotics curb bill was approved on Jan. 28. Both bills contained provisions that many argued were against constitutional guarantees and accepted judicial procedures during floor debate, but when they failed in their attempts to defeat those questionable provisions they voted for enactment on the final tally. Only Montana Democrat Lee Metcalf voted against the legislation proposed to fight organized crime.

Lawrence Speiser, Director of the Washington Office of the American Civil Liberties Union, addressed an eloquent appeal to every Congressman, urging that they vote against HR 14864.

Speiser noted that "Once again, Congress is being called upon to sacrifice individual freedom in the never-ending pursuit of that elusive goal, national security." After citing the two decisions of the United States Supreme Court that the bill proposes to overturn, he makes the observation that "It is time that Congress ceased to view Supreme Court decisions protecting constitutional rights of American citizens as the actions of an enemy institution. Upholding the constitutional rights of American citizens is something to be applauded, not deplored."

"For all of the congressional furor, not a single spy or saboteur has ever been uncovered by any of the loyalty-security programs which sprang up during the McCarthy period. Congress should begin to view the problem of national security with a cold unemotional eye—and perceive that the last loyalty-security programs which HR 14864 seeks to reinstate are not really protective of national security, but, instead, greatly undermine confidence in the government's commitment to the Constitution's guarantee of rights to all citizens."

As the ACLU Director sees it, "A security program which takes proper account of these individual liberties should be restricted in two ways: (1) to apply only to limited physical facilities or materials actually needing protection, and (2) to cover the smallest number of people possible."

To demonstrate why the JACL has taken the position to oppose this bill, and why JACL believes that every Japanese American and other citizen of goodwill should similarly oppose this legislation, may we quote further from Speiser's able and perceptive analysis.

As he understands it, the proposal states "Everything is a defense facility" and "Everyone can be investigated."

He noted that the definition of the facilities which can be designated as defense facilities include "any plant, factory, industry, public utility, mine, laboratory, educational institution, research organization, railroad, airport, pier, waterfront installation, canal, dam, bridge, highway, vessel, aircraft, vehicle, pipeline."

"Such a facility need not have anything to do with classified information, but can come within the bill's provisions merely if the Secretary of Defense determines it to be an important 'utility and service' whose disruption or damage would cause a serious delay in essential services in times of emergency' at some uncertain and unspecified time in the future."

The legislation covers far more than employment; it gives the Secretary of Defense the power to decide who can have "access" to any highway, vehicle, or school, etc.

While the powers granted the Defense Secretary are broad, the former California attorney, now the ACLU Director in the nation's capital who has done a remarkably effective job as the watchdog of civil rights, declares that the investigative powers granted the President are "unlimited". The bill authorizes the President to cause the investigation of "any person or organization", not just those who are considered for employment or for access to classified materials.

"And the scope of these investigations is limitless—'present or past membership in or affiliation with any organization'. Not just communist association, but any organization, religious, fraternal, Boy Scouts, YMCA, etc., could be grist for the investigative mill."

"Privacy will come to an end," Speiser warns, "not just for those who apply for positions which require access to classified information, but for all United States citizens who may be investigated regarding anything or everything in their lives, past or present. 1964 will come, blessed by congressional authorization."

There is much, much more to this dangerous bill than what we have mentioned. But even this small sampling should convince every JACLer and every other citizen that this is one bill that must not be enacted into law, for it establishes a police state by almost definition of that phrase.

## CHICAGO CONFAB TESTIMONIAL FOR M. MASAOKA SET

July 16 Event  
Scheduled for  
Conrad Hilton Hotel



(Special to the Pacific Citizen)  
CHICAGO—One of the highlights of the 1970 Convention to be held here will be the Mike M. Masaoka Testimonial Dinner. Chairman of the dinner, Kameo Yoshinari, has just made public some of the details of the dinner.

The dinner will be held on Thursday, July 16, in the Grand Ballroom of the Conrad Hilton Hotel to accommodate the record crowd which is expected to attend. Preceding the dinner, a cocktail reception will be held in the Normandy Room adjacent to the Grand Ballroom.

This 1970 Testimonial will culminate Mike Masaoka's 30 outstanding years of continued service to the welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry. Persons of national prominence are expected to participate in the program.

Contributions to support this testimonial to Mike Masaoka will be accepted by the testimonial committee. Harry Mizuno is heading the nationwide fund drive, the details of which are to be announced. Chairman of the dinner program is Noboru Honda.

Dr. Thomas Yatabe, "Grandfather of JACL," is compiling the testimonial album and Shig Wakamatsu is serving as the public relations chairman of the event.

## Pulse —

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the arrival of the first Japanese in this country.

Among those honored were: Mrs. Haruno Kamimoto, who entered the United States in 1914; Mrs. Kuni Kadani, 1908; Mrs. Chika Takata, 1920; Mrs. Shueichi Nishida, 1910; Mrs. Kowaki, 1910; Mrs. Wayne Nishida, 1908; Tadao Yamamoto, 1916; Mrs. Yamamoto, 1921; Yoneichi Yamamoto, 1914; Ayako Yamamoto, 1921; Motoki Nakamoto, 1903; Mrs. Nakamoto, 1920; Mrs. Mimi Tabata, 1912; Mrs. Hiro Nakamoto, 1909; and Mrs. Kiyoko Ohta, 1910.

Dick Nishimoto served as master of ceremonies for the annual dinner, introducing the mayors of Hollister and San Juan Bautista and other guests. T. Kadani and Sam Shingai were program chairmen.



Don Kazama

## D. Kazama heads Seattle chapter

Seattle JACL last year's president-elect, was sworn in to office of the presidency of the Seattle JACL Jan. 24 at a dinner featuring Dr. L. D. Sato, educator-psychiatrist, as speaker.

Kazama is supervisory social worker for the Veterans Administration, chairman of the EWDC human relations committee and has been credited among those who have given the chapter a new look in recent years. A veteran of World War II, he had already earned his B.S. in pharmacy at Univ. of Washington but after the war returned to UW for his master's degree at the graduate school of social work.

Kazama plans to work with Sanel-Yonsei problems of ethnicity and cultural ties in terms of rising delinquency and dropout rates. "My hope for 1970 is to try and effect an organization which will be flexible and human to meet the needs of the '70s and the future," he declared.

President-elect this year is Dr. Minoru Maruda, who chaired the chapter's Japanese Immigration Centennial Centennial committee this past year.

## Fred Miyamoto leads Eden Township chapter

Eden Township JACL, Fred Miyamoto of San Leandro was installed as Eden Township JACL president recently before 85 members and friends. The Rev. Roy Sano, Mills College chaplain, was guest speaker.

Among honored guests at the Sunset Country Club dinner were:

San Leandro Mayor Jack Lister, Hayward Mayor John Smith, Union City Mayor Tom Kikayama, Elmer Miyasaka, Fremont JACL, Rev. Arthur Tsunetsugu, San Lorenzo Holiness Church, and Rev. H. A. Yamaoka, Ashland Buddhist Church (Oakland).

## Sacramento to swear in officers Feb. 8

Sacramento JACL The 1970 officers of Sacramento JACL will be installed Feb. 8 at Sacramento Inn at a dinner co-sponsored with the NC-WNDC which is holding its first quarterly meeting at the same time. Judge Mamoru Sakuma will emcee the dinner, which is featuring Municipal Judge Earl Warren Jr. as main speaker.

## East L.A. honors two prominent members

East Los Angeles JACL Two longtime members of East Los Angeles JACL were honored by the chapter at the Jan. 17 installation dinner at Los Amigos Country Club. They were Dr. James S. Hara and Yosh Inadomi, prominent in community work and service.

Keynote speaker State Sen. Alfred Song, first Oriental elected to the California legislature, stressed the importance of individual citizens and ethnic groups participating in the civic, social and political affairs of the American community.

Kay Nakagiri, secretary to the National JACL Board, installed Walter Tatsuno, who was re-elected president, and his board; while the Rev. David Beadles of the Monterey Park United Methodist Church installed officers of the chapter's youth group, the Dupreer, led by Douglas Ban.

## For the Elders

## Riverside Issei to be given coins

Riverside JACL Highlight of the Riverside JACL installation dinner Feb. 13 at the Rusty Lantern Restaurant, Beaumont, will be the presentation of Centennial coins to Riverside Issei over age 75. Those to be honored include:

Mrs. Susa Fujimoto, Mrs. K. Goto, Mrs. N. Inama, H. Iwaki, K. Kanatani, Mrs. H. Kanatani, Mrs. K. Kumi, Mrs. N. Kumi, S. Madokoro, K. Moriyoshi, Mrs. Nishikawa, A. Ogawa, Mrs. S. Osumi, K. Sanematsu, Mrs. D. Sanematsu, Mrs. U. Takeda, Mrs. Yamano, Mrs. K. Yonemura.

Rep. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii), main speaker, will be introduced by Rep. John Tunney (D-Calif.) of Riverside.

Leo Asaoka is the 1970 president.

## Meetings Furniture designer

Philadelphia JACL Noted furniture designer George Nakashima will discuss and show the work he and his associates are doing at his New Hope home on Feb. 7, 2-4 p.m., to Philadelphia JACLers.

If weather is bad, the meeting has been rescheduled for Feb. 27, according to Henry Moser, meeting chairman.

## 'Around the World at 80'

Dayton JACL "Around the World at 80" is the title of Carl Balcomb's presentation at the Dayton JACL general meeting Feb. 22, 1:30 p.m., at the local YWCA. A potluck dinner will follow at 4:30.

## JAL fellowship winner addresses Dec. meeting

Seattle JACL Nancy Motomatsu, associate supervisor of learning resources services for the curriculum and instruction division for the State of Washington at Olympia, addressed the December meeting of the chapter.

Miss Motomatsu, who studied last summer at Sophia University in Tokyo through a JAL-JACL fellowship, spoke

on the student assaults on the establishment in Japan, especially the school system.

In discussing her own work with the State Office of Public Instruction, she explained the facilities available in the department for samples of curriculum material and books emphasizing ethnic cultures. The meeting was able to draw the girl folk in full strength.

## Cultural

## 'Rashmomon' billed for Valley presentation

San Fernando Valley JACL The East-West Players will stage their successful "Rashomon" production Mar. 12-13 at the San Fernando Valley Japanese Community Center under sponsorship of the local JACL. It was announced by John Ball, chapter president.

Other Japanese, Chinese and Oriental productions also are being planned for valley audiences. The chapter previously sponsored a concert featuring world-famous xylophonist Yoichi Hiraoka.

## Scholarship

## Reunion-testimonial for teacher slated

Stockton JACL Climaxing a year-long effort to launch the Stockton JACL scholarship named in grateful appreciation to Miss Elizabeth Humbarger, retired educator, a reunion-testimonial dinner for her will be held Feb. 21 at the Stockton Buddhist Church.

Occasion will serve as a grand reunion for former students and friends who have long admired the Kansas-born teacher who taught at Stockton High since 1925 and later at Stockton College and Delta College.

Last year, she retired and the chapter, under president Tsugio Kubota, established a scholarship fund in her name. The goal was for \$10,000.

## For the Women

## San Francisco women discuss year's programs

San Francisco JACL The 1969 and 1970 board members of the San Francisco JACL Women's Auxiliary prepared its calendar of program for the coming year at a joint meeting Jan. 13 held at the home of the new president, Sandy Ouye.

Among activities discussed were lectures, fashion show, Ikebana workshop, rummage sale, Laguna Honda Home visitations and demonstrations in Christmas decorations. The Auxiliary is open to all women members of the chapter, 1970 officers...

## Yellow Brotherhood Center to help troubled young people planned

LOS ANGELES — A kick-off dinner establishing the Community Yellow Brotherhood Center Fund will be announced shortly under sponsorship of the Yellow Brotherhood Advisory Committee.

Comprised of Nisei well-known throughout the community, the committee has completed several months of groundwork to help a dedicated band of young people who have pledged themselves to prevent their contemporaries from destroying their future through drug abuse.

The committee is setting up the fund with the Sumitomo Bank and the Bank of Tokyo of California in the Crenshaw district. George Inumi of Grace Pastries is fund chairman, assisted by: Ed Nakata CPA, budget; Ray Kaneko, housing; Ty Saito, pub.; (partial list) Sam Ishihara, Ethel Kohashi, Jim Miyano, Bob Hayami, Ken Yamaki, Takito Yamaoka, Al Hatate, Fred Ota, Harry Yamamoto, Amy Kawaoka, Solchi Fukui.

The fund aims to help the Yellow Brotherhood establish a halfway house where addicted Nisei or Saneel can be cared for on a 24-hour basis rather than being detained by police and be given a criminal record. In the meantime, temporary quarters are being sought to house the invaluable efforts of the Yellow Brotherhood, according to Rev. Tatsuyama, Yellow Brotherhood Advisory Committee chairman.

On the advisory committee are: Mark Kiguchi, Ross Arai, Rev. Roy Ishihara, Dr. Steve Yokoyama, Ray Kaneko, Ed Nakata, George Inumi, Willie Funakoshi, Al Morita, Paul Yamamura, Jeff Matsui, Kiyoshi Kawai, Bob Nakata, Ty Saito, Ed Nakata.

## NEWS CAPSULES

### Government

San Luis Obispo County health officer, Dr. R. Howard Kusumoto, advised the Atascadero Citizens Protection Assn. to quit its protest against construction of a sewage system in the area. The association is seeking an injunction against formation of a sewer improvement district to replace the use of septic tanks, which Dr. Kusumoto regarded, as a potential health menace if there are too many.

Richard Sneider, 48, country director for Japan at the State Dept. since June, 1966, has been appointed to the No. 2 at the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo as deputy chief of mission. He is known as the working architect of the U.S. policy decision to return Okinawa to Japanese jurisdiction by 1972. Gov. Reagan appointed Robert Kanagawa of Sanger to a four-year term on the board of directors of the 21st District Agricultural Assn., which operates the Fresno District Fair.

### Organizations

Tsunemi Nakamura, 48, Los Angeles-born graduate of Tokyo University of Commerce, was named executive secretary of the So. Calif. Japanese Chamber of Commerce, succeeding Frank Hirata now with the L.A. Harbor Dept. Nakamura worked with Sumitomo Bank for eight years and was with a customs brokerage firm prior to his appointment to the CoC position.

### Awards

The Los Angeles Japanese American Jr. Chamber of Commerce honored Assemblyman David Roberti, 24, (of Highland Park district); Dr. Robert T. Suzuki, 34, assistant professor of engineering at USC's department of aerospace-ocean engineering; and Dr. Tsugio Kato, 31, Oxnard dentist who is president of the Boys Club there, as their Outstanding Young Men of the Year. Suzuki is also chairman of the So. Calif. JACL Committee to Repeal Title II. Shin Hamano, JCC president, extended the

### Press Row

Mrs. Emiko Omori is one of the few TV news camerawomen in the United States, now associated with San Francisco's KQED Newswoman since September, 1968. A San Francisco State College graduate in film-making, she recently appeared on the KQED program, "Images of Women." The 1970 Hokubei Mainichi directory (\$5) of some 1,000 pages is now being distributed. It lists Japanese residents in California, Oregon,

Washington, Utah, Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, Illinois, New York and Washington, D.C. For copies, write to P.O. Box 3321, San Francisco, Calif. 94119.

### Courtroom

Edison Uno, active San Francisco JACLer, was selected to the 1970 San Francisco county grand jury. He is the first Nisei to serve on the 19-member panel. He was nominated by Superior Court Judge Andrew J. Eymann.

### So. Calif. Nikkei phone directory published

LOS ANGELES—The 1969-70 So. Calif. Japanese American Telephone Directory, comprising some 600 pages, was published by Keiro Kango Nursing Home (\$3.50) recently.

Listing includes ZIP code and covers Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Diego, Imperial and Ventura counties. Copies may also be obtained by writing Keiro Directory 210 S. San Pedro, Los Angeles 90012 (\$4.25 postpaid).

### State Treasurer addresses JARSC

LOS ANGELES—Mrs. Ivy Baker Priest, state treasurer, called on all Californians to "work harder than before to preserve our great way of life and this great nation." She was keynote speaker at the Jan. 23 dinner honoring new officers of the Japanese American Republicans of Southern California led by Seichi Fukui, president.

Succeeding Ed Kakita, Fukui outlined his program for the year, including the bringing closer together of the two Nikkei Republican groups.

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## Youth Page

## We Are Americans

Offered by the author in reprint his essay, "We Are Americans," which initially appeared in the Nov. 1969, Gidra, it is being placed on this page to determine whether Saneel can identify with what the writer says. David is currently a medical student at Univ. of Chicago—Youth Page Editor.

By DAVID OTO

Chicago  
There is a silent crisis taking place in the minds of Japanese-Americans. It is a crisis in identity: who are we, what is our place in American society and what is our future? These are questions that are often raised but seldom answered with vague or bitter words. I feel that the time has come to not only relate to ourselves but to others as well on how we Japanese-Americans see ourselves.

Often we are disturbed when Caucasian Americans regard us as Japanese and not as Americans of Japanese descent. Being regarded as such we do not always share the same opportunities. Yet paradoxically we often consciously consider ourselves as Japanese when we call ourselves an ethnic minority and strive to maintain a Japanese culture, remaining somewhat ignorant of Western-American culture, i.e. the history, the literature and the art.

We want others to look at us one-way—yet our tendency is to see ourselves differently. I admit that there are one or two dodos who racially think that they are of the Caucasian strain and who display their nasal septums to their fellow Japanese-Americans. This newspaper (Gidra) has more than criticized these few people to a fried chicken crisp. My criticism is aimed toward the majority.

## Identity

The development of an identity requires two processes: one involves the conception of one's identity, the other is a mode of action demonstrating one's identity.

Historically speaking Japanese-Americans have always been considered second rate citizens. (Prejudice, War and the Constitution and The Politics of Prejudice) We have never had the full opportunities and privileges that were enjoyed by others. Oftentimes we were unwilling to try and move up, always satisfied with our status, satisfied in being considered as second rate citizens unfit to hold administrative positions, to buy homes in particular areas and to have the better paying jobs.

Our response to these situations is the key to obtaining a conception of our identity. That is, we are not second rate citizens but full-blooded Americans entitled to every social and economic privilege due to any American who has proved his loyalty and worth in war and in peacetime.

Legitimate Americans must have their history to prove themselves. I, for one, believe that the legacy of the 442nd combat regiment more than testifies to our legitimacy. Thus, our response to prejudice is this: we are absolute Americans entitled to everything in American society. Our response is our identity—Americanism.

## Cultural Traditions

I suggest that those of us of Japanese ancestry begin to think about what it means to be an American in terms of culture being customs, historical traditions, and artistic and literary outlooks. For the basis of modern western civilization is the nation-state—one language, one flag, one culture.

For the benefit of the stone natural Japanese, I am not referring to cosmetic or padded boob lifts of the feminine culture.

What I am trying to do is appeal to a powerful and influential force known as nationalism to be directed not

## CALENDAR

Feb. 6 (Friday)  
West Los Angeles—Earth Set mlg.  
Stoner Playground, 1:30 p.m.  
Feb. 7 (Saturday)  
Evolution of Man  
Feb. 7 (Saturday)  
Philadelphia—Mtg. George Nakagawa's home, New Hope, 2-4 p.m.  
Twin Cities—Installation dinner, 5:30 p.m.  
Feb. 8 (Sunday)  
Sacramento—Installation dinner, 5:30 p.m.  
Sacramento Inn, Judge Earl Warren Jr. spkr.  
Feb. 8 (Sunday)  
PSWDYC—College JACL Mtg. So. Calif. JACL Office, 2 p.m.  
Feb. 13 (Monday)  
Petaluma Valley—Gen Mtg.  
Feb. 13 (Monday)  
Downtown L.A.—Installation dinner, Man Joe Low, 7 p.m.  
Riverside—Installation dinner, 7:30 p.m.  
Beaumont, 7 p.m.; Rep. Sparks Matsumura, spkr.  
Feb. 14 (Tuesday)  
Los Angeles—PSWDYC Title II Repeal dinner, Pickwick Recreation Center, Burbank, 7 p.m.; Rep. Matsumura, spkr.  
Feb. 14 (Tuesday)  
Progr. Westside—Installation dinner—dinner in conjunction with PSWDYC Title II repeal dinner, Pickwick Recreation Center—banquet room, Burbank, 7 p.m.  
Feb. 15 (Wednesday)  
PSWDYC—1st Gen Mtg. hosted by Progr. Westside, Pickwick Recreation Center, 8 a.m.  
Feb. 15 (Wednesday)  
PSWDYC—Presidential Comm. Mtg. JACL Office, 3 p.m.  
Feb. 15 (Wednesday)  
Seattle—Gen Mtg. JACL Office, 1:45 p.m.  
Feb. 20 (Friday)  
West Los Angeles—JACL Installation—Stoner Playground Hall, 2:30 p.m.

## Manzanar Revisited

The Indians in possession of Alcatraz have assumed the limelight in recent weeks, and Nisei and Sansei are actively assisting them. But — thanks to students of the Asian American Studies class at UC Davis — a more haunting experience of Indians in Owens Valley today is being related — just miles away from the old Manzanar WRA Camp—Editor.

Independence is situated in the central Owens Valley separating the Sierra-Nevada from the Inyo Mountains in eastern California. The Valley is a flatland of deserted, sagebrush infertility.

In winter the heavy winds freeze solid the stray animals caught by cars along State Highway 395, and in summer sweep sand across the dry valley.

This is sheep and cattle country, firmly isolated from whatever constitutes mainstream "California"; and so it was relocation camp country for 10,000 Japanese humans imprisoned here 28 years ago.

Manzanar Relocation Camp was isolated, easy to guard, built on cheap land with cheap supplies, far from any "defense" positions, and unlikely to affect property values of large groups of white citizens, or conflict with wishes of any Chamber of Commerce or travel agency.

## Too Cold to Stay

Of the 150 Japanese-Americans to revisit Manzanar Relocation Camp on the last Saturday of last decade, most were very cold and impatient to return to their homes in Los Angeles, from whence the exodus had originated.

Sponsored by the JACL and organized by Warren Furutani, the group came in one huge bus and two dozen cars, intending nominally to clean

up the Manzanar Camp cemetery. The sub-freezing winds kept most in their cars or around a huge bonfire.

Following the Buddhist ceremony, the Nisei and Sansei speakers recalled the past and urged reforms for the future.

But were they aware of the history of Owens Valley? Owens Valley is rich (or poor) with Indians and Piute Indian

Sansei youth were involved.

A quest for identity and a sense of ethnic pride were the special Saneel interests, within the broader context of a search for more relevant curriculum and student self-determination.

Although some may scoff and level accusations that the whole thing is a "fad", there is no way to deny that a significant number of Saneel youth are more interested in gaining insight into their background, and becoming an active part of the life around them, than the Nisei were.

In limited ways JACL has tried to support student efforts aimed at developing ethnic studies programs. A recent grant of \$2,050 to the Greater Pasadena Area chapter, to aid in the establishment of an ethnic studies course at Pasadena City College, is a good example.

The beauty of this project is the teamwork of interested JACLers, and a plan book that will result from it, which will be available to other JACL chapters which may wish to pursue a like project.

JACL and its role in relationship with activist youth is a sensitive and difficult subject. The typical Nisei reaction to activism, not violence or destruction, is anxiety and suspicion.

The fact is that we are so hung-up over occasions of violence or its threat that we devote little energy or thinking to the positive concerns voiced by activist youth.

On the other hand overzealous activists often turn up their volume so high that they never hear anybody but themselves. On such a scene when JACL does venture in, an unusual degree of patience, understanding, and firmness of resolve is needed.

## Field Director-Special Projects

The creation of the position of field director-special projects is a step in the direction of narrowing the communication gap between JACL and elements in the community which includes not only activist students but people who are not of the middle class world from which most of us come.

The JACL today finds itself involved in a close supporting relationship with self-help groups like the Yellow Brotherhood, and Asian American Hard Core in Los Angeles. The objectives of both groups are similar in that they seek to help Yellow Americans who have gotten in trouble.

The existence of these groups denies the stereotype that the Japanese-Americans never get in trouble. That the JACL is working with them at all is a healthy sign that the organization is aware of community problems, and wants to do something.

This week a public hearing was held in Los Angeles by a committee established by the State Board of Education to review a report on "moral-ity guidelines" for public schools. You may recall that the first report was a voluminous thesis which was loaded with a one-dimensional Protestant Biblical slant, coupled with examples of anti-mental health, anti-United Nations and similar philosophy. The chairman of the board was quoted as calling it a right-wing document.

The JACL, believing that such a guideline must reflect the multi-racial makeup of our nation, and must contain a more balanced social perspective than was evident in that report, joined the many community groups protesting it. Joining the Council for Responsible Morality and with the Rev. Roy Sano as spokesman, JACL testified at that hearing. I believe that this

## Incidents of 1969

Earlier in 1969 the now much publicized Noguchi case saw the Los Angeles community, including the JACL, taking an aggressive stand against an injustice perpetrated by the establishment. This incident pointed up several things to us.

1—That racist tactics against Orientals happen.  
2—That the necessary establishment is not infallible, or even necessarily smart or honest, when it attacks people.  
3—That aggressive and public stands against seemingly impossible odds sometimes pays off.

And 1969 saw the emergence of an increasingly angry student movement in which



Jim Okazaki slaps in final touches of black paint on cenotaph at Manzanar WRA Camp cemetery. —Photo by Ray Okamura

history. After gold was discovered by whites in 1863, all the Indians in the Valley were invited to a feast at Fort Independence, presently a historical landmark 3 miles north of Manzanar Relocation Camp. Once inside the fort, the Indians were disarmed, and herded to a reservation (an Indian Relocation Camp, only permanent) on the other side of the Sierra-Nevada mountains. Gradually escaping, a

## West L.A. Jr. JACL Installation Feb. 20

LAS ANGELES—Service to the community is the main staple of the newly-formed West Los Angeles Jr. JACL, which will install Naomi Onogi as its initial president Feb. 20, 7:30 p.m., at Stoner Playground Hall.

Organized this past month with Mrs. Toy Kanegai as adviser, about a dozen high school seniors form the core. Its membership campaign is now underway.

The youth will help in the chapter March of Dime drive, stage "Urashima Taro" in a fund-raising talent show, man a booth at Crenshaw Square Festival this summer and in about three years hope to have enough saved to visit Japan.

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few trickled back, but many died in the process.

However, the Government in 1874 declared by Executive Order that Owens Valley belonged to the United States, and everyone has believed it to the present.

Today 1,036 Indians, 6% of the total Owens Valley population, live isolated in little enclaves of their own ghettos. The California State Advisory Commission on Indian Affairs in a 1968 survey found that 30% of Indian housing in nearby Bishop was "adequate", a percentage superior to other California reservations, it notes.

The only community in Owens Valley that has polluted, substandard and untreated water, according to the Inyo County Health Department, is the Indian community in Independence.

The Independence Indians live in conditions far worse than those which the Japanese Americans survived during World War II. They still live there; nothing for the Indians to be changed. As one Sansei at the graveyard memorial pointed out, "A whole generation of Nisei Americans are buried at Manzanar!" Dead, not buried.

## Manzanar Indians

Buried, not dead, are the Indians at Owens Valley. While some factions within the Japanese American community are urging support for the Indians in Alcatraz, has any yet attempted to discover, organize, or support Indians still at Manzanar?

The Japanese that lived in Manzanar know how it feels to be interned in brutal Owens Valley. But their experience is not unique. Not only at Manzanar, but also at Tule Lake, Poston, and other camp sites there are similar histories of long term and continual oppression of Indians.

The Indians continue to be a living reminder that concentration camp still exists.

And as long as that condi-

tion persists, it would be a absurdity to designate Manzanar as an historical landmark and thus a thing of the past. Manzanar still exists and Indians are now the cap-



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**From the Frying Pan**

**CHANGING SCENE**—There were perhaps 50 men in the room, all newspaper editors and reporters, attending a session of the Wyoming Press Association. "How many of you," they were asked, "lived in Wyoming in 1942?" Only a handful responded. "Any how many of you know that a concentration camp for American citizens existed in Wyoming during World War II?" An even smaller number raised their hands.

And so, in the 45 minutes or so allotted me, I told them the story of the Evacuation, and how the Heart Mountain War Relocation Center sprang up on the benchlands between the Wyoming towns of Cody and Powell. I told them how the giant newspapers of the West Coast were caught up in the hysterical demand for evacuation all Japanese Americans, how they forgot their time-honored tradition of fair play, how they accepted rumor as fact and neglected to seek out the truth and wrote a shameful chapter in the proud history of American journalism.

I told them, too, about how the men who were in charge of the Heart Mountain camp opened the gates and invited newspapermen from all parts of Wyoming to visit the place and see for themselves whether it was true the evacuees were being pampered. And to the credit of the Wyoming press, the reporters wrote about what they had seen and their accounts for the most part were reasonable and without bias.

The men and women in the room listened raptly, not because of the fluency or persuasiveness of the speaker, but because they were hearing about a bit of Wyoming history they hadn't known or remembered only vaguely. It did them, all of them, good to be reminded of this happening in the recent but dim past, and to be told again of the awesome power that newspapers hold on their flimsy pages of newsprint, to be employed for good or evil.

**RECOLLECTIONS** — Later, after the presentation was ended, some of the older editors stood up to ask questions or to speak from their own experience. Roy and Bob Peck of Riverton, among the state's most enlightened publishers, remembered Yas Nakanishi who had come to their plant on leave from Heart Mountain to set type for them. They couldn't have been more pleased with Yas, but after a while he decided to head for the Midwest and the Pecks were chagrined that they couldn't persuade him to stay. They wanted to know where Yas had gone, and I had to say I'd lost all touch with Yas.

There was another editor, from Laramie, who recalled that all the reporters on his paper either had gone into uniform or other war service, and he was the only writer left. Somewhere he heard of a Nisei newspaperwoman in the WRA camp at Topaz, Utah, who was looking for an opportunity and was willing to come to Laramie. As he told it, the editor from Laramie pleaded with his superiors to take on the Nisei girl—going so far as to suggest that she be kept in a private cubicle in the office if they feared hostile reaction from the public—but they refused to hire her because it was "too risky". The audience laughed because the story he told was so ridiculous, but back in 1943 it was no laughing matter.

A sports writer stood up to ask whatever happened to Babe Nomura. Babe Nomura might have been the best high school halfback in the state of Wyoming when he was playing for the Heart Mountain football team. The sports writer remembered that Heart Mountain High played against high school teams in northwestern Wyoming and the years had not dimmed his recollections of Nomura's brilliance. Well, I said, I think I read somewhere that Nomura went on to play football at San Jose State, or maybe it was Fresno State, but wherever it was he played a lot of college ball and I don't know what happened after that.

After that we got into a discussion of Title II of the McCarran Act, and they learned why the Nisei are so concerned about it, and chances are that they will be concerned, too, the next time they have occasion to read about it or comment on it in their editorial columns.

**Li'l Tokyo redevelopment wins final city council OK**

**LOS ANGELES**—The Los Angeles City Council last week (Jan. 28) unanimously approved the \$47 million Little Tokyo Redevelopment Plan, following overwhelming support for the proposal from the Japanese community of Los Angeles.

The action came on a motion of Ninth District Councilman Gilbert W. Lindsay, who described the near total unit for the 67-acre renewal project as one of the most gratifying experiences in his seven years of public office.

"This was a demonstration of leadership by businessmen, blue-collar workers, residents and property owners, all affected by the Plan, who were working in conjunction with offices of city government," Lindsay said.

The Plan, covering an eight block area bounded generally by First, Third, Alameda and Los Angeles Streets, is aimed at reconstruction of the area to better serve as the Japanese commercial, cultural, religious and entertainment center of Southern California—thus making the area an undisputed asset to the City and all its citizens, the councilman pointed out.

**Ordinance Due**

Lindsay's motion on the Plan instructed City Attorney Roger Arnebergh to prepare an ordinance for official adoption at the Council February 16 meeting.

Passage was recommended by the Community Redevelopment Agency, which sat in joint session with the Council at Thursday's hearing.

"This was the most refreshing hearing in the 20-year history of redevelopment in Los Angeles," Z. Wayne Griffin, chairman of the citizen-member board reported.

"The City Council, coupled with Mayor Sam Yorty's enthusiasm for the project and that of all the people of Little Tokyo, gave us a picture of democracy in action that we too rarely see," he added.

The Redevelopment Plan was prepared by the Mayor's Little Tokyo Community Development Advisory Committee, which worked in conjunction with the CRA and with other organizations throughout Los Angeles.

**Highlights of Plan**

Richard G. Mitchell, administrator of the CRA, presented the Plan at the hearing. He pointed out the key elements include a major shopping center area, interspersed with pedestrian malls; a community-cultural facility for group meetings, performance of the arts, social service and other functions; and housing for persons whose incomes range from low to middle and above.

Up to 1,000 units of housing is slated to be built in the project area, the largest percentage of these units being for senior citizens and other persons of below-average income.

Mitchell described Little Tokyo as a relatively small area of the city that has impact far beyond its actual physical boundaries.

Actual preparation of the Plan, he pointed out, drew interest and cooperation from business, civic and social groups throughout the metropolitan region.

"Unlike many deteriorating neighborhoods where redevelopment is proposed," Mitchell told the Council and the Agency, "the condition of Little Tokyo is not immediately apparent to the casual visitor. There are no more than a couple of street-floor vacancies in the 138 primary buildings within the eight-block area... but the community has critical problems which must be overcome if it is to survive."

**Old Buildings**

Mitchell said the chief problem is the structural condition of the large majority of the buildings in Little Tokyo, including some which were first built in the late 1800s. Approximately 70 percent of the buildings are structurally deficient, he said.

The redevelopment process, he pointed out, provides for owner and tenant participation in Little Tokyo's rebuilding, and the financial assistance necessarily for many shop owners to relocate within the project.

In addition, Mitchell said, the plan would eliminate dead-end and diagonal streets which contribute to poor traffic circulation and form odd-shaped and shallow lots which prevent full economic utilization.

The CRA administrator said the Redevelopment Plan would carry on attempts by the community, acting privately, to renew Little Tokyo—efforts which began in 1963 and resulted in thousands of dollars of new capital investment in Little Tokyo, including such edifices as the 16-story Kajima Building and other major structures.

He said community leaders, concerned about the total scope of the problems in the area, became convinced that

**3.87 pct. dividend declared by SFCU**

**SAN FRANCISCO**—The San Francisco JACL Credit Union, at its annual Jan. 24 meeting at Joe Jung's restaurant, elected new board members, declared a 3.87 pct. dividend for 1969, revealed it had \$60,000 to loan and revealed assets of \$445,139.22.

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