

Sgt. Yano posthumously wins Congressional Medal of Honor

HILO—A soldier's mother and father from Kealahou, Kona, has received a posthumous Medal of Honor for their son who died Jan. 1, 1969, in combat in Vietnam.

The highest military award went to Sgt. 1st Class Rodney J. T. Yano, 26, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard S. Yano. The award was presented last week (April 7) by President Richard M. Nixon at the White House.

Sgt. Yano was serving an extra tour in Vietnam as his younger brother, Glenn, a member of the 29th Infantry Brigade, would not have to serve in the war zone. The brigade was federalized in May, 1968, and many members of the unit were sent to Vietnam.

Glenn, 22, who lives with his parents in Kealahou,

said, "Rodney felt that since he had just completed a year in Vietnam he was more experienced than me. He said his chances were better than mine."

Helicopter Crew Chief

On New Year's Day, 1969, Sgt. Yano, a helicopter crew chief, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, operating near Bien Hoa, was hit by an accidental grenade explosion. He was covered with burning phosphorus and severely wounded. Flaming fragments caused the ammunition inside the helicopter to explode.

As the pilot struggled to keep the helicopter under control, Sgt. Yano began hurling the flaming ammunition overboard. He suffered additional wounds from exploding ammunition. Sgt. Yano later died of his wounds.

The sergeant's actions saved the helicopter and the men aboard. For his "indomitable courage and profound concern for his comrades, which averted loss of life and additional injury to the rest of the crew," he was awarded the Medal of Honor, according to a citation accompanying the award.

Rodney enlisted in the Army in October, 1961, while still attending Kona High School. He was 18 at the time.

His other awards include a Bronze Star Medal, Air Medal (11th award), Army commendation medal, Purple Heart, good conduct medal, Vietnam service medal, Vietnam campaign medal.

He is the fourth person from Hawaii to receive the award and the second in the Vietnam War. The other recipient of the medal from the Vietnam War was Sgt. Elmer Rodriguez Smith, who also died in action.

Hawaiian-Portuguese Mother

Rodney Yano was born Dec. 13, 1943 in Kealahou. He was of Japanese-Hawaiian-Portuguese descent.

His father is a commercial fisherman and also grows coffee on three acres near Kealahou Bay. They live in a two-bedroom home surrounded by coffee plants, banana and mango trees, fern and anthurium plants.

"Rodney never told us he was being assigned to Vietnam," Mrs. Yano said. "About



Sgt. 1st Class Rodney J. T. Yano

three months after he got there, a friend of his from Kona on leave told us where Rodney was. Of course, I worried. But Rodney was always like that—he kept things to himself. He would never write. I would always have to write first."

Brother in Mind

His father said he knew if Rodney didn't go his other son, Glenn, would have to serve in Vietnam. "It wasn't something I could decide. Rodney made up his own mind," Yano said.

State Rep. Minoru Inaba (D) of Kona was Rodney's vice principal at Kona High School. He remembers the soldier as president of Future Farmers of America chapter at the school.

Two of the Yanos' neighbors also have lost sons in the Vietnam War. "It has been rough. This is a very close community. Everyone has felt the loss," Inaba said.

Yano said the family is honored by the award but "I can't say I'm happy."

"If my son were here I would celebrate."

—Hawaii Tribune-Herald

Sen. Fong Attends

WASHINGTON—Sen. Hiram L. Fong stood beside Mr. and

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State colleges may trim Asian studies

SAN JOSE—Trend of thinking in the Office of California State College Chancellor Glenn Dumke to emphasize the Black and Mexican in ethnic studies in the future with possible curtailment of Asian American studies has alerted the Japanese American Citizens League this week to urge state college trustees and

chancellor to give equal consideration for Asian American studies.

National JACL Headquarters in San Francisco this past week provided JACL chapters with a list of trustees so that

community support for Asian studies can be pushed.

Chapters are being urged to write trustees within their chapter area as well as to their state senators and assemblymen.

The San Jose JACL chapter president James Ono has been in close touch with several instructors at San Jose State College on Asian American studies.

No Degree Programs

At the present time, no degree programs in Asian American studies are offered by any of the California state colleges, although individual courses exist at most, according to Chancellor Dumke. San Francisco State is projecting an Asian American studies degree program in 1971-72, he added, no other is currently making such a projection.

The list of trustees:

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WEST LOS ANGELES COLLEGE DEDICATED

LOS ANGELES—Completing its first full year of instruction this spring, West Los Angeles College was formally dedicated April 14 with a program of speakers and a tour for community representatives on its Baldwin Hills campus.

Representing JACL was Akira Ohno, West Los Angeles member and a past PSWDC district governor.

Poston High '45 class sets July 18 reunion

LOS ANGELES—Poston High's 1945 graduating class will hold its 25th anniversary reunion July 18 at Man Jen Low—scene of the group's first reunion ten years ago, according to Richard Shindo, class president. There were 150 students in the class.

26-VOLUME 'BRITANNICA' IN NINGHO UNDERWAY

CHICAGO—Encyclopaedia Britannica has gone into a joint-venture company with the Tokyo Broadcasting System and Toppan Printing Company to publish a major new Japanese-language encyclopedia which, when completed in 1974, will have 26 volumes containing the equivalent of 17-million English words.

Known as "Britannica's International Encyclopedia," the project has engaged the attention of a study group for more than a year and has now gone into full-scale editorial operation in new offices in Tokyo, with a team of 200 scholars—Americans, Japanese and natives of other Asian countries—involved.

NEW DIRECTOR

Ching (left) is congratulated by Los Angeles County Supervisor Hahn upon being named director of the County Arboreta and Botanic Gardens.

ORANGE COUNTY JACL CONTRIBUTES

Justin Ogata Booster Fund Growing

SANTA ANA—The Orange County JACL approved a \$500 contribution to the Justin Ogata Booster Fund, established by friends of the Sansei athlete who has been hospitalized since Dec. 5 for paralysis due to a freak accident while a member of the Costa Mesa High School wrestling team.

The booster club recently reported the fund reached \$3,500, acknowledging that several Nisei clubs in the county were among those contributing to the fund to help for medical care.

Medical care is reported at \$4,000 a month at Orthopedic Hospital where the 16-year-old lad, paralyzed from neck down, is undergoing rehabilitation.



CHERRY BLOSSOM QUEEN—Kathy Horio, Univ. of Hawaii nursing major and dancer with a Tahitian revue, is the 1970 Cherry Blossom queen. She is the daughter of former San Francisco Bay Area residents, Dr. S. Richard and May Horio. She is expected to participate in the annual Nisei Week Festival come August in Los Angeles.

—Honolulu Star Bulletin Photo by John Tichen.

CHING APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF L.A. ARBORETA, BOTANIC GARDENS

LOS ANGELES—By a unanimous vote, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors April 6 and nominated the recommendation of the 25-member Board of Governors of the County Department of Arboreta and Botanic Gardens and named Francis F.T. Ching the new director.

Ching, 39, Hawaii-born and of Chinese ancestry, thus becomes the second Asian American and first Chinese American to head a major department in county government.

The appointment to the director's post, which pays from \$18,628 to \$25,704 a year, was surrounded in controversy since last September, when the then director, Dr. William Stewart, resigned to take a job in Hawaii.

Two Exams Given

Two civil service exams were given for the post Ching placed first in both of them. The second exam was given when the board of governors' choice, Dr. John Beard of Australia, met strong resistance from the supervisors who were reluctant to award the job to a man who had no American citizenship.

The top three candidates in



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GEN. MARK CLARK TO SPEAK AT NISEI VETERANS REUNION JULY 1-6

LOS ANGELES—General Mark W. Clark (USA ret.) will appear at the Nisei Veterans Reunion Welcome Banquet when the gigantic NVR-70 gets underway at the Century Plaza Hotel on Thursday, July 2.

Executive Committee Chairman Min Sumida reports the famed World War II commander, now serving as president emeritus of The Citadel, military college of South Carolina, wrote:

"I want you to know how deeply I appreciate the invitation you extended to me to be the opening speaker at your Nisei Veterans Reunion. I accept promptly and with pride. 'No soldiers in the world had a finer record in combat than the men of the 100th Battalion and 442nd Infantry Regiment,' he continued. 'I watched your progress from the dark days when your men and their families were mis-

reated at the beginning of World War II. I saw how you banded together and offered to serve your country, and how you wanted to prove that you were splendid, loyal Americans, willing to die in behalf of your country.

"Never did a commander have more to be proud of than I, in having been associated with you in that difficult war," Gen. Clark concluded. Sumida also reports that more than 2,000 veterans are expected to converge on Los Angeles for the July 1-6 reunion. Sponsoring as hosts will be members of:

VFW Posts 9902, 1961, 3670, 9938 and 4140; American Legion Posts 325 and 321; Disabled American Veterans Chapter 100; Nisei MTS Veterans of Southern California; and the 442nd Veterans Association of Southern California.

Serving with Chairman Sumida are:

Robert Hayamizu, Hiroshi Tadokuma, Jim Yamashita, vice chairman, and Soichi Fukui, secretary.

CHAPTERS HAVE WEEK MORE TO COMPETE FOR INAGAKI AWARDS



George J. Inagaki

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ASIAN AMERICAN GROUPS TO BACK HR 14910 FOR ETHNIC STUDIES

SAN FRANCISCO—An Asian American coordinating body for state and national legislation on education will be formed to support a measure in Congress, HR 14910, the ethnic studies center act, and encourage similar bills.

Decision to start a new group was made by representatives of 16 Asian American organizations who gathered April 4 at the home of Mrs. Kathy Morooka Reyes, chairman of the National JACL Committee for Responsible Education.

Some 40 persons were at this meeting after attending the conferences of Asian Studies in Schools at the de Young museum in Golden Gate Park, the Association of Asian Studies at the Sheraton Palace Hotel or the committee of concerned Asian scholars at the Jack Tar Hotel.

Selection of a permanent name for the coordinating body and more concrete plans for the group and its purposes will be discussed at another meeting next week, according to Ray Okamura of Berkeley, who presided at the initial session.

This next meeting will be held on Saturday, April 25 from 1 to 5 p.m. at Christ United Presbyterian Church at Post and Octavia Sts.

Organizations represented included:

Berkeley Unified School District Asian American Task Force, San Francisco Center for Japanese American Studies project, San Mateo City School District Japanese American Curriculum, Chinese Historical Society of San Francisco, Association of Chinese Teachers, University of California, Berkeley, Asian Studies department, University of California, San Francisco State College Asian Studies department, San Jose State College Asian Studies department, Cal State Hayward Asian Studies department, Mills College Asian Studies Alliance, Sacramento State College Asian Studies program, Education committees of Bay Area JACL chapters, Chinese American Citizens Alliance, Education committees of Southern California JACL chapters and Chabot College Asian American Political Alliance.

Carswell Rejection

"You know, this makes you feel that democracy can still work" was the way one black lobbyist for the National Leadership Conference on Civil Rights expressed his feelings on April 8, when the Senate rejected the nomination of Judge G. Harold Carswell of Florida to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

Another lobbyist, a Jew, put it this way: "This shows that there's integrity and conscience left in the Senate".

Knowing the tremendous odds against successfully defeating two consecutive nominations for a vacancy on the nation's highest tribunal, and knowing the terrific pressures that were brought to bear on many of the key lawmakers by the Administration, the Carswell rejection may well be one of the greatest of many civil rights achievements of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, of which the JACL is a proud, active, and charter member.

When Judge Clement F. Haynsworth of South Carolina was defeated 55 to 45 last Nov. 21 for the seat from which Associate Justice Abe Fortas resigned, the expectation was that whomever the President would next nominate would be a cinch for the vacancy. Even when the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights first raised questions as to nominee Carswell's attitudes on racism, few—if any—capital observers thought that the exercise would be more than pro forma.

But, as evidence began to pile up that the nominee was not only a racist but also lacked the judicial temperament and competence generally attributed to justices of the Supreme Court, the chances improved that a real challenge could be made to the nomination.

The pro-Carswell leaders, Nebraska's Roman Hruska and Florida's Edward Gurney, both Republicans, confident when the nomination was first sent to the Senate for what was expected to be routine "advice and consent", apparently panicked in the last days, while the anti-Carswell leaders, Democrat Birch Bayh of Indiana and Republican Edward W. Brooke of Massachusetts, steadily pounded home on the "racism and excellence" themes.

Senator Hruska apparently made some reference to the need that mediocrity be served too on the Court of Last Resort, which tagged nominee Carswell with being of mediocre ability. Then President Nixon sent a letter to Ohio Republican freshman William Saxton that suggested that the Chief Executive considered nominations to the Supreme Court to be a personal prerogative and a personal matter not subject to clearance and consultation with the Senate.

All of this resulted in the defeat of a motion to recommit the nomination to the Judiciary Committee, which had issued a statement by a majority of its members to the effect that they would simply vote again to return the nomination to the calendar for Senate consideration. This recommitment motion was defeated 52 to 44 on April 6.

When this recommitment strategy was first advanced, it was thought that some who would not vote directly against a presidential nomination might take this alternative as a means to avoid a direct confrontation with the White House. But, the Administration placed great stress on a direct vote on the nomination. And so, it won the battle, only to lose subsequently the war.

Three Senators who voted against recommitment on grounds that it was not the proper way to dispose of a presidential nomination, but who announced at that time to vote against confirmation, were Republicans Hiram Fong of Hawaii and Robert Packwood of Oregon and Democrat Thomas Dodd of Connecticut.

On the morning of the critical vote, it was thought that three Republicans held the key to confirmation or rejection—freshman Marlow Cook of Kentucky who spearheaded the Administration drive to seat Judge Haynsworth, and New England veterans Margaret Chase Smith of Maine and Winston Prouty of Vermont.

Thus, when these three Senators voted in the negative when their respective names were called, the packed galleries, which Capitol Hill observers thought were the largest in ten years, first gasped, and then cheered, for it was now certain that Carswell would be defeated.

Altogether, 17 Democrats and 28 Republicans voted for confirmation, while 38 Democrats and 13 Republicans voted against the nomination. The only Democrat to vote for Carswell outside of the southern and border states was Nevada's Alan Bible.

Michigan's Robert Griffin, the Assistant Minority Whip who was one of the principal architects of the Haynsworth defeat, and Pennsylvania's Hugh Scott, the Minority Leader, both backed the President this time, while Montana's Mike Mansfield and Massachusetts's Edward Kennedy, the Democratic Majority Leader and Whip, respectively, voted against confirmation.

It is known that it took personal courage on the part of many Senators to vote against the White House on this issue, especially those who are up for re-election this November.

Among those who must be singled out for their courage are Tennessee's Albert Gore, Texas' Ralph Yarborough, Utah's Frank Moss, Nevada's Howard Cannon, and New Mexico's Joseph Montoya, all of whom are up for re-election this year and all of whom were subject to great political pressures.

Hawaii's Hiram Fong, also up for re-election this November, deserves special mention. Known to be personally friendly with President Nixon, he voted for the confirmation of Judge Haynsworth last year. As a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, he voted to favorably report the Carswell nomination to the Senate for its consideration. He voted for the motion to recommit. And we were aware of the tremendous effort of the Administration to have him vote for confirmation, and failing that to "pair" with fellow Republican Karl Mundt of South Dakota who is ill in the hospital. "Pairs" are used to denote opposing positions when one Senator is absent and the other is present. A "pair" in this case would have meant one less vote, and it could have been crucial if one of those voting against the nomination had voted otherwise.

In any event, just before the voting began, Senator Fong told us that he simply could not vote for a racist like Carswell. He then escorted us to a seat in the overcrowded gallery, and when his name was called, he announced his "no" in a loud and clear voice.

We knew that the President would not be happy with that vote. But, all Americans of goodwill are, and especially those of Asian American ancestry who would have been most embarrassed with an affirmative vote for an unrepentant racist.

Hawaii's Democratic Senator Daniel Inouye, of course, voted against Carswell.

REP. PATSY MINK URGES FREEDOM FOR TRUST ISLES

Mid-Pacific Islands as
Free State Associated
With U.S. Endorsed

HONOLULU — Rep. Patsy T. Mink endorsed independence, in association with the United States, for the Trust Territory of the Pacific—the Marshalls, Marianas and Carolines—popularly known as the Micronesian Islands.

The United States would like to administer the islands "into the indefinite future," but that would be inconsistent with the aims of the trusteeship agreement, Mrs. Mink said in an April 12 speech to the Propeller Club of Honolulu.

The Micronesian Political Status Commission recommended in 1969 that the Trust Territory "be constituted as a self-governing state" and that it "negotiate entry into a free association with the United States."

Mrs. Mink said it is "up to the United States to come forth with a willingness to discuss these alternatives with the Congress of Micronesia and to offer them the opportunity to develop the kind of self-government which will enhance and strengthen our ties of 20 years."

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Yano —

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Mrs. Richard Yano of Kealakekua, a Big Island couple at the White House as they received the Nation's highest military award for their Army son, killed last year in South Vietnam.

The Medal of Honor was presented posthumously by President Nixon to Sgt. 1/C Rodney J. T. Yano, who was killed in action on New Year's Day of 1969.

At the ceremony, the Hawaii Senator expressed sympathy to the parents "that your son passed away in Vietnam, but we are extremely proud of him, and the Nation owes him a great debt of gratitude."

"He was a brave and courageous son of Hawaii," Fong said of Sgt. Yano.

Yano's two brothers, Stanley and Glenn, accompanied their parents to Washington and Fong invited the family to lunch with him on Capitol Hill on Wednesday.

(Sgt. Yano became the third Japanese American in history to earn the highest U.S. military decoration.)

(The White House announced a total of 21 awardees of the Medal of Honor, the largest number ever presented in a single ceremony.)

(First Japanese American to receive the Medal of Honor was Pfc. Sadao Munemori of Glendale, who was killed April, 1945, in the final Po Valley campaign in Italy during World War II, while serving with the 442nd Central Postal Directory.)

(Second was Sgt. Hiroshi Miyamura of Gallup N.M., who survived over a year of captivity in the Korean War and was decorated on his return by President Dwight D. Eisenhower. Miyamura had been cited for bravery in the final action prior to his capture in April, 1951; however, announcement of the award was kept secret until his release for fear of reprisal.)

Public Reception

HILO—There was a public reception Thursday (April 9) for Mr. and Mrs. Richard S. Yano of Kealakekua, upon their return from Washington where they accepted the Medal of Honor for their deceased son Rodney J. T. Yano.

The reception at the airport included greetings from Mayor Shunichi Kimura and other County and military officials.

Kimura paid tribute to the Kealakekua soldier:

"I know that I represent all Big Islanders as I express our grateful pride for the heroism of the late Rodney J. T. Yano on the occasion of his being selected for the Congressional Medal of Honor, our Nation's highest award," Kimura said.

Kimura said the Big Islanders will "forever remember" Yano's sacrifice of his life to save the lives of his comrades.

"Just as we joined his family in mourning at her bereavement," he said, "we now participate in the proud realization that Sgt. Yano has earned a place on the rolls of our country's greatest heroes."

ASPIRATIONS OF
FILIPINOS CITED

HONOLULU — Richardo Labaz, president of the Filipino Chamber of Commerce, declared the Filipinos are one of the largest ethnic groups in Hawaii, yet they are one of the weakest and the least represented in community government.

He wants to see Filipinos assume a fair representation in the war rooms and councils of public affairs.

Most Filipinos aspire first and foremost for education, want to be worthy members of society and an opportunity to compete where they have the ability, to learn where they are deficient. They also know they shall be strong as they are united, Labaz said.

NEWS CAPSULES

Government

Steven J. Dol, active in San Francisco JACL and Republican County central committee, was named as one of the 10 executive committee members selected for the local citizens advisory group for the State Dept.'s educational and cultural exchange program organized last month, according to Mrs. Bernice Behrens, director of the State Dept. San Francisco reception center.

The advisory committee was formed to secure wider community participation in the program, which has welcomed over 2,000 foreign visitors in San Francisco last year.

Courtroom

William M. Marutani, national JACL legal counsel, is the author of "A Japanese Courtroom Scene," published in the February 1970 issue of the Philadelphia Bar Assn. publication, "The Shingle."

Last summer, he spent several weeks on a law-study program in Tokyo.

Suzi Wong, Michael Fong, and three others accused of holding a UCLA official hostage in his office for four hours have been convicted on misdemeanor counts of false imprisonment and acquitted on charges of conspiracy by Superior Court Judge Lawrence R. Rittenband of Santa Monica. He returned the non-jury trial verdict on April 6 on the basis of preliminary hearing transcripts. April 30 is the date for a probation report and sentencing.

The San Francisco federal grand jury refused to indict 13 of the 26 mail carriers of Station A, at Steiner and Geary, for reportedly destroying 5,300 pieces of third-class mail last February. Among the 13 was Kiyoshi Takehara, a 20-year veteran in the postal service, who had resigned. The 13 had been charged on a commissioner's complaint, which was later dismissed.

Politics

Dr. Kenichi Nishimoto, administrator with the Indian Health Service as chief of the management appraisal office, was elected Mar. 24 to the Tacoma Park (Md.) city council to become the first Nisei councilman in the area. The Stockton-born Army veteran has a doctorate in public administration from American University, served as relocation officer with the War Relocation Authority, and is married to the former Florence Aiko Sato. They have five children, the eldest now a paratrooper officer at Ft.

Yamaguchi in stride

LOS ANGELES—Takito Yamaguchi was back at his desk this week after major surgery which required a 1½-month rest. He and Katsuma Mukae-da are co-chairmen of the Masaoka Family round-the-world trip committee.

Brags

George Yamasaki Jr., San Francisco attorney in charge of National-Braemar, Inc., operations in the Japanese Cultural and Trade Center, succeeded Yone Satoda as president of the San Francisco Japanese American Republican Club, which next meets April 28, 8 p.m., at Steve Doi's home, 1521 Larkin, to meet June primary candidates. Yamasaki is currently local JACL chapter vice-president.

Entertainment

Song stylist Jean Sewell has returned to General Lee's Man Jen Low in downtown Los Angeles Chinatown, entertaining nightly at the cocktail lounge. She has appeared with the San Francisco and Los Angeles Light Opera Companies as well as in Japan.

The "Hip Nip" Pat Morita, 38, concluded his stint as a stand-up comic at the San Francisco Playhouse Club April 11. He also had 10 weeks entertaining in the armed forces. He has now been in the entertainment field for eight years after working as a securities analyst, real estate salesman and computer operations supervisor.

Organizations

Active Contra Costa JACLer Ben Takeshita was elected president of the California Chapter of the International Assn. of Personnel in Employment Security.

Dr. Don Kaneoka, an East Los Angeles dentist, was elected president of the Japanese American Optimists, succeeding Cy Yuzuchi whose term expires Sept. 1.

George Okamoto succeeds Kaz Kataoka as president of the San Francisco Nikkei Lions.

Sports

Wayne Akiyama of Westminster High (Orange County) was clocked in a winning 4m. 22.9s. mile run in a recent dual meet with Santa Ana—the fastest mile registered by a prep student in the county this year.

Ken Sakamoto, son of the James Sakamoto of Pasadena, broke the class B 120 lbs record, which has stood since 1944, with a 132 at the Pasadena Games held at Muir High. He also won the 180 in 10.3s.

San Francisco eye surgeon, Dr. Samuel Kimura, head of the UC Medical Center eye clinic, examined Willie McCovey's eye, which began to all before the S.F. Giants departed on their spring season tour of Japan. Upon the club's return, McCovey was re-examined.

ined and found the inflammation in his right eye was a reaction to medicine he was taking for arthritis.

Yosh Hayasaki, Univ. of Washington student from Osaaka, won the NCAA gymnastics all-around competition April 3 at Temple University, Philadelphia. He finished with 108.25 pts. in the six events: side horse, rings, long horse, horizontal bars, parallel bars and floor exercises. In winning the Pacific Eight title the previous week, he garnered 106.35 pts. His teammate Hide Umehashi was third with 104.75 pts.

Agriculture

Mamoru Naji, 51, of Parkdale, Ore., was named Hood River County "Orchardist of the Year" by the local chamber of commerce for his continuing efforts in top-working and improving his trees. The two-time Mid-Columbia JACL chapter president has consistently produced 45,000 to 49,000 bushels of fruit, always of good size and of high quality, the award read. He has served on the Diamond Fruit Growers board, farm bureau board, memorial hospital board and Hood River Electric Cooperative director. He is on the citizens' tax study group for Hood River county schools.

Hideo R. Yamasaki, Auburn nurseman, was appointed by Gov. Reagan to a four-year term on the 20th District Agricultural Assn. board of directors. He succeeds Masayuki Yego of Penryn. Yamasaki was Auburn's Man of the Year in 1966.

Dr. Toshio Murashige, UC Riverside plant pathologist, presented a report on various aspects of citrus harvesting at the eighth annual International Horticulture Congress at Tel Aviv, Israel, which ended Mar. 25. He is a member of the Riverside JACL.

Press Row

In the Mar. 15 "Southland Sunday" magazine for the Long Beach Independent, Press-Telegram and the Orange County Evening News, appeared excerpts from Bill Hosokawa's "Nisei: the Quiet Americans" as the cover story featuring portions from Chapter 15, 19 and 20. On the cover is Carol Fungal at her workshop gallery in Little Tokyo, three oil paintings by Matsusaburo Hibi depicting life in the WRA camps and reproduced in color.

San Francisco Examiner columnist Guy Wright headlined his April Fool's Day

Uno —

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pation representing various view points.

It is difficult to objectively measure the success of any given course; however it is my personal view that the first attempt to present very relevant material was well received. The quality of the term projects reflected a depth of knowledge and a new dimension as to the questions of ethnic identity and awareness.

Wider Audience Needed

Japanese American studies, in my estimation, are not just fashionable and esoteric to a small minority of students.

(April 1) article, "It Wasn't a Joke" and told what happened in San Francisco on April 1, 1942—the day San Francisco Japanese living generally west of Serrano Blvd. and north of California St. were told their day to be evacuated was due.

He reminded that Earl Warren, then attorney general running for governor, "played to the hilt his role as guardian against Japanese peril"; that Walter Lippmann urged, endorsed and applauded the forced relocation of Japanese Americans while J. Edgar Hoover of the FBI and naval intelligence spoke out against evacuation.

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pation representing various view points.

It is difficult to objectively measure the success of any given course; however it is my personal view that the first attempt to present very relevant material was well received. The quality of the term projects reflected a depth of knowledge and a new dimension as to the questions of ethnic identity and awareness.

Wider Audience Needed

Japanese American studies, in my estimation, are not just fashionable and esoteric to a small minority of students.

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From the Frying Pan

Portland, Ore.

MENTIONING PORTLAND—The rest of us had Chinese food, for which Portland has been famous, but Dr. Mits Nakashima demonstrated his independence by ordering a hamburger for his 1 a.m. snack.

"Why don't you write about Portland?" he demanded. "You write about a lot of places but you never mention Portland."

"Well, what do you say about Portland? It's a pretty town on the Willamette River just above its confluence with the mighty Columbia. This time of year the trees and shrubs are green and lovely, even as Denver is under a blanket of snow. Portland has been growing, but somehow it has managed to refrain from unpleasant aura of small townishness about it, thanks in part to the many pine-studded hills that stick up like islands here and there throughout the city.

A good many Issei found Portland to their liking and made it their home. Numbers of them sleep the eternal sleep in a segregated section of the Rose City cemetery. When I first saw it soon after the end of World War II, the Japanese portion of the cemetery was dusty and weed-grown, a dismal place showing the results of years of neglect.

Today, the grass is green and thick. And there are many more tombstones laid out in orderly rows. The newer stones are larger and more pretentious, reflecting the new affluence. Some bear the name of both husband and wife, but only the birth date of one of them. The date of death will be carved into the stone when it occurs. A resting place beside the partner of a lifetime has been prepared and awaits the arrival of some elderly Issei.

The first time I saw the cemetery I resented the segregation of the Japanese into a special section, a resentment emphasized by the starkness of the area compared to the cared-for appearance of the rest. But this time there seemed to be a kind of comfort and hominess in old friends being buried close to those with whom they had lived and worked and struggled and with whom they had shared small triumphs. A misty rain floated down to emphasize the greenness and freshness of spring, and I felt no resentment.

The sons and daughters of the pioneers who sleep at Rose City Cemetery live in all parts of Portland now. There never was much of a Japanese town in Portland, and the area through which it was spread has been taken over largely by Chinese restaurants and the derelicts of skidrow. Many of the Nisei are doing very well in the professions and as businessmen. We met some of them at the 15th annual banquet of the Japan Society of Oregon, a going concern thanks to trade interests in Japan and the enthusiasm of its executive secretary, Frank M. Womack, whose primary occupation is extolling the virtues of Portland as manager of its Chamber of Commerce. Unfortunately the visit was all too brief, leaving time only for brief howdies with old friends like Mits and Iku Nakata and George and Ise Azumano and Kats and Mary Nakadate, and meeting new friends like Jim and Merrienne Tsujimura.

Our Mike and his family drove up from Eugene, where he is teaching at the University of Oregon, to spend a few hours with "Grandpa". We saw some

SAN FRANCISCO JACL'S STAND

Quality, integrated education

SAN FRANCISCO — JACL's for a new superintendent to succeed Robert E. Jenkins in July. JACL also agreed with the proposed specifications that the next school superintendent have a successful record "of active involvement and experience with a large urban

school district with a multi-ethnic constituency" similar to that of San Francisco's, Abe declared.

Abe also recalled the separate schools for the Oriental children in the 1960s in San Francisco, which had lasted less than two years, but which not only offended the Japanese in America and in Japan but then President Theodore Roosevelt and other American officials.

Text of Abe's speech:
"The JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE is fully committed to QUALITY INTEGRATED EDUCATION in pursuit of academic excellence."

It was not too many years ago that our ethnic group was the intended victims of de jure segregated school systems here in San Francisco. As early as June 15, 1960, the San Francisco Chronicle reported that "Director Burke introduced a resolution providing that hereafter all persons of the Japanese race seeking entrance to the public schools must attend what is known as the Chinese School. It was adopted."

On May 6, 1965, the San Francisco School Board announced it would send Japanese pupils to an enlarged Oriental school to save white children from being "affected by association with pupils of the Mongolian race."

The year 1966 has a significance for all San Franciscans in that this year the city was engulfed in flames after a violent earthquake on April 18.

Oct. 1966 Resolution
To the Japanese American community, 1966 has a further significance in that on Oct. 11, the then San Francisco Board of Education passed the following resolution:

"Resolved that in accordance with Article 10, Section 1662 of the School Law of California, principals are hereby directed to send all Chinese, Japanese, and Korean children to the Oriental School situated on the south side of Clay Street between Powell and Mason Sts., on and after Monday, Oct. 15, 1966."

It took the President of the United States, Theodore Roosevelt, the then Secretary of Commerce and Labor, Victor Metcalf, the Japanese Government and two suits, one in the Federal Court and the other in the State Supreme Court before the San Francisco Board finally rescinded its resolution of Oct. 11, 1966, on March 13, 1967, but only as follows:

"Resolved and ordered, that the following resolution adopted by the Board of Education on Oct. 11, 1966, be and the same is hereby repealed, excepting in so far as it applies to Chinese and Korean children, etc."

My apologies to my fellow Asian Americans for not pursuing and researching the ultimate disposition and effect of this racist de jure attempt to maintain a segregated school system for the Chinese and Korean children since 1966 in this cosmopolitan city of San Francisco.

33 Oriental Students
Statistically, it may be of interest to you that the "corrupting" influence which led to the 1966 resolution involved some 33 children of Japanese descent out of an approximate 25,000 public school children and that of the 33, 23 were Nisei or those born in these United States.

One of them was Dr. Thomas Yatabe, one of our founding fathers of JACL, now of Chicago, who recalled that one day the principal called him into her office, put her arms around him,

TELLING ETHNIC JOKES IN SHOP RULED VIOLATION OF CIVIL RIGHTS

WASHINGTON—Telling funny stories around the shop poking fun of the Polish when there are employees of Polish origin present is a violation of the Civil Rights Act, says the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Under a recent commission ruling, employers who permit such practices are violating the act's ban against discrimination on the basis of national origin.

Rep. Roman C. Pucinski, (D-Ill.), who called the ruling to the attention of the House last week (April 7), hailed it as "a landmark decision."

"This should put an end to scurrilous ethnic jokes and the ridiculing of people because of their national origin," Pucinski said. "It restores dignity to all Americans regardless of background."

The ruling Pucinski cited was in a case brought by a steel mill worker, but neither

the employee nor the company was identified.

The commission said that starting in 1965 the employee became the butt of Polish jokes by other shop workers, who also "laced other wit-cisms with vulgar 'Polish' names and generally derogatory remarks about his ancestry."

The employee was also subjected to more direct mistreatment, the commission said, having lighted welding torches held near his face and heavy objects thrown at his feet.

The commission said top supervisors were aware of the incidents and that responsibility for them therefore rested with the employers.

"The commission cannot regard the tolerance of ridicule of national origin as either a common or allowable condition of employment," said the EEOC report.

LITTLE TOKYO REDEVELOPMENT

'Statement of Interest' forms sought

LOS ANGELES — An urgent appeal was made last week to residents of Little Tokyo to respond to the letter (the "Statement of Interest") that was sent out by the Little Tokyo Project Office of the Community Redevelopment Agency.

This appeal was issued when the Redesign Subcommittee of the Little Tokyo Redevelopment Advisory Committee (LITDAC) founded responses wholly adequate.

"The Statement of Interest is an important document for the people and especially so to people who have been living in Little Tokyo on a permanent basis," according to Kango Kunisugu, Little Tokyo Project Manager. "This statement would allow preference of entry when senior citizen housing and moderate income units become available."

The Redesign Subcommittee, led by the Rev. Howard Toriumi, emphasized that this document creates no obligation on the part of the respondent but is really a form of preference. Residents of Little Tokyo have these rights but they cannot be protected on the part of the recipient exists, the Rev. Toriumi said.

A total of 816 forms were sent out by registered mail to different categories within the community (such as businessmen, property owners, residents, etc.) on March 10. By the deadline date of March 31, by far the most disappointing group was the residents, for only 47 out of 273 persons had bothered to reply. The response by the businessmen was not much better. Only 164 out of 391 replied.

The deadline has been extended. The CRA urges all citizens of Little Tokyo to return the "Statement of Interest" form to the Little Tokyo Project Office, located on the fourth floor of the Merit Savings & Loan Building, 324 E. 1st St. For further information, call 624-0837.

16 Debutantes at Sixth Annual Ball

LOS ANGELES — The Japan America Society of Southern California presented 16 debutantes at the sixth annual Sakura Ball at the Hilton Hotel April 11.

Robert Kleist of Pacific Far East Lines emceed the affair chaired by Mrs. Richard Kohashi. The debutantes were:

Wendy Aihara, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luis Aihara of Montebello.

Marilyn Hayashida, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hayashida.

Mrs. Rudy Yoshizaki, sponsor.

Carol Higuchi, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tsunakichi Higuchi.

Shirley Kakiha, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isamu Sam Kakiha of Monterey Park.

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Mrs. Richard Kohashi, sponsor.

Cheryl Kawamoto, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hitoshi Kawamoto of Sun Valley, Dr. and Mrs. George Yamaguchi, sponsors.

Diane Elizabeth Kawata, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Nobuyuki Kawata.

Joy Kodama, daughter of Kody Kodama of Culver City, Mr. and Mrs. George Aratani, sponsors.

Chien Kwee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kwee, Mr. and Mrs. George Aratani, sponsors.

Marsha Motoyama, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Iwan Sam Motoyama of Montebello, Mr. and Mrs. Luis Aihara, sponsors.

Carolyn Nishimura, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hisao Nishimura of Monterey Park, Dr. and Mrs. Robert Watanabe, sponsors.

Linda Orawa, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Ogawa.

Sharon Tamura, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kazumi Tamura of Gardena, Mrs. Tetsu Hitomi, sponsor.

Jean Masaya Yamano, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Masaharu Yamano of Corona, Mr. and Mrs. Katsuna Mukaeda, sponsors.

Martha Maruya Yamano, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Masaharu Yamano of Corona.

what's going on?

THE MIKE MASAOKA TESTIMONIAL

Rarely can the history of a people be identified with a single individual, but the story of Americans of Japanese ancestry during the most crucial and tumultuous years of their existence is the story of Mike Masaoka.

Because of a profound belief in the ideals on which America was founded, Mike Masaoka has dedicated a lifetime in helping to create a better world for all persons of Japanese ancestry. As Washington Representative of the Japanese American Citizens League, he has served as catalyst and crusader in attaining its many objectives, particularly in the area of the Japanese Americans' struggle to gain complete acceptance.

In honoring and paying tribute to the most outstanding Japanese American of our generation, the Testimonial Committee has scheduled a distinguished array of government and civic leaders to participate in the program. Hon. Spark M. Matsunaga, Congressman from Hawaii, will serve as toastmaster.

The public is cordially invited to attend the Mike M. Masaoka Testimonial banquet, which is being scheduled in conjunction with the 1970 National JACL Convention, on Thursday evening, July 16, at the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago. Please send inquiries and reservations to the Chicago JACL office.



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Asian Liberation

Oakland The 1970 National JACL Convention may well mark the pivotal year for JACL. New leaders will assume key positions and new programs will alter the activities for years to come. Bold, if not brash, expectations require an explanation.

The occasional outcroppings of forward-looking JACLers have assumed the shape of clusters of individuals across the nation. The outcroppings have become a groundswell. Copies of memos and letters exchanged among determined and knowledgeable individuals in Berkeley, Los Angeles, Westwood, Chicago, New Haven, Seattle and New York foreshadow the trend of things to come.

Participants include Ray Okamura, Hiroshi Kanno, Glen Omatsu, William Hohri and Alan Nishio. They want to see JACL appropriate the thrusts of the Asian liberation movement which developed primarily on college and university campuses in 1969. They have focused their attention upon the JACL 1970 Convention to implement their goals.

They feel the creative and responsible measures of JACL in the 1960s were not matched by the efforts of JACL in the 1960s. Nostalgia and tired blood prevented JACL from rising to meet the demands of the 1960s. The 1970s call for new programs and new, if not younger, leadership. It demands a reorganization of JACL at all levels.

The phrase "Asian liberation" captures a good part of their orientation. The word "Asians" could stand for several emphases.

First, we can contrast "Asian" to "Oriental." Oriental has come to be associated with the oppressive white stereotypes of yellow peoples. Whites want to remain exotic, quaint, cute and quiet. Asian liberation in this first sense means freedom from the lower roles Asian women and men are asked to assume.

Second, Asian liberation has to do with a discovery of our fellow Asians. This means the demise of our parochial associations restricted to fellow Japanese, or the sell-out aspirations to make it in white society. Asian liberation in this sense could result in new coalitions among Chinese, Filipinos, Japanese and Koreans. We need legal defense funds to free political prisoners named Shinyo Ono and Jean Yonemura, as well as Jerry Tong.

Finally, Asian liberation has an international scope beyond the domestic ones just mentioned. News from the underground press has made even the mass media aware of the racist character of America's foreign policy. The exposure has fostered an international, third-world orientation, calling for radical criticism and thorough revision of current policies.

Look at the record, American foreign policy has turned Asian people and soil into a dump yard for her military hardware. Japan in the '40s, Korea in the '50s, Vietnam in the '60s, Laos in the '70s! Yes the "domino theory" is true. Asians are the victims. We had better identify with oppressed Asians now. If and when an Asian country threatens Amer-

ica militarily or economically you can bank on white racists to identify Asian Americans with the Asians. We will become their most readily available target.

Those who want to see the JACL appropriate the emphases of the Asian liberation movement recognize the extensive reorganization it requires. On a local level, they know that local chapters will need to gain many new members, primarily the college student and the young adult. If the local chapters cannot absorb their contributions, new members will be forced to organize their own chapters. If that does not work, we can expect a new organization competing against JACL.

These same spokesmen want our regional offices to "perform service functions of mailing," and provide "literature libraries, meeting rooms for all Asian political interests, as well as supplemental support to other worthy groups."

They will work for several major changes on the national level. As indicated earlier, the upcoming national convention holds the key. They are working on their own slate of officers, with a built-in chain of succession in the presidency. They hope to adopt several policy changes and new programs. They ask for a "reor-

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Jr. 'Clers present biennial 'Shibui' at San Jose Apr. 19

SAN JOSE—The Santa Clara Valley Jr. JACL presents its second biennial cultural show: "Shibui — a Japanese-American Cultural Experience" on April 19 at Carl J. Leininger Hall in Kelly Park from 1 to 5 p.m.

Traditional as well as contemporary art and crafts will be displayed. Among the exhibitors will be: Ikebana (Japanese flower arrangement) by Mrs. Shoko Narimatsu; Bonsai exhibit by Harry Yoshida; a collection of handmade Japanese dolls created by Mrs. Sakado Saito; Japanese brush paintings by Shigeichi Kawashima; contemporary paintings by Mas Konatsu; Koto playing, Joyce Fujiki.

Since "cultural awareness" is the main emphasis behind this year's program, a special collection of books of and by Japanese Americans will also be on display.

Southland Sansei promote community service projects through Amerasia

LOS ANGELES — Sponsors of last year's Cincip and the Manzanar Pilgrimage, Amerasia (as it is now known) is an organization comprised of Southland students and individuals engaged in community service projects.

It is now setting up the Okei Memorial child care center, to be located near Little Tokyo to serve the Boyle Heights area. The center will provide day-care services for children whose parents must work or attend school.

Other projects reported in varying stages of development include a legal service, artists cooperative and bookstore. Future programs include development of health service center, possible initiation of sashimi lunch program for the elderly, organization of an Asian American community college and multi-service centers to serve Asian American communities.

Amerasia includes representatives from such community groups as JACS, JACL, Council of Oriental Organizations, Asian American Hard Core,

Yellow Brotherhood, Come Together Family of Gardens, Pioneer Project and Gidra. Operating for almost a year, Amerasia now approaches the community for help by staging a pancake breakfast April 19, 8 a.m. to 12 noon at Crenshaw Square Food Giant Market parking lot.

"The pancake breakfast will not only give us the funding we need, it will give us a chance to tell the community about our programs," said Ray Tasaki, spokesman. "We shall also find out how the community feels about what we are doing." Colin Watanabe is breakfast chairman. Tickets are \$1 each—all you can eat.

Solo Pacific voyage

OAKLAND—As soon as the weather is right, Miyoshi Takeuchi, 23, hopes to sail for his home in Japan aboard his homemade 26-foot sloop, Gametsuya II, which he feels will take about three months with a two-week stopover in Hawaii.

PULSE ON THE CHAPTERS:

San Franciscans honor 80-year-old Issei; many Sansei turn out in fele

By HOWARD M. IMAZEKI

San Francisco Ten years or so ago when the Hamilton Senior Center was established, the people in charge set the minimum age of 60 for its membership.

It was in line with the idea of "the aged" of the time. The Japanese community used to honor "Issei over 60" with "Keiro Kai."

No longer now. One has to be "80 or over" to be so hon-

For the Elders

ored: the reason why the Japanese American Health Research Project was established three years ago at the University of California at Berkeley to study Japanese longevity.

About 100 Issei "80 or over" in San Francisco were treated to an afternoon of entertainment, called "ISSEI NO AFTERNOON," last Sunday (April 5) at the Buddhist Church hall.

Other "Youngsters" Not all of them could come for various reasons as might be expected. But there were other "youngsters" in the '70s and '60s to enjoy the afternoon together with the octogenarians and nonagenarians. About 150 in all.

The "afternoon" was given by the San Francisco JACL with the assistance of the local Fujima Rokushige Dance Studio, Madame Haru Suwa-

da's Caucasian koto and shakuhachi players, Hamilton Senior Center, Taiko drum pounding group, and the Shinsai Band.

Yukio Kumamoto, representing the sponsoring Nisei organization, paid tribute to the Issei, as did Consul General Eikichi Hara. Dr. Kunitada Kiyasu responded on behalf of the honored Issei.

Evidence that the "honor the aged" tradition of the Japanese people is still being practiced was seen in the large number of Sansei from the San Francisco Japanese

How the Examiner Reported It

Robert Patterson's story on the "ISSEI NO AFTERNOON" appearing in the San Francisco Examiner April 6 follows:

By ROBERT PATTERSON

Yesterday, under the altar of Buddha, San Francisco's Japanese senior citizens were honored with music, song, food, but principally with the fond respect of the several generations their junior — a rare and refreshing occasion in times when tributes to the aged are more apt to be formal than fond.

Yesterday it was Issei Afternoon in the Nipponese community. An "Issei" is a first generation Japanese. Sunday, the Nisei (second generation) and Sansei (third generation) today's kids) threw a party for them at the Buddhist Church at Pine and Octavia.

The Nisei were respectful and thoughtful and footed most of the bills but it was the Sansei who made the day, assisting and welcoming the oldsters with real enthusiasm and the same sort of animation they put into their own parties.

Emphasis was on the over-eighty group. More than four-score plus old parties showed up for the blow-out and seemed to have a wonderful time as the Fujima Rokushige dancers went through classic cadences. Haru Suwada's students played the koto, and four muscular young men of the Taiko Dokokai belted the hell out of huge Japanese drums.

The food was good and the speeches were few. The mope-

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Community Youth Council actively participating in the afternoon's program, which started at 3:45 p.m. (15 minutes late) and closed at 6 p.m.

Each honored Issei man was pinned a white carnation upon entering the hall; and each Issei woman, a red carnation. Each of them was given a Wakamatsu Centennial medalion.

Watching the whole procedure with considerable admiration was Robert Patterson, staff writer of the San Francisco Examiner. Married to a Nisei, the former Kay Uyeda, Patterson was working without pay on this Sunday afternoon—Hokubei Mainichi.

Meetings

Enomoto to Speak

The Oakland JACL will hold a dinner to kick-off its

first chapter activity of the year for its general membership on Saturday, April 18, at the Rothwell Center Facility Dining room on the Mills College campus.

The entrance is located on MacArthur Blvd., south of MacArthur Freeway. Specific directions to Rothwell Center may be obtained from the campus guards at Richards Gate.

The evening begins with a no-host cocktail hour at 6 followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Invitations have been extended to members of the Berkeley Salinas Valley JACL.

Howard Imazeki, editor of the Japanese language newspaper, Hokubei Mainichi, declared the event an outstanding success.

"We used to hold it for the 60-year-olds," he said. "Then we found we had almost as many seventy-year-old people in our group, and we parted them off."

What about next year, he was asked. "Well, it's the Japanese American Community's decision," he answered, "but I've got the idea there's a lot of swimmers in the 90-group. It must be that seaweed... or maybe it's the fish."

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and Alameda JACL chapters. National JACL President Jerry Enomoto will speak on "Current Trends Affecting the JACL." During his four years as national president, Enomoto has seen many changes in the JACL. The organization, its policies and the national president have received both approval and disapproval by the Nisei and Sansei from all sectors of the United States.

The Rev. Roy Sano, Chaplain at Mills College and Oakland JACL vice president, will be chairman for the evening.

Civic Affairs

Cancer fund drive

West Los Angeles JACL For the 13th consecutive year, the West Los Angeles JACL Auxiliary aided the American Cancer Society in their fund-raising campaign this month in the West Los Angeles area. Co-chairmen, Mrs. M. Kataoka and Mrs. B. Ohara said that 60 volunteers, members and friends, canvassed the area.

Cemetery clean-up

Salinas Valley JACL The annual Japanese cemetery clean-up has been scheduled for May 17 (May 24 in case of rain) by the Salinas Valley JACL. The chapter blood bank, as of February, reported 15 pints are now on account. Recent donors included Oscar Itani, Tom Itani, George Sakagawa.

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Political Scene

Rep. Spark M. Matsunaga announced April 3 that he does not plan to try to unseat Sen. Hiram L. Fong this year. But he said jokingly he will be ready in 1976 "if Sen. Fong retires then." Matsunaga said he had been approached to run against Fong this year, but decided to seek re-election from the newly-reapportioned First Congressional District (urban Oahu). Matsunaga has criticized Fong's stand on labor, his lack of a stronger effort concerning the nomination of Harold Carwell to the Supreme Court and the postal situation. Hawaii Democrats have no "name" candidate who seems interested in facing Fong, who is regarded as a hard-to-beat campaigner.

Sen. Fong in a speech before the West Honolulu Rotary Club April 3 predicted closer relations between the U.S. and Red China during the coming decade. Red Chinese leaders, he predicted, gradually would lose their anti-American attitudes and permit trade with the Free World. Fong, however, cautioned against any overoptimism about U.S.-Red China relations.

Several hundred supporters of Rep. Patsy T. Mink turned out April 3 for a \$25 cocktail, bolstering her campaign fund for the coming elections. They met at a Pagoda Hotel reception. The fall campaign will be for her fourth two-year term. Mrs. Mink told her friends, "My task in Washington is to fight for human rights. This is my commitment. Things often look terribly difficult. But coming back home and realizing that you care makes it a cause worth fighting for. I will be there as long as you want me to keep on fighting for the things that count." State Sen. Duke T. Kawasaki was m.c. of the reception.

Abortion Law

As of April 4, 258 abortions had been performed in Honolulu hospitals since Hawaii's revolutionary abortion law went into effect some weeks ago. A Honolulu Star-Bulletin

study of the cases revealed that (1) slightly fewer than three-fourths of the cases were single women, including a few divorcees and two widows; (2) more than half of the women were aged 21 through 29, while a third were 20 and under and the rest were over 30; (3) the youngest abortion patient was 13 and the oldest 46; (4) the ethnic breakdown—Caucasians, almost 50 percent and Orientals about one-third.

Abortion costs are running an average \$300, half of which represents physician fees and the other half, hospital charges. Most patients are in the hospital overnight.

Changing Skyline

The Queen's Surf in Waikiki will have to close May 31, and the way is being cleared for Mayor Frank F. Fasi to proceed again with his efforts to tear down the building housing the night club—restaurant. In a 4-1 decision the state supreme court upheld Fasi's interpretation of the Honolulu city charter. Spence-cliff Corp., which holds the concession, has been operating on a temporary basis since Jan. 1 and already had terminated entertainment in the Barefoot Bar and Surf Lanai, pending the court's decision.

Cherry Blossom Queen

More notes on Katherine Mitsue Horio, 22, the 1970 Cherry Blossom Queen: Readers of the Pacific Citizen will be interested to learn that both her parents are from the Bay Area (San Francisco) and that at one time her father, Dr. Shigeru Horio, led the San Francisco chapter of the JACL in the early 1950s. Her mother, the former May Yoshino of Alameda, Calif., was also a one-time active JACLer. The Horios have been in the Islands since 1953 when Dr. Horio came to work at the Kaiser Medical Center. In addition to Katherine, the Horios are parents of a son, David, a third year medical student at Harvard Medical School, and another daughter, Patti, a junior majoring in music at Redlands University in California. David is married to the former Nina Percell from Manhattan, N.Y.

The new Cherry Blossom Queen is a part-time pre-nursing student at the Univ. of Hawaii and is a full-time Tahitian dancer with Tava-nui's Tahitian Revue at Queen's Surf. The Horios make their home at 3320 Oahu Ave., Honolulu, HI 96822. (Maybe friends of the Horios may want to write to congratulate them at this time.)

Elks Club Policy

Roger Dinwiddie, who failed in his second attempt in two years to get the Honolulu Elks

Club to open its membership to non-Caucasians, said he planned to resign from the organization. The local Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has voted 104-27 to protect its Caucasian-only policy.

Names in the News

Associate Justice Masaji Marumoto and three other leaders of Hawaii's Japanese community left Apr. 5 for a 10-day goodwill trip to Japan. The trip is part of the U.S. Army Friendship Mission program, sponsored by army headquarters at Ft. Shafter and the army headquarters at Camp Zama, Japan. Making the trip with Marumoto were Hisashi Kimura, president of the Kona Japanese Civic Assn.; James T. Nishi, president of the United Japanese Society of Hawaii; and William H. Tsuji, president of the Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce.

Mrs. Yuriko Tasaka will be the first woman in more than a decade to head the 6,200-member Hawaii Education Assn. She was elected v.p. recently at the Maui Beach Hotel and will take top office for the 1971-72 year. Mrs. Tasaka is a fourth grade teacher at Wilcox School in Lihue, Kauai.

Stephen S. Yano, son of the James R. Yano and a junior at St. Louis High School, president of the 1970 Youth Science Congress sponsored by NASA and the National Science Teachers Assn. Stephen's paper in clinical chemistry was concerned with the cholesterol level in human blood. Two Alia High School seniors, Thomas Tatemichi and Wayne M. Yokoyama, are the top winners in Hawaii's 13th Annual Science Fair. They will travel with their winning projects to the international fair in Eugene, Ore. Thomas is the son of the Kenichi Tatemichi of 99-311 Honohono St. and Wayne is the son of Mrs. Alice Yokoyama of 99-538 Alioune Dr., Alia.

Cliff W. Krueger, former president of Island Federal Savings & Loan Assn., was fired without having to post bail after his federal court arraignment on 25 counts of embezzlement, misapplying funds and making false statements. His next court appearance is scheduled for May 4.

Population Growth

Hawaii gained 33,780 new residents from abroad, according to the State Dept. of Planning and Economic Development. The number of persons moving in from the Mainland was the third largest since the state began counting heads in 1950. In 1969, the total was 37,953 and in 1967 it was 38,155. The 1969 count included 10,110 members of the armed forces, 7,065 military dependents and 17,225 other civilians. The remaining 14,320 persons did not report their military status. Males outnumbered females by 34.5 per cent. Of those who reported their previous residence, 41.2 per cent came from the West Coast. The leaders by states were Calif. (18,255), Washington (1,825) and Texas (1,275).

JUDGE DOI'S DECISION

Waiting period in Hawaii for divorce creates unequal classes of persons

HONOLULU — The one-year residency requirement for divorce proceedings will continue in effect in Hawaii, Acting Family Court Judge Herman T. F. Lum said.

Only a new ruling by the State Supreme Court will alter this decision, Lum said.

Doi's Decision

On Mar. 30, Third Circuit Judge Nelson K. Doi in Hilo ruled that the one-year-residency requirement for divorce is illegal. He said the requirement is a denial of equal protection under law.

Lum said, "I have instructed the Family Court referees to continue accepting only those applications for divorce which allege the party has resided here for one year."

"We are not bound to follow the ruling of another Circuit Court."

"Judicial propriety requires that the court should not be overly concerned with whether Hawaii becomes a 'divorce haven'—that should be met with policy and program, and that is for the Legislature," said Doi, who served in the State Senate for 15 years before being appointed to the bench.

Hawaii's waiting period, he ruled, creates two classes of persons—both having grounds and wanting to apply to the courts for a divorce.

One class, he said, would be

the person who had lived here a year; the other would be one who had lived here less than a year.

Shapiro Case

Even applying traditional standards, and not considering the recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling in the Shapiro vs. Thompson case, Doi said the waiting period violates the equal protection clause of the Constitution.

The Supreme Court had ruled, in the Shapiro case, against a waiting period for state welfare benefits.

The one-year waiting period, Doi said, does not benefit the youngsters in a family facing divorce.

This appeared to refute an argument put forth by Deputy State Atty. Gen. Morton King at a hearing here in February.

"The children will be better served by having the court take jurisdiction at the earliest," Doi said.

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In Micronesia, she said, "Our ability to respond to the legitimate aspirations of these people is being tested. I do not believe that we can postpone the inevitable decision required of us by principle and conscience."

Mrs. Mink said giving Micronesia self-governing status does not mean an end to U.S. presence in the Pacific Islands. She pointed out that the Micronesia Status Commission agreed to accept American military needs and to "enter into responsible negotiations with the military."

"If it is true that our national interests require that we remain fortified in the Pacific, it appears to me that one of the conditions precedent to our successful military presence in Micronesia is the development of a truly self-governing entity with whom we can negotiate," she said.

"It behooves us then to waste no time to take the necessary steps to implement their plan for a free associated state."

Treatment Criticized

Mrs. Mink criticized U.S. treatment of the Trust Territory. "What could so easily have been the great model of American concern for the underdeveloped peoples of the world instead is the source of ringing denunciation of America by our antagonists," she said.

"If we really want to help Micronesia draw upon its own resources to develop its economy so that she can become more self-sufficient then . . . restrictive tariffs must be repealed," Mrs. Mink said. American tariffs now prevent sale of Micronesia copra and fish directly to the United States.

Another "priority step" in developing self-government for Micronesia would be allowing the elected legislative body of the Trust Territory to control expenditure of funds and to set spending priorities, she said.

14 Mariana Islands

seek U.S. citizenship

HONOLULU — An official of the Marianas Islands legislature has expressed a desire to be reunited with Guam, the 15th Island of the group, a move which would bring residents of the Marianas U.S. citizenship.

Luis Camacho, secretary of the district legislature, was in Honolulu April 2 for a six-week study of Hawaii's legislative processes. He also said that of 3,233 votes cast last November, 1,942 voted for re-integration with Guam while only 19 voted for independence.

Marianas are trust territory assigned to the U.S. under the United Nations, consisting of such islands as Tinian, Saipan, etc.

Crenshaw Bridge Club

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LOS ANGELES — The Yellow Brotherhood Community Fund Drive, in its fourth report April 7, went over the \$10,000 mark.

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Ye Editor's Desk

QUESTION OF INFLATION

Having just settled our accounts with Uncle Sam, the county tax collector and taking another look at our rising budget to operate the PC and JACL—matters economic grab our focus this week.

It appears that unless significant improvement is made in our economy's ability to check the rise in prices between now and late summer, inflation could well be the No. 1 problem of next fall's congressional elections.

The consumer price index—a measure of the prices the average household must pay for its commodities and services—last year experienced its sharpest increase since 1950, when it rose by 6.1 per cent nationally. The figures also show increase in prices last year outpaced the gain in earnings for the average worker. In effect, the present inflation which began in 1965 has deprived the worker of any significant increase in his standard of living even though he may have more paper dollars to show for his efforts.

Interest rates are at their highest levels (in excess of 8 pct. for certain types of government Treasury bills) in more than 100 years. Inflation robs the thrifty as his savings are worth less while it rewards the spender who lives beyond his means, goes into debt and is able to redeem them with cheaper dollars than those he originally received. People on fixed incomes are hurt, especially those in retirement. Because of spiraling mortgage rates, fewer housing units are built; public projects and schools are not being built, either, because of high cost of funding. And inflation affects international trade—lower-priced foreign goods are preferred while higher-priced U.S. goods are hard to sell.

Despite the high interests, businessmen push for plant expansion and equipment, not minding the interests because it's tax deductible as well as repaying their debt with cheaper dollars should inflation continue. And the private citizen appears caught in the same spending spree, saving less than before—although it may be more the result of inflation in order to keep up with the rising cost of living.

And how do you reverse this inflationary trend? There is a very delicate social question in the way. To reduce economy, no one has devised a system for correcting the inflationary excesses without some reduction of goods and services and a consequent rise of unemployment. Price stability risks the incurrence of more unemployment while full employment means rising prices.

One significant government move has been the end to deficit spending. It was a \$25 billion deficit budget in fiscal 1968, but a \$3.3 billion surplus budget in fiscal 1969. At least the Federal Reserve Board doesn't have to expand the money supply to finance federal debts. And a tighter monetary policy was also instituted last year.

Yet, inflation continues for nationally consumer prices rose 6.3 pct. this past year. While our overheated economy will take time to cool off, the economists are urging a gradual method to avoid a recession. But a speedy termination of hostilities in Southeast Asia, which consumes billions per year, would ease the pressure on the budget and thereby enable the U.S. to put its economic house in order and get set for a new round of solid, economic growth.

EAST WIND: Bill Marutani

Not Too Often

TO BE CONSTANTLY reciting the Pledge of Allegiance at every JACL dinner is somewhat akin to proclaiming your love each time you meet your wife: in either case the magic and lustre may become dulled by repeated familiarity. And in your wife's case she may begin wondering even if you're absolutely sincere, every time, in your proclamation. Too, in either situation a bit of action would speak immeasurably louder than mouthing words.

Especially AJA's

SO PERHAPS it's high time we re-examine the habitual practice of mass recitals of the Pledge at JACL functions. I know of no other ethnic group, including whites, that sees a need to publicly proclaim allegiance to the Flag each time such a group meets and eats. For Japanese Americans in particular who, as no other Americans in the same period, demonstrated unwavering faith in the lofty ideals of our Nation at the very time that same Nation negated those ideals by casting us into concentration camps; whose young men streamed forth to establish enviable records in the battlefields of the Pacific as well as Europe, even as our parents, sisters and younger brothers remained confined behind those barbed-wire camps—it is particularly demeaning that such Americans whose fidelity and mettle were so tested in the crucible of adversity should consider it necessary or desirable to continually reaffirm or reassure others of our abiding faith in this, our country.

A Private Love Affair

"CORYN" AS SOME may judge me, I personally have an emotional attachment to the Stars 'n Stripes and particularly on certain occasions I thrill to see Old Glory majestically fluttering in a breeze. But that's a private love affair and, as such, one not to be subjected to repeated public declarations. Rather, such profession of faith, hope and love should be saved for particularly appropriate and rare occasions.

Especially so if one is an American of Japanese ancestry.

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'Shikata-ganai' uttered daily in other languages

By JOE HAMANAKA

Seattle
'Shikata-ganai' is a term often tagged to Issei for taking things on their chins, for being slapped on their Oriental faces—without too much objection. Theirs, however, was an immigrant-language barrier—"yamu-wo-ezu" unavoidable.

The Nisei, however, without any language problem and trying hard to become main-

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stream Average American, often go the route of "shikata-ganai." It is too early to tell about the Nisei, but they too are yet too close to the "quiet" Japanese ways.

Yet, the term "shikata-ganai" is not peculiar to the Issei Japanese, or to the Nisei, or Sane. We don't have a corner on "enryo" reserve. Look at Mr. Average American.

Consider the poor Average American. Sure enough, he has all the same feelings and reactions of "shikata-ganai," and "gaman" endurance, and "shinbo" patience, and "enryo" reserve.

Mr. Average does not want to rock the boat, not while he's in it. Does not want to attract attention. Shout, demonstrate, "Why fight it?" Is a favorite saying. The now people say "Let it all hang out."

President Nixon saw a "shikata-ganai" group and called them the "silent majority." Mr. Average American, his hesitancy, his refusal, his lack of involvement, his acceptance of things as they are.

Mr. Average, like our Issei, does not want to be a "mei-waku" trouble or bother to his neighbors. Does not want to inconvenience anyone, to annoy. To do his own thing on his own feet without stepping on his neighbors'.

Mr. Average American says, "Shikata-ganai," every day!

He takes care so he and his family maintain an orderly house. Obligated. Not to wake the neighbors. Cut the party short. Keep his trash on his side of the fence. Do his neighbor's clean-up when he defaults. Speak nicely about his neighbors. Mr. Average American says, "Shikata-ganai."

He takes "sekinin" responsibility to help the Scouts, the Good Neighbor programs. He contributes. His duty. Feels he must give his time and money to the church and to the school. The PTA too. All of this before he can think of his own pleasures, like fishing, golf, bowling, or just snoozing. Mr. Average American says, he must, "Shikata-ganai."

His "gaman" continues to remain married to a woman he "no longer loves." He "naki-naki" cries, but accepts. A woman who by her demands and actions makes his life something else. He has thought of affairs with young women, even mistresses. But, alas—"Shikata-ganai." He "shinyo" trusts that the property tax is just. He sees a piece of paper that says he has to pay \$35 to the State, \$25 to the County, \$10 to the Port, \$97 to the Schools (with or without children), \$45 to Roads and Library. Mr. Suburbia has a Fire District and Sewer District. Mr. Average American grumbles, but pays. "Shikata-ganai," he says.

And to "monku" complain about that \$7 for Schools is unheard of. Even slanderous. Un-American! One can't deprive the kids of an education. Even though Mr. Average wonders often whether he is contributing to the future of "drop-outs" and hoodlums. "Shikata-ganai," he says, "yamu-wo-ezu." He mails his check.

He shows "giri" obligation or duty to work hard for his employer. Takes his headaches and goes to work, then brings home a few. He takes his job seriously, makes the boss look good. Receives \$900 per month to take home. While the boss grabs \$2,000, yet borrows money from him for lunch. Burns his cigarettes. "Shikata-ganai."

He argues for his choice. He votes, but his guy does not win. He lives with the decisions at the polls. He does not like the government. Those in power. But he must obey the laws. Mr. Average American says "Shikata-ganai." Fight city hall?

He watches television, watches a tubed movie. But the movie is chopped into 15 minute segments, with the likes of Joanne Furuya receiving "unexpected" kisses from a dentifrice salesman. Silly commercials, station breaks. "Yamu-wo-ezu," says Mr. Average American, "shikata-ganai." He puts up with them.

He has to "kyoso" compete with or emulate his neighbors. For the best garden. House and car appearance. "Teisai" appearance is important. The neighbor cuts his lawn, so he must. The neighbor paints his house, he must. New car, he must. "Shikata-ganai," he says. So...

We Japanese aren't the only ones to say, "shikata-ganai." There must be over 100,000,000 Average Americans who daily say it, about a lot of things—in a lot of languages.



LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Mexican Ways

Editor:
Your readers must be the most literate people in the world. As a result of Joe Hamanaka's column (PC Mar. 13), we have received responses from seven prospective authors, plus a manuscript of poems and the offer of a novel.

And... in addition we have received an excellent suggestion for an author for "Chinese Ways."

How are your contacts for a book on "Mexican Ways"? After many attempts, we are at a complete standstill here. We would like someone with a Mexican-American background.

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Elk's policy

Editor:
While the Asian Coalition for Equality was instrumental in organizing the recent picketing of the Seattle Elks Lodge, several of the Nisei participants were non-members who after much soul-searching decided not to duck the issue but to make a stand against racism. It took a great deal of guts to be out there that night, especially when they knew they would see many of their friends going into the banquet hall. But in their own minds it was clear that there was nothing personal intended and that their presence at the picketing centered on a larger issue.

The local JACL president was not present at the picket, contrary to Joe Hamanaka's column (PC Mar. 27). In fact, if Mr. Hamanaka would check the pictures taken by a Nisei photographer who spent a great deal of time harassing the group, he would find this officer missing from the photos. Not that it makes any difference whether he was there or not, of course—the issue, not personalities, being the important thing.

The reference made that Dr. Joe Okamoto, ACE spokesman for that evening, is "publicly oriented" is untrue and is the type of device often used to discredit a person's motivation for his words and actions. Perhaps this was not the intention of the columnist, but unfortunately readers not knowing the situation or the man may draw erroneous conclusions based on this type of categorizing.

In any attempt to eradicate social injustice, there has to be a starting place. There was a concrete opportunity to say something about racism to both the Japanese and Caucasian communities. As suggested by Mr. Hamanaka, there are indeed other ways to confront the discriminatory practices of such groups as the Elks, and I'm sure they will be the next steps.

The writer also mentions the existence of various all- or predominantly-Japanese groups, but does he write this as justification for segregated organizations? I wonder if we forget that many of these "ethnic" groups came into being primarily because white society had closed the doors of participation to minority persons? These Japanese groups helped to give security in the midst of hostility and to provide needed social outlets. Now, though, times have changed for us in many ways. As many of us continue to participate in these all-Japanese groups for social reasons or whatever, maybe the time has come for us to stop a moment and take a good hard look at ourselves. Surely our memory is not so short that we have forgotten the epithets directed toward us—things like "they breed like rats," "sneaky," "treacherous," "dirty," "the only one you can trust is a dead one," "immoral," etc.

We as Nisei need to recall the hurt and the pain of social bigotry and the lack of opportunities due to discrimination. We also need to understand that the positive stereotypes used by white society today are often used to keep us in our place and is not necessarily a show of real acceptance of us as equals.

We need to remember there are many other minority groups who still face an uphill struggle for their basic

rights as citizens and human beings. And thus we need to ask ourselves continually what our commitment toward other minorities should be and how, individually or in groups, we can best enable them to participate fully in an open society, and how we can help to eradicate the racism and bigotry so deeply entrenched in our country.

To ask ourselves anything less is to shirk our responsibilities as citizens, as Christians (if this be our religion), as human beings. And to me, this is what the picketing at the Elks Club was all about.

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Research Paper

Editor:
I am writing a research paper on anti-Japanese sentiment on the West Coast area by the whites prior to World War II and would like any information regarding that as well as old editorials or papers (if possible) of the Pacific Citizen from its early inception.

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(For a starter, read Daniel's "Politics of Prejudice" and consult his extensive bibliography. The California State Library in Sacramento can also lend valuable assistance. We regret not having the pre-war titles of the Pacific Citizen, but recommend the Girder-Lottis book, "The Great Betrayal," which includes material from the PC relating to the World War II era—Ed.)

Re: Low and Order

Editor:
Regarding Bill Marutani's column of Mar. 20, I must express myself on this idea of equating physical death with suppression of the spirit. Each time I have heard this argument, I have been progressively annoyed—and Mr. Marutani's presentation was the proverbial last straw.

History is full of names of persons of all colors, creeds and nationalities who have been victims of "pernicious erosion of mind, body and spirit," but who have successfully countered the eroding forces and left their mark for future ages of mankind.

On the other hand, I can't think of one person who has managed this after being physically killed. This is because the human mind/spirit, wonderful though it is, can function only with a steady supply of oxygen.

The statement, "Rioting deplorable as it is, confines its 'killing' to property," really puzzles me. Can anyone furnish Mr. Marutani with a list of human beings killed (physically) in rioting since the world began—or would such a list be unmanageable because of its length?

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Commitment of JACL to needs of community vital

By FRED ABE

To me, the demise of the JACL as a Nisei organization is chronologically and psychologically inevitable. The chapter of the Nisei is rapidly coming to a close. The Sansei have arrived.

Accordingly, unless our programs and activities reflect and recognize this transition to the Issei-Nisei-Sansei, the viability of this or any other group purportedly representing the Japanese community is wholly irrelevant.

However, with some optimism, let me share with you some of my thoughts on what we should be doing in 1970.

I see the role and functions of the JACL as THE ORGANIZATION that represents the needs and aspirations of all the Japanese community to the greater community at large. I believe our organization is sensitively committed to the proposition that people of all races, creeds and beliefs are entitled to develop their constructive talents to his optimum, and that we will extend our time, talent, and resources in confronting and removing any and all social attitudes and obstacles which arbitrarily impede such participation and development.

Our commitment in this function is readily apparent by our involvement in the ethnic studies at San Francisco State and Cal; our support of the San Francisco Center for Japanese American Studies and the Japanese American courses at George Washington and Lowell High Schools; our concern and participation in the development of the Richmond Elementary School complex; our inquiries into the Morality Guidelines of the State Board of Education; our Scholarship and Federal Student Loan programs; the sale and distribution of the Bosworth and Hosokawa books; our tutorial program; our efforts to repeal Title II; and our support of the Indians on Alcatraz. These activities clearly reflect our dedication to educate not only ourselves for "identity" but hopefully others as well to eliminate racism. Being tolerated is no longer enough.

We heard from the Sansei. We discovered that we had their needs and aspirations in Nisei focus. Paternalism is out but are non-negotiable demands in?

They took us on stimulating excursions into areas of social intercourse long ignored by us and often alien in our experiences. But I suggest that as heirs, they must be consulted in decisions affecting their future quality of living. They cannot and must not be ignored.

The needs of the Issei should be examined. I believe that we would pursue programs that do not perpetually relegate them in the roles of recipients of our accolades, memorials, and dependency, but instead make them participants.

In the process, we might just give some of them a sense of belonging, of being needed, and hopefully an added reason for living.

The Nisei have the leading role in this Issei-Nisei-Sansei play. With all our hang-ups we have the saddled opportunity to counsel and referee the quest now in vogue of emphasizing a little quality into our quantity of living.

We even have the prerogative of ignoring this happening. We can jog with mental gymnastics into things "that ought to be" and practically walk and say "what is."

It can be exciting and challenging, it can be irritating and frustrating. Our auditions can be respected by apathy. Each of you has my support "like it is" as well as what you think "it ought to be."

I only ask that each of you play.—S.F. JACL Newsletter

25 Years Ago

In the Pacific Citizen, April 21, 1945

Italian partisans aid 442nd troops in capture of Carrara: Nisei exploits top Italy war in news Japanese American continue advance on Italian front against heavy opposition from Germans... Seven Nisei war heroes introduced in California legislature by Lt. Gov. Houser... Army officials investigate fire at T. Okita property in San Jose... Superior Court Judge Jorgeson in Salinas backs rights of Nisei evacuees to return during naturalization ceremonies... Calif. Legion executives uphold district commander's censure of Hollywood World War II Post in accepting Nisei for membership... Anti-evacuee leaders to meet in Sacramento to organize statewide anti-Nisei campaign... Anti-evacuee

Oregon leaders meet in Portland... Evacuees in WRA camps hold special memorial for late President Roosevelt... Alonzo Slags, grand old man of football, asks fair play for Nisei... April 9 statement by Canadian Prime Minister King before House of Commons reports Canadian Nisei recruited for war jobs in Britain... Merced Mayor Wilbur McMurray asks for formation of race relations group to prevent repetition of violent acts against returning evacuees... Sacramento YMCA sets up hostel for evacuees.

Nisei USA: "On Fascism in America" (on organized antagonisms against Nisei).

Editorial: "Occupation: Race Baiting" (on promoter Arthur Ritchie of Oregon Property Owners Protective League); "Nisei Canucks" (on recruiting of Canadian Nisei into British war jobs); "Dave Beck of Labor" (on overstepping his bounds campaigning against return of evacuees to west coast); "Crocodile Tears" (on Radio Tokyo's exploitation of anti-Nisei activities in U.S.).

Potshots

Don Hayashi



Amassing Support

Portland
Just as the Repeal Title II Committees across the nation have tried to amass support to persuade the House Internal Security Committee, there are three activities during April in the Greater Portland area. These will attempt to deal with some of the troubling situations which confront us all to motivate us to do something about them, and to rearrange the national priorities.

By the time this column is published most Americans would have paid their state and/or Federal Income Tax. It seems to always be more each year, and we often question why we continue to allow politicians to raise them higher and higher. The April National Moratorium, being spearheaded by the New Student Mobilization, will have tried to dramatize the concern of many Americans about what taxes are being used for. Since the Federal tax seems to hit us the hardest, the main attention will be directed toward it. We pay half of our Federal taxes for "National Defense and International Relations," according to government sources. The next highest category is the "National Debt," which is a mere 8%. Those who protest our involvement in Vietnam and Saigon have tried to show that the war is costly—not only in lives lost, but economically as well. Locally, the national protest will point to issues dealing with the proposed shipment of nerve gas, ABM deployment, racism in the military, and military rights.

Then on April 22nd, the country will direct its attention to the environmental pollution problem, which President