



# Per spec tives

By JERRY ENOMOTO

For me the 21st Biennial National Convention started and ended on notes of sadness. It began with a detour to Los Angeles to pay my last respects to Joe Grant Masaoka. It ended, in a sense, tonight (July 22) in Stockton where scores of people gathered at the Buddhist Church to bid adieu to Evelyn Okubo who was the victim of a deadly sickness that takes a fright-

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ful toll of life daily. Evelyn was the victim of the mindless violence that is symptomatic of a different kind of sickness that has now become a personal nightmare reality to every JACLer at the Palmer House that night.

It is often said that the true mettle of people is revealed during times of stress. During the hours following the tragedy that took Evelyn's life and nearly Ranko Yamada's, JACLers young and old were conspicuous by how they kept their cool. There is reason for all of us to be proud of the manner in which our JACLers, youth leaders and youth staff, took charge and did what was needed to be done to avoid panic, and to bring some comfort to the bewildered and shaken young people.

The adult advisers, and commissioners, under the leadership of Youth Commissioner Mike Suzuki, were conspicuous by their skill in supplementing and supporting the efforts of the young people. People seemed to react and move as if by cue and a script, in a manner that reflects a real kind of togetherness, under the toughest kind of pressure.

As befits their responsibility and proven abilities, all of our national officers and staff contributed in their own way to make things easier. Mike Masaoka, Bill Marutani, Raymond Uno, Pat Okura and Chicago attorney Mas Funai were particularly helpful in handling the contacts with press, police and the hotel management. Stockton JACLers Kengo Terashita and George Baba did what was necessary in alerting and arranging for the arrival of the victims' families.

In the midst of all this, we somehow managed to finish the business of the Convention. National Director Mas Satow, VPs Kaz Horita, Henry Kanagae and John Kanda directed one tough long day's National Council session, and I still don't know what took place. What I do know is that some hard decisions were made and progressive policy set in an atmosphere hardly conducive to such work. To the delegates go our thanks for sticking through what can only be called an ordeal.

Although marred by tragedy, I was gratified that the tribute to Mike Masaoka was successful in every way. The thousands who jammed the banquet hall was an eloquent confirmation of the esteem in which we held Mike. It is also significant that he was right in the forefront of those who took hold, and spent a sleepless 24 hours, during the emergency that followed his hour of triumph.

Although the Jr. JACL convention was cut short, I feel that a kind of communication took place earlier that meant something. A certain youth viewpoint was shared with the delegates in an impressive and graphic way. That JACLers disagreed or agreed is not the point. That the young people were heard marks a high point that will hopefully lead to more dialogue and more understanding.

Of course a new slate of officers to head JACL in the next Biennial was elected. The election climaxed some tough campaigning of the kind never before seen in JACL. Many have said this is healthy and I agree. Let's hope that this marks the start of the kind of interest we need to keep JACL dynamic. Meanwhile our best to President Raymond Uno and his fellow officers.

To Pasadena delegate, Mary Yusa, who lost her voice and regained it, and then donated an appendix to JACL, a speedy recovery. You now have a place in JACL's Hall of Fame.

To Ross Harano goes a special "well done" for a truly superb job of direction under adverse conditions. Cheryl shares in this, of course.

Although we can't name everyone, we extend our thanks to Chiye Tomihira, John Kitazaki, Shig Wakamatsu, Kume Yoshinari, Nobu Honda, Harry Mizuno, Jean Sakamoto, Frank and Toe Sakamoto, Doc Yatabe, and all the Chicago Juniors for a great job against big odds.

The beautiful watches given us will be an additional reminder of the many warm memories we will cherish of the past four years.

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## PALMER HOUSE TRAGEDY

# ROOM-MATE CLEARS UP RUMORS, MISUNDERSTANDING ABOUT VICTIMS

(Patti Iwataki, 18, of Los Angeles—a roommate of Evelyn Okubo and Ranko Yamada at the Palmer House during the Chicago convention—clears up the insinuations and rumors in the wake of the July 16 tragedy which may have cropped in the minds of readers who have been following the reports of the Miss Okubo murder in the daily press.)

By PATTI IWATAKI

Los Angeles

It is true that a group of us did go to the Black Panther Office in Chicago, as we did talk with some Chinatown youths, a church group, and the Young Lords. However, Ranko did not even see the Black Panther office or the Young Lords. She was attending a delegate meeting for the Jr. JACL.

And thought Evelyn Okubo went to visit the groups, she never spoke, she merely listened, as did most of us, to the groups as they talked of their community projects.

Another clarification that must be made: there was only one Black Panther present who talked to us and answered questions. We met, talked of community projects, and

## 1972 convention dates, locale set: June 25-29 at D.C.

WASHINGTON—In the midst of papers distributed to JACL delegates attending the 1970 Convention at Chicago is a pair of pink sheets detailing the special events for the 1972 National JACL Convention here in Washington, D.C.

What was missing, though mentioned by Harry Takagi '72 convention board chairman, when extending a welcome during the closing minutes of the Chicago convention, was the time and place:

June 25-29, 1972, at the Shoreham Hotel.

Though tentative, the calendar shows the mixer for Tuesday night; opening ceremonies and congressional dinner Wednesday visits to the Congress and an Embassy reception Thursday; luncheon, fashion show, 1000 Club party on Friday; White House reception and Sayonara Ball on Saturday.

The kickoff will be the congressional banquet with JACLers inviting their senators and congressmen to join with them. The program might well feature an outstanding political figure.

Other special events, which make the 22nd Biennial distinctive and only one of its kind because of its locale in the Nation's Capital, include the Congressional tribute to the Issei program, services at the Arlington National Cemetery, luncheon at Capitol Hill, special tours, State Dept. briefings and passes to congressional hearings, House and Senate galleries.

The Convention Board is still in search of a theme.

An operating budget of \$10,000 has been estimated to insure a successful convention.

## NEW WASHINGTON OFFICE URGED IN MIKE MASAOKA BIENNIAL REPORT

(Special to the Pacific Citizen) CHICAGO—A need for a new Washington JACL Office, fully staffed and adequately funded was cited by Mike Masaoka in his biennial report to the Convention which culminated July 18.

"It is not our intention to 'fight' to retain our part-time commitment to be JACL's Washington Representative," Masaoka declared as he expressed his heartfelt appreciation and gratitude for the opportunity to serve on the JACL staff since 1941.

Because of the estimated cost to operate a separate office was deemed expensive in the light of other budgetary priorities, the National Council only voted to secure a trainee to work under direction of Mike Masaoka.

But the National Council was cognizant that if and when a separate office is required, at least \$40,000 would be needed to maintain operations per year.

While the scene of Washington JACL Office this past biennial was regarded as one of the most active in the past 15 years, the report was more concerned about the future role.

Future Role

Masaoka wanted to know whether JACL would remain basically a Nisei group or whether to become a Nisei-Sansel organization, or transfer its concern from being almost exclusively for those of the Japanese race in the U.S. to an Asian-American oriented movement.

Masaoka also wanted to know whether JACL interests principally involve around being Asian American, general civil rights or international relations and further wondered openly how much funding and voluntary personal support JACL might receive by any or all of the concepts and projections.

The convention report noted a number of legislative triumphs of noteworthy appeal to JACL: (a) congressional

left. Each of us present at any of these meetings went only as interested individuals. We were not affiliated to any one national group.

## Senseless Comments

I can not speak for anyone else. I can not change what has happened or even explain why such an incident would occur. If I could, if anyone could, it would have been made known by now.

It upsets me that a girl as shy and beautiful as Evelyn had to go through such an ordeal and meet such a death. It upsets and angers me that Ranko must receive such comments when she has withstood this senseless horror with strength, rational thinking, and perception.

If anything, it is the very nature of these rumors, the sensationalism of newspapers and the innuendoes of people not even involved in this incident, that make such senseless tragedies as this to occur. Ranko has stated that no one is to blame, that it is this system that is responsible. Yet people continue to try to find another easier way to accept this... when is it ever going to change?

## The Search for Answers

It is really hard for me, because I traveled and lived with Evelyn and Ranko, to hear the sudden rampage of rumors that people have made in an attempt to understand what had happened that Thursday night, July 16.

We all are trying to find answers for such a senseless murder. But making answers where there are none is causing more difficulty for not only the family but friends who knew both girls.

I want to clarify any misconceptions, assumptions, or falsehoods that have stemmed from this incident. I want to tell people that Ranko and Evelyn were beautiful girls with responsible heads. I want people to know that implications from the press have distorted the facts from revealing themselves.

Both girls had been very involved in Jr. JACL activities. We had talked together in traveling to Chicago of things we wanted to do, what we wished we could change in society. Both girls were trying very hard in Stockton to work in community-oriented programs to help people. This is how they impressed me. They were concerned about people and about correcting the ills present in society today.

## Another Rumor

Rumors have spread that they were "flirtatious" that perhaps the incident was a product of their carelessness.

Anyone who knew Evelyn and Ranko would agree with me that neither would fall under such a description. Evelyn was such a quiet girl. She never spoke much, and was always shy with people she met.

Ranko was a bit more talkative, but never flirtatious. Both girls were level-headed, intelligent and we were all cautious, never to let anyone into the room that all three of us did not know.

challenge of the so-called war powers of the President, (b) efforts to reduce the voting age to 18, (c) guaranteed annual income, (d) rejection of two consecutive nominees to the Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court and (e) proposal to abolish the electoral college for direct election of President and Vice President.

## JACL's Political Force

Of the 1968 convention mandate to repeal emergency detention authorization, even if repeal is not accomplished at this time, the grass-roots campaign was a useful exercise in political activity, according to Masaoka and it demonstrated JACL is still a potent political force.

JACL endorsed an ethnic studies bill now in a House committee, an amendment to the immigration law providing temporary admission of aliens with exceptional ability and repealing the two-year foreign residence requirement for exchange visitors, and a yen claims bill introduced by Rep. Sparks Matsunaga.

JACL called two bills "repressive"—S12, the proposed Internal Security Act of 1970, and HR 14864, Defense Facilities and Industrial Security Act (which passed the House this past January). Hiroshi

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## JACL CENTURY CLUB MAY BE ORGANIZED YET

CHICAGO—A much-discussed plan to sustain JACL operations over and above what 1000 Clubbers contribute may finally be launched with the acknowledgment of \$100 from Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ota of Los Angeles made by National Director Mas Satow during the Convention banquet here.

The Otas have pledged to keep up the \$100 contribution annually. Some quarters now feel this is the start of a JACL Century Club for such contributors.

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# '70 Convention Summary

By Masao W. Satow, National Director

Herewith is a summary of the official actions of the National Council at the 21st Biennial National Convention from the National Director's notes checked against the tape recordings of the entire proceedings. The Official Minutes are in process of preparation and will be mailed upon completion to all Official and Alternate Delegates, Chapter Presidents, members of the past and present National Board, all National Committee Chairmen of the 1969-1970 biennial, and staff.

## SPECIAL ACTIONS

1—Authorized a \$10,000 reward for the apprehension and conviction of the person or persons who murdered Miss Evelyn Okubo and assaulted Miss Carol Ranko Yamada. The Police Department of Chicago will determine the recipient of this reward should there be any question as to whom is entitled to the reward.

2—Authorized a special Committee composed of Jerry Enomoto (chairman), Bill Marutani, Mike Masaoka, Pat Okura, Ross Harano, and George Baba, to act for National JACL on follow-up decisions or actions as may be necessary in cooperation with the Chicago Police, Palmer House Hotel, the two families involved, and any officers, and authorized expenditure of National JACL funds as necessary.

3—Created a special fund for which contributions will be solicited to be used to defray expenses incurred by the two families. The fund to be administered by the special Committee named above. Checks to be made out to "JACL Chicago Ad Hoc Committee" and sent to the JACL Midwest office, 21 W. Elm St., Chicago, Illinois 60610.

4—Voted to cancel the Saturday night Convention Sayonara Ball with the Chicago Convention Board to apply whatever refunds accruing to Convention delegates as a result of this action toward its fiscal commitments for this.

## CREDENTIALS

Followed recommendations of Northern California-Western Nevada District Council and Midwest District Council respectively in giving West Valley Chapter and Chicago Liberation Chapter full status in the National Council meetings.

## NATIONAL NOMINATIONS & ELECTION

1—Lifted the restriction on withholding publicity on candidates for national offices pending official announcement of candidates by National Nominations Committee.

2—Moved up deadline for nominations for National offices from 60 to 90 days prior to the meeting of the National Council.

3—National Nominations Committee Chairman to serve as National Presidential appointee in this capacity only and not double as District representative.

4—Ballots cast for National officers to be retained and to be made available to Chapters who request voting record of their respective delegates or proxies.

## SEPARATION OF PROXY VOTES

Where voting in National Council is other than voice vote, i.e. show of hands or roll call, a record of proxy votes will be separately recorded.

## NATIONAL RECOGNITIONS

1—Final selection of the Nisei of the Biennial to be determined by the National Board from list of three finalists submitted by the National Recognitions Committee.

2—Approved special commendations for Edwin O. Reichauer and Senator Hiram Fong.

## NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND

1—National JACL Endowment Fund monies to be made available with proper safeguards for worthwhile projects. Procedure set up to obtain the written approval of three-fourths of the Chapters in good standing shall be necessary for this.

2—National President to appoint an ad hoc committee to set up procedures and criteria governing requests for Endowment Fund monies. This Committee to submit these to the Endowment Fund Committee; the Endowment Fund Committee to make recommendations to the National Board for final implementation.

## PROGRAM & ACTIVITIES

1—Approved format suggested by Program & Activities Committee to Chapters for submission of data for the George J. Inagaki Chapter Community Service Award.

2—Approved establishment of a National Education Committee as a young adult project:

(a) To make available to elementary and secondary schools the factual story of the Issei Pioneers and Japanese Americans and their cultural heritage.

(a) To push for quality education and for Japanese American ethnic studies at secondary and college levels.

(c) To actively seek funds to implement the work of this Committee, as well as Student Loans.

The \$15,000 "seed" money for this will come from profits from sale of "Nisei—The Quiet Americans". A general fund drive to be held and federal and state funds to be sought.

## FEDERALLY INSURED STUDENT LOAN PROGRAM

National JACL to petition the presidents of the Bank of Tokyo of California and the Sumitomo Bank of California to give serious consideration to the adoption and promotion of the federally insured Student Loan program.

## STUDENT AID

National JACL to call upon its Chapters to contribute to the National JACL Student Aid fund in memory of Abe Hagiwara.

## NATIONAL PLANNING

The National Planning Commission to work on a decade basis, the first biennial devoted to planning, and the following bienniums to implementation, review and updating.

Commission to consist of a Chairman and nine members; the Chairman to serve for five years, the Committee members to serve for six years appropriately staggered so one third of the members will change every biennial. Every effort to be made to have all age levels of the organization represented on this Committee.

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

1—Current membership kit of material to Chapters to be reviewed, updated, and give format a new look.

2—"Sign Up Today" column in the PACIFIC CITIZEN to be continued, and to make this available as a tear sheet for other Nisei publications.

3—Membership material in President's Handbook to be reviewed and updated, and to be made available to Chapter Membership Chairmen.

4—to Investigate a national health insurance program for areas which presently do not have such programs.

5—to Explore proposal of limiting size (membership) of Chapter to allow for more Chapters and greater participation.

6—to Explore areas where new Chapters might be formed.

7—to Set up classification of membership other than regular membership and 1000 Club, and study to be given to nomenclature of these additional categories.

Suggested: Sustaining Membership — \$ 50 per yr.  
Sponsor Membership — \$ 100 per yr.  
Business & Corporate — \$ 250 per yr.  
Special Membership — \$1,000 per yr.

## UNIFORM DUES

1—The present system of rebating Chapters for over-quota performance to be phased out this coming biennial, the present 40% over-quota rebate to Chapters to be reduced to 20% for each year of the biennial.

2—Adopted special Student Membership rate of \$5 per

year, and National Associated Membership of \$15 per year. (National Associated Membership is direct to National Headquarters for those residing in non-Chapter areas.)

## TITLE II REPEAL

National Council reaffirmed the Title II Repeal Resolution adopted at the 1968 National Biennial Convention and directed that the present campaign be continued.

## BAIL BONDS

As a pilot project for the 1971-72 biennial, JACL to allocate the sum of \$5,000 to be made available to and administered by the two existing Asian-American legal services in Los Angeles and San Francisco on a ratio to be determined in consultation with them, such bail bonds to be made available to Asian-American student arrestees who otherwise may not obtain bail money.

JACL to be provided with periodic reports as to the amount in this fund and this pilot project to be assessed and evaluated at the close of the biennial.

## INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

1—United States-Japan Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security—Adopted the following position on this:

We feel the time has come for the United States and Japan to eliminate or at least drastically modify the Mutual Security Treaty, for we believe that American national priorities and Japan's development and pride make the American military presence in Asia no longer desirable. We recommend the making of new United States-Japan agreements that will be less dependent on the actual presence of American military power in Japan. Our fear is that such a continued presence would create dangerous temptations for the United States to extend itself into further military actions in Asia, make the United States vulnerable to political and military action in the Far East, and draw us into military action we might best avoid.

We feel it imperative for peace in the Far East and in the world that Japan maintain its present posture as an economically powerful nation, extending its influence in peaceful ways.

2—JACL Involvement in United States Policies toward Countries Other than Japan—Voted to extend JACL involvement in international affairs to include not only Japan but other countries of the Asia-Pacific Area as determined by relevance to JACL, special competence of JACL, significance of JACL position, resources available to JACL, and influence on United States-Japan relations.

3—War in Southeast Asia—Adopted the following Resolution:

WHEREAS the JACL regards as its special interest the relationship between the United States and the nations of Asia; and

WHEREAS the JACL considers the participation of the United States in the Vietnam war to be morally wrong, to have caused incalculable harm to the civilians and country of Vietnam, to have disrupted and destroyed the lives of combatants on all side, to have brutalized members of our Armed Forces and our society, to have alienated international opinion, to have seriously divided our people and undermined the loyalties of American citizens, to have jeopardized proper priorities for alleviating the numerous domestic problems of this country; and

WHEREAS, the United States government, having professed its intention of reducing its commitments to this war, nevertheless has increased its scope through its recent invasion of Cambodia; and

WHEREAS JACL shares the concern of those who are uneasy about military actions taken without wide acceptance within the government, especially the Congress.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the JACL condemn the action of this government in entering Cambodia; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that JACL urge a rapid end to United States participation in the war in Southeast Asia; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the JACL support legislation, such as the Cooper-Church and Hatfield-McGovern amendments, that contributes to ending American military involvement in Southeast Asia and seeks to restore the constitutional power of Congress on issues of war and peace.

4—Japan's Relations with Countries Other than the United States — Adopted recommendation of International Affairs Committee that for the next biennial the JACL handle this matter on an issue by issue basis, following criteria set up in the Committee Report. Any action to be taken will first be in the form of a recommendation from the International Affairs Committee to the Executive Committee.

5—Working with Other Groups Involved in International Affairs—Adopted recommendation of International Affairs Committee that the JACL International Affairs Committee always consider the possibility of working with other groups, keeping in mind the potential benefits and disadvantages of joint actions. Any actions to be taken will first be in the form of recommendations to the Executive Committee.

6—SEPARATE CIVIL RIGHTS AND LEGISLATIVE ARM Voted for the creation of a separate arm of the JACL, similar to the Anti-Defamation League, which would have greater freedom of action on political and social issues without jeopardizing the non-profit status of JACL.

A special Committee to be appointed by the National President to carry out a feasibility study, and if appropriate, to work out the details for this separate arm. The Committee to report to the National Board within a definite period of time, and if the Board approves the Committee's plans, the National Board will initiate procedures to implement.

## TO AMEND THE IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT

JACL to work to remove the requirement of the English language requirement for naturalization.

## INTEGRATION-BUSSING

Adopted the following Resolution: WHEREAS, notwithstanding the laws of the land established over 16 years ago in Brown v. Board of Education, segregated schools continue to exist in areas where some of our Chapter members reside; and

WHEREAS it has become compellingly clear that bussing of children is under some circumstances essential and critical in order to comply with and give meaningful implementation to the long established law of the land directing quality education by integration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that JACL endorse and support the integration of schools by bussing when necessary, and

BE IT RESOLVED that JACL urge its members accordingly to take a positive and affirmative stance toward bussing where necessary to implement local integration programs.

## STAND AGAINST WAKEFIELD BILL IN CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE

Took stand against Wakefield Bill passed by the California State Assembly designed to prohibit bussing of school children for racial integration or any other purpose without written parental consent.

## REPARATIONS—A REQUITUAL SUPPLICATION

Adopted in principle the concept of seeking reparations for the wrongful act of evacuation and detention. Legislative effort to implement at such appropriate time as determined by the Executive Committee.

## JAPANESE LANGUAGE TAPES

Endorsed the concept of the three year video tape Japanese language course. The Committee on this was authorized to seek outside grants to finance.

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## \$2 MEMBERSHIP DUES INCREASE IN '71 ORDERED

Additional Sum Needed to Meet \$248,000 Budget

CHICAGO—The National JACL Council approved a \$248,000 budget for the 1971-72 biennial, which means an increase of \$2 in dues for the individual member.

Not only has the cost of keeping the organization operating at the current level gone up, but the increase will cover the rise in PC subscription rate, a modest push to start the new Abe Hagiwara Memorial Student Aid Fund, additional staff and initiating a trainee program at the Washington Office.

The prospects for a Midwest office director, additional funds for program and field directors were not entirely ruled out if and when funds are provided from other sources than regular membership. The suggested amount for this package came to \$31,000.

## District Quotas

At the same time, slight alterations were also approved to district quotas to meet the national budget.

District '69-Q '68-A '71-Q  
Pac NW ... 3,335 2,645 2,650  
NC-WV ... 3,497 3,426 3,420  
Central Cal ... 5,45 5,45 4,25  
Pac SW ... 24,24 27,23 27,25  
Inter ... 7,58 6,10 6,60  
Mtn-P ... 3,33 2,64 2,65  
Midwest ... 11,23 10,40 10,40  
Eastern ... 4,74 3,96 4,00

Members of the budget-financing committee, chaired by Yoon Satoda of San Francisco, a three-term national treasurer, in an informal give & take and assessment of regional conditions, feel the districts can renew 100% with allowances only made for Central California, Intermountain and Northern California - Western Nevada.

The committee speculated at length on "other sources of income", specifically at possibilities of securing public funds to operate certain programs, and urged a special committee be established to search for "ways and means".

This may tie in with the proposal to elevate the National 1000 Club Chairman to a vice president for ways & means.

The membership committee has also established additional categories to identify tax deductible contributions to the organization. They range between \$50 per year to \$1,000.

## '69-'70 Performance

Satoda declared JACL faces the decade of the 1970s in the strongest financial position of its history in view of the impressive decade of growth between 1960-70.

The operational budget for the 1960s increased from \$83,000 to \$177,000 with individual dues to support the JACL program also rising from \$2 to \$6.50 per year, accompanied by a most significant rise in membership totals from less than 18,000 in 1959 to over 24,000 in 1969. "Not many organizations can make that statement," Satoda stated.

While crediting



WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER: Mike Masaoka

## In Appreciation

Though the tragedy that befell two teenage JACLers in Chicago two weeks ago continues to weigh heavily on us, nevertheless we feel obliged to take this means and opportunity to thank all those who participated in the Mike M. Masaoka Testimonial, which—in our minds at least—will remain forever as a high point in our lives.

Though perhaps we were not deserving of such honors, we are human enough to have gloried in them. In our advanced age, when so few things count for much, the friendship, affection, and respect of our fellows are most precious matters. Indeed, having my 84-year-old mother, my two teenage adopted children, my wife, and most of my brothers and sisters present all add up to a most wonderful memory.

Actually, though, the testimonial was not so much for us personally, but symbolically for all of us in JACL who have worked together over the past quarter of a century and more in the common cause of assuring the future for ourselves, our children, and our children's children. Though our posterity may never understand, and even question some of the judgments involved, our motivations were pure and selfless.

Because of the symbolism of the testimonial, we particularly missed such JACL co-workers as Saburo Kido, George Inagaki, Hito Okada, Larry Tajiri, Scotty Tsuchiya, Teiko Ishida, and Joe Grant Masaoka who— for one reason or another—were unable to be with us that evening at the Conrad Hilton ballroom. They formed that great and inspired team that in World War II provided the general leadership for those of Japanese ancestry in this country. And, together with hundreds and thousands of sincere JACLers, they suffered and sacrificed much that today those of Japanese origin may enjoy the privileges and opportunities they do. Unfortunately, the histories of Japanese Americans fail to emphasize the scope and vision of these activities. But we who together lived through those momentous times know whereof we speak.

We are especially grateful to Kumeo Yoshinari and his Chicago Committee for planning and carrying out such a great testimonial, not the least of which was the banquet two weeks ago. We are thankful for the contributions of hundreds of JACLers and others to the Testimonial Fund. And, to T. Yamaguchi and K. Mukaeda who co-chaired the Masaoka Family Round-The-World Trip and to the many Issei who contributed to it, our heartfelt thanks too.

We dare not begin to identify individuals for fear that we will miss a particularly helpful person, but to all who contributed and to all who attended, many from across the country, the Masaoka family is sincerely grateful and appreciative.

Unfortunately, the Round-The-World Trip will have to be postponed, possibly until next summer. The Congress has not yet completed its work on the repeal of Title II of the Internal Security Act of 1950. And, the Congress is considering crucial trade legislation that may affect drastically not only United States-Japan relations for many years to come but the international system of trade and commerce. With such momentous legislation under consideration at this time, we cannot desert Washington, even for a long-planned trip around the world with special stopovers in Japan for Expo '70 and in Hawaii.

In spite of this postponement, the family will be ever grateful to the Issei for their thanking of and contributing to such a wonderful trip to the great cities of the world, both east and west, which have played such important roles in the history of mankind and of the United States.

Our lives in the past 30 years of JACL history have revolved most around Washington and America-Japan relations.

In Washington, we have tried to resort to the democratic procedures to seek not only corrective and remedial measures for those of Japanese ancestry but also for others more deprived, more denied, and more disadvantaged than we. In our efforts to try to improve the quality and opportunities of life for all, we have availed ourselves most of the legislative process, for we early learned that it is the Congress that enacts the laws and appropriates the funds that govern most of our destinies, as individuals and as a nation.

Accordingly, we are asking the managing trustees of the Testimonial Fund to consider some program under which members of the Congress may be recognized for meaningful and outstanding contributions to improving the quality and opportunities of life for all our citizens.

In our experience, members of Congress too often become dependent upon vested interests for the necessary monies to conduct campaigns to assure their reelection. We would like to find a way in which, not greedy vested interests, but the public good will be determinative in the election of members of the Legislative Branch. Hopefully, our Testimonial can be used in part for this purpose.

Another reality that we learned in the past three decades is the overriding importance of United States-Japan relations, not only to us as individuals and as members of a racial minority, but also as Americans concerned with the future of our country.

Though we personally feel that mankind's fate will be determined around the Pacific Basin, too many Americans with European antecedents continue not only to look to Europe first but to ignore Asia and Asians. And, the peace and prosperity of the Pacific in the immediate future will largely be centered around the partnership and relationship of the land of our citizenship and the land of our ancestry.

Accordingly, we are also asking the managing trustees of the Testimonial Fund to give some thought to a special program that will recognize distinguished Americans who have made significant and substantial contributions to U.S.-Japan relations and to American understanding and appreciation of the Far East.

Because the National JACL had authorized a special citation to The Honorable Edwin O. Reischauer, as the first of its recognitions to Americans who have helped make their fellow citizens more aware of Japan and Asia, we asked that \$1,000 from the Fund be awarded the former Ambassador to Japan as part of his National JACL recognition. We added the hope that future honorees of similar citations may be provided a similar honorarium.

While we are honored that a Testimonial Fund has been established in our name, and that hundreds have contributed to it, we are humbled in the responsibility that it be used for the kind of objectives and purposes that would be worthy of the donors, and the spirit of JACL that prompted the contributions.

Thus, in requesting that the managing trustees use the funds for recognizing members of Congress and other Americans for having contributed to making reality the twin great personal ambitions that we have entertained over the decades, we are hopeful that we are vindicating the faith of those who contributed to the Testimonial Fund.

## NEWS CAPSULES

### Awards

Japan Premier Eisaku Sato was designated "Honorary Texan" by Tex. Gov. Preston Smith June 30. Two other Japanese accorded similar honors were Naka Funada, speaker of the House in the Japan Diet, and Mrs. Masa Nakayama, former health and welfare minister. The honors were bestowed in appreciation of the hospitality accorded the native Texan.

The Univ. of Washington University Students Club awarded grants to 10 incoming freshmen and undergraduate students for the coming year: Seattle—Kathleen Mihara, Scott Kiyono, Barbara Iida, Kenneth Shibata, Murray Uomoto, Dean Kashino, Alvin Matsumoto; Spokane—Ted Kozen, Pansy Kato; Tacoma—Norma Omoto. The grant fund was established through the sale to the University of a former club residence for Japanese students at UW.

### Redevelopment

Kajima Construction Co., Hankyu Express and Obayashi-gumi expressed strong interest in building the major hotel being planned for the Little Tokyo Redevelopment Project, according to Richard G. Mitchell, administrator of the L.A. Community Redevelopment Agency, upon his return from a recent trip to Japan. Great interest was also shown by Japanese government officials on the proposed cultural community center, which one Diet member said the government should support.

According to Tak Kubota, PNWDC governor, of Seattle, all necessary paperwork and planning have been completed on the Kawabe Senior Housing project at 17th and Main and a high-rise 157-unit edifice is about to be constructed.

### Business

Gerald Kobayashi, affiliated with Nakaoka Realty Co., was installed as president of Gardena Valley Chamber of Commerce. He listed specific problems to be met and resolved in his speech dealing with the challenges of the '70s. "If we meet them, we can make Gardena truly an all-American city for the well-being of all, both young and old."

Japan Air Lines named Takayuki Hashizume its western regional manager at San Francisco, succeeding Tomochi Tuzue who has been reassigned to the Tokyo home office. The post covers passenger-cargo sales development in nine Western states as well as administration of JAL offices in San Francisco, Seattle, Portland and Denver.

Mak S. Kawano of Chicago was named vice-president for facilities, research and development at American Carbon Paper Corp., the Business Forms Reporter noted. Grace Pastries, started 20 years ago by George and Grace Izumi in southwest Los Angeles, has taken over operation of the Downtown May Co. bakery operation, making it their 7th retail outlet.

Japan Air Lines, remodeled and expanded its Los Angeles office and southwest region headquarters at the corner of Grand Ave. and W. 7th, coinciding with introduction of the 747 Garden Jet service.

Akira Ikeyama, a 24-year veteran with the international Bank of Tokyo group, has been named vice president and treasurer of the Bank of Tokyo of California. He succeeds Choei Saitoh, treasurer since 1962, who has been promoted to the Tokyo head office of the Bank of Tokyo, Ltd., the California bank's parent institution.

Richard Kaneko is vice president, productions, for

Robert Eber Co., a Menlo Park-based advertising agency. He joined the firm in 1967 after 11 years in Chicago, most of them with Nohart Inc. He is the son of the Hideo Kanekos, Atherton, Calif.

The Bank of Tokyo of California, with deposits totalling \$266,510,120 on June 30, now ranks 195th in size among the nation's 14,600 banks, according to the American Banker. A 6.3 percent increase in total deposits brought the bank up ten places from its 1969 half-year ranking by the national banking publication.

### Government

Miss Kay Kono, in federal civil service for 15 years and now secretary to the Los Angeles commander of the Defense Contract Administration, was chosen from among 56,000 agency employees in the nation to be one of the 10 outstanding civilian personnel of 1970 and honored at the third annual awards day at Alexandria, Va., recently. Active in the Senshin Buddhist Church, she was Miss Southern District YBA in 1959.

Los Angeles Mayor Sam Yorty named Yoshiko Takagaki, real estate developer and Crenshaw Square manager, to the city human relations commission. Also reappointed were Sam I. Ishihara, city Housing Authority; Toshikazu Terasawa, Building and Safety Commission; and Fred L. Wada, Harbor Commission. Takagaki is active with West-side Optimists, Japanese American Republicans and is married to the former Mary Kariya of Ogden. They have three children.

### Military

Rep. Glenn Anderson's Memorial Day speech at the Gardena Nisei VFW Hall stressed the need for doing more for the disabled veterans, veterans' widow and their dependent children. Underscoring the need to intensify the quest for peace, Anderson told his primarily Nisei audience, "We should see our highest glory, not so much in battles won as in wars prevented." So impressed was Rep. Spark Matsunaga that he had the text of the speech inserted in the Congressional Record June 26.

Ace Kusuda succeeded Ben Murata as commander of the Kazuo Masuda Memorial VFW Post 3670 at Orange County in ceremonies at the Royal Coach Inn, Anaheim, June 27. The post candidate for 1970 Miss Nisei Week, Gail Konishi, was introduced.

### Organizations

Minoru Togasaki, active Detroit JACLer, was recently elected president of the South-eastern Michigan Branch of the American Society of Civil Engineers. Mrs. Ronald Matsunaga succeeded Mrs. Robert Watanabe as president of the Los Angeles Japanese American Medical Assn. Auxiliary, "Angel of the Bahamas," depicting underwater life in the Gulf Stream was shown by Dr. Robert Watanabe, who shot the film while seaching for the angelfish.

### Book

Berkeley author Yoshiko Uchida plans to write a book for children on the 1942 Evacuation of Japanese Americans as her next project. She completed her 16th book, "Makoto, the Smallest Boy" (Crowell). A cum laude graduate from UC Berkeley in 1942, she received her diploma while at Tanforan, and continued her studies in education at Smith College. She has reminisced about her early Evacuation experiences for the California Alumni publication. She began writing children's book in 1949.

Carol F. Ishimoto, of Cambridge, Mass., who has a permanent appointment at the Harvard College Library and is now a senior cataloguer, was elected vice-chairman of the Council of Regional Groups of the Resources and Technical Services Division of the American Library Association.

## Nisei Week

Nisei Week festival chairman Harry Yamamoto anticipates an overflow attendance at the Sen. Daniel Inouye testimonial dinner at the Los Angeles Hilton Hotel Aug. 22, 7:30 p.m., as both the Sierra and Pacific ballrooms will be utilized to honor the 1970 Nisei Week parade grand marshal. Veteran, civic and Nisei organizations have been invited, dinner co-chairmen Ted Ikemoto and Bob Hayamizu added, to the \$15 per person event. Table reservations for 10 are being handled by the Nisei Week office (628-5902).

Four Issei to be honored by Nisei Week at its pioneer luncheon Aug. 17 at the Kawafuku were announced by luncheon co-chairmen Shigeo Yamada and Solchi Fukui. They are Daisaku Iwataki, 91; Otokichi Kuwahara, 83, Gardena Valley; Sannosuke Madokoro, 77, Riverside; and Shinnojo Wada, 85, Harbor City.

Iwataki came to the U.S. in 1902, operated a tea house in Santa Barbara, then became an insurance agent from 1918 until 1942; served the community as Shonien treasurer and Issei layman at St. Mary's.

Kuwahara came to the U.S. in 1902, pioneered in growing berries and tomatoes in Gardena Valley, and for his community work was cited by the Foreign Ministry in 1960.

Madokoro came to the U.S. in 1914, grew and shipped produce prewar from Santa Maria Valley, produce and citrus postwar from Oceanside and Riverside and for community work was cited by the Foreign Ministry in 1960.

Wada came to the U.S. in 1904, turned to farming in 1917 and expanded operations to Lomita from 1921, and for community work was cited by the Foreign Ministry in 1960. Movie-TV star John Saxon, currently starring as Dr. Ted Stuart in the NBC series, "The Bold Ones," will ride the Bank of Tokyo float in the Nisei Week Festival parade Aug. 23. Several years ago, Saxon participated in a Nisei Week karate exhibition.

## Deaths

Sister Martina Bridgeman, 70, principal of Maryknoll School at Los Angeles for 20 years since 1926, died July 20 after a brief illness. Born in Newfoundland, she was transferred to Latin America in 1948 and then to Japan in 1958. She was scheduled to become principal of Maryknoll School in L.A. this fall.

Asajiro Kanegae, 85, pioneer Orange County farmer, and the father of Elden and Henry Kanegae, died July 23 at St. Joseph's Hospital, Orange.

Toshiro (Yozan) Tsubokawa, 60, publisher of the Rocky Mountain Jihō, died July 14 after a major heart operation that day at Denver General Hospital. Born in Niigata, he graduated from Meiji Gakuin, came to the U.S. in 1936 for further studies at Hope (Mich.) College and McPherson (Kan.) College. During WW2, he was a Yomiuri correspondent in Burma, and re-

turned to the U.S. to be the Yomiuri correspondent at Washington, D.C. from 1953. In 1962, he moved to Denver and formed the bilingual weekly Jihō, which his wife, Sadako, will continue to publish.

## Sports

Something new has been added to roller derby—Japanese skaters. Two Nipponese, Yoko Sasaki and Miki Tanoda, joined the Los Angeles Thunderbirds while the team was in Tokyo in 1968.

According to William J. Griffiths, representative of the National Skating Derby, the two have already gone through some grueling training and hope to join the regular Thunderbirds soon in real competition. They were the winners in a tryout contest to "go to the United States and train with the T-Birds."

Jerry Egusa, 5-9 200 lb. linebacker and three-time all league performer from Cupertino, was regarded as one of the four prep stars entering Santa Clara University in the fall. He played in the Shrine North-South high school feature at Los Angeles July 23.

## Crime

Police in Marlboro, Mass., were mystified July 1 over the cause of death of two prominent young men from Honolulu who were found dead in their sleeping bags in their basement apartment. No marks were found on their bodies. Dead were Edwin S. Arima, 26, a Harvard graduate planning to enter Boston University medical school this fall, and son of the Masato Arimas, 3019 Kahawai St., and Peter M. Guard, 25, a Punahou alumnus.

The New York Japan Air Lines cargo office at Jamaica was held up by six men June 21, who hauled off over \$8,000 worth of merchandise. Six employees and nine others were herded into a safe, which

was not locked, before the getaway.

## Fine Arts

A solo exhibition of paintings and drawings by Mrs. Chisato Watanabe, a Stockton JACLer, is being staged through July 31 at the Univ. Art League Spring Show, Lodi of Pacific Art Center. Her art center.

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## From the Frying Pan

Honolulu

**DISCUSSION IN THE SKY**—As it turned out, an incident aboard the Continental Air Lines Boeing 747 flight en route to Hawaii was just about as interesting as Honolulu itself. One of those on the plane was a well-known West Coast writer, and when he heard my name he came over to discuss the NISEI book which he had read.

"You might be interested to know," he said, "that Earl Warren is a close personal friend of mine. We have known each other many years. In one of our discussions he told me: 'The one thing in my public life that I am not proud of is my actions in the World War II evacuation of Japanese Americans. I lacked the strength of character to stand up against public pressures.'"

I expressed surprise that Warren had talked about evacuation, adding that the Nisei had been rebuffed repeatedly in their efforts to discuss that matter with him. The writer remarked that the evacuation experience was a very tender issue with Warren. "In 1942," he said, "Earl Warren had political ambitions, and he was young."

I told him my theory that Warren's evacuation experience had been a great influence in shaping the liberal stance he took regarding civil rights decisions after he was named Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. In other words, that the realization of the ghastly error made in leading intemperate demands for the evacuation of Japanese Americans had caused him to take a new look at the human rights of Americans.

"No doubt about that," said the writer. "Beyond a doubt the Nisei made the sacrifice that led to the liberation of the American Negro."

I had never thought about it in quite that way. But history may prove the correctness of that evaluation.

**THE GOLDEN AGE**—One of the highlights of a brief stay in Honolulu was breakfast close by the surf of Waikiki with Sohei Yamate, an investment counselor and Nisei Veterans leader whom I had met at a Military Intelligence Language School reunion in Los Angeles a couple of years ago. Yamate calls the present the "Golden Age" of the Nisei in Hawaii—socially, politically and economically. Even the big business cartels that have controlled the Hawaiian economy are now naming Nisei vice-presidents, he said, if for no other reason than that they are so knowledgeable the companies need their know-how. Other Nisei, like Keiji Kawakami, have gone into the sportswear manufacturing business and are having a difficult time keeping up with mainland demand.

Politically, there is an enormous amount of interest in the upcoming state elections which find two Nisei vying for the lieutenant governor's post. One of the candidates is Ralph Kiyosaki, who with Democratic support had been named state superintendent of education. Out of the blue, Kiyosaki announced he was resigning the school post and would seek the lieutenant governorship on the Republican ticket as running mate of Samuel P. King.

One of the two announced Democratic candidates for lieutenant governor is George Ariyoshi, a long-time state senator, who is aligned with the popular incumbent, Gov. John A. Burns.

A poll published by the Honolulu Star-Bulletin on July 16 showed Kiyosaki being favored by 42.9 per cent of Republican voters, with 16 per cent for his nearest competitor, Richard Sutton, and 36.1 per cent undecided.

On the Democratic side, Honolulu City Councilman Charles Campbell was shown to be in the lead with 26.9 per cent, followed by Ariyoshi with 23.4 per cent, and an unannounced candidate, Herman Lemke, with 22.3 per cent. The undecided accounted for 27.4 per cent, indicating this race is wide open. The Star-Bulletin noted that Ariyoshi has not campaigned heavily so far. It seems altogether possible that Nisei will be pitted against Nisei in the race for lieutenant governor this fall. And if this comes to pass, whichever way the election turns out a Nisei will be the No. 2 man in the Hawaii statehouse.

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## Bay Areans plan 25th anniversary of atom bombing

**BERKELEY**—A group of Asian Americans is planning major commemorative events in San Francisco Aug. 6-9 to mark the 25th anniversary of the dropping of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, according to Yuji Ichio, of the Asian American ad hoc committee on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Asian Studies, 3405 Dwinelle Hall, UC Berkeley.

"San Francisco seems to us the most logical place to hold such a commemoration," Ichio pointed out. "The Peace Treaty was signed in San Francisco, and the Livermore Atomic Laboratory is across the bay."

An early morning vigil is being planned at Livermore of Aug. 6 to commemorate the bombing of Hiroshima on Aug. 6, 1945, at 8:15 a.m. A Nisei perspective on the holocaust is being planned Aug. 7, 7:30 p.m., with speakers and discussion groups. The Issei perspective, with the program conducted entirely in Japanese, is scheduled for Aug. 8, 9 a.m. A broad spectrum of topics from an Asian American perspective will be covered in the afternoon panel from 1 p.m.

The Sunday (Aug. 9) ceremony at the San Francisco Peace Pagoda will conclude the special event with commemoration of the bombing of Nagasaki.

### Nisei Week exhibit at City Hall slated

**LOS ANGELES**—The 30th annual Nisei Week Festival will officially open on the Spring Street steps of City Hall Aug. 10 when the Nisei Week Preview Exhibit is unveiled by Mayor Sam Yorty.

The opening ceremonies from 11 a.m. will include remarks by Councilman Gilbert Lindsay, and presence of Miss Toni Sakamoto, 1969 queen and the ten queen candidates who hope to succeed in her footsteps.

The Preview Exhibit will be in the City Hall rotunda with flower arrangements, oil and sumie paintings, dolls and ceramics.

## Nisei teacher to head curriculum project in S.F.

**SAN FRANCISCO**—The San Francisco Board of Education appointed Mrs. Katherine Morooka Reyes as the new Asian American Studies Teacher Specialist for its Unified School District.

She is the first Nisei to be appointed in San Francisco to head the curriculum responsibilities of Asian American Studies. She was granted a leave from her regular teaching position to assume her new duties effective July 1.

Dr. Raymond Pitts, assistant superintendent of instructional development and services, will direct the three ethnic studies teacher specialists. Mrs. Reyes will replace Elgin Heinz who will return to teaching Asian studies.

Mrs. Reyes has been teaching in San Francisco since 1953. She received her degree from San Francisco State College in 1952 and obtained a master's degree in elementary education in 1957. She has been an active participant in community affairs.

Last year she was appointed chairman of the JACL ad hoc committee for responsible education, is a member of the San Francisco JACL Civil Rights Committee, Buchanan YMCA board, elder of Christ United Presbyterian Church, former officer of the Western Addition Community Organization, secretary of the Nisei Voters League, member of the Japanese American Curriculum Project, JACL Title II Repeal Committee, and several professional teachers organizations.

The development of Asian American curriculum at all levels will be the objective of the teacher specialists. The Asian experience in America will be introduced in new teaching materials.

Mrs. Reyes lives with her mother at 35 Loraine Court, San Francisco.

### Drug overdose causes death of 2 islanders

**HONOLULU**—An overdose of drugs caused the deaths of two young men from Hawaii, whose bodies were found in an apartment in Mariboro, Mass. last month. A Massachusetts medical examiner released the results of his investigation into the deaths of Edward Arima, 26, of Honolulu and Peter Guard, 25, of Kailua.

Honolulu friends of the two



**SEATTLE QUEEN**—Lynn Yamada (center) was named queen of the Greater Seattle Japanese Community June 26 at the Washington Plaza Hotel. She was crowned by Mayor Wes Uhlman in ceremonies which also named Arlene Naganawa (right) first runner-up, and Corinne Maebori (left) second runner-up. Lynn, 19, is a junior at the Univ. of Washington majoring in English, the daughter of the Noboru Yamadas. Her father is the assistant district director of the U.S. Internal Revenue Service. Arlene, 19, is the daughter of the Hideo Naganawas, and a U.W. sophomore also majoring in English. Corinne, 17, is a 1970 graduate of Auburn High School, is the daughter of the Willie Maeboris. —Nobi Kano Photo

### OBARA MURDER CASE

## Three suspects held without bail for pistol-whipping grocer to death

(Special to the Pacific Citizen)

**HONOLULU**—Three men have been charged with first degree murder and armed robbery in the pistol-whipping death June 27 of Masaharu Obara, 60, a Nuuanu grocer.

The opening ceremonies from 11 a.m. will include remarks by Councilman Gilbert Lindsay, and presence of Miss Toni Sakamoto, 1969 queen and the ten queen candidates who hope to succeed in her footsteps.

The Preview Exhibit will be in the City Hall rotunda with flower arrangements, oil and sumie paintings, dolls and ceramics.

Warren Kalani Kaahanui, 24, of 2214-B Ahe St., Palolo, who was paroled from the state prison in May, 1969, after serving two years of a four-year minimum term for armed robbery, attempted armed robbery and burglary.

Harold Agard Kalani, 24, of 620-D N. Kukui St., Palama, who has a misdemeanor police record.

Delbert K. Wakinekona, 25, of 87-144-A Hakimo Rd., Mailli, who was arrested for another offense the day following the murder.

**No Bail for Suspects**  
Police said the three were suspects from the beginning of the investigation. They were being held without bail. Obara's body was found by a customer the night of the murder. He also found the younger brother in an unconscious condition and quickly called police.

Officers found the cash register empty following the robbery. Detectives at the time were unable to determine how much money had been taken. Wakinekona was arrested in Waianae the day after the murder on a charge of being offensively armed with a .22-caliber pistol, believed to have been used in the robbery-murder.

Kaahanui was picked up about 8:15 a.m. Thursday, July 2, when he tried to board an Aloha Airlines flight to Molokai. Kalani was arrested near his residence. A motorcycle officer spotted him at Mayor Wright Homes and radioed for detectives. Kalani was arrested without incident.

**Neighbors in Praise**

Neighbors of the Obara brothers were high in their praise of the grocers.

Mrs. Betty Shinagawa of Service Florist said, "They were very good people; they were nice to everybody. I don't think they had an enemy. They were not the kind of people to resist. Jack (as Masaharu was called) told me a number of times if anybody came in (to rob the store) he would just give them everything."

Mrs. Alice Eto, an accountant with public accountant Toshio Okura, said, "If I wanted something special, they would always get it for me—like pipi kaula. I don't know where they got it, but they always would."

men said they left for the mainland three months ago to tour the country by car. Arima, an honor graduate of Harvard University, was planning to enter Boston University Medical School in the fall. Guard was a 1962 graduate of Punahou School.

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## GE, Hughes both disavow views on detention camps

**WASHINGTON**—After a suburban Chicago publication recently headlined a story about General Electric "testifies to keep concentration camps," it created consternation at corporate headquarters which was brought about a flood of mail, according to Ray Forbes, a GE spokesman at Washington.

Little attention was paid at the time to the public testimony before the House Internal Security Committee delivered April 21 (see May 8 PC) by Russell E. White, industrial security consultant for GE in the firm's Washington office. White appeared with Robert J. Goddard, director of corporate security for Hughes Aircraft, in Culver City; both of whom presenting testimony on behalf of Electronic Industries Assn., a trade group representing more than 300 manufacturers.

Officials at GE and at Hughes this past week (July 14) said congressional testimony by their security officers did not represent the views of the two firms.

Robert Estes, GE corporate counsel in New York City, said: "Obviously, the General Electric Co. is against concentration camps. We take no stand for or against what the Congress should decide on such legislation."

### Seattle JACL opens photograph exhibit

**SEATTLE**—A photographic exhibit, "Japanese American Pride and Shame," opened July 12 at the Museum of History and Industry and will be shown through Sept. 30. It has been arranged by the Seattle JACL.

The show deals with the history of the early Issei pioneers' biographies of well-known local Japanese, the history of the Evacuation and Relocation Camps and related anti-Japanese agitation and history of established Japanese organizations.

### Oriental Festival

**SALT LAKE CITY**—The Japanese Church of Christ stages its 22nd annual Oriental Festival July 31-Aug. 1 at the church, featuring Oriental food, cultural displays, program and carnival booths. Flower arrangements by the local women have been classic attractions in the Intermountain area.

(Following report was submitted prior to the Convention tragedy, which cancelled the Jr. JACL portion. Unfinished business is to be cleared at a future meeting.)

By DON HAYASHI

**CHICAGO**—When 125 youth from across the nation gathered July 14-17 in the Palmer House, the youth leaders had already met for three days trying to lay the ground work for the Convention.

As early as Saturday, after a grand welcoming picnic by the Chicago youth, the District Youth Council (DYC) chairman met to discuss structural changes, youth budget, and coordinate activities with the Convention Committee. The Youth Chairmen continued to concentrate on issues right up to the start of Convention on Tuesday (July 14).

As youth delegates began arriving at the hotel, hospitality girls greeted youth and adults alike, and after going

## U.S. admits 200 Bonin Islanders

**WASHINGTON**—President Nixon signed a bill July 13 that will allow 205 Japanese residents to emigrate from the Bonin Islands to the U.S. The residents, the White House explained, trace their ancestry to Yankee sailors.

The Bonins, also known as the Ogasawara islands, is 600 miles southeast of Tokyo.

In the late years of WW2, the estimated 7,700 residents of the Bonins were evacuated to the Japanese mainland and in the 1950s, the JACL aided not only in the return of some repatriates but the return of the islands from American to Japanese control. In the late 1960s, there were still some 5,000 Bonin Islanders in the Tokyo area, eager to return.

### Pioneer Project

**GARDENA**—Inspired by the Little Tokyo Pioneer Project, which sponsors activities for Issei, Gardena may have its own Pioneer Project. Initial meeting with John Ohta of the Little Tokyo group was held July 21 at the Gardena VFW Hall.

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through the regular registration, the Convention activities were in full swing.

**Youth Luncheon**

Rap sessions, a special presentation on Cultural Heritage, Trade Mart (DYC's sold goods and made a profit), and a youth luncheon, honoring former National Youth Director Alan Kumamoto highlighted the week.

For five years "the Wise Ol' Owl" Alan faithfully and tirelessly served youth and JACL. It was a most fitting way for the youth to say, "Arigato, Alan."

The Youth Convention was far from being just a lot of fun. It meant business and work for the DYC chairman and youth delegates, as they sought to determine their own program. Many important decisions were made:

1—Youth helped to define the role of the Jr. JACL administrator. They set policy for getting organizational memos, correspondence, and other details. Administrator Vic Shibata's role was defined by the youth, which is evidence that youth are able to contribute to the total youth program.

**Quarterly Reports**

2—To improve youth communications between chapters and districts, quarterly reports were voted in, and ways of making this a reality were considered.

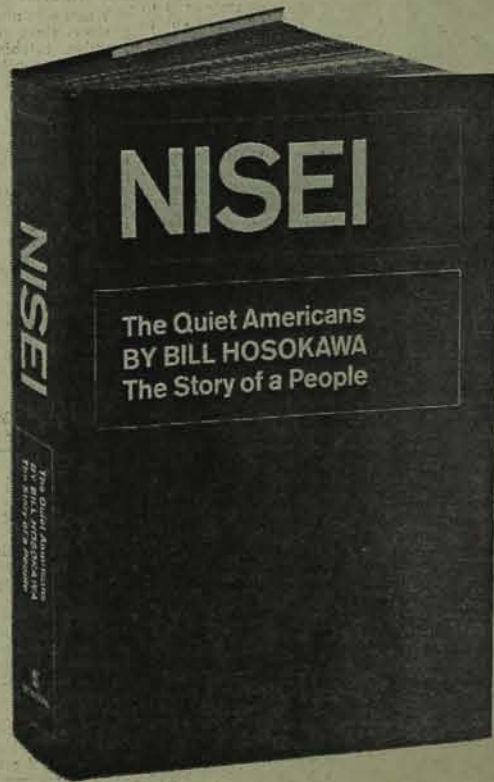
3—To put the Junior JACL in a better financial position, youth delegates voted to raise national membership dues. Individual dues will be \$1.50 per year, while each youth chapter will be assessed \$15 annually.

4—The raise in dues, plus the DYC Chairmen taking a serious look at their budget needs, result in a working annual budget of around \$8,700 per year. Over 80% of this budget will take care of program and activities. As one DYC Chairman stated, "They (dues and budget) make the youth program almost self-sustaining."

5—Youth delegates planned strategy for getting all DYC chapters, now 7 in number, on the National (adult) JACL Board. Youth talked with adults to explain their position.

**Unfinished Business**

6—Still to be considered were uniform terms of office for DYC chairmen and the possibility of setting a time for annual youth meetings. Also, a proposal to hold youth conferences (possibly separate from the adult conventions) were before the delegates.



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## Chicago Tragedy

The tragic events in Chicago are difficult to understand. Media sources used the word "senseless" over and over. Bill Marutani in interviews with reporters, pointed out the irony of events and the convention theme, "Understanding: A Basis for a Changing JACL." I, along with the rest of you, do not understand why those tragedies took place.

However, I believe that we must seek such understanding of how and why such events occur.

Perhaps, Ranko Yamada was telling us something very important in one of her notes. She asked that we not blame him, referring to the assassin.

We need to understand such events and the events in men's lives that lead to such destructive acts. I have heard reference to sick minds and such, but what factors create an environment that produce such people?

After tragedies occur, people very often point to the ironies that exist in the situation. In this incident, perhaps, ironies are compounded by the life styles of the individuals involved. As the press reported, both Evelyn Okubo and Ranko Yamada were involved in the struggle for civil and human rights for all people.

The often-mentioned visit in the press to the Black Panther Party and the Young Lords Organization is a case in point. These visits were not a part of the Junior JACL Convention. In fact, I would assume that most members in the organization would discourage such visits for the images of these two organizations are negative in the eyes of most JACLers. Yet, one of the girls made visits to these organizations.

But they also visited the Japanese American Service Committee, a youth group in Chinatown and a number of other places. It seems to me that both of these girls were seeking a personal understanding of what is going on.

Those of us, who attended

the Convention know that all of the women did not spend the night on the 6th floor, refusing to return to their rooms as the press reported. We also know that the various dailies in Chicago distorted what had happened and contradicted each other in numerous ways. How can we, then, give fair judgment to what occurred by the press accounts?

If the victims had been people other than Evelyn Okubo and Ranko Yamada, I believe that the two would approach the matter with understanding. I think that they would have an understanding of how the press sells newspapers.

I think that they would seek a personal understanding of the events that occurred, reserving judgment until they had reached a conclusion based on more concrete evidence than a sensationalistic press report.

For myself, I believe that the events in Chicago gave me some exposure and understanding that will be with me for a long time. During that period, when word of the tragedy first began circulating, the crisis that had already occurred might have been compounded unless some control was exerted.

The Senior JACL on Saturday passed a resolution commending some of the people who were noticeably involved in coordinating arrangements for the entire period subsequent to the tragedy. I think that it goes without saying that a good number were not mentioned in the resolution.

I would like to state here that I am personally indebted and in esteem of the members of the Junior JACL for their conduct during the crisis. For those parents and friends, who were not present, I think you all can be proud of the manner in which the Juniors addressed themselves to the situation and capably handled things.

While I realize that there are numerous individuals that I could point out, I realize also that the action taken was that of a group.

However, I would personally like to recognize District Youth Council Chairman Ron Aramaki, Kathy Kadowaki, Ron Masumoto, Stan Kiyokawa, Alan Okazaki and Carolyn Uchiyama for the roles they played during that long night.

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## Opening day at Chicago convention nearly all talk—but not by delegates

CHICAGO—The 21st biennial national convention of the Japanese American Citizens League opened at the Palmer House answering to its theme, "Understanding: the Basis for the Changing JACL."

It was the day for the young orators who spoke on the theme during the Opening Ceremonies, a reading of the winning essay on the same theme and presentation of views on the same subject by the National JACL candidates for president and president-elect.

Lorraine Takahashi of Central California, who won the oratorical contest, pictured the journey of life for Japanese is continuing to change and that the significance of what it means to their individual lives must be understood to make this world a greater

place for all. (Text of speech appeared in the July 24 PC.)

The JACLers who understand this, the Clovis youth declared, will be the people who guide the changing JACL. "These are the people who will answer hate, violence, prejudice and ignorance with the most powerful weapon of all—Understanding."

Randall Horiuchi of Inter-mountain (Salt Lake City) was second in the oratorical contest and Steve Kono of Pacific Northwest (Puyallup Valley) third. Other district finalists competing were Thomas Green, Jr., Eastern; Jo Ann Kubo, Midwest; and Julia Sachiyo Yamaoka of No. Calif.-W. Nevada.

## Essay Winner

In the reading of the winning entry in the JACL essay contest, writer John H. Sugiyama of Alameda JACL said, "Understanding not only continues to be the basis for the changing JACL, but also becomes the foundation for the better society." (Text of this essay appeared in the July 17 PC.)

The essayist urged JACL to speak out against mindless terror at home or abroad but neither turn to repression.

Some 400 delegates were present at the opening ceremonies, which was emceed by JACLers, a Chicago Jr. JACLer. Chapter delegates were introduced and a color guard from the Nisei Ambassadors posted the colors. Jerry Enomoto, national president; Ross Harano, convention chairman and host chapter chairman and James Isono, Chicago Jr. JACL president, extended greetings.

## Innovation

Many delegates were impressed with the innovation of having the candidates for president and president-elect express their positions and priorities for JACL during the opening session. They spoke on racism, poverty, drug abuse, education, pollution.

The National Liberation Caucus of JACL made its appearance in the afternoon with Ray Okamura, Bob Suzuki, William Hohri and Edison Uno reciting their proposals on young adults, the Asian war and the reparations for evacuees.

Warren Furutani, special projects field director at Los Angeles, introduced a group of Samsel who through use of films, music, theatrics and speeches communicated their feelings and concerns to the JACL convention. Mrs. Mary Kochiyama spoke of the racism in the United States, starting with treatment of Africans as slaves, the confinement of Indians, the evacuation and its extension to the Vietnamese war, Okinawa, ghettos of today, campus dissent. Jo Ann Miya and Chris Iijima chanted their resolve for freedom, justice and peace.

The day for the youth included the Junior Luncheon, workshop on sensitivity and an evening splash party. Its leadership of district youth chairmen have agreed to re-establish some kind of national entity.

## Report Ranko Yamada improving each day

CHICAGO—Miss Ranko Yamada is reported to be improving each day at Henrotin Hospital and is now listed in fair condition. She enabled a Chicago delegate to draw a composite picture of the assailant and the picture has been reproduced in the metropolitan papers.

Mr. and Mrs. Ren Yamada of Stockton, Calif., have remained by their daughter throughout the week.

## MASAOKAS POSTPONE

## ROUND-THE-WORLD TRIP

CHICAGO—Plans to take the round-the-world trip with his family were postponed for at least a year, Mike Masaoka declared during his response to well-wishers attending the Masaoka Testimonial Banquet at the Conrad Hilton Hotel July 16.

Over \$10,500 had been raised by a testimonial subcommittee headed by Takito Yamaguma and Katsuma Mukaeda of Los Angeles.

Postponement was due to the death of his brother, Joe Grant, earlier in the week.

## Special Concerns Group

SACRAMENTO—For lack of any other name, the "Special Concerns Group" of 25 young adults met with Sacramento JACL at its June membership meeting to ascertain whether community projects could be jointly staged.

The Group's interests range from ideas to sustain Japanese culture, involvement in community help projects, political involvement and ethnic studies in the schools. More recently, it featured a program on drug abuse.

## Masaoka Fund passes \$51,000

CHICAGO—The national campaign for the Mike Masaoka Testimonial Trust Fund has topped \$51,000 as of July 24, according to Kumeo Yoshinari and Harry Mizuno, campaign co-chairmen, who announced an Oct. 31 closing date.

Total contributions were \$51,543.89 from 3,511 donors. The names of contributors in Reports No. 9 and 10 cover acknowledgments up to mid-July, when the total was \$47,731.

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# PULSE ON THE CHAPTERS:



WINNERS of the Cleveland JACL's scholarship awards: Vernon Higaki and Eileen Kunugi. —Photo by Shiro Shiozawa.

## Cleveland JACL awards scholarships

With over 130 attending, the Cleveland JACL's 12th Annual Scholarship Awards Dinner, held last month at the Church of the Saviour, honored 21 high school and 12 college graduates from the greater Cleveland area.

Eileen Kunugi, graduate of Rhodes High School, won the first-place JACL Scholarship Award, while Vernon Higaki, graduate of Wickliffe High, was presented with the second-place Japanese American

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Community Foundation Award.

Eileen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kaz Kunugi, plans to attend a college in Connecticut and prepare for a career as physical therapist. Vernon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Shigeo Higaki, will attend Cleveland State University, majoring in engineering.

Members of the Scholarship Selection Committee were: Miss Mildred Franc, assistant principal, West High; Miss Eileen Shea, teacher, Cleveland Heights School System; Ralph J. Zahour, past principal, John Hay High School (retired); Julia Ikeda and Helen Ono are co-chairmen of the Scholarship Committee.

Mr. Stillinger, principal of Rhodes High School, addressed the group, while JACL Chairman Henry Tanaka extended greetings from the chapter. Fred Ikeda served as toastmaster.

Entertainment was provided by members of the Cleveland Heights Choir and pianist Mariko Akagi. The two 1960 winners, Robert Toguchi and Debra Kanai, spoke of their first year in college and shared their impressions and experiences.

St. Louis JACL named Rod Henmi, who graduated 14th in his class of 714 at Kirkwood High, as its candidate for a National JACL scholarship. He has been Jr. JACL president for two years, lettered in soccer and cross country, and a finalist in the National Merit program. He intends to major in architecture at Minnesota.

### Silver pin awards added to San Diego JACL fete

Four JACLers will be awarded the Silver Pin for over a decade of loyal service to the chapter during the annual San Diego JACL awards dinner-dance Aug. 1 at the Atlantis Restaurant in honor of scholarship winners.

The Silver Pin recipients are George M. Fujito, Arthur Kaihatsu, Walter Obayashi, Robert M. Yamauchi.

The chapter is awarding twelve \$100 scholarships to high school students with outstanding academic and school service records. They are: Carol Iguchi, Norman B. Koba, Donna E. Yamaguchi, Craig Nakamura, Carol A. Yamate, Leslie D. Owashi, Elizabeth Koba, Patri-

tsunami, smallest fish; and Mark Tsuji, most fish. Door prizes were donated by Harry Watanabe, Kazuo Takechi and Walter Allen.

Pasadena JACL's annual steak bake on Sunday, Aug. 2, will be held at 1850 N. Arroyo Blvd., starting with swimming at 2 p.m., steak dinner from 4:30 and a white elephant auction following. Reservations are being handled by Aki Abe (794-3597) and Miyo Senzaki (681-8518). Adults will be assessed \$2.50, juniors \$2 and hamburgers for children 50 cents. Those attending should bring their own eating utensils.

## Bradley enters resolution backing Wilshire JACL

Councilman Thomas Bradley has introduced a resolution which, if adopted, would place the Los Angeles City Council on record in favor of amendment of the McCarran-Walter Immigration and Na-

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turalization Act that now denies American citizenship to individuals who are not fluent and literate in English.

The resolution was referred to the State, County and Federal Affairs Committee of the City Council.

At the National JACL Convention in Chicago last week, the Wilshire JACL introduced a similar resolution, which had already been approved by the Southwest District chapter.

The Wilshire chapter's newsletter pointed out: "Our Issei parents took advantage of the act to become naturalized under a special provision which allowed them to take the test in Japanese if they were over 50 years old in 1952."

"This Naturalization Reform Act of 1970 is a corollary of the Voting Rights Act which permits people to register to vote without English literacy, provided they can read and write in Spanish."

"The English-language literacy requirements," Councilman Bradley said, "denies U.S. citizenship to thousands of law-abiding, permanent residents of our city who came here from Japan."

"Now that we have abolished literacy requirements for voting, it is even more unfair and absurd that we should place this obstacle in the path of those who want to be 'Americans by choice.'"

"But the plight of the Japanese Americans is far from unique. The McCarran-Walter Act also discriminates against all immigrants who have come here from non-English-speaking countries in Europe, Africa, Asia and Latin America."

George Hamamoto, president of the Sonoma County JACL, announced that Hosokawa's "Nisei—The Quiet Americans" will be donated to 17 local high schools, colleges and public libraries.

The Sonoma County Junior JACL voted to donate chapter funds to aid the victims of the Peru earthquake, according to Kathy Oda, chapter president. Members voted to forego their group trip to Disneyland for August and instead donated the money to the earthquake victims.

Striving for better education in their schools, the Oakland JACL has formed an education group which has consented to serve on a city-wide committee under the Board of Education to develop a master plan for quality education in the Oakland schools. Members of this committee are: Mmes. Min Tamaki, Sono Fujie, Helen Ogawa, Margaret Saito, George Matsumoto, Miss Marsha Matsura, and James Ishimaru.

No formal meeting of this extremely broad-based citizens committee has been held to date, but meetings will probably commence when the new superintendent, Marcus Foster, takes office. Some of the other associations and agencies on this committee are: Chamber of Commerce, American Ass'n of University Women, Model Cities, Dads Clubs, Lions, and Black Caucus—to name a few.

Recently, this JACL committee met at the home of Min Tamaki to get acquainted and to discuss their philosophies and thoughts on education and their perspectives as Americans of Japanese descent. M. A. Takagi, a recent graduate of Oakland High School, and Don Tamaki, a freshman at the Univ. of California, were invited to attend the meeting.

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## \$300,000 Claim

Attorney Hyman M. Greenstein has filed a claim for \$300,000 against the City of Honolulu on behalf of Mrs. Charlene Onishi, who he said was needlessly shot by police on June 14, 1962.

Greenstein asked for \$300,000 to compensate Mrs. Onishi for disfigurement and for the loss of partial use of her right arm. He also asked for an unspecified amount in special damages for her loss of earnings and for medical bills.

## Heart Study

Kuakini Hospital studies show that the Hawaii Japanese is about 15 pounds heavier than a Hiroshima Japanese. The Hawaii Nikkei lives on a radically different diet and has a higher cholesterol level.

The following, according to the studies, are thought to be true but not yet absolutely proved:

1—There are far more incidents of heart disease and hardening of the arteries found among Honolulu Japanese in Japan.

2—Stomach cancer, is the chief cause of death from cancer among Japanese in Japan and in Hawaii. But the rate of stomach cancer among Hawaii Japanese is dropping.

3—Leading cause of death in Japan is cerebral hemorrhage, or stroke. It is, however, one of the third most important cause among Hawaii Japanese—the same as for Caucasians.

4—Some observers speculate that the high salt content in the Japanese diet may be linked to the higher incidence of stroke in Japan.

5—Paralleling the rise of heart disease among Hawaii Japanese has been in the incidence of cancer of the large intestine. In Japan, incidence of both diseases is much lower.

## Political Scene

Sen. Daniel K. Inouye said in Honolulu recently he will carry out a vigorous statewide campaign this fall for the re-election of Gov. John A. Burns.

Inouye is expected to be opposed by Lt. Gov. Thomas P. Gill for the Democratic nomination in October. Akito (Blackie) Fujikawa, the recently beleaguered business manager of the construction electrical workers union, has criticized Gov. Burns for "interfering" in the union's affairs.

At the 10th anniversary celebration of the union, Fujikawa introduced Gill as "the next governor of Hawaii." Fujikawa and Arthur A. Rutledge, president of Unity House, are the only two heads of Hawaii labor organizations on the Friends for Thomas P. Gill Committee, boosting Gill's gubernatorial candidacy.

A Star-Bulletin poll discloses that Ralph H. Kiyosaki, a Republican candidate in the lieutenant governor's race, is getting a warm reception from GOP voters. The poll shows Kiyosaki receiving 42.9 percent of the votes from Republican voters. Two other Republicans seeking the party's nomination — Richard Sutton and Lawrence Freitas — are getting 16 per cent and 5 per cent, respectively.

On the Democratic side, Charles Campbell leads with 26.9 per cent. George Ariyoshi and Herman Lemke trail with 23.4 per cent and 22.3 per cent, respectively.

Lt. Gov. Thomas P. Gill announced formally on July 9 that he would seek the Democratic party's nomination for governor of Hawaii. He disavowed any ties with the administration of Gov. John A. Burns, saying it is dominated by "hangers-on" who have profited from the past and are unwilling to change the system.

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## Asian Adult Awareness

LOS ANGELES — UCLA is sponsoring a community college. Like most colleges, it appeals to the young except for one class: Asian Adult Awareness 101, which meets on Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Gardena Community Center, 1651 W. 162nd St.

The enrollment is still open and the instructor is very qualified. His name is Charles H. Furutani, an adult and also Asian. (What other qualifications do you need?) Now, what Chuck would like is to have many Asian adults get together and figure out what

this "Awareness" thing is. It would be logical to describe the class, but really you can't. The reason for this is that once the class gets big enough to start, then the group will decide what it is to be an Asian Adult, and how to be aware. (Now that sounds logical).

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Gov. Burns has denied two allegations made by Lt. Gov. Gill as Gill announced his candidacy for governor. They were that Gill had been led to believe he "could not work within the administration" unless he promised not to run for governor this year, and that Burns had not intended to seek a third term until Gill emerged as an "intruder in the house."

Sen. Hiram L. Fong on July 6 formally became a candidate for re-election to a third term. He has declined to view himself as a shoo-in, even though Hawaii Democrats so far have failed to produce any candidate capable of posing a serious threat to the Republican senator. As Hawaii's senior U.S. senator, Fong said his seniority in the senate has given Hawaii a strong voice in a wide variety of legislation pouring out of Congress.

James H. Wakatsuki, chairman of the finance committee of the state house of representatives, has announced his candidacy for re-election.

Two Democrats have announced they will seek seats in the house of representatives. They are Ray Saito, owner of Leeward Petroleum Co., and Tate Yamanaka, a business representative of the American Federation of Government Employees (AFL-CIO), Local 882.

Allan Yamamoto successfully defended his Barber's Point Open Golf Tournament championship June 28 against the gallant charge of Wayne Aycock, a Hickam Air Force Base airman.

Names in the News  
The Rev. Abraham K. Akaka, 53, pastor of Kawaiaho Church, was reported recovering without complications after doctors at Queen's Medical Center removed a benign nickel-sized tumor from his lung.

Three Maui men, charged last December with operating an island-wide lottery pool involving thousands of dollars a week, were acquitted in Waikiki district court June 26. The acquittal was handed down by magistrate Marybeth Maul after businessman John W. Ornellas, the prosecution's chief witness, refused to testify. The three men were Manuel K. Oishi, county civil defense administrator; Stanley T. Tamura, super-teller in the county finance director's office; and George Y. Fukagawa, a Maui Publishing Co. salesman.

Education  
Susumu Matol of Walluku, Maui, headed the 47-member delegation of the Hawaii Education Assn. to the National Education Assn.'s annual convention in San Francisco recently. The HEA presented an exhibit portraying highlights of its 50th anniversary.

The state board of education has approved the appointment of Clifford M. Horita as manager of the Molokai complex of schools. The board also has elevated 11 to vice principal positions. The new v.p.s are Herman M. Aizawa, Kailua High School; Stanley Ibra, Makakilo School; Kenneth Kimura, Waipahu Intermediate; Paul K. Matsui, Maui Elementary; Mrs. Nellie F. Matsunaga, Kailua Elementary; Mrs. Dorothy M. T. Okamoto, Kapunahala Elementary; Mrs. Oaxana Bradford, High; Richard H. Sagawa, Aliamau Intermediate; Stanley Seki, Highlands Intermediate; Michio Shichido, Waipahu High; and Thomas T. Yano, Waiānae Intermediate.

Other appointments approved by the board: Nicholas A. Carter, ETV specialist; Lawrence Silva, program specialist for driver education; and Mrs. Rosemarie M. Warringer, curriculum specialist.

Police Blotter  
James K. (Egghead) Wong, convicted robber and suspected murderer, may be paroled soon from San Quentin prison in California to return to Hawaii to work as a carpenter. Wong went to Hawaii state prison in 1953 for robbery. In 1956 he escaped from prison and while free allegedly shot and killed a taxi driver.

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THE FORGOTTEN FLEET: The British Navy in the Pacific 1941-1945, by John Winton, Coward-McCann, Inc. 433 pages, \$9.95.

When the relations of Japan and the Allies were straining towards the breaking point in early 1941, Washington and London agreed, regardless of the actions of Japan, the primary objective of the Allies should be the defeat of Germany.

Dec. 7, 1941, Japan attacked Pearl Harbor and British possessions in Asia. December 10, off Singapore, the Japanese sank the British battleship Prince of Wales and the British cruiser Repulse. Further ravaging the remnants of the British Pacific Fleet, winning victory on victory.

In six months the Japanese had seized an empire of 90,000,000 people, which stretched from Rabaul to Rangoon... at the cost of some 15,000 men about 400 aircraft and a couple of dozen warships, none of them larger than a destroyer.

Japan had thus largely achieved her aim of seizing that area of Asia and the Pacific that fitted her definition of the Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere. Her object now would be to deliver such a crushing blow to the American navy, the only navy still operating in force in the Pacific, that Japan would be able to negotiate a peace permitting her to retain most of the territory she had seized.

Beat Nazis First  
At the Arcadia Conference, convened in Washington in late December, 1941, Prime Minister Winston S. Churchill and Pres. Franklin D. Roosevelt had discussed the grave situation in the Pacific. Even then, both must have realized they had badly underestimated the fighting ability of the Japanese. Nevertheless the conference reaffirmed the policy of beating Germany first.

The British navy concentrated its efforts in the European area.

Though America now faced Japan unaided at sea, while fighting a greater war in Europe, the luck of the Japanese was running out. In May 1942, at the Battle of the Coral Sea, America dealt Japan a strategic defeat, though the Japanese, still flushed with success, may have noted only the tactical victory they won there. A month later, at Midway, America dealt the Japanese navy such a blow that self-delusion was no longer possible; all Japan's hopes of negotiating a favorable peace vanished with the carriers and highly trained pilots she lost there.

As an amateur-turned-professional dice game in a Waikiki apartment. Eight of those arrested were Nisei. They were Jerry H. Kawai, Allen H. Kiyodane, Masachi J. Iseri, Charles I. Takara, Raymond Yamashita, Asa S. Roki, Leonard T. Kimoto, and Robert M. Kiyubi.

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All this time, and for long afterwards, the British were pre-occupied with the war at home—a war far more directly affecting them than the one with Japan. By late 1944, when the British Admiralty was again able to field a large navy in the Pacific, the British public scarcely noticed. The defeat of Germany was near; the attention of the public was directed to that. The British Pacific Fleet became the "forgotten fleet."

By Nov. 22, 1944, when Adm. Sir Bruce Fraser hoisted his flag at Trincomalee, Ceylon as commander in chief of the British Pacific Fleet, the Americans had reversed the situation prevailing in the Pacific two and a half years earlier. American naval might had waxed as that of the enemy had waned. The Americans were waging a naval war on a scale the world had never seen before nor is likely to see again. America was master of sea and air in the Pacific.

Moreover, some American admirals considered the Pacific naval war as strictly an American show; they begrudged permitting the British to share the danger, hardship and glory. The author accepts this American attitude with good grace.

He acknowledges the great role played by the American navy and the small one played by the British. "Even the most eager British historian could never claim that the British Pacific Fleet played anything more than an ancillary part in the war at sea in the Pacific."

"But he sets the record straight as to the part the British navy did play in their proud tradition, from air attacks on the Japanese oil fields at Palembang, Sumatra through the surrender ceremony aboard the Missouri in Tokyo Bay, Sept. 2, 1945."

The author shows not only respect for the ability of the Americans but for that of the enemy. "The sea-fights off Guadalcanal, when both sides sought to interrupt the flow of the other's reinforcements, made some of the most stirring history of World War II."

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## Ye Editor's Desk

### JACL'S EXECUTIVE COMMAND

We are firm believers of decentralizing the executive command in an organization like JACL because it spells for wider understanding in the art of leadership. Only problem associated with this contention is that there aren't enough funds to underwrite regular meetings of leaders—so that a reliance upon a communication via mail is a must, via phone a luxury and and face-to-face opportunities become a selfless proposition.

The other night, in drafting an executive table of organization for Raymond Uno, our new president, we noted 10 division chiefs (the elected national officers and presidential appointees) and each chief looking after from one to four of the 20 national standing committees assigned to their charge. And there are eight more special chiefs in charge of ad hoc or project committees.

Executive Reorganization could not have started at a more auspicious point in JACL history with the plethora of national committees of various grades and sizes. The President-Elect will assume watch of those committees involved with "internal" functions of the organization, while the President covers the "external" and efficiency functions.

In the several weeks to come, Raymond will be calling upon interested members to assume responsible roles to keep the organization moving ahead. There are about 30 slots to fill in all. Aware of the "enryo syndrome" among JACLers in general, it may be that others will have to volunteer the services of capable parties—so recommendations are in order for the following:

Legislative, public relations, international affairs, civil rights, planning, recognitions, convention bureau (new), cultural heritage, membership, program/activities, internal P.R. (new), education (new), budget-finance, personnel, legal, constitution, publications, scholarship, three office advisories, and youth.

### TITLE II REPEAL CAMPAIGN

Two editorials which crossed our desk this past week comment on the power congressional committee chairmen have. In connection with the Senate-passed bill to repeal Title II of the Internal Security Act of 1950, one suggests the 44-year-old Rep. Richard Ichord (D-Mo.) is miffed because a sufficiently high-ranking official from the Justice Dept. has not testified on the bill. The other advises young to stay within the system and work to improve it.

Because congressional committees "bury" more bills than they pass (and with justification in many respects), some have compared them to cemeteries where bills, good and bad, are buried.

We are not privy to the strategy the JACL Title II Repeal Committee will employ to have the House Internal Security Committee to act on the anti-detention camp bill, but it has been reported a majority of Ichord's committee is in favor of repeal. We have also heard to the contrary—that's how close the vote is.

Now that the Fourth of July congressional recess is over and the JACL Convention has reaffirmed its 1968 mandate to work for repeal of Title II, we can expect some action in the coming weeks. The optimism for passage this session can be discerned from the fact that the National Council has not budgeted funds for the Title II repeal committee in the next biennium. However, the JACL reserve fund can be tapped, if it's necessary to recycle the legislative process from 1971.

In looking back at the JACL campaign this past biennium, it shows the political force JACL can still exert for the cause was able to unify the conservative and liberal elements within the organization and community, guided by learned leadership and know-how.

The ultimate beneficiary of the Title II repeal will be the nation.

### BISHOP WALSH FREE AT LAST

On the initial list of 67 distinguished Americans from business, labor, education, church and professions announced in February, 1944, as National JACL Sponsors and thereby endorsing the loyal Japanese Americans at a time when anti-Nisei discrimination still ran high was the name of Bishop James E. Walsh, superior general of the Maryknoll Missions.

His name and picture appeared the weekend before the National JACL Convention assembled in Chicago. Bishop Walsh had been set free by the Chinese Communists after spending 12 of his 20-year sentence in a Shanghai prison. He was glad to be on his way home in Maryland.

Whether there is any profound political significance to his release remains to be seen in terms of U.S. relations with Red China for whatever the explanation, the release of Bishop Walsh was no accident. If it means some headway in the Warsaw talks between U.S. and Chinese representatives, it may be a fitting conclusion to the 12-year imprisonment of an American who has spent more than 50 years in China.

### AFTER A FILIPINO INDEPENDENCE DAY

Some of the younger Nisei joined in celebrating the Filipino Independence Day (July 4)—perhaps, the first such overtone of its kind in Southern California. As fellow Asian Americans, the Filipinos have also contributed their talent at recent community picnics honoring the Issei.

But this mix of Filipino and Japanese Americans is not limited to Southern California. It has been developing elsewhere—in Northern California and in the Seattle area. And this is welcome. Perhaps, Spanish as well as distinctly Filipino surnames will grace the pages of the Japanese vernaculars in the days ahead as the two groups continue to meet together.

PC readers have seen some already, but not aware they were Filipino. We'll try to identify them hereafter.



### A Tragic Report

## LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Letters to the Editor are subject to condensation. Each must be signed and addressed, though withheld from print upon request.

### Convention tragedy

Editor: I would like to take this opportunity to commend the youth and the youth leaders for "keeping their cool" during the hectic hours immediately following the tragic death of Evelyn Okubo and injuries to Carol Yamada at the Palmer House, Chicago, July 16.

Being one of the physicians attending the Convention, called upon to do what could be done for the several youth delegates in near-shock or near-hysteria, prior to and following the appearance of the Palmer House physician, I can only relate to the adult readers of this letter that the youth performed extremely well under duress.

The calibre of youth leadership evident during those emotion-charged, early morning hours, and the actions of the youth delegates as they strove to reassure and make comfortable their companions, as well as the assisting adult volunteers, were certainly justifications for the JACL to be most optimistic of the upcoming leaders of our organization.

JOHN M. KANDA, M.D.

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(Dr. Kanda, a general practitioner, served the JACL as national third vice-president this past biennium.)

Editor:

It is difficult to put into words my feelings, my reactions, to the tragic turn of events at Chicago. I know that such feelings are shared by many of us who are not even members.

If I may presume to speak for them, I offer this humble expression of deep sympathy to the bereaved family of Evelyn. We pray for their consolation, as well as the complete recovery of Carol.

While this awful happening must have cast a gloomy pall over the proceedings of the JACL Convention, it is hoped that the true spirit of the organization will prevail. It came most unfortunately at a time when JACL was looking to its youth for active participation and new leadership in the future.

May the elders of JACL and their young people dedicate their efforts — in Evelyn's memory—so that understanding and love amongst all people may bring peace to this troubled generation.

The lack's song is gone, Snowdrops fall upon the ground.

Quiet grief is not heard.

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### Open balloting

Editor: It was the Progressive Westside—not the Chicago chapter—which attempted to amend the constitution to allow open balloting (July 17 PC). I am writing to set the record straight.

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(Political oratory in praise of a candidate thunders in a number of ways, but Dr. Shimasaki's tribute to and appeal for Tom Shimasaki who sought the office of president-elect, was a rarity for how many sons have the privilege of nominating their fathers for office—Ed.)

### National Convention

Editor: In the interest of reporting all sides of the Convention, I would offer my observations as an official delegate from the Chicago Liberation Chapter. I was, of course, delighted to have our chapter accepted as a voting member of the National Council by Council action. I was also pleased to be able to "play a heavy rap" on the National Council. The few positive responses I received from delegates were reassuring.

Oddly enough, instead of espousing radical causes during the course of Council meetings, I found myself doing battle with parliamentary procedures. It soon became evident to me that the JACL National Council needs more power to itself—the people in the way it runs itself. People were discussing things, suggesting alternatives and modifications

By RANDY HORIUCHI  
Salt Lake Jr. JACL

The time is the present. The scene, a strife torn college campus.

Students are trying to tear down the wooden barricades that line the garbage laden streets. Tear gas, tomatoes, and bricks are being hurled from both sides of the barriers. Campus policemen and National Guard units try to clear the troubled area.

A student dissenter cries

### Essay Contest: 2nd Prize

out; "They won't listen to us, they just won't listen."

There is no communication between the college administration and the students. As a result there is no change in this tragic situation. In order to achieve a solution to rectify this situation, we must understand the basis needed for that change, a basis of communication.

We as members of the Japanese American Citizens League face three lines of communication, lines that any successful organization must fully understand in order to achieve this change.

In the words of modern psychologists: "Man is involved in an interaction of conflicts as a result of influences to seek his goals."

Realizing this, we see that our first line of communication consists of the Citizens League and his fellow American. Prior to the 1930s, the Japanese American had no group or voice in which to communicate with his fellow American. But four decades ago, realizing that the discrimination felt by the Japanese in this land would become disastrous, the Japanese American Citizens League was formed with the intention of bridging the gap between the Japanese here in America and fellow Americans by creating a strong voice in which he could communicate.

The changes as a result were tremendous. With this strong voice, this faction initiated reformation to the Cable Act, and the passage of the Immigration and Nationality Act demonstrated another

### NISEI OF BIENNIUM (1969-70)

## Dr. Paul I. Terasaki

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Before the first historic surgical transplant of human heart was able to be performed, a South African pathologist spent four months with Dr. Paul Terasaki at the UCLA Medical School to learn his tissue typing technique because of its speed, simplicity and accuracy, insuring compatibility of the transplant from donor to patient.

Dr. Terasaki's technique and work with medical centers throughout the world have made close to 500 kidney and heart transplants possible. His laboratory has become a world central information and clearing house for such transplants.

His achievements as an immunologist and professor of surgery, his positive approach to the fight against death, his contributions to the plight of his fellow men everywhere, are hallmarks that stamp this 40 year old native of Los Angeles as a most distinguished nominee in the 20 years of JACL's Nisei of the Biennium Award.

Additional life, no matter how measured, is never insignificant. For the recipient there is no substitute—with life there is hope.

## Dr. S. I. Hayakawa

Silver Medallion Honoree

Dr. S. I. Hayakawa's achievements as a teacher, lecturer and author, as well as his personal interests and activities have been far-reaching and have involved. Heretofore, known internationally in the field of semantics, his appointment as biennial with his appointment as Acting President of San Francisco State College in November, 1968, and then as President since July of 1969.

His entry into the administrative arena was under the most difficult and chaotic circumstances. His method of achieving order and relevancy in education evoked controversy within and outside the academic community. He was assisted and applauded. Despite

## Shiro Kashiwa

Silver Medallion Honoree

A distinguished lawyer, both in government and private practice in Hawaii, always active in religious, community and political affairs, Shiro Kashiwa was appointed in 1969 to be Deputy Attorney General of the United States. This appointment was a confidence in the Japanese American and a fulfillment of his wish to contribute his talents and service to this nation. He is the first Japanese American ever to be named to a sub-cabinet position.

In charge of the Natural Resources Division of the Dept. of the Interior, he is responsible for the land and the natural resources of the Nation, litigation involving Indian affairs and claims and re-

view of certain legislative proposals in the Indian Claims Commission complete its task by 1972. Mr. Kashiwa may become better known among American Indians who have filed nearly 600 claims against the Government. Nearly 150 have been settled for a total of \$11 billion since the commission was organized in 1946. Once the liability against the Government is determined, it is his duty to settle the case as reasonably as possible in fairness to the Indians and the U.S. taxpayer.

Such is the magnitude of his obligation and calling to government service. No other Nisei has had to defend what is best in America with billions of dollars involved.

## 25 Years Ago

In the Pacific Citizen, Aug. 4, 1945

Federal grand jury indictment asked against terrorists for possession of dynamite in raid on Sumio Doi farm in Placer County. . . Nisei released as Brooklyn war plant sabotage scare proves dud. . . New anti-bias law in New York protects Nisei job seekers. . . Navy permits Issei, Nisei to fish in Hawaii; Pearl Harbor and Kaneohe Bay still restricted to Japanese Americans. . . Woman fires gun into home of Nisei GI in Minneapolis.

442nd's 2nd Battalion wins Presidential Unit Citation for combat record in capturing Hill 503 in Bruyeres, attacking Hill 617 near Biffontaine and for action in Massa, Italy. . . Western Defense Command Gen. Pratt declares Army has sole responsibility in return of evacuees to West Coast. . . Very few 442nd ve-

er effort by this group. The achievements recorded by the 442nd Regiment as well as other reforms revealed the determination put forth by the Citizens League.

All in all the newly-formed Japanese American Citizens League sponsored some 200 bills and acts for the betterment of the Japanese in America. These and other accomplishments prompted the late President Dwight D. Eisenhower to say: "I congratulate the Japanese American Citizens League on its support of good citizenship, liberty and patriotism. I am confident that you will continue to bring credit to your organization and benefit to the United States." The Japanese American had begun to communicate with his fellow American. He had indeed found a strong voice in which to communicate that of the Japanese American Citizens League.

A noted psychologist goes on to say that member-group participation and success rely solely on the communication between members. This amplifies the basic importance of the relations between fellow members of the Citizens League.

As a result we are faced with communication among members as the second line of communication. Common sense demonstrates that a group is only as good as its members. The quality of the members of the JACL is high and its quality of communication is even higher. Only the fluid transitions between the local, regional and national levels could have achieved the merits granted to our organization.

On the grass roots of the local level, members have duties pertaining to the organization of public education, welfare, youth development, discussions on current issues, athletic leagues and social events. This facet of the organization is most important because this is the meeting point in which the group can organize and communicate with the individual.

Both the regional and national levels are engaged with the formulation of national policy and the organization of

the local levels of the League. Also our national level serves as the official voice of the Japanese American to the nation. We must fully understand this facet of the communication between members. It acts as a determinant that bands the highly successful group that maintains its high goals set forth before them.

It was once said; "Through the history of Man, the youth never changes, they only change the way in which to communicate." As of late a major problem that confronts our society concerns the gap between the young and the old. Sociologists explain the youth and the reason for the gap when they said; a growing generation gap is rising as a result from attitudes and communication toward American society.

The young tend to be activists to whom change makes a greater appeal than the maintenance of the established order. More and more of them are beginning to feel that their parents are more interested in personal success than in social progress.

In reaction the younger generation is beginning to freak out on drugs. Youth protestors are marring once peaceful campus scenes.

Parents and children seem never to agree on any one thing. In the words of the older generation, "We're becoming impossible to communicate with." They also cry out that the youth is not fit to carry America forth in the future. In response the youth cry out that the parents are impossible to communicate with and this argument goes on and on.

The emergence of this situation makes our third line of communication that of the Japanese American Citizens League and its youth. Relating to our organization, as a youth I'm proud to say that the gap is being bridged.

To become part of our Jr. JACL of Salt Lake is rapidly catching on as our "in" thing.

EDITORIAL: Register-Pajaronian (July 17)

## Working to Make System Work

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We groove out on records and dances, go bowling and take in other social activities. But on the other hand, projects are becoming frequent activities on our youth schedules. Discussions between the so-called "Establishment" and our youth on such controversial topics as sex education, drugs, war and pollution are becoming commonplace to our group.

The youth is going to provide the change in the Japanese American Citizens League. We as JACLers, both the older and younger generations must jointly understand this basis, the need for communication.

The scene once again shifts to that strife torn college campus. The policemen, the dissidents, the barricades and the tear gas are gone. Time has passed and the troubled area shows no sign of struggle. The college administration and the students understand each other and a significant change has taken place. Communication between both factions made this peaceful scene possible.

We as members of the Japanese American Citizens League must relate our situation to this college scene. In the past we have understood the basis of communication. In the future we must continue to do so.

We must strive to fully grasp the key that will open the door to change in the Citizens League. When the key of communication is turned, when the door of change is opened, when we fully understand the basis of change in the Japanese American Citizens League can we truthfully say, "We have become Better Americans in a greater America."

(The by-lined article by Leonard Takahashi appearing in this corner last week was the text of her oratorical speech, which won first prize at the National JACL Convention. Miss Takahashi hails from Clovis and represented the Central California District Council.)

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up on the committee shelf. This is typical of the power wielded by committee chairmen, who can prevent a congressional majority from even being able to vote on a given piece of legislation. Since chairmanships are the product of longevity, rather than ability, it is one of the compelling arguments for drastic revision of the seniority system.

Committee members can force a showdown with a recalcitrant chairman, but they are understandably reluctant to do so. The chairman's power of retaliation are too vast and the congressional traditions of mutual back-scratching too ingrained.

What the defenders of the seniority system apparently fail to realize is that the public is growing weary of such high-handedness. More and more Americans are recognizing that congressional prerogatives and traditions are less important than legislative results.

### Obvious Nonsense

When one house of Congress passes a piece of legislation without a dissenting vote, it is obvious nonsense for the other house to be prevented from even considering the measure merely by the whim of one man. It is just this sort of unrepresentative government that is inspiring pressure for a complete overhaul of the seniority system, and thus in the long run such willfulness may work to defeat itself.

Meanwhile, when we advise young people to work within the system, we are forced to concede that the system must be made to work far better than it does.

EDITORIAL: Los Angeles Times (July 13)

## Detention Camp Impasse

The head of another congressional committee has provided another strong argument for modifying the excessive power that can be wielded by such chairmen.

This time the issue was action on a bill to repeal presidential authority to set up detention camps during internal security emergencies. Despite official denials, rumors of "concentration camps" for dissenters spread through black communities.

To put those fears to rest, the Nixon Administration strongly supported legislation eliminating the detention camp section from provisions of the 1950 Internal Security Act. The Senate unanimously approved the repeal, which also was vigorously backed by Japanese Americans with painful memories of the "relocation centers" of World War II. A majority of House members apparently favor the repeal as well. But one man,

Chairman Richard Ichord of the House internal security subcommittee has been able to stop the legislation cold.

Even though a majority of the members of Rep. Ichord's subcommittee want the bill passed, the Missouri Democrat won't allow it to come to a vote. The chairman is reportedly upset that the White House has not sent up a sufficiently high-ranking official from the Justice Department to testify at hearings.

Whatever other objections Chairman Ichord may have, they are not enough to deny the committee the right to vote on the legislation. The Times believes that the rules should be changed to allow a majority of a committee to call up any bill for a vote, as proposed by Rep. Thomas Rees (D-Calif.).

The nation needs neither detention camps nor dictatorial power exercised by congressional committee chairmen.

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