

## Report to the JACLers

I began my report to the National Council at San Jose in 1968 by reflecting upon the domestic and international crisis we were then in, which was getting more serious. Now two years later our domestic problems, and our efforts for peace, cannot be viewed with optimism.

My corollary comments had to do with the proper role of JACL, as a human rights organization, within this total framework. My frank analysis was that we had made a little progress, but we had a long way to go.

## Price Tag on Programs . . .

As JACL begins another biennium, I feel that we are further along the road toward organizational involvement in the problem solving that is needed on all levels, to alleviate a host of social ills. The increasing evidence of chapter and individual membership concern and interest in things, ranging from Issei recollection to Repeal of Title II, is very encouraging.

We are learning to plan better, as witness the number of budget requests that have come in for evaluation and consideration. There has been a markedly shortsighted and pessimistic approach to the budget issue in the past. This time, although all the requests may not be accepted, we do have specific price tags on programs.

If the delegates want a trainee program established in our Washington Office, to assure ongoing and vigorous representation in our Nation's capitol, additional money must be budgeted.

If an effective human/civil rights program, emphasizing community service and attention to Asian problems is to be realized, we must have the money to finance it. This Convention will be marked by the vital importance of delegates weighing carefully the factors, and making thoughtful, but imaginative decisions on the budget yet presented to the National Council.

## Young People Join Staff . . .

In 1968 I ended my report with a "Call to Action for All JACL Chapters," which essentially asked for a critical self-appraisal of each chapter's programs, a reordering of priorities, the taking of positions on social issues, and the providing of increased staff field services. Although I cannot in good conscience say that this "Call" has been enthusiastically heard, I believe that some results are evident.

The Biennium has seen some very productive groundwork in the recruiting of staff. Due largely to the work and suggestions of Civil Rights Coordinator Raymond Uno, and his "Fox" concept, a position of Field Director-Special Projects, was established in Los Angeles (Warren Furutani), and a team of 5 young people has been hired in the San Francisco Bay Area. These positions are to serve a variety of functions, all aimed at community problem solving, emphasizing the Asian group, and to establish some communications pipelines with young people, on and off campuses.

Although we lost the services of Alan Kumamoto, we gained those of Ron Wakabayashi and Victor Shibata. Our Youth Program, like everything else, is undergoing reevaluation and pains of change. With the guidance of Ron and Victor, we hope for progress.

We have seen the hard work and initiative of Ad Hoc Committees like those on

Title II Repeal, Ethnic Concern, and Responsible Education. The perhaps less attention attracting, but nevertheless important, standing committees have done their share. The increasing Asian awareness phenomenon has created a large need for leadership in the area of Ethnic Studies, and in the development of accurate and high quality teaching material on Japanese Americans. Elements in JACL have been spontaneously trying to respond to these needs.

The Centennial Program, mandated as a priority project at San Jose may be considered a success. Beginning with the Wakamatsu Colony Monument Dedication at Gold Hill, proceeding through a series of Issei Testimonials around the country, and the White House presentation of the gold Wakamatsu coins, and copies of Bill Hosokawa's "Nisei," to President Nixon and Prime Minister Sato, the celebration of the 100th year of Japanese immigration to the United States was highlighted in impressive and dignified ways.

One major commitment of the JARP was realized when Bill Hosokawa's book, "Nisei," was published. The work has been very well received. Other aspects of JARP will require clarification and follow-up.

There are a myriad of things that I could write, but I will leave the detailed analysis of JACL's past biennium to others, primarily our National Director and his staff.

## No Need for Either Extreme . . .

As we enter another biennium JACL is faced with the perennial choice of fighting, passively accepting, or actively and positively implementing the changes that time inevitably brings to us. Indeed, I am talking about the Convention theme, "Understanding: the Basis for a Changing JACL."

I hope that we do not get hung up in rhetoric and philosophical hassles based upon fear, instead of hope. It has been said that excesses of talk and behavior by some elements in our country, have generated counter reactions of rhetoric and repression by others. JACL's obligation, as an American organization, is to neither extreme of any proposition. Its experience and heritage as a minority self-help body does however, demand that we resist apathy and maintain an active, and today-oriented, approach to domestic and national problems, primarily affecting Asian and other minority people, but affecting all humanity.

Lastly, perhaps some are getting tired of hearing, or reading, this same type of theme. I don't apologize for this, because it is a theme that affects our country and all of us. If it loses its meaning to JACL, then JACL loses a great deal of its meaning for us, and certainly will hold little inspiration for our youth.

## The Friends We Have Made . . .

My thanks to the officers with whom I have served for two bienniums, and to the various staff who have continued their dedicated service to JACL. With no intent to slight anyone, I must express in this official report my very sincere appreciation for the constant and thoughtful support of Washington Representative, Mike Masaoka and National Legal Counsel, Bill Marutani. Our senior and ranking staff Mas Satow and Jeffrey Matsui deserve our thanks for their contributions. Harry Honda's initiative has proven to be far more valuable to JACL than his position as PC Editor requires. Joyce and I will not forget the many friends we have made, nor the rich experiences that have made the past 4 years so memorable.

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## High convention cost scrutinized

## Three Sansei from Northern Cal win Tajiri essay prize

CHICAGO—Three Sansei who live in the San Francisco Bay Region were announced winners of the Larry Tajiri Memorial JACL Essay Contest during the opening ceremonies of the 21st biennial National JACL Convention Wednesday morning (July 15).

John Hideki Sugiyama, 20, of Fremont, a UC Berkeley sophomore, won the first prize, a \$300 savings bond. Ellen Sakai, 17, of Hayward, transferring to UC Berkeley in the fall from Chabot Jr. College, won the second prize, a \$150 bond. John M. Fujimori, 17, of San Jose, and graduate of Lincoln High, won the third prize, a \$75 bond.

(The Pacific Citizen has been providing the prizes in memory of Larry Tajiri, PC editor from 1942-52, to encourage among the Sansei Tajiri's first love—writing.)

## 24 Contestants

Mrs. Mary Sabusawa, essay contest chairman, reported 24 entries were submitted, each writing on the convention theme: "Understanding: the Basis for a Changing JACL."

Sugiyama, winner of the 1970 contest, is active on the UC campus, elected freshman class vice-president in '68, and Associated Student senator in '69. He is also serving on the student advisory committee to the Dean of Students and the Dean of College of Letters and Science.

## Kiyosaki slams Demos, to run for Lt. Gov. as GOP

By ALLAN BECKMAN

(Special to the Pacific Citizen)  
HONOLULU—Ralph H. Kiyosaki stunned Hawaii Democrats at a press conference that he cratic leaders by announcing he has resigned as superintendent of the State Department of Education to become a candidate for lieutenant governor. Dr. Ralph Ando, chairman of the State Board of Education, said he had received no official word of the resignation.

"I'm disappointed," said Ando, that the Board of Education was the last to learn of the decision.  
Considered the stronger of the two leading Republican gubernatorial candidates, Samuel P. King flew from Reno, Nev. to attend the announcement. King lives next door to Kiyosaki and is credited with persuading him to run.

## Voted Democratic in '68

Kiyosaki voted as a Democrat in the 1968 Primary Elections and became a signed member of the Democratic party in January of this year. In May, in a meeting attended by a cabinet officer of the Burns administration and a former cabinet officer, Kiyosaki was elected Democratic president of the 8th precinct of the 16th District.

Other Republican candidates for lieutenant governor include Richard Sutton and Lawrence Freitas.  
State Sen. Hebdon Porteus, who will oppose King for nomination in the coming primary election, was not invited to the press conference. But Porteus said he would have no trouble working with any nominee chosen in the primary.

Kiyosaki said he admires and respects both GOP candidates for governor. He said, "I know I could work well with either one."

## Injured wrestler seeks \$1,750,000

NEWPORT BEACH—Justin H. Ogata, 16, of Costa Mesa High School who sustained almost total paralysis due to a freak wrestling accident last December, is suing the local school district for \$1,750,000, charging negligence in the operation of wrestling classes.

Ogata has been the beneficiary in recent months of several community ventures aimed at helping the family pay hospital bills.



Hats Off to Mike!

## MIKE M. MASAOKA

By Dr. Joseph D. Sasaki . . . native of Fresno  
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Man of the triple decade was he  
Impulsive in his ways in the beginning  
Kept up with time to what he believed, but . . .  
Endeavored to perform his task

Mastering the problems of the Nisei.

Mammoth job he had to assume  
Achieving for the benefit of all Nisei,  
Securing unity of the JACL,  
Acclaiming that we are Americans all.  
Unspeaking and pleading to others for our cause.  
Kunsho, then, he was honorably awarded  
As a sign of his accomplishment for us all.

## OFFICIAL CONVENTION DELEGATES

List of official alternate delegates and proxy to the 1970 National JACL Convention in Chicago acknowledged by Masao Satow, national director, as of July 10 follows:

Alameda—Shig Sugiyama  
Arizona—Kiyoshi Kawai (p)  
Arkansas—Valley  
Berkeley—Tad Hirota,  
Ray Okamura  
Ben Lomond—Ron Yokota (p)  
Boise Valley—  
Chicago—Ross Harano, Tak  
Tomiyama; Mas Funai (a);  
Hiroshi Kanno (a), Tak Itano (a)  
Cincinnati—Jerome Abbott,  
Stogie Toki  
Cleveland—Henry Tanaka,  
Joe Kadowaki; Toshi Kadowaki (a), Sadie Yamane (a), Sachie Tanaka (a), Sharon Shintaku (a).  
Cloviss—Tony Takikawa (p)  
Columbia Basin—Ed M. Yamamoto; Lloyd Wilkum (a)  
Contra Costa—Jerry Irei, Mrs. Chizu Iiyama; Ben Takeshita (a); Joe Sugawara (a)  
Cortez—Bill Matsumoto (p)  
Dayton—Dr. Jim Taguchi, Gerald Hawkins Ray Jenkins (a), Frank Titus (a)  
Delano—Tony Takikawa (p)  
Detroit—  
Downtown LA.—Kiyoshi Kawai, Alfred Hatake  
East Los Angeles—Walter Taniguchi; Ritsuko Kawakami (a)  
Eden Township—  
Shig Sugiyama (p)  
Florin—Bill Matsumoto (p)  
Fort Lupton—  
Fowler—Dr. George Miyake  
Fremont—Shig Sugiyama (p)  
French Camp—George Baba (p)  
Fresno—Tony Takikawa (p)  
Gardena Valley—Mrs. Helen Kawagoe  
Gilroy—Tom Miyana (p)  
Greater Pasadena—Harry Kawahara; Dr. Bob Suzuki (a)  
Gresham—Troutdale—  
Tak Kubota (p)  
Hollywood—Alan Kumamoto; Yuki Kamayatsu (a)  
Idaho Falls—Ron Yokota (p)  
Imperial Valley—TBA (p)  
Livingston—Merced—Bill Matsumoto (p)  
Long Beach—Harbor—Charles Yata  
Marysville—Akiji Yoshimura  
Mid-Columbia—Tak Kubota (p)  
Mil-Hi—  
Milwaukee—Jim Miyazaki; Henry Date (a)  
Monterey Peninsula—Tom Miyana (p)  
Mt. Olympus—Ken Nodzu  
New York—  
North San Diego—  
Oakland—Mary Ann Takagi, Molly Kitajima  
Omaha—Walter Allen; Mrs. Em Nakadoi (a)  
Orange County—James Okazaki, Ken Hayashi; Ben Shimizu (a)  
Parlier—Tony Takikawa (p)

FRESNO—The high costs of attending JACL conventions came under scrutiny—especially for California chapters which comprise 70 per cent of in view of the first three conventions in the 1970s scheduled out-of-state: 1970 in Chicago, 1972 in Washington, D.C., and 1974 in Portland, Ore.

Fresno JACL Newsletter editor Fred Hirasuna noted the Central California District Council was sending two official delegates (its district governor Tony Takikawa and

## Natl JACL credit union declares 5 1/2 pct. dividend

SALT LAKE CITY—President S. Ushio of the National JACL Credit Union last week announced that the Board of Directors has declared for the first half of 1970 a dividend of 5 1/2 per cent. This dividend will be created to the members statements as of July 1, 1970.

He further stated that this will mean disbursement of over \$33,000 to the members as a first half dividend for 1970 and was the second time that a 5 1/2 per cent dividend has been paid.

Ushio indicated that the loan volume has dropped in comparison with the previous year, indicating that the members are withholding expenditures due to the uncertain future of the present economic situation. The members are urged to use their Credit Union in the event a loan is necessary.

## Reparations bill sought by NC-WNDC for all Japanese American evacuees

CHICAGO—A humble petition for reparations from the U.S. government to all those evacuated from the West Coast in 1942 has been presented to the 21st biennial National JACL Convention meeting here this week. It was submitted by the Northern California—Western Nevada District Council.

While the suggestion of individual reparations for days spent in the wartime relocation camps was studied by JACL at the 1948 national convention and passed over for the individual claims procedure, it was the contention of Edison Uno, who authored the NC-WNDC resolution that as long as the federal government can rest their case on the Korematsu and Hirabayashi decisions, there is no admission of wrong doing, liability, or blame for the injustice of 1942.

Uno explained that there is evidence to prove there was no "clear and present danger" created by Japanese Americans or any questions of Nisei loyalty. The real causes of Evacuation were ignorance, hysteria, fear, bigotry, economic and political opportunism and racism, Uno declared.

## Rationale of Plea

"By seeking a federal reparations bill, the Nation will have to know the nature of our request, admit to the gross injustice and redress this grievance," Uno said. It will also educate the public, provide economic reimbursement to our communities, validate the admission of an official wrong and pay individuals on an equitable basis a debt long overdue.

Uno concluded, "If American Japanese are going to cast off the stigma of the entire Evacuation episode, it must be officially decreed by the U.S. government."

The district council adopted the resolution at its special pre-convention meeting June 28 at San Francisco.

It was referred to the JACL MEMBERSHIP

## INCREASING SLOWLY

SAN FRANCISCO—On the eve of the 1970 JACL national convention, membership figures as of July 1 show 23,686 current—about 1,000 more than on the eve of the 1968 national convention, according to National Headquarters.

Within the past month, a petition for charter has been received from the Chicago Liberation Chapter, headed by Hiroshi Kanno, making it the third new chapter organized this year for a total of 93. However, Pocastello and Rexburg chapters have been listed as "inactive" since May, reducing the active chapter total to 91.

Who's Lucky Enough  
That effectively eliminates most members in Central California, he asserted, the net result being that most chapters give their proxies to the official district delegates.

Aside from national officers, staff members and heads of national committees who get their expenses paid from the national treasury, district council and chapter delegates who may get full or partial coverage of travel expenses and, dedicated members who sacrifice much to make this biennial trip, who attend the national conventions? Hirasuna said those lucky enough to live in or very near the convention city and affluent members who can afford the trip.

Hirasuna, who has attended many national conventions in the past, added that many important decisions are made at conventions—some items being considered without prior discussion at the local level and passed by delegates in a convention atmosphere "which may not be conducive to careful deliberation and considered voting."

## Referendum Proposed

To insure local chapter understanding of importance decisions, especially modifications or amendments of proposals made at the convention, a by-law which would subject any National Council decision to a referendum of Hirasuna has urged consideration by petition the entire membership if for-signed by 10 per cent of the National membership.

CL's legislative committee for study and recommendations for future JACL policy.

There was no contrary opinion expressed by the 68 delegates, except for a few negative votes when the polling of delegates took place.

## Text of Resolution

The resolution stated:  
Whereas, it has been over a quarter century ago when the United States government incarcerated in excess of 110,000 persons of Japanese ancestry (two-thirds of them American born citizens) without justification in total violation of all Constitutional rights and principles; and

Whereas, the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco has estimated the property loss by said internees to be in excess of four hundred million dollars; and

Whereas, under the Japanese

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## 'Orientals' added to education code

SACRAMENTO—Legislation requiring California history courses in the elementary and high schools cover contributions made by persons of Oriental ancestry was passed June 25 by the state assembly 53-1 and is currently being considered by the state senate.

The measure was introduced by two San Francisco assemblymen—Willie L. Brown, Jr., of the 18th district, which includes Nihonmachi, and John L. Burton of the 20th district in which Chinatown is located.

It calls for the amendment of sections 8553 and 8576 of the state education code, relating to courses of study, with the addition of the phrase "persons of Oriental extraction" in both sections.

Currently sections 8553 and 8576 which are identical read: "Instructions in social sciences shall include the early history of the California and a study of the role and contributions of American Negroes, American Indians, Mexicans and other ethnic groups to the economic, political and social development of California and the United States of America."

## DEADLINES

July 30—JACL Sumitomo Bank college award nominations from Chapters. Student applications due Aug. 15. So. Calif. JACL Office, 125 Weller St., Los Angeles, MU 8-0239.  
Aug. 15—JACL Student Aid program application deadline. So. Calif. JACL Office, 125 Weller St., Los Angeles.

## Joe Grant Masaoka dead

LOS ANGELES—Joe Grant Masaoka, administrator of the JACL-UCLA Japanese American Research Project, died Friday morning (July 10) at the age of 61. He had undergone surgery in June when terminal cancer was discovered and died in his sleep at the Kaiser Foundation Hospital in Harbor City.

Joe Masaoka was long identified with the JACL at the local, regional and national levels. He was the oldest of the Masaoka brothers who distinguished themselves on behalf of Japanese Americans for the past three and a half decades.

His death came a few days before the national testimonial in honor of his younger brother, Mike, held July 16 at the National JACL Convention in Chicago. He had planned to take his 81-year-old mother, Mrs. Haruye Masaoka, to that event.

Funeral services were conducted last Sunday, July 12, at the Japanese Union Church, Shimatsu-Ogata-Kubota Mortuary was in charge of arrangements. He is survived by three sons, Dr. Grant Roger, Phillip Dennis and Alan Keith; two daughters, Joann Gall, Lynn Haruye; his mother, Haruye; four brothers, Mike, of Washington, D.C.; Akira, Los Angeles; Henry, Redding; and Tadashi, San Mateo; and two sisters Shinko Nakano and Kiyoko Ito, both of Chicago.

Joe Grant was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Eijiro Masaoka and born in Riverside in 1909.

"Joe Grant" as his many intimate friends called him, was the first president of the Salt Lake JACL in 1935, after the Reimeit-kai youth group was disbanded to establish a Nisei citizens group. He moved to Los Angeles several years later and in 1940 was

elected president of the Bay District JACL, predecessor of the West Los Angeles, Venice and Santa Monica chapters.

## Manzanar Historian

He was evacuated to Manzanar WRA Center where he served as documentary historian on the project staff. In November, 1942, he was a Manzanar delegate to the National JACL emergency council sessions at Salt Lake City—historic for its decisions to call upon the government to reopen selective service and organize the all-Nisei combat team. Mike Masaoka, then national secretary, prevailed

upon his "nissan" to join the JACL staff and Joe Grant was appointed director of the JACL associated members division—which included JACLers not living in areas where active chapters operated.

In the summer of 1943 when the influx of evacuees to Denver was the greatest and there was considerable public agitation against Japanese Americans.

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## Elmer Ogawa found dead in apt.

By JOE HAMANAKA

(Special to the Pacific Citizen)  
SEATTLE—Elmer Ogawa is dead at age 64. He was a writer and a photographer. And he served his community well.

Elmer lived alone. He had been dead several days, we hear, when his body was found in his apartment near 10th and Fir.

The last time we met was in the Nihonmachi International Branch Post Office, and he was there to mail a package to his "kid brother" (Herb), he had said, who lives in Texas. A Christmas package.

"I may write more 'Letters to the Editor' in the P.C.," he had said, "may even do a column."

"Good!" we said. But he looked then like a sick man—thin, drawn, colorless—a whisper of the man we used to know. He said he had difficulty typing.

We recall another occasion in December last year when he telephoned to suggest we look-in on the Today Show the morning after, Mike Masaoka and Bill Hosokawa were appearing, he said.

We chatted. His voice was weak, and we asked how he was. Not bedridden, he said, but could not walk too far. "Let's face it, I know and he (the doctor) knows, I'm slipping," he said. "I've a little of everything—diabetes, high blood pressure, cholesterol—you name it."

Elmer Ogawa, the writer,

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## Altimeter misread

SAN FRANCISCO—When the JAL DC-8 with 107 persons aboard landed in fog-shrouded San Francisco Bay, 2 1/2 miles short of the airport on Nov. 22, 1968, Capt. Kohei Asot had asked his American co-pilot for altitude in feet and he got an answer in inches, the U.S. National Transportation Safety Board announced. No one was hurt.



## Washington Newsletter

by Mike Masaoka

## 'Footnote to History'

(Mike Masaoka is providing his space this week for the last Footnote to History contribution from his brother, Joe Grant, who passed away July 16. Joe had intended to publish a column of his Footnote contributions published in the Pacific Citizen someday—Editor.)

## B1 JOE GRANT MASAOKA

Los Angeles

A prominent cleric in the Los Angeles Japanese American community who had performed several Samsel wedding ceremonies heaved a mawkish remark of reassurance and asked me after the rites I had attended.

"At last, I can say I've tied the knot for a Samsel-Samsel marriage when for some time it's been Samsel-Caucasian nuptials one after another."

Since World War II and the evacuation and subsequent dispersion of Japanese Americans throughout the Midwest and East the topic of interracial marriage has attracted much interest among Nisei parents as well as the Issei. Reactions to intermarriages vary.

One Nisei father whose daughter married a Caucasian schoolmate firmly declared, "My daughter knew how I felt about intermarriage. If she comes, she knows she's not welcome. Oh, I'll be civil. But, as far as I'm concerned, she's dead."

Some three years later I happened to visit my Nisei friend at his farmhouse. Once opposing the outmarriage I found him now a doting grandfather. It was the grandchild who brought the two families together and conciliated their former differences.

## Baishakunin System

Then there is the Issei father who commented on the baishakunin idea he held before the war. Two of his five daughters were married by the baishakunin system before World War II. During the relocation period in Chicago one girl married a Chinese, another a Caucasian.

When queried about his former strong beliefs about the worthwhileness of the baishakunin system he confided he has more Americaneness and had thrown his arranged marriage ideas of the Issei out of the window.

Generally, all major segments in the United States today, whether they are racial, religious or ethnic, favorably regard a homogenous marriage and view intermarriage with disfavor. Surveys taken of the Issei and Nisei show the same attitudes.

Usually the first question asked about interracial marriage is whether statistics show such marriages to be increasing or decreasing in rate. In studies accumulated by the sociologists at the Japanese American Research Project, headquartered at the Univ. of California, Los Angeles, the figures recall historical periods.

## Intermarriage Theory

One theory holds that the proximity of racial and cultural groups, such as found in Los Angeles County, produces intermarriage. I go on to hold that whenever a people in proximity to other peoples has an unbalanced sex ratio, they will tend to intermarry. If relatively well balanced they will tend to marry their own people. Whenever an unbalanced sex ratio influences people to look for mates outside their own group, similar culture determines the selection.

However, these general tendencies become altered when other factors intervene such as: the ethnic minority size, the rigidity or laxity of the customs and traditions, the cohesion of the ethnic community or other cultural traits. However, the sex ratio and culture seems to be predominating factors.

Keeping this general hypothesis in mind let's examine the Japanese statistical picture over the past 60 years.

According to the U.S. Census for every 100 females there were the following males in these ratios of the Japanese American population:

2,369 Males per 100 Females in 1900;  
694 Males per 100 Females in 1910;  
190 Males per 100 Females in 1920;  
143 Males per 100 Females in 1930;  
131 Males per 100 Females in 1940;  
118 Males per 100 Females in 1950;  
92 Males per 100 Females in 1960.

It would be reasonable to expect that in the first four decades of this century, inclusive of the year 1940, that the ratio of Issei and Nisei marrying persons of other ethnic origins would be high.

In Los Angeles County, Con-

stantine Panuzio studied the

period from 1924 to 1933. The statistics he gathered show 1-163 Japanese married during this period. Out of this number, 1,136 which is equivalent to 977 out of every 1,000, married other Japanese. Those who married out of their race came to 27 or 23 per 1,000.

The intermarriages were: 14 between Japanese and Chinese, four married Negroes, two were with Filipinos and seven Japanese married Caucasians.

The figure of 2.3 percent intermarried the Japanese scarcely means the acute sex imbalance made it a difficult situation for Japanese to get married. In the 1920's and 1930's at least among the marriageable Japanese males one-fifth wanted to marry, found it impossible to obtain Japanese mates in this country.

Until 1920, the "shashin kekkon" or picture bride system, where an exchange of photographs brought together in wedlock two consenting parties, helped to relieve the situation. West Coast racist raised the specter of a flood of these brides producing a population explosion of Japanese who would control California.

## Issei Intermarriages Rare

Earlier, Italian immigrants had employed the same device known as the "padrone" system to augment their female population and even earlier English colonists had brought over shiploads of women to be brides for the settlers. The Japanese government desirous of removing abrasive issues discontinued the issuance of "picture bride" passports in 1920.

Then, the Oriental Exclusion Act of 1924 cut off further immigration of Issei to the U.S. Thereafter, relatively more males including students returned to Japan. The growth of the Nisei helped to reduce the sex disparity.

But in these early years, the 2.3 per 100 is hardly significant. The reasons are clear. In the first place, the Caucasian attitude toward the Japanese was to erect an invisible barrier of race supremacy and had thrown his arranged marriage ideas of the Issei out of the window.

Secondly, the California law until 1948 specifically prohibited Japanese marrying whites. Thirdly, the Japanese were loyal and rigid in observing an ethnic and community cohesion which was enforced by forms of social punishment. Actually with so few Japanese females and permitted by California law they could have married Mexicans, American Indians or Negroes but they did not.

However, Japanese wanting to marry Caucasians went to Nevada where the state law was permissive. Or, as one Issei reported he and his Irish bride were married by the ship's captain when their holiday excursion boat went outside of the three mile limit from San Diego. These women were probably American-born females of English and European extraction whom the Japanese "liberated."

## Recent Study

In the November, 1963 issue of "Marriage and Family Living" in which Larry D. Barnett wrote on Interracial Marriage in California—the Statistics from 1955 to 1959, the state legislature enacted a law prohibiting race designation in marriage license application so subsequent figures are hard to come by. Age wise these years would reflect Samsel. These figures show a steady climb:

In 1955 in 888 marriage 779 were interracial thus 12.3 percent interracial in 1957 in 978 marriage 814 were interracial thus 16.8 percent interracial. In 1958 in 1,028 marriages 815 were interracial thus 20.7 percent were interracial and in 1959 in 955 marriages 766 were interracial thus 19.8 percent were interracial.

California has the highest concentration of those of Japanese ancestry. In other sections of the country where Japanese residences tend to be more scattered in the general population the percentage rate of outmarriages is higher and the smaller the Japanese local head count the higher the rate of intermarriage.

**Japanese Rigidity Weakening**  
As the years go on, even in the areas of high Japanese American concentration the hold of the ethnic community over the Samsel becomes lessened. The ostracism which the older generations employed to show its disapproval of outmarriages is being dissipated. Consequently just as the marriage customs have successively given way so will the mores of rigidity of Japanese yield gradually to more American.

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## UCLA-JACL Must Address Themselves to Void Due to Joe Masaoka Death

By SHIG WAKAMATSU

Chairman, JACL Executive Comm.  
Japanese American Research Project

that data processing and related work is on target for completion as the NIMH funding comes to a close on Aug. 31.

After the Project office is closed, arrangements had been made for Joe Masaoka to continue on a part-time teaching basis, until continuation grants for the final aspects of the Project will be requested by Dr. Levine in September 1971.

Now that Joe Grant Masaoka has been tragically taken away from the scene, both UCLA and JACL must address themselves to the void created by his death.

Members of JACL executive committee of JARP extend their deepest sympathy to the Masaoka family. We share in their loss most deeply.

## NEWS CAPSULES

## Business

Osamu Ozawa, 321½ E. 1st St., in Little Tokyo now provides glamorous hostesses who speak both Japanese and English and can drive to accompany visitors from Japan to tour the local sights during daylight hours only. Service is expected to relieve businessmen who would take time off from work. Clients desiring guides at night will be served by male companions, said Ozawa who also teaches karate and is v.p. Mako International Productions. If successful, similar branches will be opened next year in New York and San Francisco.

Japan Trade Center is assisting in the display of Japanese products at the 12th annual Pacific Fine Food, Confectionery and Beverage Show at the L.A. Biltmore Hotel opening July 12. Former Nisei Queen attendant Grace Ouchi of Monterey Park is stewardess with Pan-Am, based in Honolulu. Matsushita Electric and Sony, currently sold in the U.S. as American depository receipts, are expected to be listed on the N.Y. Stock Exchange in the spring, 1971. Tokyo securities sources indicated.

In the major reshuffle of Japan Air Lines executives last month, Tomochi Tsure, western regional office manager at San Francisco, was promoted assistant to the sales v.p. at the Tokyo head office. Here for five years, he is being succeeded by Takayuki Hashizawa, now deputy chief of operations at Tokyo.

## Courtroom

A Long Beach jury awarded Mrs. Robert Boyce \$125,000 in a malpractice suit against four Metropolitan State Hospital psychiatrists who had ordered the "premature" release of her mentally ill husband in 1964.

## Asian American legal services established

LOS ANGELES — To "meet the needs of the financially and culturally deprived," a group of community workers and law students have formed the Asian American Legal Services to provide free legal assistance in most areas of the law.

Its office is located in Room 303, 125 Weller St., telephone, 689-4413.

The AALS will also provide legal education to the community through bilingual handbooks and legal first aid classes and will assist in developing a minority admissions program into law school.

Two days later after being discharged, her husband died from carbon monoxide poisoning which was ruled a suicide. The hospital panel comprised of Drs. George Y. Abe, superintendent; Harold C. Deering, asst. supt.; Sam Kawamura, who was directly in charge of Boyce, and Jerry Crews, were charged with negligence in releasing a patient with a long record of mental illness and who had threatened to kill himself at least three times. The widow's attorney took six years to have the case reach the court.

## Churches

Dr. James K. Sasaki of Los Angeles, pastor at Century Methodist the past four years, became the first Japanese American to head a predominantly Caucasian congregation in Southern California. Methodism as senior pastor of Monterey Park First United Methodist Church. He also served as So. Calif.-Hawaii Methodist Conference secretary last month at Redlands. A graduate of Aoyama University in Japan, he studied theology at Iliff and conferred the doctor of divinity degree from Ohio Wesleyan. He is past president of the So. Calif. Japanese American Church Federation and has been active with campus Methodist groups at UCLA. Succeeding him at Century will be the Rev. Peter Chen of North Gardenia. The Rev. Tosh Tatenyama, associate pastor at Century, will become pastor at North Gardenia United Methodist Church. Other new appointments elsewhere include: Rev. Masaji Goto of Palo Alto to Portland Epworth United Methodist Church; Rev. Alpha Takagi of Dinuba to Palo Alto Aldersgate U.M. Church.

The Rev. Paul Nagano, executive director of the Japanese Evangelical Missionary Society headquartered at Los Angeles, was conferred a Doctor of Religion degree by the Claremont School of Theology. The title of his dissertation was "The Japanese Americans' Search for Identity, Ethnic Pluralism and a Christian Basis for Permanent Identity."

The Rev. Shoji Oi, 52, graduate of the Univ. of Hawaii and Tokyo University, was named rinban of the Seattle Betsuin. He had been associate minister of the San Francisco Buddhist Church. The Rev. Koshin Oguri, who joined the Buddhist Churches of America in 1963 after graduating from Ryukoku Buddhist University, Kyoto, is new associate minister at San Francisco Buddhist Church, having completed two years of research fellowship on religious psychotherapy at Yale University. He served the Oxnard Buddhist Church for three years before being invited by Yale in 1968.

## Music

Japanese soprano Tami Asakura, who won the Los Angeles preliminary of the annual San Francisco Opera auditions, won the \$750 Florence Bruce award (runner-up) as 14 finalists competed June 28. She sang Micaela's aria from "Carmen". She is a graduate of Tokyo University of Art with a master's degree.

## Hamanaka -

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dates back to the late 1920's, as an associate editor for Jimmy Sakamoto's "Courier" where writers like Shibata, Kimura, Kanazawa, Sugiyama, Hosokawa also served.

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He had majored in foreign trade at the Univ. of Washington, class of 1928—same as Welly Shibata, Yoshito Fujii, George Nakashima. But in those days, jobs were scarce for Nisei grads.

Ogawa went to New York with the Nippon Dry Goods firm. After the import business folded, he drove a milk delivery truck in New York. And in 1942 he enlisted in the Army and served in the Canal Zone. Prior to discharge he was a drill sergeant at Camp Wolters, Texas.

He returned to New York after his Army days, then headed for Seattle via Pocatello. He was a boilermaker in Seattle with the Olympic Foundry, a trade he picked-up while in Pocatello.

Soon after his return to Seattle, his "Northwest Picture" column in the PC began, continuing for over 15 years until his "retirement" in 1969.

## Professional Photos

We first met during my days as publicity man and commander for the local Nisei Vets. We called on him for

and sang with a number of orchestras before coming to the U.S. in 1969.

Cellist Mary Oda, 18, appears as soloist with the Merce Cunningham Jr. Symphony Orchestra at the annual Covina Music Festival (July 18) and Lelsure World Seal Beach Amphitheater (Aug. 8). She is the daughter of the Paul Odas of Los Angeles. Pianist Gary K. Amano, of Helper, Utah, won the Juilliard Competition for excellence on the piano and awarded a major study grant to continue his work at Lincoln Center, New York.

## Expo '70

Julie and David Eisenhower, representing President Nixon over the Fourth of July festivities at Expo '70, returned July 5 and told the press at the Western White House at San Clemente they were royally welcomed. David had told the Japanese one of the great disappointments of his grandfather, Dwight Eisenhower, was that he could not visit their country.

## Politics

A past president of the Filipino Community of Seattle, Tony Baraso, of 163 Empire Way, is a candidate for the 37th state representative district in the 1970 elections. The Japanese American Republicans (JARSC) will honor Sen. George Murphy at a Yamato Restaurant reception July 26, 4-5:30 p.m., according to Soichi Fukui, JARSC president, and Mrs. Aki Abe, reception chairman. Event is open to the public.



Elmer Ogawa

his photograph. He was willing and always available. And he fed his pictures to the metro dailies, the PC, Scene Magazine—he was a pro.

Elmer probably had the most complete photo files on the activities of community organizations, like the JACL, the Nisei Vets, Jackson Street Community Council, Cathay Post American Legion.

His thinking went beyond any one organization. He was dedicated to chronicling the word-picture of his community.

Perhaps his high point in this community was the night he was named "Man of the Year—1959" by the Jackson Street Community Council, a racially-mixed group which then was a Good Neighbor Agency.

Council President Phil Hayasaka presented Elmer with a trophy which was a replica of a camera. Only four Japanese have been so honored by the Council. They are Yoshito

Fujii (1948), Seichi Hara (1952), Takeshi Kubota (1956) and Ogawa (1959).

## A Lonely Life

Not too many Nisei really got "close" to Elmer. He moved about in the "fringes" of Nisei organizations, never fully recognized for his contributions. A shame, though he never asked much in return.

He lived a lonely life, we thought. He never seemed to have "belonged" to any definite circle.

## NC-WNDC -

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Evacuation claims act of 1948, a token payment of less than 10 cents on the dollar was paid to approximately 25,000 claimants by a compromise adjudication program which was grossly unfair, arbitrary, and unjust, and

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## From the Frying Pan

Bill Hosokawa

OF MIKE AND MEN—They will be singing hosannas for Mike Masaoka at his testimonial banquet in Chicago this week. The nicest part of it is that every elaborate tribute, delivered by some very accomplished orators, will be thoroughly deserved. Most men are dead by the time anybody gets around to saying anything nice about them. Mike will have the pleasure of being present in the flesh, hale and hearty, when the eulogies are spoken. Who could wish for more?

Mike Masaoka is the classic example of the right man in the right place at the right time. The Japanese Americans needed him in the worst way in the quarter of a century between 1940 and 1965. Even so, it is possible that if he had been born 10 years earlier, and had appeared on the Nisei scene in 1930 instead of a decade later, the Evacuation might never have taken place. That, of course, is conjecture and no one is ever going to prove the statement either right or wrong.

What is indisputable is that in 1941 when Saburo Kido was looking for an aggressive, articulate, inventive, forthright, ingenious and far-sighted individual to take over as executive secretary of the JACL, he found precisely the right man in Masaoka. He was young and inexperienced, as were all Nisei at that point in history. But he had all the other necessary attributes and he learned quickly. I shudder to think what the course Nisei history might have taken had Masaoka not been on the scene to lead the way.

It is natural that the speakers at the testimonial will dwell on Masaoka's triumphs, which are many and impressive. It will be equally pertinent, I think, to remember his frustrations and trials, which he had the fortitude to overcome. Like the time he and George Inagaki were thrown into separate cells of a Louisiana jail by over-zealous deputies who suspected them of being Japanese spies. And fearing a lynching, how they signaled each other—by flushing the toilet—to keep up their spirits. And like the time he followed an elusive congressman into the men's room and engaged him in conversation while he couldn't get away, finally winning promise of an audience.

I hope also that the speakers will not forget the people who made Mike possible. His mother, Haruyo, for instance, who kept the family of eight children together when her husband, Eihiro, was killed in an automobile accident when Mike was only 9 years old. And the oldest of the brood, Joe Grant (who just died of cancer this past week) who took over the burden of supporting the family and seeing to it that Mike and the others got their education. And of course Mike's patient, understanding and long-suffering wife, Etsu, who has been his loyal helpmate, and who uncompromisingly has shared him with his duties. Mike's night of triumph and acclaim also is theirs.

Which of Masaoka's many accomplishments on behalf of the Japanese Americans were the most notable? I would pick two. First, the campaign to extend naturalization rights to the Issei, which he master-minded to a successful conclusion. Wartime hatreds still smoldered at the time the campaign was launched. Some members of Congress confused the issue by attaching the citizenship measure to the controversial Walter-McCarran Immigration and Naturalization Act. The bill was vetoed by President Truman for reasons not connected with the Japanese Americans. Masaoka stirred up a floodtide of sentiment that overrode the veto, provided naturalization for the Issei, and at the same time accomplished his second most notable feat—repealing the disastrous Oriental Exclusion Act of 1924 and extending the dignity of immigration quotas to Asian nations. He had accomplished what had appeared to be the impossible.

In more recent years it would have been understandable if Masaoka, like so many other "successful" Nisei, had turned away from his colleagues to concentrate on his growing business and to follow his inclinations and personal interests. In truth, however, he has not forgotten his constituents, nor is he likely to. The testimonial this week is not necessarily the climax to the Masaoka career. It is, I hope, only another bright milestone along a route that leads inevitably to greater achievements.

## 30TH NISEI WEEK CALENDAR SET FOR AUG. 15-23

The 1970 Addition:  
Preview Exhibit in  
City Hall Rotunda

LOS ANGELES—Leaflets detailing the 1970 edition of the Nisei Week Festival program are now available at shops in Little Tokyo and at the JACL Office.

The new addition to the 30th annual festival, according to general chairman Harry Yamamoto, is the Nisei Week preview exhibit to be unveiled for a five-day run at the City Hall Rotunda beginning Aug. 10.

The 10 candidates vying for Miss Nisei Week have already met informally with the queen contest committee and will be formally introduced to the press, judges and Nisei Week officials at the Queen's Tea July 26 at the Japanese Consul General's residence. The candidates are:

Charlotte Kiyari, San Gabriel Valley; Joanne Nishikawa, West L.A.; Claudia Kadota, Pasadena; Sally Okizaki, Whittier; Candice Hiroto, Long Beach; Joy Kodama, Hollywood; Jean Kadonaga, San Fernando Valley; Gail Konishi, Orange County; Gail Kato, East L.A.; and Ann Ueyemura, Gardena Valley.

Coronation Ball Aug. 15

The candidates will be introduced to the public at a large at subsequent events, starting with the fashion show at the Biltmore Bowl on Aug. 9, making a brief appearance at the baby show at Shoto Gekijo Aug. 15 before noon, and then at the JACL-sponsored coronation ball at the Beverly Hilton that evening.

Nisei Week's cultural aspects begin with a family concert Aug. 14 at Koyasan Hall presenting world famous xylophone artist Yoichi Hiraoka, now a Los Angeles resident, in a program of classical and popular pieces.

The nine-day art show featuring Japanese American creations starts Aug. 14 at the new Nishi Hongwanji.

Nisei Week's sports card begins Aug. 9 with the annual Senior golf tournament at Rio Hondo and the Optimist swim meet at El Camino College.

Calendar of Events

Other events by days include:

Saturday, Aug. 15—Baby Show (Shoto Gekijo); Coronation Ball (Beverly Hilton); Nisei Week Nite (Sun Building, Rm. 306); All-American Karate Tournament (Koyasan Hall); Raku Yaki Demonstration (Second St.); and Akido (Koyasan Hall).

Sunday, Aug. 16—Akido Dog Exhibition (Shoto Gekijo); Nisei Week Nite (Shoto Gekijo); SCNGA, SCN Women's Par-3 and SCN Women's Regular Golf Tournaments (Montebello and Alhambra Country Clubs); Judo (LACC); Kempo (Koyasan); and 1st Week Chorus (Koyasan).

Monday, Aug. 17—Opening Ceremony (City Hall); Pioneer Luncheon (Kawafuku).

Tuesday, Aug. 18—Japanese Popular Music Show, Part II (Koyasan).

Wednesday, Aug. 19—Japanese Popular Music Show, Part II (Koyasan).

Thursday, Aug. 20—Minyo (folk dancing) at Koyasan; Exhibition (Zenshushu); Roketsu Dye Exhibition (Bank of Tokyo, 2nd floor); Shigen Takaiki (old Nishi Hongwanji); and Talent Show (Koyasan).

Saturday, Aug. 22—Artistic Doll Craft Exhibition (Zenshushu); Carnival (County parking lot); Flower Arrangement (Union Church); and Dinner (Shoto Gekijo).

Sunday, Aug. 23—Kendo Tournament (Koyasan); Nisei Week Parade (Little Tokyo).

Doug Furuta and Ed Fukumoto are co-chairmen of the colorful Nisei Week parade the closing day, Aug. 23, starting at 5:30 p.m. with Sen. Dan Inouye of Hawaii as grand marshal. A dinner in his honor is scheduled Aug. 22 at the Los Angeles Hilton Hotel.

**NISEI WEEK QUEEN**—Ten candidates seeking the 1970 Miss Nisei Week title meet informally in the Japanese Chamber of Commerce of So. Calif. to be briefed of the weeks ahead. They are (from left): seated—Charlotte Kiyari (San Gabriel Valley); Joanne Nishikawa (West Los Angeles); Claudia Kadota (Pasadena); Sally Okizaki (Whittier); standing—Joy Kodama (Hollywood); Jean Kadonaga (San Fernando Valley); Gail Konishi (Orange County); Gail Kato (East Los Angeles); and Jo Ann Ueyemura (Gardena Valley). —Toyo Miyatake Photo.

## Masaoka Fund passes \$47,000

CHICAGO—The first week of July was the biggest in terms of count of donations and amount, according to Harry Mizuno, fund drive chairman for the Mike Masaoka Testimonial, as over \$50,000 was anticipated on the eve of the JACL Convention.

The July 10 gross total shows 3,214 donors contributing \$47,731—while the weekly total of \$31 contributing \$9,803 was, as Mizuno related, the "biggest yet."

Mizuno also hailed the successful campaign conducted by the Issei to provide a round-the-world trip for the Masaoka family. Final figures from Los Angeles showed \$10,455 accounted from 440 contributors, according to Taketo Yamaguchi and Katsumasa Mukae, co-chairmen.

July 3 Total: \$37,928

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**PACIFIC NORTHWEST**  
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LOS ANGELES—The So. Calif. Gardeners Federation has postponed construction of its office building on S. San Pedro St. between Boyd and Fourth St. till next spring.

**Gardeners disappointed**

**INTERNEE FAMILY INSURANCE CLAIM BATTLE OF 22 YEARS FINALLY ENDS**

STOCKTON — A private bill on behalf of the Ueyemura family here who has been suing the U.S. government since 1948 for payment of insurance beneficiary claim on policies seized by the government was passed by the Congress May 9 and this past week the ten heirs received payment.

The bill was introduced by Rep. John J. McFall (D) from Montana, and its passage is expected to pave the way for other Japanese families whose insurance policies were vested by the Justice Dept. as enemy alien property at the outbreak of World War II.

The Justice Dept. has steadfastly denied payment of similar type claims.

Though the amount was small the victory was great for the precedent it has established, according to the members of the Ueyemura family living here: Jimmie, Jean (Isoguchi), Alice (Higashi) and Kiku (Rodgers).

Interned at Tule Lake

The Ueyemura family formerly lived in Milpitas before the war. Mr. and Mrs. Tomoyasu Ueyemura owned a farm in Milpitas. When the war broke out they lost their farm and bank account frozen. They were interned at Tule Lake during the war. After the war they repatriated back to Japan with some of their younger children. Mr. Ueyemura died in Japan.

After they returned to the United States Mrs. Chiyu Ueyemura tried to collect the insur-

ance of her late son, Tadashige who also died in Japan. The Department of Justice denied her request for payment of her insurance claim in 1958. Since then Mrs. Chiyu Ueyemura has passed away.

After being rejected time and time again Jimmie Ueyemura took his claim to Rep. McFall, who took a special interest in his fight to claim the insurance money that rightfully belonged to the brothers and sisters of the Ueyemura family. Last July 29, he introduced a private claim bill for the Ueyemura family.

Last January a "thank you" party was held in honor of Rep. McFall by Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Ueyemura of Stockton. More than 50 invited guests attended.

When Congressman McFall returns to Montana for a visit Jimmie Ueyemura is planning to thank him again in behalf of the Ueyemura family.

**UC alumni reunion**

BERKELEY — Univ. of California alumni reunion golf-get-together was announced by co-chairmen Nobby Nakamura and Mas Hongo for Sept. 26-27 at the Rancho Canada, a new course in Carmel, with overnight accommodations, breakfast, buffet lunch at Holiday Inn packaged at \$30 per person. For applications, write to Hongo, 1715 Eleanor Dr., San Mateo 94402 (349-2634) or call:

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## CHICAGO, CHICAGO

## Big John

Chicago. One attraction that only Chicago offers is the mighty John Hancock Building, commonly referred to as "Big John". You can't miss him—just look up. "Big John" is an easily identified landmark located on the Magnificent Mile. "He" is the tall, black, crisscrossed building with two poles protruding high above "his" roof.

"Big John" stands 100 stories high, second in height only to the Empire State Building. However, "he" is the tallest building in the world that houses both business offices and residential apartments.

Let's survey the attractions that "Big John" offers: On the Michigan Avenue side, there is a recessed plaza with a reflecting pool. The same pool converts to an ice-skating rink in the winter.

## Fifty Elevators

Working your way up from the bottom of "Johnny" in any one of the 50 elevators, you can find:

On the street level, among other stores, there are the well-known Bonwit Teller department store and the famous Cartier Jewellers. You can also find air line ticket offices and the Upper Avenue Na-

tional Bank. On floors 6-12, "Big John" accommodates 1,400 cars in its six-story parking lot. Cars leave this spacious lot via a spiral ramp. The John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Co. is located (believe it or not) on the 12th floor. There are also five public restaurants and a cocktail lounge. Unfortunately, delayed by the trucking strike, these restaurants will not open until August.

The business offices occupy the 13th through 41st floors of the Hancock Center. On the 44th floor there is a glamorous, sky-high swimming pool for the residents of the building, who reside between the 45th and 92nd floors in the 705 apartments.

Topping the structure are those two tall poles earlier mentioned. They are the twin 349-foot high television antennas which Channels 2, 5, 9, 32, 38 and 44 use to broadcast from the 93rd and 97th floors of "Big John". Twenty FM radio stations also broadcast from this vantage point.

## Observatory Deck

The best feature that "Big John" offers is the fantastic observatory deck which is located on the 94th floor, 1,030 feet above ground. The observatory deck is open every day from 9 a.m. to midnight.

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There is an entrance fee to the observatory deck of \$1.25 per person or a group rate of \$1 per person for groups of 20 or more people.

It may interest you to know that while you are on the observatory deck, you may be moving as the building sways three inches with the wind.

## Masaoka -

Continued from Page 2

Scholarship directors were distributed this past week to the chapters, who may nominate as many college students but not graduating seniors and preferably those majoring in finance, banking, business administration, economics and other related fields.

The candidate should have completed at least one semester of studies either at a junior college, college or university.

Candidates have until Aug. 15 to return the application to the So. Calif. JACL Office. The decision of the judging committee shall be final. A point system is employed to assist the judges: scholarship—80 pts.; extracurricular activities, school and community, 60 pts.; candidate's statement, 20 pts.; letters of recommendation, 10 pts.; financial need, 30 pts.—Total: 200 pts.

## All-state VFW honors

SAN DIEGO—East Los Angeles Nisei Memorial Post 9902 immediate past commander Joe Kawata was among 20 awarded the all-state diamond pin for service to the organization.

## CALENDAR

July 17 (Friday)  
West Valley—Gen. Mtg. Grace Methodist Church, Saratoga, 7:30 p.m.  
July 18 (Saturday)  
Contra Costa—Picnic, Little Hills Ranch, San Ramon.  
Monterey Peninsula—Baseball party, S.F. vs. N.Y., Candlestick Park.  
July 24-25  
Riverside—Sandal Festival, Riverside Plaza.  
July 25 (Saturday)  
Alameda—Reno Trip, 10 a.m., Buddhist Church.  
July 26 (Sunday)  
San Mateo—Issei Appreciation Night, Buddhist Church, 4:30 p.m.  
Puyallup Valley—Chapter picnic.  
July 27 (Monday)  
Kalinus Valley—Gen. Mtg. Palo Alto S&L Conference, Rm. 8 p.m.; Convention Report by Lefty Miyazawa.  
July 29 (Wednesday)  
San Francisco—Title II Lecture, Photo Display, Western Addition Br. Library, 1500 Scott St., 8 p.m.  
Aug. 2 (Sunday)  
Milwaukee—Chapter picnic, Brown Deer.  
Aug. 7 (Friday)  
West Los Angeles—Japan Night, WLA Mall.  
Aug. 9 (Sunday)  
Stockton—Auxiliary San Francisco Trip, Ice Follies, supper at Sushiro's, 11 a.m. Greyhound Station.  
Aug. 10 (Monday)  
West Los Angeles—Bd Mtg., 7:30 p.m.  
Alameda—Bd Mtg., Buena Vista Methodist Church, 7:30 p.m.

## Asian Studies

LOS ANGELES—Asian American Community College, 2233 Campbell Hall, UCLA. (1) July 16-18—Asian Adult Awareness 101, Th 7:30-9:30 p.m., Charles Furutani, Gardena Comm. Ctr. (2) July 21-23—Asian American Women and the Movement, 102 Th 7-10 p.m., Linda Swatky (call 686-4413 for location); (3) July 16-20—General Political Awareness Forum, 102 Th 7-9 p.m., Ray Kamada, Jeff Furutani, 428 Don Jose Dr., 285-9603; (4) July 22-24—Group Dynamics and Interpersonal Relations, 104 W 7-10 p.m., Alan Nishio, 35181 Wellington Rd (1st Mtg), 731-9901; (5) July 20-23—Asian American Movement Seminar, 103 M 7-10 p.m., Warren Furutani, JACL-JACS Office, 125 Weller St., 626-4411; (6) July 20-Sept. 6—Cantonese Language 106, MW 8-10 p.m., Shelley Wong, Bethany Presbyterian Ch., 1216 Griffin Park Blvd., 665-6081; (7) July 17-Aug. 31—Creative Workshop—New Life Styles 201, MF 7-10 p.m., D. Ann Kwan, 3222 Campbell Hall, UCLA; (8) July 16-Aug. 6—Intensive Workshop on Film 202, Th 7-10 p.m., Bob Nakamura, Colin Watanabe, Alan Ohishi, Gilda Office (1st Mtg), 734-7838; (9) July 16-Aug. 11—Draft Counseling Workshop 203, TH 7-10 p.m. and Aug. 18-Sept. 10—TH 7-11 p.m., Bruce Iwasaki, Tim Yamamoto, 3232 Campbell Hall, UCLA.

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LOS ANGELES: Japan Cultural Center, 122 S. Western Ave., 224-8650; July 16-Sept. 10—Japanese Language (Audio-lingual method), Th 7:30-9:30 p.m. Rev. Dojun Oki.

## PULSE ON THE CHAPTERS:

## San Diego JACL honors Issei pioneers, including oldest living war veteran

When the San Diego JACL had National President Jerry Enomoto speak last month (June 7) at its Issei night dinner at Miyako Restaurant and hand out the Wakamatsu Centennial medallions to the pioneers, among the elders was Hikotaro Yamada, 87, believed to be the oldest living U.S. military veteran of Japanese ancestry.

Born in Hakodate in 1883, Yamada signed on a whaler (he remembers being seasick all the way from Tokyo to New Bedford, Mass.) and came to the U.S. in 1903. A year later, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy at Newport News as a cook aboard the cruiser USS Columbia. His last ship was the battleship USS California and in between were some 20 other ships.

In 1909, he sailed to the Philippines with the Great White Fleet. He was aboard the USS Tacoma at Vera Cruz in 1914, when the Navy bombarded the town and landed the Marines.

## For the Elders

Naturalized in 1918  
During the first World War he was on convoy duty to Europe and with ships that took the U.S. Army to Vladivostok.

Yamada received his U.S. citizenship in 1918 aboard the USS New Orleans. His witness was Lt. Richard Byrd, later to become famous for his explorations of the Antarctic regions.

He retired from the Navy in 1924 as a chief petty officer and a darn good cook. He holds campaign medals for Mexico, Haiti, Italy, France, Honduras, the WWI Victory Medal, Good Conduct Medal, combat bars for Mexico, Vladivostok and China.

He worked with the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey from 1924-26 and was finally mustered out Oct. 12, 1934, with a personal letter from Wm. D. Leahy, then acting secretary of the Navy.

Mr. Yamada is shown on page 327 of the Hosokawa book, "Nisei: The Quiet Americans." He is a member of Perry Post and the Fleet Reserve Assn.

Oldest Issei present was Family centeredness  
Meiji influences  
Paternal family  
Authoritarian relationship  
Community cohesion  
Orientation to success  
Pride in culture  
Identity to Japan  
Status-mindedness  
Masculinity of the male  
"Enryo"  
Deferred gratification  
"Shushin" behavior code  
Observers note the breakdown of many of these forms of Meiji Japanese-ness in the Japan of today. Certainly in the Sansei these are not dominant values.

As the importance of these values diminish so also does the wish of parents for a homogeneous marriage fade in the presence of the Sansei insistence upon their own independent selection of marital partners.

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No. 1 in her class of 145 at El Molino High, won the \$200 Sonoma County JACL scholarship. She enrolls at Santa Rosa Jr. College with a \$1,000 Doyle scholarship assisting her. She is the third member of the family to win a local JACL award; her older brothers Byron (1966) and Randy (1967) earning prior recognition for scholastic achievement.

Presentation was made Miss Okamoto before a crowd of 200 enjoying the JACL community picnic June 28 at Doyle Park, Santa Rosa.

Graduates, parents and friends gathered for the Chicago JACL graduation dinner June 26 at the new Japanese American Service Committee Bldg. The chapter scholarship was awarded to Gwen Watanabe of Amundsen High. Other scholarship and award winners were:

Jr. JACL Scholarships—Joyce Adachi, Shuzi High; Karen Fujisawa, Roosevelt High; W. T. Mitsuuchi Memorial Scholarship—David Fujii, Glenbrook North JACL Youth Commission Award—Patricia Ann Yamayoshi, Bowen High; Nisei Legion Post American Legion Award—Ramesh G. Tanaka, Lane Tech High; Nisei Legion Post Citizenship Award—Roxanne Mori, Von Steuben High; Mrs. Masako Inouye, dinner chairman, was assisted by Ruby Nakagawa, Lynn Watanabe, Sharon Deguchi.

## Cultural

## Origami program for West Valley JACL

The fascinating art of origami will be the subject of the West Valley JACL meeting on Friday, July 17, at the Grace Methodist Church, 18848 Prospect, Saratoga, according to Dr. Ray Uchiyama, program chairman. Not only will it be demonstrated but the audience will actively participate by learning how from an expert, Yoshiki Hirabayashi of Sunnyvale, a member of the chapter.

A native of Palo Alto, Hirabayashi was educated in Japan and returned to the U.S. before World War II. In 1944 he started a 20-year career with the U.S. Armed Forces, subsequently landing in Japan with General Douglas MacArthur's Army of Occupation. He is now employed by the Sunnyvale School District and also teaches judo for the Sunnyvale Park and Recreation Department.

A short business meeting at 7:30 p.m. will precede the main part of the meeting.

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# Aloha from Hawaii

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Cleson Y. Chikasuye for city council and Kiyoto Tsubaki for the state board of education from Maui.

## Congressional Score

Rep. Spark Matsunaga led a successful battle in the House recently to defeat the Findley Amendment to the Agriculture Appropriations bill. The amendment would have limited federal payments to Hawaii's sugar industry to \$20,000 per company or individual.

Rep. Patsy T. Mink has accused the Federal Aviation Administration of badgering local air traffic controllers and impugning the integrity of Hawaii's physicians. She said in a press release that she based these charges on the FAA's refusal to accept a Honolulu doctor's certificate that he advised a controller to stay home during part of the recent "sick-out." The controller was Jack R. Richards of the Honolulu Air Route Traffic Control Center.

## Police Blotter

Masaharu (Jack) Obara, 55,

## ONISHI CASE

### Check Police Behavior, Not Suspect's

HONOLULU — The Onishi Case, which has created a great deal of interest among Japanese Americans and others in the island community, is far from over.

What at first appeared to be a routine case of threatening has resulted in a complicated situation in which a woman has been seriously injured, her former husband has been indicted, a police chaplain has resigned, and the Honolulu Police Dept. has been chastised in an editorial by Hawaii's leading newspaper.

Edward K. Onishi, a 28-year-old ex-convict, was arraigned June 16 on eight charges, most of them resulting from the alleged abduction of his former wife, Mrs. Charlene Onishi, 22, June 13.

Onishi was charged with three counts of assault with a deadly weapon, two drug offenses, possession of an unregistered gun and being offensively armed.

Another Democratic politician, city councilman Ben F. Kaito, is quitting politics. He cited pressing family and business obligations as the reason. Kaito, an attorney, has served on the council since 1961.

Democrat James Y. Shigemura has announced that he is ending a 12-year career in the state House of Representatives to run for the Honolulu City Council. The 35-year-old Shigemura has pledged to work toward ending the feud between the council and Mayor Frank F. Fasi.

Political backers of state Sen. George R. Ariyoshi, Democratic candidate for governor, were scheduled to hold a fund-raising dinner in his honor July 8. It was to be held at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel's Coral Ballroom. Tickets were \$100 each or \$125 a couple.

Joseph P. (Pete) Petrowsky, 72, a perennial candidate for office, is the only one who has publicly announced he will seek the office of U.S. Senator currently held by Hiram L. Fong, two years ago Petrowsky, a Democrat, challenged Sen. Daniel K. Inouye for the Democratic nomination for the Senate. Petrowsky garnered 1,469 votes to Inouye's 111,135 votes.

Nisel who have announced they will seek re-election in this year's elections are Republicans Toshio Anai for the Senate and Mrs. Patricia Saiki for the House and Democrats

of 2459 Pauoa Rd., was beaten to death and his brother, Wataru, 48, was seriously injured June 27 by two gunmen who slipped into their store, XYZ Market at Nuuanu Ave. and Vineyard Blvd., at closing time. Obara died of head injuries. Police found no witnesses to the robbery, which was discovered when a customer went into the store at 8:15 p.m. and found both brothers lying on the floor.

Betty Brazile, 21, of a Kulo Ave. apartment, was charged with murder in the fatal stabbing early Monday, June 15, of Kenneth M. Kiyabu, 28, of House Point, Waipahu. Police said Kiyabu argued with Miss Brazile and some of her friends in Waikiki and chased them after they pelted his car with beer bottles. Miss Brazile stepped in front of Kiyabu who apparently ran into the knife police said she was holding.

Deaths  
Gaylord P. Wilcox, M.D., board chairman of Kauai's Grove Farm Co., Inc., died June 16 on the Garden Island. A grandson of missionaries, Wilcox became president of Grove Farm in 1952.

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## BOOK REVIEW: Allan Beekman

### Hearn's Spirit of Meiji Japan

KOKORO: Hints and Echoes of Japanese Inner Life, by Lafcadio Hearn, Greenwood Press, Publishers, 388 pages, \$12.25.

When Lafcadio Hearn arrived in Japan in 1890, representing Harper's New Monthly, it was as if he had come home after a lifetime of wandering. Born of a British army surgeon, June 27, 1850, on Santa Maura, one of the Ionian Islands, west of Greece, he had attended schools in various European countries. Self-conscious about his small stature, and a blemish on one side of his face, the multi-lingual Hearn had emigrated to America and there achieved success as translator and writer. But Japan was to become his spiritual home.

The Japanese respected his talent and learning. They were considerate of his facial blemish. And, lo, in a nation of small men, his own lack of physical stature ceased to matter.

Further, Hearn, the aesthete, found in his love of beauty a spiritual brotherhood among the Japanese. The inspiration to interpret the Japanese to the West evoked his best efforts. He was to write about them in poetic prose that sings 80 years after he set it to paper.

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ployment as a common laborer in any capacity, except by going to some distant city where he could hope to conceal his origin. But if detected under such conditions he would run serious risk of being killed by his fellow laborers. Centuries of isolation and prejudice have fixed and moulded the manners of the class in recognizable ways; and even its language has become a special and curious dialect."

Ballads Translated  
But the songs with which the women entertained him on his visit were "not in their own special dialect, but in pure Japanese." Hearn was so impressed with these ballads that he later obtained copies of three, had translations made, and rendered these translations into English prose. The ballads are included in an appendix to this volume.

In 1895, taking the name Yakumo Koizumi, he became a Japanese subject. The same year he gathered a number of his writings into a volume entitled "Kokoro," which he interpreted as "the heart of things." Besides the aforementioned appendix, there are 15 titles.

"At a Railway Station" is a vignette about a captured murderer forced to confront the small son of his victim. There are four stories: "The Nun of the Temple of Amida," "Haru," "A Conservative," and "Kimiko."

## Characters Stereotyped

The other offerings are essays. He had brought his misconception of race with him to Japan; some of his speculations show his inability to fit these preconceived theories to the facts. The worldly author, the keen, sensitive observer of mankind also was

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## Political Scene

About half of Hawaii's Democratic state legislators are publicly backing Gov. John A. Burns for re-election. Only three Democrats are publicly endorsing Lt. Gov. Thomas P. Gill. They are Sens. Duke T. Kawasaka and Sakae Takahashi and Rep. Richard S. H. Wong.

Four Republicans are for Heiden Porteus, and two are backing Samuel P. King. Both are seeking the governorship. The four backing Porteus are Sens. Wadsworth Yee, D. G. Anderson, Toshio Anai and Rep. Howard Oda. The two for King are Sens. Fred W. Rohlfing and Rep. Ralph Ajiro.

President Nixon will appoint a former Honolulu attorney, Laurence H. Silberman, under secretary of labor, Sen. Hiram L. Fong has announced. Silberman, who left Hawaii in the fall of 1967, has been the Labor Dept.'s solicitor for more than a year. He was admitted to the Hawaii bar in 1962.

State Rep. Ronald Y. Kondo, a Maui Democrat, has announced he will seek re-election to the House from the new 6th District. He is the first Valley Islander to announce for the House this year.

State Rep. Robert C. Oshiro, an attorney and a Democrat, will give up his seat in the House in this year's election to campaign full time for Gov. John A. Burns. Oshiro has served in the House since 1959.

Another Democratic politician, city councilman Ben F. Kaito, is quitting politics. He cited pressing family and business obligations as the reason. Kaito, an attorney, has served on the council since 1961.

Democrat James Y. Shigemura has announced that he is ending a 12-year career in the state House of Representatives to run for the Honolulu City Council. The 35-year-old Shigemura has pledged to work toward ending the feud between the council and Mayor Frank F. Fasi.

Political backers of state Sen. George R. Ariyoshi, Democratic candidate for governor, were scheduled to hold a fund-raising dinner in his honor July 8. It was to be held at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel's Coral Ballroom. Tickets were \$100 each or \$125 a couple.

Joseph P. (Pete) Petrowsky, 72, a perennial candidate for office, is the only one who has publicly announced he will seek the office of U.S. Senator currently held by Hiram L. Fong, two years ago Petrowsky, a Democrat, challenged Sen. Daniel K. Inouye for the Democratic nomination for the Senate. Petrowsky garnered 1,469 votes to Inouye's 111,135 votes.

Nisel who have announced they will seek re-election in this year's elections are Republicans Toshio Anai for the Senate and Mrs. Patricia Saiki for the House and Democrats

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### JACL ESSAY CONTEST

The Pacific Citizen has been putting up the prizes for the JACL essay contest since the San Jose convention in 1968—and frankly, we could never pay our special writers that kind of money: \$300 savings bond for about a 1,000 words.

Yet we offer the biennial prizes in memory of Larry Tajiri, who edited the Pacific Citizen for a decade starting in 1942 in the belief that Sansei ought to be encouraged to write—which was Larry's first love.

At the time of his death in February, 1965, Larry was only 50 years old, serving as the drama editor and critic on the Denver Post. He began his journalism career in Los Angeles editing the Poly High school paper in 1931, became Kashu Mainichi English section editor in 1932, and two years later moved to San Francisco to edit the Japanese American News English section. In 1940, he joined the New York bureau of the Asahi News. After Pearl Harbor, he accepted the PC editorship at Salt Lake City, converting the JACL monthly into a weekly.

With major JACL objectives accomplished by 1952, he said it was time to fit JACL's directions and PC's format into a new pattern and bade farewell the final week of September that year. After a brief stint on the Colorado Springs Free Press, he joined the Denver Post in 1954. Two years later, he was appointed its drama editor.

While a biographic sketch touches one's life-span, it was his life-style that enriched those of us who knew him. For all his talent, knowledge and position, Larry remained a humble person. As was stated at the JACL essay contest prologue:

"If you divide the world into the ones who take and the ones who give—then Larry Tajiri was a giver. He was always giving himself to all kinds of people. There was no little people or big people for Larry—there were just people. And to Larry, everybody was a somebody. He had a rare gift of penetrating deep into people, finding the goodness or the talent that was special in them and making them feel bigger and more important than they are. This priceless quality of the love for his fellow man was counterbalanced by a huge, big hate: a hate of injustice, a hate of intolerance, a hate of corruption.

"Too many people pass through life and never touch it. They eat, sleep, work and pass through life without ever involving themselves in anything. Larry involved himself with everything. Whatever happened anywhere in the world happened to Larry Tajiri. And during the Evacuation and World War II when Justice was sometimes a dangerous word, it was Larry who made the Pacific Citizen into a great, angry, fighting voice for the cause of justice."

### PHOTOJOURNALIST ELMER OGAWA

One of the undone projects that clutter this editor's desk besides unanswered inquiries, unfilled clippings and unwritten news capsules is the hope the PC would develop a picture page—though the variety of photos received leaves much to be desired. When Bill Hosokawa spent an afternoon inspecting our morgue for pictures to illustrate his "Nisei: the Quiet Americans", he observed he had never seen so many pictures of people shaking each other hands.

One man we long felt who could help us with a picture page—Elmer Ogawa—has departed from us. He could have injected humor, interpreted emotions and emphasized details in pictures. Yet we stayed with his typewritten observations and stories all these years.

Elmer's ties with PC dates back to 1949 when he turned in a photo of the Boeing Bombers, a Seattle Nisei veterans team barred from membership in the American Bowling Congress. It was the team that eventually had the ABC drop its whites-only membership rule. But his ties with Nisei journalism go back to 1928 when he was associate editor on Jimmie Sakamoto's "Courier".

We might say Elmer was the dean of Nisei photojournalists—a distinction we would have liked to have accorded much earlier than this.

We don't recall it being mentioned in any of his columns, but Elmer was a member of the U. of W. ROTC rifle team which came in second in the 1928 national intercollegiate, beaten by a Minnesota team captained by one Harold Stassen. . . . Elmer graduated with a reserve army commission in 1928, but when the war came he enlisted as a private in the coast artillery, serving in the Canal Zone. . . . Elmer would have been 65 next Nov. 9. . . . While working briefly in San Francisco in 1928, he remembered meeting men like Kido, Terasaki and Nishida who were organizing the JACL. . . . The trusty typewriter on which he battled his column for many years was a 1923 model Remington. (Our standby on which the late Larry Tajiri pounded his stories and editorials is a 1938 model Remington).

Elmer's son, Herb, who must be about 38 years old now, works for RCA Electronics and lives in New Jersey. Herb is married and has two daughters. Elmer also is survived by a younger brother with the same name, Herb, who worked prewar on the Seattle Japanese vernacular North American Times and who is now with Bantam Books in Dallas, and a sister, Ethel.

In reminiscing about Elmer, it was he who introduced us to fresh Washington state matsutake—a delicacy he shared with us via air parcel and which will always remind us of his kindness.

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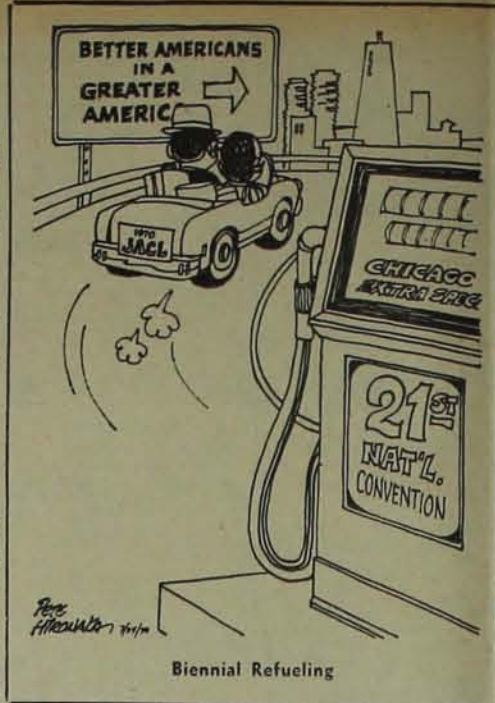
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### LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

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#### 'East Wind' postscript

Editor: While it has been "East Wind's" custom to respond privately to anyone who may comment on the column, however in the case of Mrs. Nakanishi (PC, July 3), I may have also inadvertently offended others who misunderstood the thrust of the column entitled "The Intermediary."

In that particular column we were definitely not questioning interracial marriages of whatever hue and combination, for we know of many very beautiful Nisei-hakujin couples as well as some not-so-hot Nisei-Nisei combinations. And if we offended Mrs. Nakanishi, and others in a similar happy state bliss, we readily and profusely apologize.

Rather, the point of that particular column was this: Nisei, of all people, should not make selections (including selection of the "Nisei of the Biennium") based upon some servile concept of superiority of the judgment of another race, or seeking to curry favor of another race (or any race, for that matter, including our own)—but which other race repeatedly happened to be invariably white.

Thus, for example, I'm sure Mrs. Nakanishi would be truly offended and rightfully so, if she thought for a moment that her spouse selected her because she was white, or black or any other color.

This was "East Wind's" fumbled protest to the "Buy Shuck Nins" demeaning obscenity that would look to a supposedly superior race to do that which the Nisei is perfectly capable of doing, and should do, for himself.

BILL MARUTANI

Philadelphia

#### Nisei of Biennium

Editor: It is ironic that if the Nisei of the Biennium selectee is Dr. Hayakawa, the judges will be accused of poor judgment and bias by those who fought against his possible selection.

On the other hand, if the selectee is other than Dr. Hayakawa, these same individuals will chortle with glee and congratulate themselves that the pressure they exerted through President Enomoto and by letters to the news media was effective and persuaded the judges to avoid the selection of Dr. Hayakawa.

It can truly be said that the whole Nisei of the Biennium concept was effectively sabotaged for this Biennium. Of the latest anti-Hayakawa letters (PC, June 19) by Hiroshi Kanno, we suggest that he read the criteria set up by the JACL to apply to the Nisei of the Biennium selection. We also suggest that after the award is announced, he apply his own criteria, which in his opinion militate against the selection of Dr. Hayakawa, to his own favorite candidates.

#### Radical of Rhetoric

His poisonous bias is amply revealed in his use of the terms, "pig, opportunist, symbol of repression, sophisticated Uncle Tom," etc.

How can he, in all honesty, say that Dr. Hayakawa encouraged violence and repression?

Does he mean to imply that there was no violence, no destruction of school properties, no planting of dynamite, no suppression of free speech and no obstruction of classes on the part of the radical dissidents before Dr. Hayakawa was made President, pro tem, of the University?

He calls Dr. Hayakawa an Uncle Tom because as a member of a minority he moved against the radical dissidents, some of whom happened to be blacks and yellows. The radical yellow dissidents could just as well be called Uncle Toms because they were being used by other radicals selfishly to proclaim a non-existent unity among the minority against the "Establishment." Just who was being used by whom?

"Mr. Kanno speaks as though 'our young people' were unanimously opposed to Dr. Hayakawa's actions, which, even Mr. Kanno must admit, did bring peace to San Francisco State, uneasy though it

may have been, so that students who wanted to attend classes could do so without being subjected to intimidation. Just who and how many are his 'young people'?"

#### What Community?

Mr. Kanno states that Dr. Hayakawa did great damage to "our community" by his actions. To what community? If the truth is to be known, the only damage that he might have done is to the feelings of Mr. Kanno's group of dissidents who evidently condone the violence and the destruction of radical dissidents at San Francisco State.

Mr. Kanno talks about "the slow erosion of our civil liberties and the quickening rise of a police state." If there comes to be a police state, it will be because the people of this country will be forced to choose between anarchy and repression. The radical dissidents are possessed with the spirit of nihilism—the violent destruction of all institutions which can be identified, even remotely, with the "Establishment." If this is the choice that has to be made, there is no question that repression will be the choice of the overwhelming majority.

In their rash, immature impatience, these dissidents foolishly and willfully ignore the fact that to correct the ills of society today, laws are being changed, regulations are being tightened, a growing group of young Congressmen are breaking free, and the Senate is becoming increasingly independent in thought and action and openly challenging the military establishment and the President.

#### Radical Objective

It is not a question of Hayakawa splintering our JACL, but more a question of a radical minority within the organization, who, in the profound wisdom of their interpretation of our current social problems, seek to impose, with no compromise, their private philosophy upon the entire JACL organization. We are more and more inclined to believe that this group is not interested in the JACL as such, but what they really want is the organization and its resources to advance their particular cause no matter what the wishes of the majority.

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#### Vietnam Issue

Editor: One can not let go unanswered the letter from Barry Saiki of Tokyo (June 12 PC). I feel he is being presumptuous and arrogant for interfering the USA wants to get out of Vietnam because of cowardice and greed. Those people in this country demanding we get out of Vietnam, like Senator Inouye, are doing so from humanitarian and common sense grounds.

Saiki says we are betraying the 50,000 who have died there. I say we will be betraying tens of thousands more of our youth to a useless, unwinable war death, if we remain in Vietnam. This is to say nothing of the hundreds of thousands of Asians who will die, because of our military presence.

We have fought for ten years the same, futile, idiotic war that the French fought and lost. We can't win because it is a political war, and the only way we could win is slaughter every person in Vietnam. Is this what Mr. Saiki wants?

The untested alternative is simply to get the hell out and let the Vietnamese patch up their own country. It is true some traitors may be executed if we did this, but it would be cheaper in lives and money if we made them American citizens and brought them here (considering it now costs \$300,000 to kill one Viet Cong, and that the USA is currently spending \$110 million a day outside its borders).

Yes, Mr. Saiki, we have a conscience—and to a lot of us it starts with "Thou shalt not kill." If our morals and conscience are degenerating, then it is the Vietnam war itself which is causing it.

VAUGHN M. GREENE  
San Francisco JACLer

## Understanding: Basis for Change

By JOHN H. SUGIYAMA  
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Faced with the turmoil and uncertainty of these times, the sheer effort to hold things together has become the central issue of concern in a nation which began the last decade intent on building a society touched with moral grandeur. In these times of doubt and concern, the Japanese American Citizens League has been called upon by segments of its

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membership, as have other organizations by their memberships, to respond and to deal with problems of increasing complexity which themselves are changing over time. It has been called upon to demonstrate that it can continue to help build a better society, that it can help resolve conflicts within our nation before they engulf and destroy us all.

In responding to internal and external needs the JACL must not succumb to simplistic, illusory solutions which may very conceivably destroy what chance there is to build something better.

Rather, as in the past, the basis for the changing JACL must continue to be understanding.

Without understanding, the closing of minds becomes a dangerous reality, for hope lies in the acceptance of differences, in the acceptance of change, in

finding a way together because there is no way apart. Such understanding remains dependent upon a vital, responsive organization, alert to grievances, open to dissent and suspicion, sensitive to the needs of its entire membership and to the needs of the society from which the membership is drawn.

No segment of the JACL must become so disillusioned that its only response is to withdraw its trust from the understanding that has maintained the JACL as such a respected and responsive organization.

Clearly, then, it is up to those who are concerned with the future of the organization to preserve the large and still preponderant basis of understanding that remains, and, in so doing, to go beyond internal needs to help create greater understanding in our society.

Along these lines, in maintaining a vital, responsive organization, the JACL must first stem the growing sense of misunderstanding between the "young" and the "old" of the association.

For the older generation, the mainstream of the JACL—children of the New Deal, youth of the "evacuation" and the "relocation," men of a war to protect the United States and to preserve the ideal of freedom—there has grown doubt and concern over the intentions and sincerity of the

present young generation.

The young question the most fundamental assumptions of their parents and challenge everything for which they, the older generation, have lived and worked. Yet, the young seemingly offer no alternatives for a better society.

For the younger generation, the future leaders of the JACL—children of the Cold War, youth of the civil rights movement—there has grown an impatience for justice, a weariness of deceptive promises, a doubtfulness of the willingness of those with power to share it.

The older generation tells the younger to wait, to "work within the system." Yet, the JACL, working within the system, seemingly has done little in the fight to secure fair housing practices, to insure equal voting rights, to have contested and reversed the constitutionality of the evacuation and detention camps.

This growing misunderstanding can only prove detrimental to the future of the JACL. Efforts must be made to bring the young and the old together so that both may speak to each other, so that both may listen to each other.

With increased communication, with increased sharing of responsibilities, a basis of understanding may perhaps emerge.

Perhaps then, it may be discovered that priorities of values and perceptions of parti-

cular issues are really not radically different. Perhaps then, it will have been demonstrated that through understanding, change can occur.

Beyond internal needs, the JACL must not perceive the need for understanding in an isolated context.

In our society today, there is such a particularly mindless quality present, and there is such emptiness everywhere, as if the people had stored their hearts away for a better time.

The JACL must never, through a lack of vision, or worse, through an unwillingness to become involved, cease its attempts to create understanding among all peoples of this society.

To foster understanding, the JACL must speak out against mindless terror, either at home or abroad. Violence can only lead to mistrust, and mistrust can only lead us away from the understandings and agreements which hold hope for change.

On the other hand, in turning from violence, there must not be a turn to repression. The JACL must not stand by and see people, either out of ignorance or out of calculated cynicism, call for the end of the Bill of Rights, suppress legitimate dissent, and ignore racial justice. These actions can only carry us further away from progressive change.

Thus, understanding not only continues to be the basis for the changing JACL, but also becomes the foundation for the better society.

## Need for Asian American Studies

Izumi Taniguchi, assistant professor of economics at Fresno State College, is also director of ethnic studies at the same campus. In sharing the editing chores of the Pacific Citizen, he has written, last month, his editorial comments on "Asian American Studies—Is It Necessary?" out of Central California, comments on the Northern and Southern California.

By IZUMI TANIGUCHI

There appears to be some confusion as to just what Asian American Studies is and what are its objectives. There have been some talk of why should there be a need for Japanese American Studies, the Japanese have made it now and such a program can only retard their integration into the majority society.

On the other hand, we can still observe large numbers of Japanese American residing in Little Tokyo's and their social life still confined to the Japanese American community. If we look on the college campuses, the majority of the Japanese American students still tend to congregate among themselves, study together, and socialize among themselves.

All of this is evidence that the Japanese Americans, for the most part, still feel a little uneasy among other racial groups and that they are more comfortable among their own kind. This is probably true of all other minorities also.

#### This brings up several questions.

1—Is it bad and un-American for Japanese Americans to live in Little Tokyo and to have a subculture of their own?

2—Should everyone, no matter what race, creed, or religion be required to assimilate completely into the majority society?

3—If the answers to questions 1 and 2 are NO, then a third question arises. Is there justification for members of the majority society to consider minority subcultures as inferior because their members look and behave differently?

4—If the answers to questions 1 and 2 are YES, then how do we reconcile this with the Bill of Rights of the United States Constitution?

In the opinion of the writer, the answer to question number 1 is obviously NO. The very existence of many ethnic subcultures tends to enrich the American way of life. Evidence of this is how tourist flock to communities with ethnic identities. Examples of such communities are Chinatown in San Francisco, Little Tokyo in Los Angeles, Olvera Street in Los Angeles, Solvang, and other places which identify themselves as Germantown, Little Sweden, Italian Village, etc.

Everyone of these ethnic communities have in many

ways contributed to the enrichment of the American society. Where in the rest of the world can one have the opportunity, not only to see, but to actually experience the many different ways of life.

If the Japanese Americans want to live in Little Tokyo, they should be free to do so and in the process they are contributing to American culture in the way they enjoy it most. However, they should never be criticized as being un-American or too "Japanese" because they are just as American as anyone else even with their accent, Japanese customs, and all.

The answer to question number 2 is obviously NO. The Bill of Rights in the United States Constitution guarantees everyone a certain amount of individual rights and no one should be forced into any particular pattern of behavior so long as they live within the laws created by the society and they are not imposing on the rights of others.

On the 3rd question, there is absolutely no justification for the majority society or any segment of it to look down upon any other segment of the society in a manner which implies inferiority. Each subculture has its own set of values which may be quite different or just slightly different from that of the majority society.

There is no reason why the various ethnic subcultures cannot coexist with mutual and equal respect for each other. It seems that in a civilized society we can all be tolerant of others regardless of color, beliefs, customs, traditions, etc.

If we take a careful look at our society today this is not the case, and that is the reason why it is labeled as a racist society. Maybe we just are not as civilized as we think we are.

Similarly, if an individual chooses to adopt the values of another subculture, such as a Japanese American adopting the values of the White society completely, he should be free to do so without criticism.

On the other hand the individual has no reason to feel superior just because he feels accepted by the majority society. It is only because there is an implied feeling that the majority culture is superior to the minority culture that when a member of a minority identifies with the majority culture he is often called an "Uncle Tom."

As the writer sees it the purpose of the ethnic studies program in the public schools as well as in the colleges is to help bring about a mutual understanding between the various ethnic groups and the majority society.

The existence of a Japanese American Studies program in our schools will not only help the Japanese American to learn about and be proud of his true identity but it will also help to further the understanding of the Whites that the Japanese American is as American as anyone even if he chooses to eat rice and fish heads. It is only through the development of mutual and equal respect for each other no matter what one's identity is that the American society can become more humane and civilized.

When one says that the Japanese have made it in this society, just what does it mean? The relationship between the Japanese Americans and the White majority is, of course, far better today than it was before World War II.

However, is this relationship an irreversible thing? Probably not, so long as this society is a racist society there is no security in the status that the Japanese Americans enjoy today.

The following conversation taken from a Los Angeles

Times article, although it involves a Mexican American, will give us some insight into how paper thin "acceptance" can be and how it implies the superiority of the White culture to that of the Mexican American.

Ramon Garza and Jim Hansen, junior college classmates, had been friends for years. Ramon looked like a Mexican. Jim, of Scandinavian descent, looked like a white man. One day, Ramon, a student in one of the newly instituted courses in Chicano studies, opened this conversation:

Ramon: Tell me, Jim, just what do you think of me as a Mexican?

Jim: What do you mean?

Ramon: Just what I said. What do you think of me as a Mexican?

Jim: You're not a Mexican. You're as American as I am.

Ramon: I don't really think of you as a Mexican. I think of you as one of us.

Jim: One of who?

Ramon: Well, you know, you're not like me, well, like the others.

Ramon: You mean I'm not like Roberto is Chicano acquaintance?

Jim: Well, you're not like other Mexicans I've known. Are you?

Ramon: You've got to admit you're different. You're not like me.

Ramon: What others? You said I was about the first Chicano you ever got to know real well.

Jim: That's not true! I know your family.

Ramon: And you're my friend because I don't like my family?

Jim: I didn't say that.

Ramon: Yes you did.

Jim: Well, what I meant was, well, all right, you're different from your parents.

Ramon: So if I was like my folks I wouldn't be your friend.

Jim: Now Ray, don't put words in my mouth.

So the conversation went on until, of course, Jim was surprised to suddenly hear himself saying he didn't like the smell of street food in Ramon's home and that was one reason he didn't like to go there. And he was surprised to find that Ramon was really aware of a different kind of smell in Jim's home. Jim insisted that his and other Anglo homes had no such smell. He noticed in "foreigners' houses" there was always a strong smell. And Ramon was quick to seize on the slip. "You're not like other folks," he accused.

A recent personal experience adds evidence to the fact that what happens in Japan is reflected on us even though we may be Americans.

On April 8 and 9, I attended an economics seminar sponsored by the American Iron and Steel Institute at UC Berkeley. The keynote speaker was R. Heath Larry, vice chairman—Board of Directors of the United States Steel Corp. The message of his speech was how cheap Japanese labor is making it nearly impossible for American steel to compete in the world market.

What he had to say didn't bother me but the thing that did get to me was the fact that he kept saying "it's your people who are doing it to us," and each time he pointed or nodded at me. This happened even though I had reminded him before the meeting in an informal discussion that I was born here and had no more ties with Japan than he had with the land of his ancestors.

Furthermore, at the same

meeting the chairman of the seminar, Alfred F. Connors, Assistant Director of Public Relations for Republic Steel Corp., repeatedly used the term "Jap" in his speech. A Professor Mel L. Kato of UC Irvine, Indonesian by birth but married to a Japanese American, openly requested that Mr. Connors refrain from using the term because it was offensive to her. It seems that a PR man for a major business corporation should know better.

All of these things add up to the conclusion that Japanese American Studies programs are necessary to bring out in the open the racism that continuously creates social friction in our society and also to establish better communications between the various ethnic groups.

Moreover, if we are all properly identified and all are recognized equals this world may well be a better place in which to live—Fresno JACL Newsletter.

### Ishimaru —

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some overlapping with Japanese culture, "Issei pioneer heritage" is another separate area.

In the coming biennium I would recommend that two separate committees be set up: One with the basic purpose of the original Cultural Heritage Committee and the other which might be called the "Issei Ethnic Heritage Committee" or some such.

I believe that in these two areas—Japanese cultural heritage and our Issei ethnic heritage—is a great deal of potential program material that will be both significant and interesting. I trust that the new Board of the JACL will give it added impetus.

### Gima --

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ence" said in part: "We have refrained from publishing certain statements that later appeared elsewhere speculating on the circumstances of the wounding of Mrs. Onishi.

"We did so out of a sense of citizenship, feeling that justice was not being served either by speculation or by printing statements emanating from persons who might be involved in future court action.

"But the police do owe this community an official explanation of what happened. To the feeling held by a growing number of persons that the police cannot be trusted.

"We feel that this attitude is wrong, but it is difficult to argue against it when police behave as they have in the Onishi case."

## 25 Years Ago

In the Pacific Citizen, July 21, 1940

Agriculture Sec. Anderson declares ban against evacuee-grown produce by Seattle dealers "unjustified"; Seattle florists charged with refusal to handle evacuee-grown