



By RAYMOND UNO  
National President

It is easier for a camel to walk through the eye of a needle than for a JACL president to make all of the JACL members happy.

When President Woodrow Wilson went to the League of Nations to plead for creation of a truly effective organization to promote world peace, little did he realize that his own country would turn her back on his proposal.

#### To Light the Candle

Unfortunately, we learn little from the lessons of history and still look upon a strong world government with suspicion and distrust. The fortress America concept had little chance of success then, less now and tomorrow may be too late to revise our isolationist thinking as well as policeman of the world tendency.

As JACL attempts to move forward to a more meaningful deeper and creative commitment, many of its members view with suspicion and distrust its directions.

Fear of the unknown, fear of retaliation have obviously put the progressive mobility of JACL in a straight jacket, and, rather than be a leader, which JACL can very easily be, it would rather be a follower, self-satisfied in its middle class orientation and, characteristic of a parvenu, must outdo our peers and look down on the struggling masses who have not yet arrived. A harsh indictment, and, presumably premature because we are at a stage, like our country, where we are trying to reassess our gains, our goals and our capabilities.

I lay no claim to be omniscient or omnipotent; I can only say I have lived as each of you. My experiences I cherish dearly because it has had far more tragedies than triumphal happiness, but the many hurts have cut deeply and have left emotional and characterological wounds and scars I still nurse with hope and empathy; hope that others may not have to duplicate my sufferings and empathy for those who must and have, and more so those who have not and will not have, the opportunities I have had.

The taste of success is much more sweet when spiced often by the bitterness of failure; the real reward is found in our compassion toward our fellow man because of our mutual bitter-sweet experiences rather than arrogance toward those who have not quite achieved.

As Eleanor Roosevelt once said of Adlai Stevenson, he was one of those who would rather light a candle than curse the darkness; I am always optimistic that we in JACL would rather light a candle than curse the darkness.

As I travel from district council to district council, chapter to chapter, I have real reason to believe that JACL can and will light the candle.

At each stop, I talk to many JACLers from all walks of life and I find them to be sincere, warm, questioning, bright, alert and understanding. Some are idealistic, some are reluctant, some are aggressive, some are cautious, but all are concerned about JACL and their future.

In addition, I am glad to report, the members are frank, and in some instances, brutally frank, which they must be to keep me from being weasel worded or straddling the fence on controversial or important issues.

Sometimes I feel like an intellectual "go-go" dancer; the privacy of some of my most sacred thoughts must be revealed and I feel that I am not only doing a "topless" but also a "bottomless" twist on the JACL stage.

Unfortunately, some people get turned off because I really, apparently, do not have much to show, or there is nothing left to the imagination. At any rate, being on center stage with the spotlight beaming incessantly on me certainly has its trying moments.

This past weekend, Nov. 7, Jeff Matsui kindly met me at the airport and chauffeured me around here and there. For those of you who have not had the unexpected pleasure of riding with Jeff must, by all means, try it. Jeff, on the surface wears that imperturbable mask, deadly serious, but cracks a wistful smile to reveal his basic good nature when time permits.

The interior decorating of global Office has changed the Southern California. Some of the new look is, but the likes of Harry Honda, Al Hatate, and Mori Nishida remind me that the vestiges of the past still remain. Jeff appears to be getting on top of the new office arrangement and I think we can expect a broader-based and more resilient programming for PSW.

Maria del Rey Hotel proved to be an elusive target for Jeff although his mental map had the way charted perfectly. Any way, we had time and the tour was interesting. Leo Fenster, Aki Ono and

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## 'MO' MARUMOTO NAMED TO STAFF AT WHITE HOUSE

California Sansei to Be Consultant on Executive Manpower



William 'Mo' Marumoto

WASHINGTON—The White House last week (Nov. 12) announced the appointment of William B. Marumoto of Whittier, as a consultant to the White House on executive manpower. His responsibilities will be recruiting individuals to presidential and other high-level appointive positions.

Marumoto is believed to be the first person of Oriental ancestry to serve on the White House staff.

Prior to his appointment, he was assistant to the Secretary at the Department of Health, Education and Welfare and also served as director of Public Affairs for the Teacher Corps.

A specialist in university development and public relations, Marumoto has been on a leave of absence since September, 1969, as a management consultant for Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Co., Los Angeles.

For the past decade, he has been active in university affairs serving on the administrative staffs at Whittier College, UCLA, and the Walt Disney-founded California Institute of the Arts.

Program Alumni Director Marumoto has received more than 20 national awards from professional associations for fund raising, public relations and alumni programs developed at Whittier College and UCLA, including two of the highest awards presented by the American Alumni Council.

Prior to going to Washington, Marumoto was active in a number of community organizations in Southern California including:

JACL Kiwanis, Japanese American Republic of Southern California, Junior Advertising Club of Los Angeles, the University Club of Los Angeles, and the YNCA.

He is also consultant to the Whittier-Nixon Presidential Library and the Green Power Foundation.

The 35-year-old Santa Ana native was graduated from Whittier College in 1957 and did graduate work at the Univ. of Oregon the following year.

He is married to the former Jean M. Monishige of Lodi, Calif. Marumoto and his wife have four children: Wendy, 9; Todd, 7; Lani, 5 and Jenni, 11 months.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Y. Marumoto, reside in Santa Ana. His two brothers, Dr. Thomas Y. Marumoto and Dr. Benjamin K. Marumoto, reside in Newport Beach and Fullerton, respectively.

## CRCSC celebrates 25th anniversary

LOS ANGELES—The Community Relations Conference of Southern California celebrated its 25th anniversary Nov. 8 at the Palladium where the Japanese American Citizens League was cited among the 11 founding members. JACL is still active in the group now comprised of some 90 organizations.

When the organization, then known as the Los Angeles County Conference on Community Relations, was 10 years old, the Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Southern California bestowed a huge trophy to the conference in appreciation for its assistance to evacuees finding jobs and housing upon return from the camps in 1945.

The conference was founded to help evacuees resettle. As that issue ceased, other needs in the community, such as housing, civil rights, jobs, etc., for other minorities were tackled and it is the largest coordinating group which meets regularly in the Southland today.

Its headquarters are situated at 4034 Buckingham Rd. with Dr. Julian Keiser as executive director.

## WRA SCHOOL TEACHER'S HUSBAND IS GOV. SHAPP

SAN FRANCISCO—A former Topaz high school teacher will be moving to the governor's mansion in Harrisburg, Pa., in January as Pennsylvania's first lady.

She is Mrs. Milton Shapp, nee Muriel Matzkin, wife of the independent Democrat who became governor of the Keystone state on his second try last Nov. 3.

Shapp, 58, who twice won the nomination by bucking his party in the primaries, becomes the first Jewish governor in the state's history.

His Brooklyn-born wife was a girls physical education and mathematics teacher at Topaz High School at the Central Utah WRA project from 1943 to 1945.

Her husband, whom she met in Washington when they were both government employees, became a millionaire industrialist after forming a company to manufacture community TV antennas.

—Nichibei Times

Join 1000 Club Charter Flight to Japan—1971

## KONKOKYO RAPS RELIGIOUS-TYPE SCHOOL EVENTS

San Francisco JACL Asked for Support, Votes Hands Off

SAN FRANCISCO—A move to have religiously oriented school programs, such as traditional ones at Christmas time, and the teaching and singing of religious songs in San Francisco public schools is currently being conducted by Nobusuke Fukuda of the Konkoku church of this city.

He asked the San Francisco JACL on Nov. 2 to support his resolution, but was turned down by a 8-7 vote with four abstentions.

Fukuda, who is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Shinko Fukuda, public information officer of the Konkoku Young People Federation, also presented a similar resolution to a previous chapter board.

#### Against Religion Bias

He said his resolution was in line with the National JACL executive board's decision of Nov. 1 to oppose the adoption of "Japanese Americans: The Untold Story" by the state board of education curriculum committee on the grounds of complaints that the proposed textbook for children was too pro-Christian and anti-Buddhist.

Fukuda's resolution read: "Whereas we are living in a multicultural society; Whereas the public school system is becoming more aware and residents who are still Japanese appreciate of the striving for ethnic identity by members of minority groups;

Whereas the need for complete assimilation into the dominant culture is no longer recognized as being absolutely essential to become a 'good American'; Whereas children attending our public schools belong to various religious organizations;

Whereas there should be separation of church and state in the public school system; Whereas the public schools have traditionally had Christian programs for which children are taught to sing and pray;

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## Asian Americans not as college conscious today

LOS ANGELES—With general community interest on the rise to have more black, brown and Indian young people continue and complete their education, four-year colleges locally have made special efforts to recruit them in order to alleviate existing problems arising from the racial crisis.

But young people from the Asian American community have been overlooked, according to a JACL office spokesman here.

While educators recognize the Asian community has the highest educational attainment percentage, they are not aware that an increasing number of Asian American high school graduates is not as college-conscious or is just satisfied with a two-year degree.

To encourage Asian students who have the desire and motivation to continue their education but do not have either the grades or motivation to continue their education, the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) at Cal State L.A., Cal State Long Beach and at UCLA have established Asian American facilities to expedite enrollment.

EOP personnel are now recruiting students for fall 1971. They are:

George Toy, Cal State L.A. 224-2153; Naomi Uyeda, Cal State Long Beach 433-0051 ext. 439 and Cynthia Ong, UCLA 825-4976 (Mar. 1, 1971 deadline).

Studies Central at 3222 W. Jefferson, Room 3, is also open Thursday evenings and Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., to prospective college students in

## HAWAIIAN ELECTION PARADE

From Lt. Gov. Post Whither Ariyoshi?

By ALLAN BEEKMAN

(Special to the Pacific Citizen)  
HONOLULU—In Hawaii's three branches of government, it remains only in the executive that a Nikkei has failed to reach the top. In the judicial branch, Wilfred C. Tsukiyama became Chief Justice of the State Supreme Court in 1959. In the legislative branch, the same year, Dan K. Inouye was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives; in 1969, he stepped up to the U.S. Senate.

In the Nov. 3 Election, George Ryoichi Ariyoshi was elected Lieutenant Governor. This is the highest position yet achieved by a Nikkei in the executive branch. The office was created with the granting of statehood. At least two of the three persons who have previously held it regarded it as a steppingstone to the governorship.

During the campaign, when Ariyoshi was asked if he so regarded the post, he replied that he was concerned with the election of 1970, not with that of 1974. Many things can happen to alter the political situation in the next four years. Of his predecessors, one, William S. Richardson, was appointed from the post to Chief Justice of the State Supreme Court, filling the vacancy left by Tsukiyama, who filed for the governorship, both losing in the Primary.

It is likely that Ariyoshi feels he is pointed upward; his career has been a pattern of steady upward progress. Increased responsibility fosters increased stature. At 44 he must regard his new post as only a milestone.

#### Son of Sumoisto

Born in Honolulu of Japanese immigrant parents, George had the hard struggle up from obscurity of the average Nisei. His father, Ryoze, came from Fukuioka Prefecture, his mother from Kumamoto. Ryoze, a top sumo wrestler locally, worked as stevedore, then opened a dry cleaning shop.

George, the eldest child, helped around the shop. The family had continued to grow; a brother and three sisters were born after him.

George attended public school and Japanese language school. When the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, he was a student at McKinley High School and in the fourth year of Hawaii Chugakko.

At that time, it might have seemed difficult to envision him ever finding a socially acceptable use for his language ability; the public abhorred anything that suggested the enemy. By order of the military governor, Japanese language schools were abolished; Japanese newspapers suspended publication. Left suspended of Japanese publications invoke opprobrium, Nikkei families tended to destroy them, regardless how innocu-

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## NC-WN EXECUTIVES RETAIN CHOICE OF GOVERNOR, SUGIYAMA NAMED

(Special to the Pacific Citizen)  
BERKELEY—Over 200 JACLers and friends gathered at "His Lordship" in Berkeley for the 4th NC-WNDC quarterly meeting Nov. 8. In what was, as had been anticipated, a lengthy session, delegates considered and acted upon agenda items with dispatch, but in a thoughtful mood.

Following reconsideration and sound defeat of the controversial constitutional amendment calling for direct election of the district governor by chapter delegates, the selection of the district governor was returned to the hands of the District Executive Board.

In the election which followed, Mrs. Chizu Iiyama (Contra Costa), Haruo Ishimaru (West Valley-San Mateo), Tom Okubo (Sacramento), Seichi Otow (Placer County), and George Uyeda (Monterey Peninsula) were among a record slate of 12 candidates for positions on the District Board.

Also re-elected for a new two year term was 1000 Club Chairman Tony Boeh (San Benito).

DC Board Executives The nine new and continuing board members present then met and elected incumbent board member and Alameda Chapter president Shig Sugiyama the new district governor for the 1971-72 term, succeeding incumbent governor Dr. Kengo Terashita.

Incumbent Vice Governor Dr. Harry Hatasaka (Sequoia Chapter) and Treasurer Peter Yamamoto (Cortez Chapter) were re-elected to their positions for a second term. New board member Tom Okubo was elected to succeed Secretary Ray Okamoto.

The following standing committee chairmen assignments were also decided: Peter Yamamoto, finance; Dr.

Harry Hatasaka, membership; chapter activities; Dr. Kengo Terashita, recognition; Russ Obama, youth activities; Dr. Harry Hatasaka, remaining assignments to be determined.

Special reports were presented by:

Mrs. Chizu Iiyama and Mike Honda, sensitivity training at Dr. Prior Cobb's training institute in San Francisco; DVC Chairman Carolyn Uchiyama and District Youth Commissioner Russ Obama, youth activities; Dr. Harry Hatasaka, Footfill College Japanese tea house project; and Kaz Stantley, activities and objectives of the five JACL Field Operations Resolutions (FOX).

Resolutions on Elks The council passed two concurrent resolutions calling for abandonment by the Elks Clubs of their "all-white" membership policy and urging members, chapters and National JACL to take affirmative action to induce the Elks to end their discriminatory practices. The resolutions, which were also considered and passed by the District's Junior JACL Council earlier in the day at their separate meeting in Richmond, stated in part:

"Whereas hypocritical adherence to beliefs, practices or policies which judge the individual person's worth, standing or acceptability in the community on the basis of his race, color or creed is contrary to the concept that 'all men are created equal' and cannot be morally or intellectually justified or excused by the performance of 'good' deeds for that community; and call upon the BPOE to 'abandon its policy of judging a person's worthiness to membership on the basis of his race or color' and upon JACL chapters and members to refrain from using Elks Club facilities for JACL functions; to decline awards, grants, and scholarship sponsored by the Elks Club; and to decline any invitations to the Elks Club as a guest of members."

## Racial identity not hindrance, panel of Japanese American politicians hold

By PATRICK MURPHY (Berkeley Daily Gazette)

BERKELEY—A politically prominent panel of Japanese-Americans agreed last week (Nov. 8) in Berkeley access to political office is not hindered by racial identity.

In a panel discussion sponsored by the Japanese American Citizens League six Japanese-Americans active in Northern California politics told 300 persons individual convictions are more important than group identities.

Tom Kitayama, former mayor of Union City, reminisced about a time "only a few years ago" when he and his wife were discouraged from buying a home by "the power being turned off suddenly" in every model home they toured. He said such discrimination was near a total end because of "political involvement."

"No longer because of national background do you have to be afraid," the former mayor said.

Ancestry No Bar "In regard to my running for office I don't think I was hindered because I was Japanese nor do I think I was favored. This is America. People take you for what you are," Kitayama added.

"You can be at ease with anybody," he said.

Ray Uno, national president of the League and former candidate for the Utah state legislature, urged young people to get into politics at an early age.

## San Diego 1000



## Election Results for JACL

Inasmuch as so many are placing their own evaluations on the election results of November 3, it might be interesting to try to judge what they may mean to JACL specifically and to persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States generally.

Insofar as the "lame duck" session which convened on Monday, November 16, is concerned, the elections should mean little, since the defeated and retiring members will not give up their office until the end of the year and the newly elected members will not be sworn in until the first session of the 92nd Congress convenes on January 3, unless the present Congress by resolution before adjournment sets another date.

But, some of the retiring and defeated members may stay away from Washington, while others who were re-elected may take off on overseas junkets, thereby possibly creating a problem in which not enough members are present to establish the quorum required to conduct "official business."

Or, if the so-called liberal Senators and Representatives remain in their "home" states and districts for the rest of the year, this could mean the difference on the votes on some of the more controversial bills that are waiting to be considered in this post-election session. Of special interest to JACL as such bills as the Ichord-Ashbrook amendments to the Internal Security Act of 1950, various civil rights amendments to appropriations and other measures, education, manpower training, social security, welfare reform, and international trade may be decided because some lawmakers stayed away and others returned.

In the Senate, it appears that there will be a slight shift to the right because such liberal Senators as Albert Gore of Tennessee, Ralph Yarborough of Texas, Charles Goodell of New York, Stephen Young of Ohio, and Joseph Tydings of Maryland either retired voluntarily or were defeated in reelection bids.

Part of this loss will be made up by the return to the Senate of Minnesota's Hubert Humphrey and the election of such liberals as Adlai Stevenson of Illinois and John Tunney of California.

Indeed, because California will be represented by two liberal Senators, both of whom happen to be Democrats, JACL's position may be enhanced because it is in California that there are more persons of Japanese ancestry than in any other mainland State and because trade and commerce between California and Japan are of such such magnitude as to command attention. Most recent data indicates that the trade between these two Pacific countries will be almost four billion dollars, which is more than between the United States and all but about ten countries of earth.

With Democrats to control the Senate in the next Congress, its leadership should remain friendly to JACL, although there is a question as to whether there will be a change in the Majority Whip's post. Montana's Mike Mansfield will surely remain as the Majority Leader, and the chances are better than fair that Massachusetts' reelected Edward Kennedy will be retained as the Majority Whip.

Democrats will keep the chairmanships of every standing committee, but the defeats of Senator Yarborough, presently the Chairman of the Labor and Public Welfare Committee, and Senator Tydings, currently the Chairman of the District of Columbia Committee, may cause a reshuffling of committee chairmanships, as some senior Democrats may vie for the available positions. Also the defeat of the other Democrats who were unsuccessful may cause a reshuffling of committee memberships, since some Democrats may prefer to use their seniority to seek posts.

## Racial identity

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makes himself," Sakuma said. "We are still part of this community and it behooves us to work for the community at large and not a small segment," he stressed.

Uno, while siding with Sakuma, urged people to take definite "stands" on issues and work effectively for their implementation.

"For too long we've had people in this country who say one thing and do another. You must take definite stands on issues," Uno said.

Work for Community Oakland City Councilman Frank Ogawa also stressed his belief in working for the whole community rather than interest groups.

"Just because you're a person of Japanese ancestry does not mean you should vote just for them; you must vote for the majority good," Ogawa said.

Bob Morimoto, former candidate for the Merced County

on other committees than those to which they are currently assigned. The same applies to Republicans.

In the House, the Democrats will stay in power, but with ten more seats than in the current session. The next Speaker is expected to be Carl Albert of Oklahoma, who has been most cooperative with JACL objectives in his many years as Majority Leader and before that as Majority Whip. There seems to be such a contest for the Majority Whip's post and the Majority Whip's designation that no attempt will be made at this time as to the probable choices who will be selected by the Democratic caucus the day before the next Congress convenes early next year.

All chairmen of the standing committees were reelected except two from Maryland, Congressmen Samuel Friedel, currently Chairman of the House Administration Committee, and George Fallon, presently Chairman of the Public Works Committee. Congressman Friedel was defeated in the Democratic primary by P. J. Mitchell, younger brother of Clarence Mitchell, Washington Bureau Director of the NAACP and one who has long cooperated with the Washington JACL Office as the legislative chairmen of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights.

The death of Democratic Congressman William Dawson, Chairman of the Government Operations Committee, last week brought about a vacancy in that spot too. Congressman Dawson, at 84, was the oldest member of the House and was the first black member to become chairman of a standing House committee.

While there may be reshuffling of chairmen as certain senior Democrats seek more desired positions, at the moment the following are likely to be chairmen when the next Congress begins—Chet Holtfield of California, Government Operations; Wayne Hays of Ohio, House Administration; and John Bismark of Minnesota, Public Works.

The major reshuffling, however, will take place in committee memberships as Democrats and Republicans will call upon their seniority for more wanted committee assignments.

The biggest gain for the Democrats was in the governorships, with 13 Republican governors defeated and only two Democratic state chief executives. Next January, there will be 29 Democratic governors as against only 21 Republican governors.

This will provide the Democratic Party with a solid and substantial base from which to plan and build their 1972 presidential campaign. From the viewpoint of JACL, however, the real victories may be in the state legislatures which were turned over from the Republicans to the Democrats, for in the next session most states will have to redistrict their congressional districts to accord with the 1970 Census. And, California will have the most new congressional seats, at least five, because of its population growth in the past decade.

With Democrats controlling the State Senate and the State Assembly, the next Legislature should carve out some five or more new congressional districts. And, it is quite possible that some Nisei may run for Congress from one or more of these new districts, and win—if the Democrats re-designate their districts properly.

Moreover, as in the national party, local Democrats tend to be more liberal and more attentive to the kinds of programs in which the JACL is concerned than the Republicans. Accordingly, JACL programs at the state level too may be more successful with new Democratic majorities in many state legislative chambers.

Board of Supervisors, echoed Ogawa's statement.

"The people who supported me weren't thinking about color or background. The people just wanted someone who would tackle fiscal problems," he said.

Wayne M. Kanemoto, San Jose municipal judge, said he got into politics hoping to uplift the morale of Japanese-Americans. "I ran so that our people could see that they have something in the system. The only time I've felt hindered by being Japanese is when Japanese are involved in litigations."

"I'm somewhat afraid Japanese will think I bend over backwards to help someone who isn't Japanese when they win and the other side will think I'm prejudiced in favor of the Japanese if they win," he said.

Yori Wada, president of the San Francisco Civil Service Commission moderated the panel discussion. Raymond Okamura chaired the committee which arranged the panel program.

Join the JACL

## NEWS CAPSULES

### Elections

While the Hawaii State Supreme Court may intervene in determining how the vacancy created by the murder of State Sen. Larry Kuriyama is to be filled, an Attorney General Bertram Kanbara is of the opinion the Governor should fill the vacancy by appointment for a short term till the next general election in 1972 while Lt. Gov. Thomas Gill, as the state's chief election officer, has proclaimed a special election day of Jan. 9, at least seven persons have indicated interest in the vacancy. Rep. Mitsuo Uechi (re-elected to the House Nov. 3), former Rep. Momi L. Minn, Don Miguel, Bernaldo Bicoy, Harold Shintaku, Russell Blair and Yoshiro Nakamura.

American Samoa's first delegate-at-large to Washington, D.C., will be determined in a runoff election Nov. 20 as no plurality was attained in the five-man race held Nov. 3. A total of 6,003 voters turned out with agriculture director A. U. Fuliamao in the lead with 1,763 (29.7 pct), followed by High Chief Lutali Lolo Lauvao with 1,555 (25.9 pct) being designated for the runoff.

Shiro (Bob) Morimoto of Livingston polled over 2,400 votes in his Nov. 3 bid for a supervisory seat at Merced County and lost by a 300 vote margin to Fred Wack of Atwater. This was the Nisei alumnus' first bid for public office which Wack had previously run for the post unsuccessfully.

George W. Woo with 712 votes outpolled two other Mexican Americans for the single vacancy on the Calaveras County Council who had mustered a total of 771.

### Government

Import specialist Morris J. Asami of the Los Angeles customs office was honored by the Secretary of Treasury David M. Kennedy in ceremonies held at Washington for improving the effectiveness of operations. The Hawaiian-born Nisei was recognized for efforts over the past five years formulating values used in appraisal of plywood imports entering U.S. ports.

### Local Scene

#### San Francisco

A Japanese American Artists Assn. is being organized in San Francisco, an outgrowth of two one-man shows held recently at Japan Center, one in July by Mrs. Sugi Okazaki and another this past month by Toshihiko Endo. According to Endo, there are some 15 artists from Japan living and working in the Bay Area.

The East Bay Saneel Students Assn., comprised of some 50 students, reported a variety of programs for the East Bay area Iseel this past summer. Mentioned were beach outing, bay cruise, providing transportation when asked, and a teryaki dinner Sept. 27 at San Lorenzo. Assisting in the planning and implementation were the JACL No. Calif. area field operation expeditors (FOX).

#### San Diego

San Diego Japanese American ministers and churches sponsored a community meeting Oct. 25 on drug abuse at the Border City among young Asian Americans. A group of 140 attended.

Victor Shibata, one of the founding members of Yellow Brotherhood, a self-help organization to combat drug abuse, reported a similar group has been started in San Diego since summer. Three of its members were among the 15 who comprised the panel discussing the issue.

#### Los Angeles

Sangei interested in attending law school at Boalt Hall (UC Berkeley) can meet with the Boalt Hall Asian law students' recruiters on Friday, Nov. 27, between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the JACS Office, 125 Weller St., Room 305.

A 50-minute on "Aikido," featuring Master Koichi Tohei, will be shown Nov. 19, 7 p.m. at the Torrance Recreation Center, 3031 Torrance Blvd., Torrance. The Torrance Aikido Club, headed by M. James Shibata is sponsoring the free showing.

Dr. Robert Suzuki, professor of engineering at USC and national chairman of the JACL education committee, spoke on the Title II repeal campaign before the Hollywood ACLU chapter Nov. 19 at the Hollywood-Los Feliz Jewish Community Center, 1110 N. Bates.

Japanese American Community Service, 125 Weller St. (MA 9-4415), is in the process of accepting the number of med school applicants who have been rejected for reasons unknown and how many students will be applying to a medical school within the two quarters or semesters. Information is requested to verify or discredit allegations of discrimination on the part of certain medical schools. It was reported by Linda Iwataki and Bruce Takashima.

Noboru Hanru of San Francisco was promoted head of the accounting systems staff at the U.S. General Services Administration regional office covering the eight western states, the Pacific Islands and the Far East. In the federal service since 1945 when he joined the WRA as property clerk, then with the War Assets Administration, which became the GSA in 1950. From 1950, the active Buddhist and Boy Scout leader has served in supervisory positions.

San Francisco police chief Alfred Nelder, openly nettled by State Commission on Peace Officers Standards and Training refusal to approve a Chinese language-and-culture course for his men, has asked commission chairman Bernard J. Clark (Riverside County sheriff) to reconsider. Six officers were scheduled to take a 48-week course at the San Francisco Chinese Culture Center. SFC president Dr. S. I. Hayakawa and physician Dr. Collin Dong put up \$2,000 to get the course underway. The state was asked to put up the additional \$3,500 but refused because the course only served a limited need in a relatively small area.

### School Front

First recipient of the annual Fresno State College Gordon Wilson Memorial Award for outstanding leadership contribution to the activities program was Joan Otomo, 20-year-old daughter of the John Otomos, Selma, a pre-dental major maintaining a 3.5 grade point average on top of extracurricular campus activities. She was homecoming queen of FSC last year. Wilson, who died in 1968, was associate dean of students. Nominations for the honor are made by campus service and honorary organizations.

Students at UC Berkeley elected two Saneel into office recently: John H. Sugiyama, poll-secret for Fremont, vice-president of academic affairs; and Keith Takahashi, math major from San Jose. Both were on the Coalition for Student Action ticket, a moderate student group which swept all executive posts and elected five more to the student senate. (Sugiyama won first prize in the 1970 JACL Essay Contest and is the son of Shig Sugiyama, new NC-WNDC governor.)

### Courtroom

John Lindley Frazier, 24, pleaded innocent last week (Nov. 12) before Santa Cruz County Superior Judge Charles Francis to five counts of murder in the Dr. Victor Ohta case. Jury trial was scheduled to commence Jan. 25 but assured the defendant's attorney, James Jackson of the Public Defenders Office, he would consider a delay if more time is needed to prepare the case. Tight security continued to be observed during the court proceedings.

### Medicine

Hong Kong-born and a naturalized U.S. citizen since 1947, Dr. Vernon C. Wong of Kensington, Md., was appointed clinical director of the National Eye Institute. He has been with the ophthalmology branch since 1962 and advanced to his latest appointment. He graduated Jefferson Medical College in 1958 with residency in eye research.

### Deaths

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When the majority speaks, you are either in or out of office. It goes without saying, simply by definition, the minority is the minority. The will of the minority is at the sufferance of the majority. The hollow cry of the minority is rarely heard loud enough to drown out the below of the majority.

If this is the case, what recourse has the minority, particularly a minority politician? We did not delve into this aspect of political life of the minority and especially the tokenism handed out the Japanese community as a buffer against the other minorities.

## Awards

The Japanese government conferred decorations to five Southern California Iseel on its Day of Culture (Nov. 3): Katsuma Mukaeda, Los Angeles, Order of the Sacred Treasure, 3rd class; Saburo Muraoka, Chula Vista, Order of the Sacred Treasure, 4th class; Toratara Nabeia, Richmond; G. K. Hashiba, M.D., Fresno; and Eiichi Yamamoto, Petaluma, Order of the Sacred Treasure, 5th class. Mrs. Louise Ward Watkins of Los Angeles, past president the Japan America Society, was conferred the Order of the Precious Crown, 3rd class, for her many contributions to friendly relations between U.S. and Japan.

Other Iseel being honored Nov. 3 by the Japanese Government included Masayuki Iguchi, 73, of Denver; Masataka Kamide, 77, of New York; Fujisawa Yubihara, 70, of Wilmington, Del.; Shigeki Mizumoto, 84, and Selsoku Tsukiyama, 80, both of Honolulu, all with the Order of Sacred Treasure, 5th Class. Sosaku Suyama, 81, of Seattle; Nobu Nishibata, 76, and Mainichi Yamaguchi, 70, both of Spokane, and Gempai Miura, 76, of Hawaii, all with the Order of the Sacred Treasure, 6th Class.

## Crime

Nine Canadians and a Japanese woman, Mitsue Takahashi, 31, were held under \$1,000 bond after Albany, Ga. police raided a motel where they were staying and found an unspecified quantity of marijuana in their rooms.

## U-NO Bar

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Dr. Kiyoshi Sonoda came after me for the West Los Angeles JACL installation at the Lobster House, a quaint seafood restaurant. Dr. Toru Iwata did a masterful job as M.C. It was nice to see George and Virginia Kanagai, Roy Nishikawa, Kawakami, Mitsue Sonoda and ex-Utah Shig Miya among many, many others.

I always wished I had more time to talk casually with members because I always learn what the grassroots of JACL is thinking about. Briefly, I got to talk to Dr. Bob Watanabe and his wife, Ruth; Dr. Hank and Grace Yamada, Nisei of Biennium Dr. Paul Terasaki and many others about some interesting concepts.

The hostess with the mostest, Betty Yumori, the official caretaker of all the past, present and future JACL officers, can certainly cook a mighty delicious food. My wife tells me my suits are beginning to look a little snug. Betty's cooking doesn't help my weight problem because I have to try all of the tasty delicacies. Betty was kind enough to give me an early morning lift to the airport.

In San Francisco I was met by Harry Takahashi and Joe Sugawara whose brother Hy and wife took such good care of my wife and me in Cincinnati a year ago.

We visited the just opened youth "drop-in" center in San Francisco. The building is awaiting demolition in the near future, but during its existence it provides a much needed place for the young people to congregate, similar to the JACL office in Southern California which also has in the same building a center for many activities for Iseel, Nisei and others.

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The question many of the young and concerned are asking is: should we may be accepted on our merits, or we totally accepted as a person without a any reservation in spite of the color of our skin? Through observation and personal experience their answer appears to be "no." If their observation and experience are correct, what should JACL do about it?

In my speech I tried to point out one area, politically, where we can start making some positive changes, but we must make an investment of our time, talent and money. Toastmaster Marilyn Uratsu eased the pain both before and after my speech by his skillful use of words, but I didn't feel I got the urgency of my message across to the audience about political involvement and the fact we are often just used politically and we will be unless we do something about it ourselves.

I feel very strongly that this program was a good start, but we need badly to have periodic political workshops to groom our own politicians as well as create sustained political activity and to develop highly skilled political sophistication. These are long overdue.

Mas and Chiz Satow, Mike Suzuki, Jim Murakami, Jerry and Joyce Enomoto, Dr. Kenji Terashita, Shig Sugiyama and other stalwart JACLers have been patient and understanding of my neophyte method of trying to move the sleeping giant, the uncommitted and silent members of JACL. Thanks.

Returning to Salt Lake, I had the pleasure for the first time of meeting with my critics in the Mt. Olympus JACL Chapter who have still been reeling from my tour of duty as Civil Rights Coordinator.

Although I spent more time with these people at a dinner meeting at the Pagoda Restaurant than most JACL groups to date, I still didn't feel I was able to satisfy them sufficiently because of the limitation of time even though it was near midnight when I finally got home.

I got to thinking if JACL people in my own city don't really understand me and the JACL program, I wonder what those members who don't know me and never get to see me must be going through. Ken Nodzu and Frank Yoshimura have always been supportive of my feeble efforts to communicate with JACLers in the IDC, but crisp and lucid answers just seem awfully hard to get across to even the closest of friends and acquaintances.

Someone told me that two years is really not a long time to be president. My wife Yoshiko already thinks the four months I have been in office is too long.

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## From the Frying Pan

Marysville, Calif.

**PILGRIMAGE WEST** — Getting from Denver to Marysville, Calif., is not an easy matter, particularly if the wind is blowing as it was the day we tried it. Direct Denver-Sacramento flights are scheduled at unconscionably inconvenient times, apparently at hours when planes aren't needed to fly elsewhere, so it is necessary to go by way of San Francisco. On this day the pilot reported 100-m.p.h. headwinds which delayed arrivals by a half hour. That meant some fancy scrambling at the San Francisco terminal to make connections with a feeder line whose plane also was late due to storms in the area.

As it turned out, the little puddle-jumper zig-zagged up the Sacramento River Delta, scarcely more than a thousand feet above the water-logged fields, to escape violent rain squalls. From that height the incredibly flat countryside is hauntingly reminiscent of the Mekong Delta. There are important differences, of course. Here there are isolated farmhouses instead of the clustered huts of villages. The roads run straight and wide and the fields seem to stretch unbroken for miles. But from a height, these impressions are superficial. What seems to count is the similarities—the table-flat land, the winding river, the plentiful water, the rice that springs up from the rich, black alluvial soil, the rain-filled clouds, the crowded aircraft droning over the fields.

Two deltas, nearly 10,000 miles apart, one ripped by war and the other reposing in peace, yet linked together by the blood of young men some of whom were born and reared in the delta of the Sacramento and sent off to die in the delta of the Mekong. I almost expected gunfire from the treeline strung along a canal or the walnut grove that looks so much like a rubber plantation from the air. It was an eerie feeling.

**WELCOMING COMMITTEE** — Any apprehensions about hostile natives were quickly dispelled by a warm welcoming committee of Akiji Yoshimura, Mrs. Nobu Tokunaga, Tosh Sano and George Inouye. After a brief detour into Sacramento, they whisked me across the countryside to an attractive inn set back among some trees on the outskirts of Marysville, or maybe it was Yuba City; I never did learn to distinguish between the sister communities. By then it was dark, and from the dimly lit exterior the restaurant looked as if it might be the hangout of the local chapter of the Mafia. Inside, however, both food and company, reinforced now with people like Frank and Hatsue Nakamura, Frank and Sachi Okimoto, Sud Itamura, Bill Tsuji and Noboru Honda (a Colusa native who had come back from Chicago for the weekend) were delightful.

Next evening, at the Peach Tree Country Club in Marysville, more than 200 chapter members, guests and friends, gathered to observe the 35th anniversary of the Marysville JACL chapter. A goodly number of the 24 chapter members, including Noboru Honda, were present although three were dead and the whereabouts of several others was unknown. It was a happy occasion, enlivened by dead-pan readings from the minutes by Yoshimura, the toastmaster, and music by the Itoda sisters, Jeanne, Arleen and Doreen from Tracy, Calif.

The minutes showed that the original members had a very difficult time rounding up quorum for business meetings, which shows things really haven't changed much. But the Itoda girls, two of whom are teachers, showed that in some areas there have been significant changes. Dressed in identical kimono, they sang Japanese folk songs and, for a change of pace, "Tom Dooley". Although it appeared the girls spoke very little Japanese, one of them had earned a "natori" in the samisen, a kind of Japanese banjo. Yoshimura noted that the way he understood it, a "natori" was to the samisen what the black belt is to judo. If it was not entirely an evening of high culture, everyone including this visitor seemed to have had a great deal of fun. Which, of course, is what these events are for.

## 2 CONTRA COSTA NIKKEI INDICTED IN ESTATE FRAUD

Total of 169 Charges Against S. T. Nakano Filed

**MARTINEZ**—The Contra Costa County Grand Jury has indicted Sumao T. Nakano, 45, of 2533 Shane Dr., Richmond, on 165 counts of real estate fraud.

Also indicted was Joan Yamagata, 40, of 16401 Elm St., El Cerrito, a broker in Nakano's real estate firm, United Empire Realty, formerly of 10324 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito. She is charged with four counts of real estate fraud.

Nakano and Mrs. Yamagata were arrested Nov. 4 following the grand jury indictment. Mrs. Yamagata posted \$1,000 bail that evening and Nakano \$5,000 the following morning. The true bill was returned after four nights of testimony during which 60 witnesses testified, according to Contra Costa County Dist. Atty. Samuel Mesnick, head of that office's anti-fraud unit.

### One Year Investigation

According to Mesnick and Deputy Dist. Atty. John Oda, Nakano's firm has been under investigation for more than a year.

Of the counts against Nakano, 120 charge him with corporation code violations in selling partnership interests in land developments without a permit, and in violation of an order from the state corporation commissioner to stop the sales. The other 45 counts charge Nakano with grand theft.

Mrs. Yamagata is charged with four counts of selling the limited partnership interests without a permit.

### Two Projects

The indictments stem from two land development projects, one in Lake County called Project Berryessa and one in Contra Costa called Project Marsh Creek, according to Mesnick.

Investors put up \$80,000 for a down payment on the Berryessa property two years ago in return for a guaranteed profit of 300 per cent, with at least a 100 per cent profit within a year and a half, Mesnick said.

He said the land was never purchased and part of the down payment was used to make a \$112,000 down payment on the Marsh Creek land, where investors were told that property selling for \$755 an acre would soon increase to \$3,400 an acre. The land is now worth about \$500 an acre, Mesnick said.

The Marsh Creek project is near foreclosure, he added, and the more than 100 investors are left without any management and with bills due on both the principal and interest.

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### Japanese bath houses to open in San Francisco

**SAN FRANCISCO** — Two Japanese-style Toruko bath houses are being built here: one at the Japan Center below the Kabuki Theater by theater impresario Kunizo Matsuo of Osaka, the other by Tokyo Onsen on the Ginza at the old White House Dept. Store basement at Sutter and Grant Ave.

The Japan Center bath house is expected to open in spring of 1971, while the downtown onsen in the summer of 1971.

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## CHAPTER PULSE

### Abe Hagiwara Fund

To aid the National JACL Scholarship fund for deserving students in need, the West Los Angeles JACL Auxiliary members have benefit tickets available for the Toho La Brea showing of Toshio Mifune in "The Ambush", which starts Dec. 23 and will run for four weeks.

### November program

Two Japanese films, one samurai and the other a modern, will be featured at the Oakland JACL movie night benefit Friday, Nov. 27, 7 p.m., at King Jr. High, 1781 Rose St. off Grove St. in Berkeley. Shiz Tanaka (638-8663) is movie chairman.

### Womens Auxiliary

San Francisco JACL Women's Auxiliary scheduled its annual election meeting Nov. 18 at the Japan Center branch of the Bank of Tokyo. Barbara Sellers of Tokyo City's Deadazzled conducted a workshop on Christmas decorations.

The annual fashion show held Sept. 19 netted \$494, it was reported. Funds are used for Auxiliary projects, such as the semi-annual visitations of Japanese patients at rest homes and convalescent hospitals. Its most recent visits were made Nov. 1 by:

Hideko Kobayashi, Mary Minamoto, Sandra Ouye, Jiro Shiraki, Rev. Resen Saito, Enji Yamamoto and Chieko Yoneda.

Patients were presented a box of sushi and manju, Japanese magazines, and gifts. Searching for that exotic, tantalizing recipe for the holidays? Look no further! By popular demand, the East-West Flavors cook book by the West Los Angeles JACL has been reprinted and are now available through the members or by contacting Mrs. Shig Takeshita, 1431 Armacost Ave., Los Angeles 90025. The purchase price remains the same: \$4 or \$4.50 postpaid.

### Installation

Milwaukee JACL, which is holding its election meeting on Saturday, Nov. 28, 7:30 p.m., at International Institute, will hold its installation dinner on Saturday, Jan. 30 at the Country Gardens. Chapter's holiday calendar includes a Christmas party Dec. 13 at International Institute in the afternoon with Karen Shimabukuro arranging to invite orphans to share the entertainment, supper and gifts Santa may bring to all good children.

National JACL President Raymond Uno will make his third appearance within the month in Southern California as main speaker at the Gardena Valley JACL installation dinner on Saturday, Dec. 5, 7:30 p.m., at the Ports of Call Restaurant, Berth 78, Port of Los Angeles—south of the old Ferry Bldg. in San Pedro.

Previously, he appeared to address the West Los Angeles and San Diego JACL installations.

George Aoyagi is dinner-dance chairman.

### Chapter Dues

Contra Costa JACL continues to hold the line for the lowest possible rate by announcing the 1971 chapter dues at \$11 single, \$19 couple membership. The \$2 increase was necessitated by the raising of national dues, the chapter board explained.

### Fishing Derby

Winner of the annual Alameda JACL Fishing Derby was by 14-year-old Mike Ikeda with a 39 lb.-7 oz. bass. Tates Hanamura, derby chairman announced. Other winners were:

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## HOLLYWOOD FLORIST ART ITO SAYS

## 'Brighten Your World with Flowers'

**LOS ANGELES** — "Brighten Your World With Flowers" is the theme of a national advertising campaign now being featured on the ABC Evening News with Frank Reynolds and Howard K. Smith on television this fall, Hollywood florist Arthur Ito said.

"The gloomy side of life is all too apparent almost no matter where one looks today," said Ito, president of Flower View Gardens, 1801 Western Ave.

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PACIFIC CITIZEN—3

## Japan Army general who commanded troops at Kiska saved 20,000 Jews

**TOKYO** — Funeral services were held in Kichijoji, Tokyo, recently for Kichiro Higuchi, 82, former lieutenant general of the Imperial Army, who is credited for having saved the lives of about 20,000 Jewish people, who had fled from Nazi detention camps in February, 1938.

Higuchi, who died Oct. 11, was made an honorary trustee of the Japan Israel Association at the end of the funeral service.

According to the official transcript revealed years later, about 20,000 Jews had gathered in Otoro on the border between the Soviet Union and Manchuria in February, 1938, having fled from the persecutions in Nazi Germany. They had come from Frankfurt via the Siberian Railway.

**Stopped at Manchuria**

They tried to enter what was then Manchuria, but the Japanese Government refused to accept them because of the impact it might have on its relations with Germany. The Soviet Union likewise showed no intention of accepting them because of unstable relations with Germany at the time.

Practically forced to live in the open in the snowstorms of Otoro, about 20 of the Jews froze to death.

The Jewish Club of Harbin appealed to Higuchi, who was commander of the Harbin Special Service Agency of the Kwantung Army at that time, to save the Jews. Higuchi had been in Poland until the year before as a military attaché,

so that he was knowledgeable of the construction of Nazi concentration camps and their purpose.

Without consulting with the Kwantung Army, he sent 13 twelve-coach trains to Otoro and took custody of the Jews. Hot food was ready for them when they arrived in Harbin, and unoccupied military barracks were made available to them for temporary housing.

**Appropriate Step**

Between four and five thousand of the refugees stayed on in Harbin, while the rest are said to have left for Shanghai or the United States.

Higuchi's action raised concern that it might provoke an international situation between Japan and Germany, and Chief of Staff of the Kwantung Army Hideki Tojo, who later became prime minister, started an investigation.

It is reported that Gen. Tojo concurred in Higuchi's action as being an "appropriate step," after hearing about the plight of the Jewish people in Germany and their desperate situation in Otoro.

The matter was therefore treated as a military secret, so that it was not generally known to the rest of the world.

Higuchi is also reported to be the one who, later as commander of the 5th Army, executed the "miraculous evacuation" of Japanese troops from Kiska Island in the Aleutians.

—Japan Times

**A SHARPSHOOTER**—Standing beside three bucks shot during the annual So. Calif. Buckskin Anglers and Rangers deer hunt in southwestern Utah last month is James Hodge, p.r. chairman for the group, but better known in Little Tokyo as a news-stand vendor in front of the Kajima Bldg. Jim's 164-lb. hug buck won him second prize of \$50, losing out by three pounds to the \$100 first prize winner.

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East Bay Issei Taking Charge

Berkeley East Bay Issei are beginning to seize the time. They are asserting their rights to self-determination in terms of the Issei Project. At their request, the next Issei project of the East Bay Sansei Student Association is completely in their hands. They are planning and preparing the program and luncheon.

I hope this enthusiasm will carry on so that they will determine the future of the Issei drop-in center being created in Berkeley. The East Bay Sansei, together with the other community Issei can help start a permanent once-a-week drop-in center for the Issei.

The facilities have been offered to us by the Berkeley Senior Citizens Center. All it will take now to get the center going is a decision on the activities to be held there. This takes self-determination and initiative by the main participants—the Issei. The rest of the community can provide transportation and assistance as necessary.

This center (and others like it that we hope to establish) is the result of an Issei project started last June. We had noticed that Issei did not use existing social services available to them. We heard that many Issei were financially able to live but somewhat isolated. We began to question why these problems existed and how they could be remedied.

Church funding or indigenous church members (ethnic persons working in their own communities) was affirmed because of the urgency of grassroots programs with community support.

Furthermore, the Church recognizes the relevance of ministering to people in their need rather than "to gain church membership." Institutions have been in the habit of "perpetuating themselves."

The community must determine its own destiny, priorities and strategy. No longer do white churchmen come in to the minority community to "help those poor people," rather ethnic minorities are now deeply committed to Self-Determination.

The Ethnic Consultation seemed to point the way for a diverse strategy—one which accepts differences, as it accepts individual human beings. It called for the continued dialogue between and within ethnic groupings to create understanding, end conflict between people of common concern, and commit ethnic communities to a spirit of self-determination.

The challenge has been issued to create innovative ways of serving people (which is long overdue) in the church and worshiping through styles which enable people rather than entrap them.

This dilemma has meaning for our ethnic community as well. We must re-think our strategy to serve today's community complex with the complexities of polarization, alienation, and loneliness of racial minorities, the poor, and the newly-arrived immigrant.

JACL, like the church, must face up to the fact that society changes, and we too must be flexible and accepting of change.

rent that the experience and life styles of minorities in this country are distinctly different from the mainstream of (white) American society and problems of the minorities require slightly different solutions. This is particularly true for the Issei, and may be the reason why Japanese do not use existing senior citizens centers, social service agencies or rest homes.

Patent solutions to the problems of the elderly do not consider the cultural differences such as between the Japanese and the traditions of the white society.

One major problem for the aged Issei is loneliness, which has developed because the existing senior citizens institutions do not take into account the cultural differences between the Japanese and white society. Can you imagine an Issei relating to lawn bowling?

Or a Caucasian relating to goh, mah jong, shigin? There is the language barrier and many Issei are uncomfortable speaking English which makes it harder for them to relate to the mainstream of American society.

There is a basic feeling common to the elderly, alienation. Alienation from American society is the feeling of uselessness or worthlessness to society. This stems from the fact that after a certain age your productive effort towards the total society is deemed economically unnecessary by that society. Thus, the elderly are productively isolated from

New S.F. Bay Area community JACL being formed, will stress action

SAN FRANCISCO — A new JACL chapter is being formed in the Bay Area with an unique concept. Tentatively called the "Bay Area Community JACL," the new chapter will emphasize individual involvement in community action programs.

There will be no geographic limitations and the membership will come from throughout the Bay region. Organizers of the new chapter stated, "Living in an urban environment, our kinship, friendship, and mutual interest ties are spread through many cities. We find numerous active individuals isolated in geographically separate chapters, and we wish to bring them together for a common cause."

"We will stress maximum individual freedom to become involved in issues and programs which are relevant to the individual, all under the roof of the JACL," said the organizers. Most of the sponsors of the Bay Area Community JACL are chairmen and active members of various JACL national committees, but have not been particularly active in traditional chapter affairs.

Special Task Force "Our interests and abilities fit in very well with certain national programs like education, legislation, civil rights, and public relations, so we feel we can best con-

tribute to the overall JACL by being an independent group. The Bay Area Community JACL will offer a vehicle for those individuals who wish to work in their area of special interest, but who do not wish to get bogged down with conventional obligations," said the organizers.

The new chapter will not compete against the existing chapters, but will supplement the existing chapters by filling a void that exists with portions of the Japanese American community. The organizers foresee working jointly with the existing chapters on programs of mutual interest.

According to the organizers, all ages will be actively recruited. "The nature of our community involvement will interest persons of all ages and we hope to have youth, young adults, middle-aged, and elderly, all working together on social, political, and educational issues."

Organizers For further information, contact one of the following: Tsukasa Matsuda (Palo Alto) 321-5504; Ken Nakamura (San Jose) 292-8351; Ray Okamura (Berkeley) 843-7900; Katherine Reyes (San Francisco) 386-0112; Mary Anna Takagi (Oakland) 330-8587; Glenn Watanabe (Berkeley) 849-3764.

The Tutorial Project

Los Angeles In the past few years, changes have occurred in the Asian American community. Young people are involved in various community assistance programs such as legal aid, unwed mothers, drug abuse, Issei project, child care cen-

ter and the tutorial project. Six days a week students from Cal State LA, USC, UCLA and other student groups teach and play with grade school kids at Castellor Elementary school (in the middle of New Chinatown), one of the tutorial centers. Many of these children are from families that speak very little English at home; therefore, the child has a definite handicap even before starting school.

While one of my roommates, Dale Oshima is involved with the project, he invited me to see the elementary school and the kids. Driving up in my Datsun to the school . . . in the playground were some 80 kids (ages 5-8) mostly Chinese American of whom half did not speak English. After taking some pictures with my Japan made SLR 35mm camera, the scene reminded me of an old Jr. JACL project in Tijuana, 1967 at an orphanage with the same age group of children and 30 Jr. JACLERS. But this place is not in Mexico, but in "our backyard." Asian American kids that need help to get on the right foot (not being political, it could be the left).

Anyway, I saw a girl that I knew from UCLA and she was talking to two young lads (about the age of one of my nephews) about 5 years old. It seems that both of these boys were very shy and didn't want to associate with the other kids. No matter how hard she tried, Jenny Chomori, only got the boys in saying a few words in English.

I just thought, if it was this hard to assist these boys individually, how effective can a classroom situation be in reality for kids with problems as basic as the English language be they Asian American, Black, Chicano, Indian or White.

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Political Activism: Nisei Style

Following is the text of the speech given at Berkeley, Calif. Northern Calif.-Western Nisei District Council, Nov. 1.

By RAYMOND UNO  
National JACL President

Here is a statement attributed to the late G. K. Chesterton:

"The mere proposal to set the politician to watch the capitalist has been disturbed by the rather disconcerting discovery that they are both the same man. We are past the point where being a capitalist is the only way of becoming a politician, and we are dangerously near the point where being a politician is much the quickest way of becoming a capitalist."

During the last few years, I have become highly disturbed by the growing awareness that it takes money, a great deal of it, to run a successful political campaign. The more I think about it, the more I am convinced that the public can instantly and visually evaluate a candidate and his behavior on TV where in the past, the name and picture represented the biggest exposure to the voting public. The best use of TV is the public debate, unrehearsed.

On the other hand, TV can be a managed and packaged product deceiving the real qualifications and qualities of the candidate. The opponent may be subtly or viciously attacked. The opponent is then put on the defensive and must buy time to answer or neutralize in some way the attack. When all is added up, the dollars spent on TV becomes an enormous expenditure; in fact, the largest single expenditure for a major party or candidate.

Nixon and Agnew, in what I consider to be one of the most politically sweeping use of TV, trumped, individually or successively, into about 35 states and captured prime TV, radio and newspaper time and space, most of it gratis, because of their position. Their whirlwind political campaign tactics, unparalleled in U.S. political history, struck like a tornado that almost left the Democratic party, national and state, in carnage and petrified fear.

The Republican National Committee had, in my opinion, carefully planned a political package, scrupulously conceived, enormously financed, timed for maximum exposure and impact, and directed at predetermined candidates who were thorns in the side of the administration and to assist attractively groomed pro-administration candidates. They met very nominal success in unseating Gore, their prime target. Tydings and Goodell. Overall, however, their politics of fear and disruption, failed, miserably.

Discerning Public

The voting public must be given a great deal of credit in discerning between propaganda and fact. As Abe Lincoln once said, "you can fool some of the people all of the time, and all of the people some of the time, but you can't fool all of the people all of the time." Every politician of promise and integrity should remember that truism.

The above comments are highly partisan and a terribly inept oversimplification of a very complex and dynamic dimension of politics. It is much too early to evaluate and analyze in proper perspective the real historical consequences of this year's elections and campaigning.

In order, however, to be impartial, I will have to admit that President Lyndon Johnson used his office for political expediency in much the same fashion and was, I believe, the forerunner of Nixon in capitalizing on massive, exploitative use of the media.

The real point I wish to make, however, is that each successive administration, regardless of party, will exhaustively capitalize on the office of the President and all of its awesome, and in some ways, tragic consequences.

James Reston of the New York Times made some very acute and critical observations of Nixon, Agnew and the Republican Party campaign tactics and its implications. Whatever the future results, all of us will be affected by it as voters, candidates and citizens. Therefore, we must become deeply concerned about politics on every level of government.

Outside of the State of Hawaii, the political involvement

and influence of the Nisei, and for the sake of brevity, I use this term loosely to include all people of Japanese ancestry in the United States, has just recently started to emerge. The real political potential of the Nisei, like an iceberg, is mostly submerged to date.

In Hawaii, the Nisei can be said to be the pillar of politics, especially when three of the four representatives to Congress are Nisei, and political parties and offices of every description and stripe are generously sprinkled with Japanese names. In fact, in proportion to their population, the Nisei may have a disproportionate share of political influence in Hawaii.

Mainland Nisei's Goal

If this is a fact, the least the Nisei on the mainland can do is exert some semblance of political muscle comparable to their proportionate physical, economic, social and academic stature on the mainland.

There are two very important steps we must take. First, we must become actively and deeply involved in politics to become candidates ourselves, or, in the alternative, we must be influentially enough situated to be in a position to determine who the candidate will be, regardless of party affiliation.

When Edward Everett Hale was Chaplain of the Senate, someone asked him, "Do you pray for the senators, Dr. Hale?" "No, I look at the senators and pray for the country," he replied.

The second step is to restore the chaplain of the Senate to his proper role, to pray for the Senators and not for the country. We must make sure the people we elect to public office are of the highest caliber available. We can only do this if we follow step one as stated above, be a candidate or in a position to decide who the candidate will be.

Nisei GOP

In some small way, Nisei political activity has been increasing in all geographical areas. We are contributing financially, physically, and morally more than we have ever done in the past.

My limited knowledge of Nisei in politics leads me to believe that the Nisei Republicans seem more organized and have formed, officially, their own local or geographical organizations to further their cause. Furthermore, it seems, their membership consists of the more affluent of the Nisei community.

Once Theodore Roosevelt was making a political speech during one of his campaigns, when a heckler interrupted him from the large crowd with a repeated and slightly incriminated cry, "I am a Democrat!"

Roosevelt was generally a dangerous man to heckle. Pausing in his speech and smiling with oriental unctious, he leaned forward and said, "May I ask the gentleman why he is a Democrat?"

The voice replied, "My grandfather was a Democrat, my father was a Democrat, and I am a Democrat."

Roosevelt said, "My friend, suppose your grandfather had been a jackass, and your father had been a jackass, what would you be?"

Instantly the reply came back, "A Republican!"

Not to cast any aspersions on the Republicans, but most Nisei Democrats are Democrats not because their grandfather or father were Democrats, but because, in all likelihood, they were disenfranchised anyway, but because the Democratic party was the party of the poor, the oppressed, the minority. It was also the party of the poor southern whites, big labor, urban workers and liberal intellectuals. Politically, the Democratic party has given the Nisei more opportunity for full political expression than the Republican party.

Specifically, Daniel Inouye, Spark Matsunaga, and Patsy Mink may be a good place to start.

In what way can the Nisei Republican match that, politically? Returning to the mainland, how many political candidates have we had from the Republican Party? Seiji Horiuchi in Colorado and Moonray Kojima in New York. Horiuchi was elected to the Colorado legislature.

Nisei Democrats

Although I am not aware of any Democrats being elected to national or state offices, there have been a number of candidates such as Grayson Taketa for the congress, myself for the Utah Senate, and Norman Mineta, on a local level. We have lessor offices where, I believe, both political persuasions are represented, but there is a remarkable and conspicuous absence of

Nisei from high political offices.

Generally, regardless of party, Nisei only become candidates in district where the chances of election are remote and securing candidates to run for office in that district is difficult. We must change this practice, but it will take time and hard work.

We must start to groom our young to become politically involved and to become prime prospects for political office. We must encourage them to become involved in junior high and high school in politics, both in and out of school.

Although JACL is a non-partisan organization, it is not precluded from having political seminars to permit its members to become more politically aware. More than that, we should have special workshops for both young and old Nisei to help unfold the excitement, the frustrations, the glories, the tragedies, the honors, the disappointments, the intricacies, the challenges, the duties, the responsibilities, and the sheer scope and depth of politics and what it means to them and to all of us.

Expert Advice Needed

We should invite experts to advise us of all the angles and pitfalls of politics. We should be informed to the rudiments of political organization as well as the sophisticated necessary to manage a major political campaign.

We should have annual workshops for Nisei candidates and political workers to exchange ideas, techniques, and other useful information. I am confident that if we do these things, our political investment will increase and so will the rewards.

Because Nisei are really not all wealthy, we must all find means to finance our candidates. We must collectively help to raise funds to make absolutely certain our Nisei candidates will not be aced out because of the lack of shortage of funds. Again, we must have in our political seminars experts to advise us about the raising of funds and the sources of finance.

As I stated in an earlier part of this speech, campaigns are expensive. I hope the day will never come when the candidate with the most money are the only ones who can afford to run and be elected to office. If that ever happens, there will be fewer obviously, Nisei running and fewer still being elected to public office. In short, however, the message on finances is that we must insure Nisei candidates are adequately financed through the collective effort.

Commuter Politics

We must start now getting Nisei into political party positions at all levels. Only by actually being involved will we be able to develop political savvy to compete. We need to have Nisei active on all types of committees and to learn the ropes of the nuts and bolts of politics. Specifically, to name a few, finance, platform, candidate selection, publicity and convention committees.

We should not be "used" either as a show piece or flunkies or expediency. We must demand and command respect on a parity with all others and we must have commensurate responsibility and influence. To ask and receive anything less will be not only insulting, but humiliating to those Nisei that are capable, dedicated, willing and involved.

You may have heard of the politician who went into politics with a bright future only to come out with a dirty past. These are the hazards to which the political gauntlet subjects its competitors. Some Nisei may fall as a casualty to sipers, racists, and unscrupulous individuals. We must prepare them to take the offensive and to defend themselves against any and all attacks.

Political orators are not known for their gentle remarks when attacking an opponent and one such orator was known to have remarked as follows about his opponent:

"He is a man of splendid abilities, but utterly corrupt. Like a rotten mackerel by moonlight, she shines and stinks."

By MANCHESTER FU

San Francisco

"Jack Soo is too old to play 'Sakini,' said Lawrence Kasha, the 35-year-old director of 'Lovely Ladies, Kind Gentleman' at a Mark Hopkins press luncheon Monday.

What about Makko who scored in "Sand Pebbles" and was nominated for an Academy Award?

"Can he sing?" Kasha asked.

How about James Shiget? "Have you seen him? He's awful!"

The youthful, though bald-

We may be, however, our own worst enemy. I had a conversation with a very good friend of mine and he was complaining about how his people viciously attack their own people who start or are already successful in any endeavor. He discouragingly related how they snipe, tear the person down, tear his family down, ridicule his foibles, diminish his accomplishments, make it dam tough for the person to get ahead.

They talk little things and distort facts and explode it into a big thing. They can't bear to see someone or his family do better than they.

He rather dejectedly confessed that even close friends turn against their own people trying to get ahead and attribute selfish, egotistical motives to ambitious people. He philosophically remarked that maybe these people are just jealous and perhaps it is in their nature and maybe their cultural background had some to do with it.

He, finally, in somewhat apologetic manner said he wished his people were like the Japanese. They work so close together and always help each other out. They don't do things like my people.

You see, he was of Greek ancestry, and the startling revelation struck me boldly across the frontal side of my anatomy.

I must confess, myself, that I made one short comment, and that was, "your people are so different!"

This, ladies and gentlemen, is the most important and crucial part of my speech.

We must learn to work together to help each other. We have many capable people. Rather than diminish or destroy whatever chance they have of succeeding in whatever endeavor they decide to pursue, we should do everything we can to assist them.

Let us not put up artificial or unreasonable roadblocks. Let us not be the town gossip nor the jealous mistress who disdains the thought of another woman looking at her man.

Let us not hold grudges, vendettas, resentment, spite, malice or enmity toward our fellow Nisei. Instead, let us make every effort to be humane, open-minded, forgiving, encouraging, helpful and most of all, understanding.

I am hopeful we can use the mechanism of JACL to effect some of my hopes, aspirations and promises for the Nisei. We have the machinery, manpower, resources and ability. We need only find, nourish and make flourish the seed of desire. Yes, the challenge is there. Are we, as a people, and an organization, capable of meeting that challenge?

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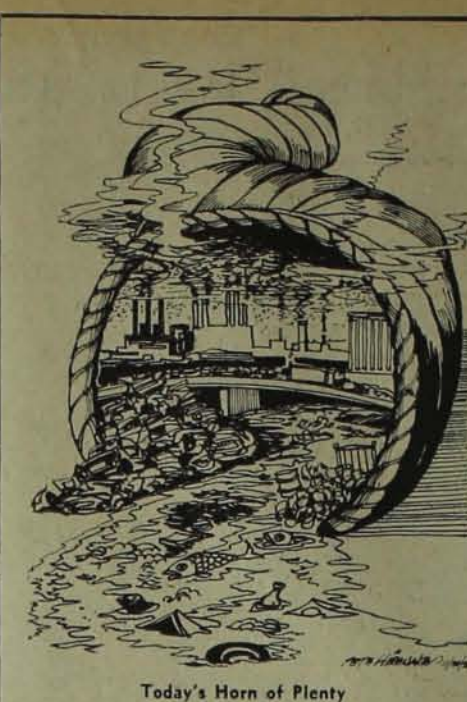
GUEST COLUMN

ing, Kasha explained that he looked for Oriental actors to play the Okinawan interpreter in John Patrick's musical based on "Teahouse of the August Moon."

Kasha was reminded that none of the Asian actors in Los Angeles were auditioned. He said that casting notices were sent out and the search for the actor to play Sakini was exhaustive.

The director even tested Robert Morse and Joel Grey but settled on Kenneth Nelson who played in "Boys in the Band" on stage and screen. Nelson was the original lead in "Fantasticks."

Kasha let Edwin Lester, the Civic Light Opera director, who's presenting the show in San Francisco, off the hook for casting Nelson. "Lester put up the money for the show and let us put the show together. He has little to say in the



LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

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

R. C. Hoiles, 91

Editor: The Orange County JACL and the community mourn the passing of Raymond Cyrus Hoiles, publisher of the Santa Ana Register and president of the Freedom Newspapers, indeed a giant of a man for editorially opposing the Evacuation, calling for lifting of the ban against evacuees in 1944 and urging the repeal of the alien land laws and other racially prejudiced laws.

A man who came from Ohio to Santa Ana in 1935, he came in contact with the local Japanese American community in the late 1930s. We recall his attendance at our annual JACL installation dinners before World War II and through the 1950s. We recall his being visited by a delegation of farmers during World War II who tried to intimidate him so that he might change his views on the lifting of the evacuation orders.

We recall his criticism editorially those speakers who made "Fourth of July speeches" and yet held to such shortcomings as the Evacuation of the Japanese, the alien land laws and other racist laws. We recall his unsolicited and voluntary contribution of \$100 toward the JACL campaign to remove the alien land laws.

The chapter also recalls acknowledging publicly his wartime stand in support of the Japanese Americans by presenting him with a framed copy of the Japanese American Creed at a district convention. He was perhaps the best known of the publishers in Southern California who saw individual freedom assaulted by the government order to evacuate all Japanese from their homes and was not afraid to publicly state his conviction in the 1940s when it was most unpopular to say so.

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Leo W. Butler, 66

Editor: The Fort Lupton area Japanese American community was deeply shocked and grieved by the sudden death of Leo William Butler on Oct. 31. He was indeed a very special person to persons of Japanese ancestry here, especially during the World War II years when he came into contact with many evacuee students.

On January 14, 1967, at the 25th anniversary of the Fort Lupton Chapter, Butler was accorded special honors at which time he received a certificate of appreciation which read:

"In grateful recognition of special meritorious services to the chapter and contributions to the welfare of Japanese Americans. For contributing to their formal education as teacher, as principal of Fort Lupton High School and since 1965 as superintendent of Fort Lupton Schools, and in appreciation of his friendship over the many years." (This event was attended by Director Masao Satow.)

SAM KOSHIO  
Ft. Lupton JACL



Bill Marutani

East Wind

GOOD MANNERS OR GOOD TASTE?—As I was about to address a plateful of spaghetti in an Italian restaurant, and upon seeing just how long the strands of noodles were, I pondered over the current vogue of good manners in getting those elusive things to the mouth: does one employ a spoon as a base and twirl the tangle on a fork, or simply dip down for a reasonable bundle, shovel it in and bite off the strands? I've seen it done both, as well as other ways.

Someone once said that the true test of a gentleman's "good breeding" is his table manners. On this basis, in addition to all the other reasons you might have, you can label "East Wind" a bum. Perhaps not unlike many other Nisei, we had little time to dabble over the niceties of which dish to approach with which instrument (particularly when there was only one dish, "okazu"), and one instrument, "hashi" when there was more work awaiting or we were just downright hungry.

Not that our parents didn't try to instill in us some good manners in the ceremony of eating. I, for one, will not forget how my mother insisted upon my holding the rice bowl a certain way, the chopsticks far from the tips, and no shoveling rice into the mouth—no matter how hungry. And that rice bowl must not, but never, have so much as one grain left for she impressed upon us the many difficult processes involved in that grain of rice reaching that bowl.

WHICH DO YOU PREFER?—But training in chopsticks isn't much help to a youthful lad out on his first affair when he's faced with three spoons to the right and four forks to the left, not to mention the varied knives. And training in eating "udon" isn't much use in an Italian restaurant unless one is prepared simply to pucker one's lips and, in effect, vacuum the strands down—at which point my good mother would admonish her son that it was poor manners to make noise when one was eating. Even if it were spaghetti.

The Tokyo standards of culture were frequently put up to me by my mother who was from Hiroshima. Thus Tokyo "nihongo" was touted to me as "jo-hin" and Tokyo manners were the ideals for this peasant's son to observe and mimic. Apparently we have some distant relatives in Tokyo and my mother frequently spoke of "Bunyo-san" as being the well-mannered, cultured ideal for me to follow. So much so that although I've never met this ideal, I've always disliked him.

MAN, THAT'S GOOD EATIN'—Well, last year I got to see some of that much-taunted Tokyo manners. I visited numerous "shokudo's" for noodles, sushi and all that other soul food that any boy with Hiroshima blood would go for. And I can authentically, first-hand attest to the fact that Tokyo people (or at least a goodly number of them, anyway) violated just about every rule that my mater had drilled into me.

I once went to a noodle house and as I was about to relish a tasty bowl of "nabe-yaki" a sweet, young thing sat down at my table and ordered herself "hiya-soba" which arrived very artfully atop a bamboo raft with a dish of sauce on the side. Well, when this sweet-young thing dug into that mound of soba with gusto, slurping the noodles with a resounding reverberation, I became so embarrassed that I sneaked a look around the house. But I had no cause for discomfort, for everyone else was busily preoccupied, slurping. The later "explanation," I learned, was that noodles taste better that way. For them, maybe. But not for me.

AFTER ALL'S SAID 'N DONE—The first fancy, or at least different, "nihon-meshi" affair that I attended, the various courses came out one by one. With such fancy, delectable fare I kept digging in, all the while wondering where the "gohan" was—but too embarrassed to ask. After all, it was supposed to be a high class dinner. Far along the dinner, and just about after all the "okazu" had been consumed, out comes the rice. Belatedly. At least for me. My back-on-the-farm pattern was invariably to have the "gohan" with the "okazu", or else it was a disjointed, unsatisfactory meal. And that's the way it is today, and that's the way it's going to remain, culture or no culture.

I'm not at all sure that winding my spaghetti on a fork or simply forking it up, or eating my "okazu" before the rice, is going to lift me up from my depths of abject, cultural deprivation. There may be more relevant things to worry about.

25 Years Ago

In the Pacific Citizen, Nov. 24, 1945

Wounded 442nd veteran, reconsider aid for evacuees, (George Yoshioka of San Jose) robbed, murdered in Stockton. Eight Nisei named as U.S. Army interpreters for Yamashita war crimes trial in Manila. Seventy pct. of 10,000 repatriates in Canada fight deportation. JACL calls Navy action to open enlistment a tribute to U.S. Nisei. JACL asks Army to release Stockton Buddhist properties for use as hostel.

Calif. state supreme court may hear Oyama alien land law test case, Attorney General Kenny supports ACLU. JACL action urging high court to retain jurisdiction over appeal case. Dillon Meyer affirms pro-Japan group pressure on Tule Lake renunciants, denise WRA dures. Justice Dept. bans Pacific Citizen at Crystal City (Tex.) internment center for Japanese. Nisei WAC contingent of 13 from Hawaii create sensation in Tokyo. PC publishes first report of Nisei stranded during war in Japan.

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