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By JERRY ENOMOTO
National JACL President

If you read our Washington Representative's column last week, titled "Civil Rights Outlook," you may have gotten the message that was getting louder and louder to me: that being the unmistakable trend backwards in the civil rights area in the legislature, and the abdication by the Nixon administration of its responsibility in reversing this trend.

Civil Rights Outlook

Bear in mind that I am not calling the President a racist, although there is probably every likelihood that racists are among his advisers. The Justice Department, which should be at best dedicated to an aggressive posture against any delay in full equality for all Americans and at worst neutral, seems instead more interested in regression. Witness the rebellion, some while back, of a number of attorneys in the civil rights section of that Department against the slowdown of school desegregation.

The forced resignation of Leon Panetta, ex-chief of the civil rights section of HEW, is the most recent evidence of successful pressure by elements which could not succeed without White House support, tacit or otherwise.

The passage of the Stennis amendment, calling for the application of school desegregation efforts equally across the country, while on the surface a noble occurrence, is in fact insurance for the foe of equality. It means that federal efforts must be just as forceful in eliminating Northern de facto segregation, as it is in continuing to fight de jure (legal) Southern segregation. Since no more funds or support is available to do this job, it follows that the South will continue to get busy with the un-American practices it has followed for too many decades.

Since school desegregation has been one "law of the land" that, for years, has been more ignored than honored, this development will unhappily not change that reality.

As others have already commented, this kind of action at the highest level of government betrays the many people in all sections of America who have tried conscientiously to obey the law. Southerners, too. The loud, politically motivated, outcries by politicians against busing is another example of irresponsibility. This is not to say that busing is either desirable, or the best way to eliminate segregation. It is one way that, combined with other steps, has been successful in places.

When politicians cry loudly against busing and join the sentimental cheers for neighborhood schools, I wonder if they stop to think about what neighborhood schools mean in the context of eliminating de facto segregation. Do they give a damn? I recall Raphael Weill Elementary School, my old alma mater, which I think now is almost totally black with a little yellow thrown in. What does quality education mean. It seems to me that you don't get it in all-black or all-white schools, at least if you're talking about understanding and brotherhood as part of education.

It seems to me that the events of late, some of which I have commented on above, are just as threatening to the fabric of our democracy as the other publicized antics of those revolutionaries who, it is felt in their way, are trying to tear our country down. Do most Americans see this? Do they care? If we don't, we should.

MORE FAIR PLAY

The growing tendency of radicals to drive speakers from platforms is an affront to all of us. Whether the victim is Dr. Hayakawa, or former Vice President Humphrey, denial of free speech to anyone is an attack upon you and me, and we should react accordingly. I have little use for people who, while advocating individual rights and revolutionary change to attain them, flagrantly deny the same rights to those they disagree with.

ENCOURAGING

A quick "good luck" to Keido Shimizu and his fellow officers of the Santa Maria Valley Chapter for 1970. We spent an enjoyable evening at their Installation, and found the chapter enthusiastic about the future. Outgoing President Dr. Ken Oye had a lot to do with this rejuvenation.

We particularly enjoyed the chance to get acquainted with some of the people and would like to thank Toru and Jean Miyoshi for their hospitality after the dinner. Had the chance to meet with the new officers at breakfast on Sunday before heading for home.

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Ex-Amache resident

LOS ANGELES — Melvin T. McGovern, reports officer at Amache WRA Center, is en route to East-West Center, Honolulu, leaving April 15. He is staying with his sister, Mrs. Betty Zah, 24035 Tijera St., Woodland Hills (540-5702).

Sparky lead witness at Title II hearings

WASHINGTON—Rep. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) will be lead-off witness March 18 when the House Internal Security Committee begins hearings on his bill to repeal the Emergency Detention Act of 1950.

Rep. Chet Holifield (D-Calif.), dean of the 38-member House delegation from California, who was the principal co-sponsor of his bill, will follow him to the witness chair.

The Hawaii lawmaker explained that the Emergency Detention Act, or more specifically Title II of the Internal Security Act of 1950, provides for the detention of any person during a state of "internal security emergency" on the basis of mere suspicion that he may commit an act of espionage or sabotage.

"Although Title II has not been invoked since its enactment, it looms as an ominous threat to those who engage in legitimate inquiries into some of the values and assumptions

of our society," Matsunaga said.

He added that President Truman vetoed the bill, but Congress overrode his veto in the then prevalent atmosphere of the Korean conflict when being "soft on communism" was thought by many to be treasonable.

"Many lawyers who have studied Title II believe that its provisions on the emergency detention of a person under the stated conditions are clearly unconstitutional, and that the courts will invalidate Title II when confronted with an appropriate case."

"However," Matsunaga pointed out, "it would then be too late, for innocent Americans will have suffered a grave injustice in the process. The responsibility rests with the Congress to erase this repugnant law from the statute books before its potential injuries are inflicted on anyone."

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SALT LAKE JACL OPPOSES O.K. FOR JUDGE CARSWELL

Chapter in Joint Resolution with Local NAACP Branch

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Nisei back federal plan to boost cultural heritage

(Special to the Pacific Citizen)

WASHINGTON — Nisei support of a measure to encourage study of the cultural heritage of various American ethnic groups was expressed in person and in formal statements here Feb. 26 as the House Subcommittee on Education conducted hearings on HR 14910.

The measure, known as the Ethnic Heritage Studies Center Act, was introduced by Rep. Roman Pucinski, (D-Ill.). Among its 12 co-sponsors are Hawaii Congressman Spark Matsunaga and California Congressmen Augustus Hawkins, Glenn Anderson, and Edward Roybal, all of Los Angeles.

Appearing in person at the hearing was Bill Hosokawa, associate editor of The Denver Post and author of "Nisei, the Quiet Americans," who also filed a written statement.

JACL Letter Submitted

Mike M. Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, in a letter on behalf of that organization, urged "favorable and prompt action on HR 14910 as a necessary first step to promote cultural and ethnic studies of all the American nationalities and races and colors and creeds everywhere in the nation as a means to help reduce racial and other tensions."

Hosokawa was introduced to the committee by Congressman Don Brotzman of Colorado, in whose district he resides, as a distinguished journalist and author. Hosokawa said he endorsed passage of the bill for two primary reasons:

Evacuation Issue

First, the importance of acquainting all Americans with the facts about the vast array of cultural and ethnic backgrounds that have contributed to the building of the United States.

"Second, the necessity for developing within members of the various minorities an understanding and pride in the contributions of their own groups."

Evacuation Issue

Congressman Pucinski, referring to a passage in Hosokawa's written statement, asked whether the Evacuation of Japanese Americans from the West Coast in 1942 might have been avoided if an ethnic studies program had been available for a decade prior to that time.

"I am convinced," Hosokawa replied, "that the American public, had it known the truth about the Japanese American minority, would not have permitted the Evacuation to take place."

Masaoka expressed similar views in his letter. He charged that "racists and bigots translated lack of knowledge on the part of most of the populace into insidious prejudice" which led to the Evacuation. If more Americans had been aware of the exemplary citizenship of Japanese Americans in 1942, he said, the Evacuation "would never have been sanctioned by the Federal Government or tolerated by the public at large."

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Pucinski indicated Hosokawa had been invited as a witness as a result of reading the Nisei book.

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Aerospace firm shutdown affects Nisei in Seattle

SEATTLE—Pastors and lay American congregations here met Jan. 29 to discuss the employment problem among Nisei in the aerospace industry here as payrolls are being decreased, the Seattle JACL reported.

The issue will become more acute as the churches found that disproportionate numbers of Nisei working for Boeing Co., which is expected to lay off a total of 18,000 this year, may reach as high as 50 per cent directly or indirectly.

Some Nisei have been out of work for three months, the JACL learned.

The problem extends into payments for house mortgage, insurance, taxes, education and other related costs.

First step has been the establishment of a job information center to be handled by the pastors of Blaine Memorial Methodist Church, Japanese Presbyterian Church, St. Peter's Episcopal Church and Japanese Baptist Church.

SEN. INOUE NAMED YELLOW BROTHERHOOD BANQUET SPEAKER

LOS ANGELES — U.S. Sen. Daniel K. Inouye will be keynote speaker at a fund-raising dinner Sunday, Mar. 15, 7 p.m. at Biltmore Bowl being sponsored by the Yellow Brotherhood advisory board.

The banquet will launch the Yellow Brotherhood House building program, the immediate goal being \$10,000 to consummate the purchase of property on Western Ave. adjacent to the Santa Monica Freeway and with an eventual goal of \$250,000 for the rehabilitation program.

Fund-raising chairman George Isumi revealed a 14-Feb. 15 board meeting, unanimously agreed to have its district youth council chairman (Marion Okamura of Fresno) join the board as a member.

The district council also will nominate a person from its district for the office of president-elect at the forthcoming national convention.

Because the convention is scheduled in mid-July, it precludes the attendance of those connecting with farming from Central California.

Izumi Taniguchi of Fresno, who is chairman of the 1970 CDC convention in November, made his initial report, urging all chapters to select fashion show delegates immediately.

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Washington Newsletter

by Mike Masaoka

"One Man, One Vote" Doctrine



Last week as this Newsletter was written, there were many significant civil rights matters pending in the Congress. Beginning this past Monday, March 2, the Senate is slated to take up the so-called Voting Rights Bill of 1970. Senate liberals, led by Democrat Philip Hart of Michigan and Republican Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania, both members of the Judiciary Committee, are helpful that a substitute for the Administration-backed House-passed bill can be approved by the Senate. The Senate Appropriations Committee is in its final stages of considering the appropriations for the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare that was passed by the House recently with two anti-segregation amendments. An earlier bill was vetoed by President Nixon as being inflationary and this new fiscal 1970 appropriations measure is an effort to win Administration support by reducing some of the appropriations for education which were criticized by the President in his January veto message. The House Ways and Means Committee is putting its final touches on the historic Administration proposal for welfare that would replace the current relief "handout" programs with what is described as a guaranteed annual minimum wage of \$1,600 for a family of four.

But perhaps the most important civil rights item in long-range terms was the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States in finding that the "one man, one vote" equal population principle must be applied to elections for any kind of public office, regardless of the duties involved, thereby bringing the democracy of the polls that much closer to the people.

On Wednesday, Feb. 25, by a 5-3 margin, the Supreme Court went further than they have in any election case in extending the "one man, one vote" rule to the election of school boards. Senior Justice Hugo Black wrote the majority opinion, with Chief Justice Warren Burger and Justices John Harlan and Potter Stewart dissenting.

The Majority view was that "Whenever a state or local government decides to select persons by popular election to perform government functions, the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment requires that each voter must be given an equal opportunity to participate in that election."

The nation's highest tribunal added that "When members of an elected body are chosen from separate districts, each district must be established on a basis which will insure, as far as is practicable, that equal numbers of voters can vote for proportionally equal numbers of officials."

Justice Black's opinion for the majority ended any attempt to limit the "one man, one vote" principle to the election of officials who have legislative powers—members of the Congress, state legislatures, county and municipal officers, etc. He declared that the "crucial consideration" is the right of each qualified voter to participate on an equal footing in the election process, and that this consideration "is the same in any election, regardless of the officials selected."

In some respects, the latest ruling on this subject seems to complete the tribunal's demand for equal election districts which began with its first historic "one man, one vote" decision in 1962.

At a minimum, the decision will reach thousands of school boards and junior college governing boards. There are said to be 30,000 school districts in the country, most of which have members who are elected, rather than appointed. Potentially too, the opinion could affect many of the 18,000 "special purpose" agencies which do such things as run parks, libraries, and cemeteries, control police and fire protection, manage pollution control programs, operate sewer and water systems, supervise water supplies, determine zoning regulations, etc.

This judgment came in a test case involving the selection of trustees for public junior colleges in Kansas City, Mo.

Five residents of Kansas City contended that their district had about 60 percent of the population that is served by the junior college managed by the board of elected trustees, while their district was allotted only 50 percent of the trustees.

The Missouri State Supreme Court had ruled that the "one man, one vote" doctrine did not apply to the election of school board members, but only to elections of officials with "general government powers."

The U.S. Supreme Court, in reversing the State Court's opinion, declared that so long as citizens are permitted to vote for public officials, there is no valid reason why each citizen should not be given an equal vote.

Justice Harlan's dissent charged that the majority view was "an arbitrary limitation on the ways in which local agencies may be constituted." He said that there is a "need to preserve flexibility in the design of local governmental units that serve specialized functions, and must meet particular local conditions."

While the Chief Justice joined in the dissent, he filed his own additional views, complaining that the ruling "fails to give any meaningful guideline" to lower court judges on how to apply the decision.

Justice Black's opinion for the majority insisted that state and local governments would still have freedom to arrange their governmental bodies. He said, for example, they might want to make some elections based on "at large" selection rather than district-by-district; they might switch some elected officials to become appointed officials; they might in some cases limit the persons who would be eligible for some offices; etc.

While this ruling would have had great impact regardless of when it was issued, since a national population census is required by the Constitution this year (1970), its implications will have even greater effect than otherwise.

Since it is generally assumed that the next census will reveal major population shifts since the last census was taken ten years ago, it is possible that more than 90,000 governmental units will be affected and current boundaries for many congressional state, county and city districts may have to change to conform to this latest edict.

For Japanese Americans, and other minorities who have for one reason or another been placed in certain governmental districts where their individual votes may have been diluted in their political influence, this recent Supreme Court decision gives their individual influence as members of the electorate more authority and more equal power with that of others in the "majority" segment of the population. And, conversely, elected officials will be more responsive to their individual wishes and wants.

NEWS CAPSULES

Politics

Mayor Tom Kibayama of Union City is one of two incumbents seeking re-election to a four-year term on the city council. He is serving his third term and was first mayor of the city when it was chartered in 1959. Now that Rep. Don Edwards (D-Calif.) of San Jose has decided to seek re-election, Vice Mayor Norman Mineta and four other Democrats have withdrawn from the 9th District race. Last September, Edwards had announced he was not planning to seek another term "but public considerations" had lately overridden his initial personal considerations.

Awards

Akihiro Kanamori of San Francisco, now attending Cal-Tech, was among three Northern California seniors awarded a Woodrow Wilson national fellowship. He was among 1,553 finalists rated as "most intellectually promising" graduates planning careers as college teachers out of 12,000 nominated by more than 800 colleges in the U.S. and Canada. Kanamori was a JACL collegiate scholarship winner last year.

Mrs. Janet Matsuyama, instructor for the past 12 years at Fullerton (Calif.) Jr. College, was cited by the American Vocational Assn. at its recent national convention at Boston for outstanding service to vocational, technical and practical arts education. One of five receiving the national educator's award, she is state president of the Calif. Business Education Assn., has contributed to professional journals and authored a chapter in the Nat'l Secretarial Assn. publication, "Secretarial Study Guide," for those preparing for certified professional secretaries. A graduate of St. Cloud (Minn.) State Teachers, she was one of the first Nisei women to teach in the state. She is married to Arthur Matsuyama, formerly of Fresno, and the daughter of Mrs. Hatsune Kawashima, Bay Center, Wash. They have one son, Randy.

Crime

A fight over a pool game bet ended in the death of a 16-year-old youth and wounding another man Feb. 23 in Los Angeles. Roy S. Nakata, 24, of 11918 McDonald was held by police on suspicion of murder. A .25-caliber pistol was held as evidence in the shooting.

Booked on charges of suspicion of possession of dangerous drugs Feb. 21 by Tulare County sheriffs were four men, including Larry Tomita, 30, of Porterville. The evidence, more than 4,000 LSD tablets, was estimated at several thousand dollars. The arrests came after a two-week investigation by county sheriff deputies and state narcotic agents.

School Front

Lauri Ichino, 13-year-old daughter of the Paul Ichinos of Long Beach, is now singing and dancing in the Gene Kelly show at the New International Hotel in Las Vegas. A dance student since age 4, she has appeared with Danny Kaye on his TV specials.

Government

K Patrick Okura, administrative director of the Division of Preventive and Social Psychiatry of the Nebraska Psychiatric Institute in Omaha, was appointed by Gov. Norbert Tiemann to a two-year term ending Dec. 31, 1971 on the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice as it became a statutory agency last Dec. 31.

Ninth grader **Larry Kazama** at Mercer Jr. High, Seattle and the son of the Seattle JACL president Don Kazama, served as a page boy Jan. 11-24 at the state House of Representatives in Olympia under sponsorship of Rep. William Chatalas. James K. Yoshida was among 39 Seattle police officers graduating from the police training academy Jan. 22.

Military

Sterling E. Suga, Co. E veteran, heads the So. Calif. 442nd Assn. this year. He is deputy district attorney with the county of Los Angeles. Calif. Sen. George Murphy appointed Steven Sameshima, senior at Narimasu High School, Tokyo, to the U.S. Air Force Academy class of 1974 to start in June. He is the son of Lt. Col. and Mrs. Ko Sameshima, active Dayton JACLers.

Nisei WACs stationed at Ft. Snelling MIS gathered for a 25th anniversary reunion at Ft. MacArthur Officers Club recently. Of the original 58 studying at Snelling, six now living in Los Angeles were present: **Miwako Yanamoto**, **Matsuko Kido Harada**, **Margorie Hada Nakayama**, **Sue Ogata Kato**, **Alko Ura Mori** and **Edith Kodama Divilbiss**. A seventh member, **Haruko Sugi Hunt**, was unable to attend.

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Fresno County Dept. of Education presented "Kaishaku" (Interpretations) on KM-JTV Mar. 1. Narrated by **Mrs. Ruth Nakano**, Fowler school teacher, the program

included Japanese classical dances by **June Ihara** of Reedley, and **Yumi Nakashima** of Fresno.

Among 47 members of the South Seattle Community College citizens advisory council are **Dr. John Uno**, podiatrist; **Charles Y. Wah**, insurance man, real estate broker and restaurant owner; and **Frank N. Takano**, director, West Seattle General Hospital pharmacy.

Dr. S. I. Hayakawa was honored by some 500 civic leaders and San Francisco State College alumni Feb. 4 at a \$50-a-plate dinner with receipts going for ethnic minority projects. In his speech he called for a consortium of the city's six colleges and universities to attacking urban problems and converting the old Mint to a 24-hour downtown education complex.

Agriculture

Don Kurihara of Orosi was elected president of the 24th District Agricultural Assn., which operates Tulare County Fair. He joins Oakland City Councilman **Frank Ogawa**, a nurseryman, who heads the I-A District Agricultural Assn., which presents the California Garden Show and Exposition in Oakland. Colorado sugar beet farmers are losing more than \$30 million on their 1969 crop, **Robert Sakata** of Brighton and president of the Mountain States Beet Growers Marketing Assn. said at a Feb. 9 meeting, ascribing the losses to low temperatures and rain at harvest time.

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Gardeners—

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censing would enhance their status as a professional and would eliminate "grass-roots" fly-by-nighters who just "happen" to think maybe he should pursue gardening." It would also eliminate unfair price structures, those with little or no experience lowering their service cost against seasoned gardeners.

However, some of the oldsters feel that an opportunity in the trade should be given to all, regardless, and licensing would "regiment" the workers and curtail freedom of choice in occupation. Who shall be in authority to enforce such law, weeding out the non-licensed and assuring protection to the employees who are licensed? That, too, has needed opponents.

'Grandfather' Clause

Those who are engaged in gardening as a profession today have no fear of "being eliminated" according to the measure. A "grandfather" clause automatically provides license to those men who can

prove they have been gardening during the last 12 months. Language barrier for newcomers should not hamper license applicants since most of the questions delve into knowledge in the field. A proof of knowing the trade is sufficient.

Setting aside detailed mechanics of the Townsend plan, license will be required to pay a \$25 annual fee, with stepped-up penalties in fines should he fail to comply. He is also to lose his gardener's certificate if he is too long delinquent.

Application fee for examination is \$20; fee for the original certificate is \$10.

Penalties
It is a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$500 or imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding six months or both for those engaged in the business without a permit.

This ruling becomes effective as of Mar. 1, 1971 and after providing, of course, the bill passes.

A five-man Board of Maintenance Gardeners will be set up with two members (gar-

deners) from No. Calif., and two from So. Calif. The fifth board member may be selected from a "neutral area" but from within the state.

Thinking on the licensing of gardeners has changed somewhat since the Maloney days when there was substantial resistance by the more experienced landscape workers.

Professional Status

There appears today a more philosophical approach and a more sophisticated view on the profession. "We should stop the public from getting an image of a gardener as one who pushes the lawn mower, pull out the weeds and sprinkle the grass."

Licensing would add prestige to landscaping and limit the profession to only those who are qualified and are able to put value in his skill and knowledge," one veteran gardener said.

Townsend said his bill was introduced, based on "several requests made by my Gardena Valley constituents." So far, it has no organizational commitment or endorsement from any representative group.

—Rafu Shimpō.

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From the Frying Pan

Bill Hosokawa

Denver, Colo.

CATCHING UP WITH THE MAIL AND ODDS AND ENDS—Instant Japanese noodles may rival spaghetti as a favorite on American tables before long. The Japan Trade Bulletin reports about 23 million packages of instant noodles are being sold annually in the United States, and business is so good that three Japanese firms (Nissin Food Products, Ajinomoto and Mitsubishi) are planning to build an instant noodle factory in the U.S. Construction is expected to start by June at an as yet unannounced site and production is expected to be 2,250,000 servings monthly of five varieties suited to American tastes. . . . Japan's rice surplus has reached such huge proportions that shortly the government will begin paying farmers to take rice fields out of cultivation in much the same manner that the U.S. pays its farmers to keep marginal lands idle. . . . In response to a recent query about the whereabouts of Babe Nomura who was a star football player at Heart Mountain (Wyo.) High School during the Evacuation, Frank Tsuchiya of the Pacific California Fish Co. in Los Angeles writes that Babe is managing the fish market, is playing championship golf and has a daughter attending UCLA. . . . Talking about football, which will be back with us shortly, Seiki (Zeke) Murono, quarterback for the Long Island Bulls in the professional Atlantic Coast League, has no particular ambitions for moving up to the parent club, the New York Giants. Murono, who won a Phi Beta Kappa key at Franklin & Marshall College in Pennsylvania, plays for fun after the pressures of his job in the executive training program of Chase Manhattan Bank. Murono is 25 years old, 5-11 and 185 pounds. . . . Road Test Magazine has named the Toyota Mark II the "Imported Car of the Year" for 1970. The Mark II got top rating for performance, styling, economy, comfort, familiarity and ease of handling. Toyota has made enormous inroads into the American market under the leadership of Shoji (George) Hattori, but harder sledding may be ahead with American Motors, General Motors and Ford all coming out this year with Toyota-size cars. . . . George Kiyoshi Togasaki of Tokyo, immediate past president of Rotary International, has been visiting the Philippines where he inspected thousands of acres of bananas and pineapples being grown for the Japanese market. He was expected to be in Evanston, Ill., last week on Rotary business. . . . Not very many Americans were horrified by the dropping of atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki to end World War II, but Colorados have been up in arms lately over disclosure that tiny amounts of radioactive plutonium escaped the Rocky Flats plant operated by the Dow Chemical Co., and contaminated soil nearby. Coincidentally, the same week the U.S. government released a hitherto suppressed 16-minute film made up of footage exposed by nine Japanese cameramen in Hiroshima and Nagasaki shortly after the blasts. It reportedly leaves viewers horrified. The film, titled "Hiroshima-Nagasaki," will be distributed on a nonprofit basis by Columbia University Press (which brought about its release) to impress the public on the dangers of nuclear war. . . . At the recent Twin Cities JACL installation banquet, Toastmaster Tom Kanno remarked that no Nisei dinner is complete with Rice. He was referring to George Rice, TV and radio editor, who was sitting directly in front of the head table. . . . Stereotypes Die Hard Dept.: John J. Reddin, Seattle Times columnist, in a warm item about Seattle's Japanese Americans, within the space of four paragraphs in a recent column used the words "industrious and polite," "good manners," and "polite and well behaved" to describe the Nisei and Sansei. This ought to infuriate a Sansei segment that apparently feels it is necessary to be ill-mannered and foul-mouthed to prove they are with it. Reddin paid tribute to the late Jimmie Sakamoto and Clarence Arai who he described as having been "first-class citizens—and real men!"

ASIAN AMERICAN CAUCUS IN 'CHI' TO FORM CHAPTER

Sansei Edited Newspaper for Midwest Area Planned

CHICAGO—A new chapter of the JACL is in the process of being formed in the Chicago Metropolitan area. This new chapter, as yet unnamed, will focus its program on the social, civic and psychological problems of Asian American identity through conferences, seminars and published materials. Asian American political awareness will be another major area of concern. Its immediate goal will be to organize a concerned Asian American caucus during the JACL national convention in July. The purpose of this caucus will be to discuss with other Asian Americans throughout this country those issues which jointly concern all of them and possible solutions through joint efforts. This chapter also is planning the sponsorship of a newspaper which will be operated by Sansei (staff has not yet been selected) and will be relevant to the concerns of all Sansei in Chicago and throughout the Middle West. Membership fees are \$10 and all are invited to join. There are no restrictions on age, race, or religion. Send checks to John Yanagisawa, 7516 S. Indiana, TR 4-5685. For further information, call or write: Hiroshi Kanno, 2140 S. Prairie, 225-3343; William and Yuriko Hohri, 2032 W. Eastwood, 273-3894; if you are interested in working on the paper, contact Sasha Hohri at 229-1880.

Society of Japanese Blind organized

LOS ANGELES—Longtime JACLer Roy Yamadera was elected president of the newly formed So. Calif. Society of the Japanese Blind. The group meets at the Pioneer Center in the Sun Bldg., 125 Weller St. with the Rev. Howard Toriumi as adviser. Exchange of guide dog training programs with those in Japan, educational seminars directed at the sighted persons to warn them of neglect and ignorance which can lead to sightlessness, and opportunity for the handicapped individuals to share their problems are among the society's projects. Yamadera, employed by Oriental Service Center part-time, lost his sight several years ago.

Chicago YJAs help retarded children

CHICAGO—Parents of retarded children will meet Mar. 13, 7:30 p.m., at the Japanese American Service Center, 4427 N. Clark St., to hear Dr. Arthur Wright, state mental health official. The parents organized their club in October, 1969, to learn how to cope with their children as they grow older. The Chicago JACL YJAs recently staged a talent show with proceeds for club programs.

JACL-Blue Shield plan sign-up time extended

SAN FRANCISCO—The open enrollment period for the JACL-CBS Group Health Plan ended Feb. 28 for chapters in the No. Calif.-Western Nevada JACL District Council; however, because of a late start, it has been extended a month for Central California and the recently formed West Valley JACL in Santa Clara County. Further information may be obtained from Mary Isuye, Administrative Assistant, at JACL National Headquarters, any chapter commissioner, or Plan Coordinator Haruo Ishimaru, CLU, of Cupertino.



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PULSE ON THE CHAPTERS: San Mateo JACL leads group of 50 to visit Indians living at Alcatraz

San Mateo JACL—A group of 50 Japanese Americans spent their Washington's Birthday holiday Feb. 23, visiting the Indians in possession of Alcatraz in San Francisco Bay. Organized by the San Mateo JACL, it had the support of many of the Sansei students from high schools and colleges in the Bay Area. Tom Hisata, chapter president was assisted by San Mateo JACLers Hiroshi Ito, Kiyo

Civic Affairs

Okita, Kunio Yamaguchi, and Fred Inouye. Bill Tsukita, Teacher Consultant for the San Mateo School District accompanied about 40 Sansei students. Mr. and Mrs. Edison Uno and their nine year old daughter joined the San Mateo group representing the JACL's Repeal Title II Committee which organized the Alcatraz project last December.

The Japanese American community has sponsored three trips to the island and contributed over \$1,000 in cash, two boatloads of food, and over a ton of clothing and other provisions.

A chartered bass fishing boat, The Sea Dog, departed from Fisherman's Wharf with huge signs proclaiming "Concerned San Mateo High School Students and the San Mateo JACL Support the Alcatraz Indians," Repeal Title II Concentration Camp Law," and "Japanese Americans Support American Indians."

Tourists and sightseers on Fisherman's Wharf were given leaflets by the students explaining the purpose of the trip to Alcatraz.

The group was given a two-hour tour of the facilities on the island by Indians who now call Alcatraz their home. The Indian tour guides expressed the appreciation on behalf of all the Indians for the support, assistance, and concern of Japanese Americans.

The pilgrimage to Alcatraz was extremely successful and all who participated agreed that it was very significant way to spend an American holiday.

Snake River donates 'Nisei' to libraries

Snake River Valley JACL—The Snake River JACL has donated six local public libraries, "Nisei: the Quiet

"JACL should think about the young people and their rights," Miss Takeoka replied when asked why it was important for JACL to consider this issue.

Installation

Hosokawa to address

Omaha installation

Omaha JACL—Bill Hosokawa, author of "Nisei: the Quiet Americans," will be guest speaker at the Omaha installation dinner Mar. 15, 4 p.m., at the Boys Town Visitors' Dining Room. Event will also commemorate the Issei immigration centennial with local area Issei as special guests, according to K. Patrick Okura, chairman of arrangements.

Boise-Snake River hold joint installation

Snake River JACL—It was Snake River Valley JACL's turn to host the joint

installation dinner of the Boise Valley and Snake River Valley chapters. The junior chapters also were sworn in at the affair held Jan. 24 at Eastside Cafe, Ontario.

Cy Radcliffe of Boise was the main speaker. Dan Iseri was toastmaster. The new presidents are Sam Mori, Snake River JACL; Mark Wada, Snake River Jr. JACL; and Kaylene Miyasako, Boise Valley Jr. JACL.

For the Women

Sushi sale Mar. 7 at French Camp

French Camp JACL—The annual French Camp JACL Women's Auxiliary sushi sale is scheduled for Saturday, Mar. 7, at the local Japanese Hall from 10:30 a.m. with Rose Tominaga, Tomiko Kosugi and Terry Hotta in charge. The Auxiliary, under Kay

Nakata as chairman, met Feb. 12 to prepare for the sale. Assisting in the sale will be Jack's Food Market, Star Fish Market, New Star Market and Waki's Market. Meeting closed with Elsie Kagehiro of Tracy demonstrating her Egg Roll recipe for the 30 members present.

The recipe:
Mrs. Kagehiro's "Egg Roll"
1 1/2 cup chow 2-3 cups bean
shu or ham sprout
1/2 cup shrimp 6 pieces water
(optional) chestnuts
1 cup celery (optional)
1/2 cup Ajinomoto
1/2 cup each onions, bamboo
sprout and mushrooms or 6 dried
shiitake
1/2 tsp each salt and shoyu
1 lb. egg roll skin (purchase at
Chinese noodle factory)
Chop all vegetables and meat
fine. Heat 1 Tbsp oil with 1 clove
garlic. Take garlic out. Fry mush-
rooms first, then add onions and
celery; cook for a minute. Add
bamboo, water chestnut, and
shrimp. Cook this for a minute,
then add bean sprout which has
been seared in oil, add seasonings
and chow shu last. Cool. When
cool put 2 Tbsp. ingredients into
skin and roll, sealing the ends
well with water. Deep fry with
oil temp. at 400 degrees until skin
is golden brown.



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Sansei Slant

By PATTI DOHZEN

Joe Masaka came to speak at the Asian American history class recently. He stated his topic as the Sansei indictment of the Nisei and the concentration camps.

In order that the students understand the situation prior to World War II, he factually documented the situation of the Japanese in America beginning with the coming of the Issei. He concluded his talk

A Sansei's Slant

by saying that man now has the power to perpetuate life or to destroy it and the decision now rests with the Sansei.

This reality is becoming more and more apparent not only for myself and my contemporaries but the future generations. Ironically enough, the basic problem we Sansei are faced with is survival on the ecological (air, water, noise, pollution) and social (overpopulation, racial, educational) level. It is doubtful that my Nisei mother or father will survive the next century, but I will; that is, if there is still life on this universe.

In making an attempt to alleviate these problems, some of us have aligned ourselves with organizations such as Jr. JACL, AAPA, or assimilated into the Asian American movement. Such group alignments have served two functions: a development of social experience and a means of growing up through social awareness.

Although these individuals have sought various channels, most have had middle-class values as a common orientation. However, some have found it necessary to abandon those values in order to maintain their goals. This means that economic opportunities that have been opened up by the efforts of the past generations, have become secondary to other goals.

Some have even dropped out of college, the vehicle of economic success, in order to devote more time for social goals. I know one guy who spends all his time developing a community newspaper when he could be completing his exams for a doctorate. Another girl who is a few units shy of completing her bachelor's is working as a secretary for JACS.

It is little wonder that of the three recently hired JACL staff members, none have the required units to graduate from the college institution. Instead, they were hired on the strength of their past organizational experience and new ideals which has been badly needed in the organization.

Many Nisei have become indignant at those Sansei who seem to attack Nisei values, particularly those relating to their actions during World War II. They proceed to defend themselves and relate their hardships at that time. No one can be blamed for what happened in the past, but it can serve as a guideline for what not to do if a similar situation occurs again. No purpose can be served by swapping hardships.

A very wise Issei was once asked how he managed to have his three sons join his business. His friends wanted to know his secret. He told them not to tell their children what they did before.

A Yonsei once said it is not what we owe to our parents, but what we owe to the future generations. That is the secret.

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2-The purpose of JACL. (a) Are we social and/or social action oriented? (b) Cultural heritage and/or ethnic awareness? 3-The role of the Sansei. (a) Does he fit in JACL? (b) How does he relate with the Nisei? 4-Our relationship with other minorities. (a) What is our commitment? (b) How far do we go? (c) What do we really mean by civil rights? These basic questions must be resolved somewhere. There are no right or wrong answers. If JACL is to be "right-on", we've got to consider where we're at and where we're going.

CALENDAR

Mar. 5 (Friday)
Santa Clara Vly.-Gen Mtg.
Mar. 6-8
San Jose-Jr. JACL ski trip.
Mar. 7 (Saturday)
French Camp-Sushi sale.
West Valley-Japanese movies (free). Monte Vista High, 7:30 p.m.
Mar. 9 (Monday)
Wilshire-Gen Mtg. Pioneer Center, 125 Weller St., 7:30 p.m.
West Los Angeles-Bd Mtg. Capitol Life Insurance Bldg., 7:30 p.m.
Mar. 12-13
San Fernando Valley-East/West Players Production, "Rashomon", SFV Japanese Comm. Ctr., Mar. 12-13
PSWDY-1st Qtrly. Loch Laven Conference Grounds, Big Bear Lake.
Mar. 13 (Sunday)
Omaha-Installation dinner. Boys Town Visitors' Dining Room, 4 p.m.; Bill Hosokawa, speaker.
Denton-Seminole Party, W-P AVE.
Mar. 19 (Thursday)
Fresno-Bd Mtg. Fred Kubota, res.

EAST L.A. DUPREES SUPPORT TITLE II REPEAL

LOS ANGELES — According to Douglas Ban, newly elected president of the Duprees, the East L.A. JACL chapter's youth organization, the group voted at their February meeting to support repeal of Title II.

The new cabinet was introduced and plans for a forthcoming social were discussed. The officers are: Douglas Ban, pres.; Gay Nishizu, Wayne Nagata, v.p.; Joyce Nishizu, sec.; Shirley Kakiba, treas.; Heidi Inagi, p.r.; Cindy Fujimoto, Sam Masuda, del.; Mark Nakashima, hst.; Karen Fujihara, Newslette ed.; Nancy Nishimura, rug.; Keats Funakoshi, sgt-at-arms.

Other items on the Duprees calendar included the attendance of the Repeal of Title II dinner-dance by Doug Ban, Gay Nishizu and Russell Mizuno; and announcement of a social dance by chairman Karen Fujihara, for March 21 themed "What's Your Bag?", at Rodger Young auditorium.



YOUNG FACES—Gathered for their first cabinet picture after being installed officers of the Duprees, the East Los Angeles JACL youth group, are (from left): seated—Nancy Nishimura, Joyce Nishizu, president Douglas Ban, Cindy Fujimoto, Heidi Inagi; standing — Wayne Nagata, Karen Fujihara, Keats Funakoshi, Gay Nishizu, Shirley Kakiba and Mark Nakashima.—Cut Courtesy Rafu Shimpo, Photo by Toyo Miyatake.

The Basic Ethnic Ego

By RONALD TANIGUCHI

Honolulu
Most of my life has been spent in a society in which I am considered a minority because of the color of my skin. I came out of the womb like most newborns with a few variations here and there, but when my birth certificate was processed, lo and behold, my race was categorized as yellow—later found out it was something that had to do with

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genes or ancestry or something like that. Anyway, the result was that I was a member of the Yellow Race inhabiting a community of predominantly white neighbors. In retrospect, there were advantages and disadvantages to such a fate; a disadvantage shall be examined here.

In the past two months I have lived and worked in Hawaii, a land where yellow is on equal footing numerically with other ethnic hues. I have quickly discovered that had I been raised here, my personality would have developed in other directions, in particular the development of my Ego.

'I Am Beautiful'

It has been pleasingly impressed upon me what I have suspected for the past two years. . . I am beautiful. Like, chicks dig me. The reason seems to be a matter of numbers. . . More yellow chicks who seem to prefer yellow chicks. Contrast this to conditions back on the mainland where there were few yellow chicks, and fewer white chicks who could groove on me.

From that unfortunate circumstance arose a deeply concealed inferiority complex which endlessly plagued my conscious and subconscious behavior throughout childhood and adolescence.

I always knew what the problem was but, of course, what to do was the agonizing dilemma. In the sporadic moments when I was around yellow cats, I could feel a surge in my chest which I now construe was an unadmitted expression of pride. So, I suspect that this feeling I now have was always latent.

Like, I'm going down the street and I can feel the chicks passing by and saying to themselves, "Oh my, he is beautiful," or "Gee, what a man." On the bus, cute chicks give me the eye or at least a friendly glance. Lonely-looking chicks do the same. All this, I can dig.

Why He Lives in Watts
But more than that I can extend this genre of thinking to all minorities and the conditions under which they choose to live. I can now understand what it is that can make a Black Man choose to live in Watts, and why he puts on his finest threads and struts up and down the streets every Saturday night. This man is giving his ego a shot in the arm. He seeks support for his shaky opinion that he is indeed worthy of some respect, even if it is just for his body.

Living in a White Man's world can emasculate a Black Man, a Yellow Man, or even a Red Man for that matter. Chicks look at you and all they can see is a Blackman, a Yellowman, or a Redman. And you know, baby, that this is all they can see, with due respect to all exceptions.

Perhaps living in this kind of society as an adult would not be harmful, but the deleterious effect it creates for the sensitive youth developing in such an environment can be damaging in many ways. Not only directly to his conscious behavior but to the many directions in which he may choose to sublimate.

Need for Respect

Man needs respect, and if this one avenue is not open, he may seek it by attempting to excel in academics, athletics, the arts, or anything to assert his individuality and in the process gain his reward—respect. The end result of his extrinsic endeavors may be quite respectable in the eyes of his social peers, but there will come a day when an apocalypse of sorts will occur. . . He will realize that it was all done, not for himself, but for his parents, for "others," for white.

And if he is half a man, he will examine this, and proceed from that point to live his life in a more meaningful fashion.

Sansei leadership at Gardena High rapped

GARDENA—Impact of Sansei student leadership at Gardena High came under scrutiny during the Intra-School Conference attended by nearly 200 students, the evaluation being that "student life was centered around the Japanese" even though the student body was only 25 percent Japanese.

The evaluation committee cited the fact that the majority of student government was in the hands of the Sansei and that the school dances were "controlled" by the Japanese.

The conference called "All Together Now" was held last month as an experiment in student communication. An evaluation committee, headed by Cindy Matsuyama, pondered the results and this week issued the following report.

COMMITTEE REPORT

On Tuesday, Jan. 13, nearly 200 Gardena High students participated in an Intra-School Conference under the chairmanship of Cindy Matsuyama and committee: Nancy Fushiki, Sandy Hulet, Betty Kawata, and Dean Yabu.

This conference was organized for the purpose of allowing students to voice their opinions on several controversial subjects which included racism, education, the new morality, drugs and parents.

But the conference was not for merely "airing out" problems, but for evaluating them carefully, and suggesting possible solutions.

The evaluation summaries of the discussion groups have been sent to the school newspaper, "The Smoke Signals" and several of the discussion leaders who spoke at the PTA meeting. However, the participating students felt the real communication of these problems should not be with fellow students, nor with a few selected mothers, but with the entire community.

All felt that the conference could not be called a success unless action is taken. Therefore, they decided that they should turn to the community for help because their problems concern everyone—students, teachers, and parents. The following are evaluations of this conference which each responsible citizen in the city of Gardena should consider and act upon.

RACISM

1—Everyone has thoughts reflecting prejudice and hate implanted in their minds without really knowing it.

2—One race shouldn't tell another race what is right or wrong, but, rather, each should decide for themselves by observing the others' actions and attitudes.

3—Everyone should live for today, correct the problems of today, and not live in the past. 4—Some of the problems can be solved by educating the masses. Prejudice stems from fear and ignorance and therefore, it is proposed that studies of various minorities should be incorporated in the history classes.

5—Our generation solving the problems is the only solution because the older generation has its own set values. Our generation wants immediate action.

NEW MORALITY

1—There is no new trend in sexual relationships; younger people only talk about it more openly.

2—Ideally, sex education should be taught in the home, but as it is not, it has become the duty of the school to teach it.

3—One should set his own standards on the limit of drinking, etc.

4—if one conforms to the ideas of others, it should be

system would be more effective. This would eliminate the cheating that is so often found in high academic classes where grades are the basis for college entrance.

4—The grades are often achieved for status and to please our parents. Also teachers are influenced by students who "kiss up" to them.

5—There are those who felt that a "pass or fail" system would take out the competition or the drive that makes students try harder.

5—Gardena emphasizes sports too much, especially football. For example, last fall, when we almost lost our sports and our teachers, the community rallied behind the sports as was shown when Gardena was in the most money for the SOS drive.

7—Student life is centered around Japanese (example: Dances are controlled by Japanese and the majority of student government is Japanese even though the student body consists of 25% Japanese.)

8—Dress codes are ridiculous and they are absolutely not essential to the educational process. Schools have survived for a long time without any dress codes. It wasn't until the 1950's that the dress code came about.

9—There are some teachers who do not respect the opinions of students and refuse to listen to them. This hinders one from really obtaining all the knowledge he could acquire because communication has been blocked.

PARENTS

1—It is a general opinion that parents object to our style of clothes.

2—It is easier for boys to talk with friends because they can relate to them, while often they seem to lack communication with their fathers. In other families, the home life is great.

3—It is the general belief that suicides are the result of a lack of parent-child communication.

4—Mixed marriages can be a success only if both parties are aware of the problems involved and accept them with maturity.

DRUGS: Pros and Cons

1—In favor of legalization of marijuana.

a) If legalized, no more people would smoke, probably, than those who smoke it now.

b) Because alcohol is legalized, marijuana should also be.

c) Marijuana is better than alcohol.

d) There are no after-effects, hangover.

e) You have no physical

control. f) It is not harmful to your body, as alcohol or smoking is.

2—Against legalization a) After a person smokes weed, the effects can wear off leading the user into experimentation with other drugs, to get a heightened effect.

b) Although weed itself isn't the stepping stone to heroin, the desire for that high feeling experienced at first with marijuana, is the eventual cause for hard addiction.

c) Getting high is a way to have fun. There are ways of having fun without depending on a drug—marijuana—and risking your future.

3—LSD—Too much of a risk; never know when flashbacks may occur; can cause permanent brain damage.

4—Drugs in general a) Do not have a direct relationship to school and athletics.

b) Can lower a student's grades, causing lack of interest, diminishing of inhibitions.

NC-WNDYC sets up year's activities

By STANLEY KIINO

Sacramento Jr. JACL The activities for 1970 were scheduled by the NC-WNDYC during the first quarterly session here Feb. 8 at Sacramento during the first quarterly session here at Sacramento City College.

Carolyn Uchiyama of San Jose, the DYC chairman, presided during the session where activity reports were made by delegates from Contra Costa, Monterey, San Francisco, Santa Clara, Sonoma County, Placer and Sacramento.

A tentative DYC calendar was adopted as follows: April 5-5—President's workshop at Lake Tahoe. June—Camp-out in mountains. July 14-18—National Convention in Chicago. August—Beach party. October—Advisory Bd Mtg. November—4th Qtrly.

The youth joined with seniors in the panel discussion involving Asian studies on campus in the late afternoon

and attended the Sacramento JACL installation banquet to hear Judge Earl Warren Jr.

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Aloha from Hawaii

by Richard Gima

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Governor's Office

Gov. John A. Burns has announced several new appointments to state boards and commissions. Among them named were Teruo Hara to the Advisory Commission on Manpower and Full Employment, Dr. James H. Tengan to the Board of Natural Resources and Mrs. Sumiko K. Taniyama to the Board of Nursing.

Also, Dr. Daniel S. Fujisaki of Aiea to the Board of Examiners in Optometry, Murgis K. Morioka of Waimanalo to the Pacific War Memorial Commission, Tom T. Muroguchi of Makawao, Maui, to the Board of Parks and Recreation, Richard Y. Yoshino of Honolulu to the Board of Pharmacy, Hirofumi Yamazaki of Hilo to the Real Estate Commission, Shizuo Murashige of Hilo to the Board of Registration for Public Health and Sanitation, and Koshi K. Kealakekua to the Board of Registration for Public Health and Sanitation.

State Sen. John Ushijima announced his candidacy for re-election recently at a massive food drive dinner that appeared like a campaign kickoff for the Administration Democrats. Those at the dinner included Gov. John A. Burns, Senate Pres. David McClure, House Speaker Tadao Beppu and Hawaii County Mayor Shunichi Kimura. Don Ho headed a group of entertainers who kept the crowd of more than 2,500 in a festive mood.

House Republicans have introduced a bill calling for creation of a new state dept. of housing and urban affairs. The bill is part of the House GOP legislative program, including 20 bills and several resolutions introduced Feb. 13.

Other major bills in the House Republican program include setting aside state lands in Waimanalo and Waiānana to begin building state-sponsored housing, using education and training to fight the drug habit and creating an industrial park on Sand Island.

Lanai Community Hospital operated by a Lanai City nonprofit corporation for the past 13 years, may become a state-owned hospital this year. State Sen. Mamoru Yamazaki of Maui has introduced a bill authorizing a take-over of the hospital. It would be added to nine other hospital taken over by the state since 1965.

Congressional Score
Hawaii's two senators—Hiram L. Fong and Daniel K. Inouye—have different party ties, but at voting time they agree more often than they disagree. Fong and Inouye voted the same way 68 per cent of the time during the first session of the 91st Congress, according to a voting study by the Congressional Quarterly. In 1968 the two senators took the same side on 76 per cent of the roll call votes.

Sen. Daniel K. Inouye has outlined a four-part program to cope with the problem of America's population explosion. He suggests the creation of a national center for population and family planning in the Health, Education and

Welfare Dept., abolition of abortion laws, greater public education on sex and on birth control methods and making birth control devices and family planning counseling services available to all adults.

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By Jim Henry

Sakura Script

Rising Resentment of U.S. in South Vietnam

Part I Saigon

More than a year ago, South Vietnam Vice President Nguyen Cao Ky said acidly in regard to the Americans pulling out, "If the Americans want to withdraw they can go ahead. We only want people who want to stay."

Last October President Nguyen Van Thieu phrased it similarly. Thieu who occasionally has sought to enhance his popularity by playing on the South Vietnamese resentment of the Americans said: "I do not ask the Americans to stay here for 100 years. I only ask the Americans to have the courage and the clear sight to remain here until we nationalists have enough military, economic and political strength."

The signs of anti-Americanism are most obvious in Saigon. Nightly, along the city's gaudy Tu Do and Hai Ba Trung streets, G.I.s and South Vietnamese troops swap insults and punches — often over the favors of bar girls.

In one such honkey-tonk brawl a major of the Vietnamese Rangers copped off the hand of a U.S. military policeman with a machete.

In another incident, two American military police who had rushed to a bar in response to complaints that a drunken GI was making trou-

ble were shot to death by Lt. Col. Nguyen Viet Can, commander of the Vietnamese airborne battalion that guards President Thieu's Independence Palace. No charges were filed against the colonel.

The taunts of Saigon's "cowboys," the Honda-riding young toughs who infest the capital, have become so nasty that few respectable women like to be seen walking with foreigners, particularly Americans. "OK, ten dollars" or "OK, Salem" are favorite "cowboy" slurs, implying that the woman has sold herself for money or cigarettes. The Vietnamese press abounds with tearful stories of happily married Vietnamese women who left their husbands for the lure of the dollar and the company of Americans. Other more bizarre tales make the rounds by word of mouth.

Some "uneducated" Vietnamese men actually believe that U.S. troops are carriers of the "shrinking bird" disease, which is said to cause the slow shriveling of the male genitals; the Americans, so the story goes, are immune because of pills and inoculations.

French-educated elite, including civil servants and intellectuals, criticize the U.S. from a loftier level. They accuse Americans of practicing a cultural defoliation in Vietnam. "America is too young, and there is not much we can learn from you, save for what we call modern development," says one intellectual. "We tend to equate you with machines for whom there is no deep thinking." Says another, "Americans have no culture unless you consider beer and big bosoms culture."

Favorite topics of conversation at upper-middle-class dining tables include anything from who GIs gun their big trucks through Saigon's streets to the contention that one U.S. embassy official speaks to President Thieu as though he were a houseboy. Americans are blamed for ruining once beautiful Saigon. ("Why do they cut down all the trees?") and for turning Vietnam into a huge garbage pile. Though such talk has long prevailed in educated circles, much of it may be the result of some Vietnamese to establish their anti-American credentials in the event of a Communist takeover.

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Otake Murder

A large gambling debt probably figured in the murder of Harry Takashi Otake, 46, a widely known island orchid grower who in recent years organized Las Vegas gambling tours. Otake, father of four, was owner of Honolulu Travel Service and Otake Nursery in Kaneohe. Otake's body was found Feb. 13 in the trunk of a car parked since Feb. 9 on Hauuli St. in Kalihi. Sidney Kim Han, police homicide investigator, said he apparently was strangled with the heavy twine found around his neck.

Anti-Noise Bill

House majority leader Howard Y. Miyake has introduced a bill that would impose heavy fines or imprisonment for generating excess noise in Hawaii. The bill sets limits in decibels, the basic measurement of sound level, for noises touched off in residential areas, on the highways and in construction projects for given times of the day. Among other things, the bill says no one would be permitted to operate any pile driver, jackhammer, or other construction equipment between the hours of 6 p.m. and 8 a.m.

House Republicans have introduced a bill calling for creation of a new state dept. of housing and urban affairs. The bill is part of the House GOP legislative program, including 20 bills and several resolutions introduced Feb. 13.

Other major bills in the House Republican program include setting aside state lands in Waimanalo and Waiānana to begin building state-sponsored housing, using education and training to fight the drug habit and creating an industrial park on Sand Island.

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Ye Editor's Desk

FORTHCOMING JACL ELECTION

Those who fostered executive reorganization of JACL in the late 1960s recognized the inertia that swells in a voluntary-type organization, compounded by the problems of coordination, inadequate communication and the difficulty of establishing priorities. And no matter the ideals of those who assume office, it became a struggle to hold fast to those principles while managing the complex administrative affairs in a realistic way.

What time our national officers and committee chairmen could spare with the organization's day-to-day problems and activities left them with hardly an opportunity to take the long look and analyze their own areas of responsibility. Even new ideas had to be shelved for lack of time and assistance. So it led to frustration and eventual surrender to apathy.

This is not to say JACL hasn't accomplished a thing in recent years for it indeed has but to point out more could have been done.

The record our national president Jerry Enomoto leaves after four years in office this coming July will be long remembered. His weekly Perspective columns were like windows to what he had in mind for JACL to be. They were a force to direct the organization as a whole to become aware and respond.

It was his fortune to be president during the Issei Immigration Centennial year. His compassion for people remained incorrupt. He magnified the office of National JACL president. He matured JACL by openly recognizing dissent and conflicting ideas. Even after he leaves office, his personal magnetism will continue to strengthen the organization.

With another biennial national convention due in several months, a new set of officers will be elected and with them the hope to involve a greater part of the general membership to engage in activities that make Americans better and America greater.

To help overcome the inertia, to improve the lines of communication and afford national officers time to think ahead, the responsibilities of national president will be lessened with a president-elect on the scene. Vice presidents, rather than bearing a numerical rank, will take on general areas of specific responsibility.

As stated at the time the JACL Constitution was amended, the president-elect will relieve some of the pressures on the national president as well as provide him with some experience to prepare him to move into the top executive job. As for the three vice presidents, one will be in charge of General Operations encompassing such areas as membership, program & activities, youth; another in charge of Public Affairs dealing with legislative, civil rights, public relations; and the other in charge of Research and Services involving planning, recognition and personnel.

In sharing the responsibility of leadership in JACL, the president-elect will be involved with "building up" the organization while the president will be concerned with "expanding" the influence of the organization in general. The president-elect will focus on the "internal" aspects of the organization, while the president will stress "external" interests.

It was also hoped that a president-elect, upon assuming the presidency, would have his key committees set to initiate implementation immediately rather than spending the first few months organizing, evaluating and determining direction as has been the present custom.

By "implementation," we mean funds are authorized and delegates are fully apprised and committed to move on the particular project. It's one thing to have a council mandate but lacking sufficient funds it seldom gets past the verbal stage.

About the fear that a president-elect may not make the grade or if he decides not to continue, the office of president remains on the ballot and there is no bar against a president-elect from having competition for the top office.

As district councils, which nominate candidates for top offices, search their respective areas for prospects, the Planning Commission felt national committee chairmen to be likely nominees for the vice-presidential under the new system. The commission also urged vice-presidents supervise by establishing priorities within their area of responsibilities and be exempt for chairing any national committee or board.

If the vice-presidents care, they can keep track of funds expended within their area of responsibility. This will enable them to see the day-to-day activity as the dollars go and perhaps wonder when the next dollar will come.

A JACL SENATE?

Jr. JACL has proposed its District Youth Coordinating Council members sit with their counterpart district governors on the National Board. The expanded board then would consist of seven nationally-elected officers, immediate past president, eight district governors, six youth district chairmen and four board appointees—26 members in all.

As the implementing body of JACL meeting annually, perhaps it can be called the JACL Senate to check out mandates of the National Council and National Youth Assembly.

Such a body would surely improve the lines of communication, make it imperative the areas of responsibilities be clear-cut and promote effective use of JACL leadership young and old.

The idea is not as forbidding as when it first came at the last interim board meeting. If the youth are expected to be heirs of tomorrow's JACL, the earlier they learn the better, it seems. Having the youth share some of the worries of the elders may lengthen their interests in the organization by providing that extra time to think ahead.

Negative factors in quest of identity critical

By JAMES HIRABATASHI

SAN FRANCISCO—The third lecture in the new series sponsored by the San Francisco Center for Japanese American Studies featured Dr. Paul Takagi of the Univ. of California criminology department.

Dr. Takagi warns us that, in the quest for a sense of identity, we must come to terms with some negative factors in the use of ethnic identity as a means of adjustment to American society.

GUEST COLUMN

An uncritical adoption of traditional cultural elements may entail an acceptance of underlying implicit values which really need to be rejected. This theme was developed by an assessment of the adjustment of Japanese Americans in general and relating this to some recent trends.

Positive Sense

During the past two years, there has been a considerable development of interest in the question of identity among Japanese Americans. This search for a positive sense of identity has resulted in such things as the acceptance of Asian American studies by academia, the influx of books on Japanese Americans, the establishment of newspapers with Asian American perspectives and various other expressions of social identity.

Dr. Takagi argues that this search for identity may, if we are not careful, lead to a kind of cultural nationalism with a specific characteristic of "yellow racism."

To buttress his argument, he pointed to the ideology concerning the nature of man in traditional Japanese culture which emphasizes a fundamental sense of inequality of man.

These can be seen in such aspects as status consciousness, a well defined class system, an emphasis upon authority and a tendency to view others negatively from an ethnocentric viewpoint. This ideology has been explicitly or implicitly transmitted to the Nisei.

Dangerous Attitude

When these factors are viewed in light of the general assimilationist mode of adjustment advocated by the United States government (aided by certain congruences between Issei values and the Protestant ethic underlying American culture), it has led the Nisei to a dualist in characteristic ways often highly praised.

However, to the extent that traditional ideologies may support social inequalities inherent in the American culture and society, it becomes extremely dangerous.

Thus, an uncritical acceptance of aspects from our ethnic heritage in our search for identity, according to Professor Takagi, may not only contribute to racism but the danger of an overemphasis upon ethnicity and our own problems is to lose sight of our relationship to other people in our society and the relationship of these issues to the broader forces in American society.

We must keep this in mind if we wish to contribute positively to the development of American society. —SFCJAS Newsletter.

Fukazawa

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gardeners of all the presidents and ministers for more than 40 years, he has become friends with all of them; inviting them and being invited to their homes. His honesty and simplicity has won them.

During World War II

During World War II, like in the States, all the Japanese were concentrated in Mexico but not in camps. They were free to go around, work and do anything.

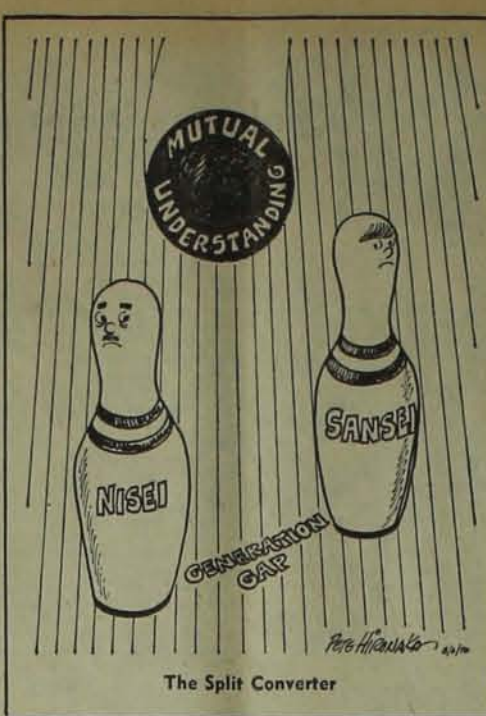
And to live in normal houses! And to keep their cars too. Some had Cadillacs.

For those from the local provinces who had no work, he set up an association to do business in farming, set up decent houses for them, extending all the help possible. This lenient attitude of the government came of course from the human character of the Mexicans themselves but the main political machine behind the curtain was Matsuo.

Thanks to the influence he had with all the politicians, the Japanese here were saved.

He has contributed about 15,000 square yards of land for the building of the Nihon-jin Kaikan. He even brought a school teacher from Japan to teach in the Japanese school for which he had worked hard to establish. He has been given honors from the Japanese government in 1965 as an outstanding Issei and for all the efforts he had done for the livelihood of the Japanese. He has won a social position for them in Mexico. There is no one who does not know him. Even the man on the street. All respect him and sometimes he is envied.

Some may respect his money but there is something more respectable in him. He had the "guts" to come all the way through the vicissitudes of 60 long years to become the No. 1 florist in Mexico. Yes, he is an extraordinary man... simple and honest but with a steel-will. That is him.



LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Chicago Convention

Editor:

The 21st National JACL Convention will be a great event in terms of music, oratory, fun and entertainment. Only one cloud darkens the horizon for this festive occasion and it can be put in terms of a question "Why Chicago?" As most readers are aware, the city of Chicago was the scene of very questionable police tactics and City Hall mismanagement during the 1968 Democratic Convention and as such has been taken off the list of likely convention centers by many prominent groups and organizations throughout the country.

Could it be that the promoters of the JACL Convention are not aware of what took place there or that they could not care less or worse that they do not wish to be involved in an issue concerning freedom of speech, constitutional rights and peace on earth?

By holding the Convention in Chicago the organizers will no doubt bring a great deal of pleasure to Mayor Daley and will uphold the placid image of the Japanese American but they will incur the wrath of multitudes, and particularly young people, who are determined that the 1968 tactics of the City of Chicago must never happen again.

REV. JIM HUTCHISON
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(Importance of keeping the JACL convention in Chicago is meeting that opportunity to show the forces of good can operate no matter where. The promoters of the Convention are very much aware of the issues raised in Mr. Hutchison's letter and have been addressing them hard through more enlightened human relations activities since.—Ed.)

The Japanese Myths

Editor:

I have just started to read Bill Hosokawa's book, "Nisei, The Quiet Americans," with a great interest. It is so interesting that when I pick it up once I forget to put it down. The value of the book, I believe, will be sighted from many different angles, including from the historical point of view. He must have done a great deal of research before starting to write it.

What I would like to say here would be less important comparing with the whole value of the book, nevertheless, I would like to say a few words concerning an error I have found in his book on account of the Japanese myths in Chapter 1, "The Origins."

First I thought of writing about this to Bill personally but on second thought I have decided to write to you because this error might not be his but of the research material which he had picked up from some book. Sometimes Americans make shocking errors. For instance, some years ago, even Life magazine printed a picture of Kato Kiyomasa, war lord of 16th Century Japan, Emperor Jimmu, 660 B.C. So I would like to correct the error through Pacific Citizen.

On page 3, the book says, "Amaterasu's grandson, Jimmu, was sent from the realm of the gods to Kyushu, south-most of the four main Japanese islands." It was not Jimmu, however, who had been sent to Japanese island, Kyushu, but Ninigi-no-Mikoto, who was Amaterasu-Omikami's grandson. Jimmu-Tenno was a great-grandson of Ninigi-no-Mikoto. The genealogy of the Japanese mythical age goes as follows: Izanagi and Izanami (god and goddess)—Amaterasu-Omikami—Ninigi-no-Mikoto—Hikohohodemi-no-Mikoto—Ugayafukiaezu-no-Mikoto—Jimmu-Tenno. Jimmu was the youngest of four brothers. This will show the fact that the oldest son was not necessarily a successor in the lineage of the Japanese emperors.

When goddess Amaterasu-Omikami was sending her grandson, Ninigi-no-Mikoto from Takama-no-Hara (the Plain of High Heaven) to Hyuga-no-Kuni of southern part of Kyushu Island, she gave an edict to him to the following effect:

"The Luxuriant Land of Reed Plain is the country which our descendants are to govern as monarchs. Go forth therefore, our Imperial grandson and rule over it! May you fare well! Our Imperial lineage shall continue unbroken and prosperous, co-eternal with heaven and earth." (See: "History of Japan" by Koya Nakamura, 1939, pub. by Board of Tourist Industry, Japan.)

Amaterasu-Omikami then presented to her grandson, Ninigi-no-Mikoto, three sacred items, the Sacred Mirror of Yata, Sacred Sword of Murakumo, and the Sacred Bead-Necklace of Yasakani. It is said that these three sacred treasures have been and will be handed down from Emperor to Emperor generation after generation as the emblems of imperial authority.

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As one of the few Nisei (and I say that with sadness and not with pride) who has been involved in the past several months with the "avant-garde" young people, as Hirasuna calls them (Feb. 6 PC), I can say from personal observation and participation that these people have tremendous leadership potential, real concern and commitment for their fellow man in general, and for their Asian people, in particular.

These young people are not unmindful of the sacrifices and deprivation of the older Nisei and Issei during the war years. Rather, they feel that because of their very experiences, these victims should be in the leading working for changes in our democracy. They are not the only ones who feel this way. I have many Anglo friends who ask me why so few Oriental faces are seen at meetings on campus, in the community or in the nation. "After what happened, wouldn't you think that it would make you more active?" My answer is usually "no." It tends to make for a conservative, almost fanatical attitude toward those who would work for change. And this is the attitude that comes across from Hirasuna.

Both confrontation and meaningful dialogues can bring on positive results. They also produce Excedrin headaches, surprise, shock and sleepless nights. But it is all well worth it if one is willing, truly willing to have a dialogue.

For Sake of Protest

Hirasuna makes the statement that "protest for the sake of protest is for those indiscriminate individuals who selfishly seek notoriety for themselves." Hirasuna is also protesting and is not aware of it. He objects because those who are protesting are not on his side and they put him on the defensive. His protest is justified, he thinks, because he is protesting to end all protest. By passing such judgments, as he does, the entire system of protest without democratic process is nullified. And there is no better way to destroy Democracy than that. Perhaps his sensitivity to criticism is because his position embodies the "don't rock the boat" philosophy, or the "quiet American" philosophy of those who feel more "affluent" or have "made it."

Has Mr. Hirasuna read the words of Seattle Nisei Psychiatrist, Dr. Lindbergh S. Sata, who was quoted (Feb. 13, PC): "There is an emerging social conscience and a restlessness for changing basic societal inequities and outmoded institutions, and in this regard they are in the mainstream of young America. I also hear clearly their expression for ways of strengthening their cultural and ethnic identity, not out of defensiveness but from a hunger to learn and from a sense of pride that they do have a Japanese heritage."

Can we Nisei have meaningful dialogues with these young people, or are we going to blame it all on the communication gap, or the generation gap, and refuse to listen or to learn?

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All of our Issei deserve those nice medallions

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Now that the glitter and gloss of the Issei Centennial Banquets and Presentation Programs throughout JACL are beginning to fade, we'd like to pass on some comments, including those overheard from Issei.

Generally, just great! Medallions and honorals. Good PR. Wonderful thing. Nice publicity in the news media.

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But, why weren't the medallions and honors given "posthumously" to invited widows (widowers)?

The military and others give awards and honors in this manner. These dead Japanese pioneers might be called the real "on-jins" we should honor.

Those who did the early work. Those who probably worked harder, suffered more, burned themselves out sooner. And the dear women who toiled beside them. Many of these widows are living still, but not quite 80 years.

And the banquets included the "Johnny-come-lately" Issei. By age alone, not by the time spent in the Americas.

Locally, two of the "giants" in the community, pioneers H. H. Okuda and Chuzaburo Ito, both are dead now. But were Mrs. Okuda and/or Mrs. Ito invited to the banquet? Did they receive medallions for themselves, or because of their husbands?

Mrs. Okuda and Mrs. Ito would be quick to say that the honor should be given to their dead departed husbands who worked so hard for the good of the community.

Like the Japanese way—the husband's honor, accepted by the widow, then son or daughter. Honor for the family. Accepted in the name of the family.

"Papa died at 86. He worked hard all his life. Came to the U.S. in 1919, sent for me in 1921. They honor me. Why? Why not Papa?"

And the medallion. Now—for money—a Nisei can buy a "valued" Centennial medallion for his "collection"—yes! For sale, now, like some leftover merchandise, by the local chapter.

Has a Nisei considered how much more "yorokobi" happiness even one \$2.50 medallion would be in the hands of a deserving Issei? To someone 79 years old, or 75 years? Who drew the arbitrary line at 80?

The local banquet was attended by 700, only 250 of them were Issei, 450 Nisei? Seems an imbalance. Couple hundred of the Nisei should have stayed home. And instead, invited 200 more Issei from the 70-year-old group.

A person 79, 78, 77 is out. 80-year-olds get invited. The Japanese have a saying "mizu-kusai"—smells like water—stinks, nothingness! "Honor the Issei" they say, but only invite half of them. Give medallions to half of them. Ridiculous!

An Issei is an Issei. No "kubetsu" or "sabetsu" on age. They are all Issei—75, 80, 85, 100. Why draw a line at 80 years?

And back to the medallion—it is now "somatsu" because one can take \$2.50 and buy one—for his souvenir collection. Our local so advertised them for sale, as left-overs.

National should specify to the locals: "Not for sale. For distribution to Issei only. For Issei possession only." Some such stipulation. Don't make the "kinen" medallion so "somatsu" the Issei says.

Banquets cost. To invite and honor 200 more Issei in their 70s should not be of concern to any chapter. The Issei mind reacts differently. They know "on" and "tore" and the obligation to return. The locals will receive enough to amply foot the bill. And if 70 is capacity, leave some of the Nisei at home.

"Overflow crowd..." If the crowd is big, find a bigger place. And the Issei doesn't care if the banquet isn't held in the No. 1 hotel in town, or the newest in town.

We build a "show" in a "show-place" with "show people" in attendance. Add a few Nisei "gasa-gasa" and "bata-bata", then draw an arbitrary line at 80 years to qualify as an Issei. ... package it all as the Issei Centennial Banquet. And honor half of them.

Let's not take away the hard work. Lots of people helped. Involved. Beautiful. Wonderful. Nice publicity. But, there were shortcomings: "Tachibana yotte yukitodokanai tokoro mo aru."

We can't very well say they (banquets) were "successful" without all the Issei invited and honored... all of them!

tity, not out of defensiveness but from a hunger to learn and from a sense of pride that they do have a Japanese heritage.

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Contra-Contradiction

Anaheim
On reading Warren Furutani's latest column entitled "Contradiction" (Feb. 20 PC), we are sorry he finds some members in JACL so funny that it renders him weak and helpless from "laughing so hard". Let me state now, we do not find him funny at all. We take him very seriously. We agree with our National

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President Jerry Enomoto and PC editor Harry Honda that this young man is intelligent, gutsy and a capable individual with concern for the common people. He could become a great asset, not only to the JACL, but to the community as well.

And it is well to remember he represents one segment within our organization.

Those members in JACL in which Furutani labels as "reactionary, conservative elements" (and we feel there are thousands of steady, longtime JACLers in this category, including this writer) believe changes, progress and adjustment are necessary in the fluctuating condition of today, whether it be in JACL or in the nation. But we do not advocate these changes through indiscriminate destruction of existing programs and structures. Changes must come through intelligent study and planning. Nothing is so wasteful of human resources as haphazard action lacking sensible planning.

According to Webster, a "reactionary" is one favoring return to the older order and a "conservative" is one disposed to maintain existing institutions or views (government) or "opposed to changes". From these definitions, we admit our JACL rosters have conservatives; but a "reactionary conservative", not too likely.

We shall not deny that we often fail to listen calmly to the youth. But this is also true of them. If only we both can get together with honest respect for each other's opinions, we should be able to pull together when it counts.

Ridicule of others has no place in our JACL. Honest difference and its resolution spell progress.

If we appear to be over-reacting, the same can be said of the other side. For a better and more effective JACL, let's get back "on track" and stop tearing it down.

Potshots

Don Hayashi

Which Way?

There have been many changes in the past five years in JACL, and Alan Kumamoto has been a large part of them. His concern, awareness, and ability to articulate and implement action contributed to the facility by which they were made. To all of us who worked with Alan and benefited from his leadership, his presence will be greatly missed. We all wish Alan the best with his new work at the Los Angeles County Human Relations Commission.

We know that his position is being filled by two able young JACLers in Victor Shibata and Ron Wakabayashi.

One of Alan's responsibilities was working with the National Planning Commission. The thorough questionnaire and discussion format has enabled chapters and districts to begin to search their chapter and community and point to new directions and further strengthen existing programs.

However, the usefulness of the survey is largely dependent on the way in which it is used.

One JACL, as the community wide organization, must include more than just "card carrying JACLers" to get a total sample. We must never forget that what JACL does or does not do will undoubtedly reflect on the total ethnic community.

Two, a broad age-range is desirable if JACL is to project into the future. We must not forget that JACL is a Nisei organization, and it must include both Nisei and Sansei on determining future direction. JACL should open the doors to Sansei, and the younger set must be able to articulate their concerns and wishes.

We should not be afraid to include Sansei on every level of JACL. We can ill afford to keep the slow pace of integrating the Sansei into the organization.

Just as the former Southern school formula of integration (one grade per year) was too slow, JACL must immediately be more relevant to Sansei. It may mean new structures to chapter organization, the removal of the "seniority system" and broadening of District Councils and National Boards. If not, JACL can expect to remain largely a Nisei organization, and the Sansei will start their own.

Three, JACLers should consider at least four possible areas of change:

1—The long standing tax exempt status which restricts political involvement. (a) Can JACL afford to retain it? (b) How many members actually take advantage of it?

2—The role of Japanese American Le-reporters on role of Japanese Americans in Pacific war. ... honor roll, bow to National Legion demand. ... Oregon GIs fighting in Pacific theater resent slurs against Nisei by Hood River snub. ... Night riders attack evacuee family of nine (Sueyichi Takeda) on San Jose farm with fire, gunshots. ... Fire destroys Delano Japanese Hall Feb. 27. ... Spartia, Wis. erect memorial plaque to 100th Infantry, which contributed to city's flood relief fund; troop had trained at nearby Camp McCoy. ... State police alerted in Tulare County as a result of Feb. 26-27 shooting of Sam Uyeno in Visalia.

Western Defense Command approves return of 95,000 evacuees to West Coast, Gen. William Wilbur testifies in federal court hearing case of three Japanese Americans seeking to restrain Army from preventing their return. ... California CIO Council backs return of evacuees. ... Sgt. James Yoshinobu, 47, prewar Gardena JACL president who fought in World War I, serving as combat interpreter with U.S. Marines on Iwo Jima. ... WRA Calif.)

Nisei USA: Nisei Labor in Hawaii.

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