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By RAYMOND UNO
National JACL President

Salt Lake City
As we take our first steps into the new year, we look back at 1970 with some degree of satisfaction at what we did and what tried to do. However, we look forward into 1971 with hope!

HOPE that 1971 will be a better year than 1970.

HOPE that the JACL can live the balance of his life in

Hope

health, in comfort, in happiness, in security.

HOPE that the Nisei can fulfill his niche during his lifetime with confidence, integrity, originality, satisfaction and commitment.

HOPE that the Sansei and Yonsei have the opportunity to educate themselves, work, raise a family and become an integral part of society with no impediments or obstacles because of race, color or religion.

HOPE that all JACL members receive the benefits of a country that has suffered greatly for freedom, nourished liberty, pleaded for justice, struggled for equality, and has reached for greatness.

HOPE that the vast resources of our country and every country can be converted to preserving life, building nations and fostering harmony among the peoples of this world.

HOPE that we will have lasting peace in this world.

It is my fondest hope that JACL will have something to do with all these hopes, be it ever so small a part.

NEW WHO'S WHO ON WOMEN LISTS PATSY

NEW YORK — Seventy-five women were chosen by Donald Robinson, author of "The 100 Most Important People in the World Today," on the basis of those who made the greatest impact these past five years and who would continue to affect us in the next five. The selections appear in the January issue of Ladies Home Journal.

Rep. Patsy Mink of Hawaii, only Nisei on the list, appears with three wives of Presidents, a black revolutionary (Kathleen Cleaver), peace-seeking folk singer (Joan Baez) and a wide variety of professionals, educators, writers and executives.

WHITE HOUSE STAFFER TO ADDRESS D.C. JACL'S 25TH INAUGURAL

(Special to the Pacific Citizen)
WASHINGTON — William "Mo" Marumoto, White House staff consultant on personnel, will be the guest speaker at the 25th annual installation banquet and dance of the Washington, D.C. Chapter of the JACL, to be held Saturday evening, Jan. 30, at the Shrine of Almas Temple in downtown Washington, according to Claire Minami and Fumi Iki, co-chairmen of the annual event.

"We are pleased and honored that the first Nisei to be appointed to the White House staff will be addressing our installation dinner," Mrs. Minami said, noting that with most Japanese Americans in the national capital area being employed by the federal civil service, Mr. Marumoto's special responsibilities for the President and the Administration should have special interest.

At the same time, Mrs. Iki announced that the no-host reception for Mr. and Mrs. Marumoto will begin at 6:30 in the evening, to be followed by the dinner and then the dance at the famed Shrine of Almas Temple.

25th Inaugural
She also reminded JACL members that Mr. Marumoto himself is a member of the organization and that the local chapter, having been chartered in June 1946, would be celebrating its silver anniversary.

Susie Ichijima is in charge of the program for the evening. Terry Kobayashi the decorations, and Sally Furukawa and Rose Kuwabara the reservations. Toru Hirose is the current chairman of the chapter board.

According to the White House, Mr. Marumoto, recognized nationally as an innovative and results-oriented university public affairs and development expert, has also demonstrated his unique abilities in the political arena.

He first got involved in politics by running a classmate's successful campaign for the presidency of his junior high school. Subsequently, he became the first person of Japanese ancestry to be elected president of both his high school and college student bodies.

He is currently on his third leave of absence working for President Nixon. He had previously worked on the President's campaign staff on two previous elections and has been in Washington since

10 TEAMS FROM JAPAN EXPECTED AT JACL PINFEST

25th Anniversary
Tournament Entry
Deadline Jan. 24

(Special to the Pacific Citizen)
SALT LAKE CITY — The 25th annual National JACL Bowling Tournament will be held from March 1 through 6, 1971, at the Ritz Classic Lanes, 2265 S. State.

Although the "Silver Anniversary" Tournament has been held in the Western part of the country, all chapters are invited to participate in the Tournament. Entries from ten teams are anticipated from Japan and approximately six teams from Hawaii.

Entry forms have been distributed, and the entry deadline is Jan. 24, 1971. In addition, entry forms are required, please notify Gene Sato, Tournament Director, 5675 Lomaland Circle, Salt Lake City (84121) or John Tomita, Publicity Coordinator, 2533 So. 5th East, SLC (84106).

This "Silver Anniversary" bowling tournament is under the direction of Gene Sato, and several people who initiated the Tournament twenty-five years ago are still assisting to assure a great Tournament.

On the Tournament Committee are: Sokeiichi Shiba, Flo Fujimori, Shigeo and Hiroe Taka, Misaka, Choko Morita; Tournament Events—Ken Takano, Edna Shitani, Hospitality and Social Events—Herb Fujimori, Mary Aramaki, Mike—Frank Nakashima, Hospitality and Social Events—Herb Fujimori, Mary Aramaki, Mike—Frank Nakashima, Hospitality and Social Events—Herb Fujimori, Mary Aramaki, Mike—Frank Nakashima.

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Hosts for the national meeting are the Schools of Social Work of the Univ. of Washington and Portland State University.

Ethnic Studies
In the past few years, CSWE has given priority to the concerns of ethnic minority groups. Special efforts are underway to increase the number of minority group students in social work education, to recruit and develop minority group faculty, and to add content about minority groups to the undergraduate and graduate social work curriculum.

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Further information may be obtained from the Council of Social Work Education, 327 Lewis Hall, Univ. of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195, 206/543-5286.

Dr. Arnold Pines, Executive Director, Council of Social Work Education, 343 E. 40th St., New York, N.Y. 10017, (212) 897-0467.

Finch Appointee

He was first appointed to a Washington post by Robert H. Finch, now Counselor to the President and at that time Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, as Director of Public Affairs of the Teacher Corps. His contributions there were quickly recognized by Mr. Finch and he was appointed Assistant to the Secretary of HEW, where he served under both Mr. Finch and now Secretary Elliott Richardson. In this position he was involved in recruiting individuals for high-level positions, public affairs, and minority issues at HEW.

Soon thereafter, in October 1970, Mr. Marumoto was appointed Consultant to the White House and became the first person of Oriental background to serve in an executive-level staff capacity at the White House. His responsibilities for the Executive Office of the President include recruiting individuals on a nationwide basis to presidential and other high-level positions for all the Executive Departments and independent agencies.

During his stay in Washington, Mr. Marumoto has also been responsible for obtaining the largest number of appointments of citizens of Japanese ancestry to the White House and Department advisory boards than under any previous Administration.

Management Consultant

Prior to his appointment to Washington, Mr. Marumoto was a management consultant for Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Company in Los Angeles. Previously, he had been active for a decade in university public affairs and development work serving on the administrative staff at Whittier College, the University of California Los Angeles, and the Walt Disney-founded California Institute of Arts. In this area, he has received more than 20 national awards from professional associations for the fund-raising, public relations, and alumni programs he developed, including two of the highest awards obtainable in this field of specialized activity.

A long time member of the JACL, he was also active in various other civic activities while in Southern California, including: Kiwanis International, Japanese American Republics of Southern California, Junior Achievement.

Asian American problems on tap for school panel

By Bruce Watanabe

SEATTLE — Problems of Asian-Americans will be the focus of one session of the national Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education Jan. 26-28 at the Olympic Hotel in Seattle.

The session on Asian-Americans, which will be held on Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 27, will be concerned with the problems of both students and faculty as well as with the possibilities for restructuring the curriculum to deal with the concerns identified.

Chairman, and a panel participant, will be Ford Kuramoto, a student at the School of Social Work, Univ. of Southern California.

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DR. NOBE AWARD FOR '70 GOES TO UCLA STUDENT

Recipient Commended for Summer Work in Little Tokyo Project

By BERRY SUZUKIDA

CHICAGO — Bruce Masuo Watanabe, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Gungl Watanabe of 3105 Moon Ave., Stockton, Calif., was named recipient of the 1970 JACL graduate scholarship award in memory of Dr. Mutsumi Nobu.

The recipient of the \$500 scholarship majored in biological sciences at UC Berkeley, where he was on the dean's list and graduated with honors in March, 1969. He is now in his second year of UCLA School of Medicine.

In the summer following his first year at medical school, Bruce participated in a special project of the Los Angeles County Health Dept.

Dr. Louis J. Zeldis, assistant dean of the UCLA School of Medicine, received from County Health Officer, Dr. G. A. Heidebreder, a commendation concerning Bruce's work.

"On behalf of the Department and particular the staff of the Central Health Center, I would like to extend my heartiest thanks for the work which one of our medical students, Mr. Bruce Watanabe, did during the past summer. It was indeed commendable of him to give his time so generously in helping to work with the Japanese community in the central health district."

Through his effort, also the people desiring the services of the Health Center were translated into Japanese. Again, please me to thank you for your continuing efforts to help Watanabe's contribution to the health program in the Oriental community of the central health district."

Of New Breed
Bruce belongs to the new breed of medical students. He admits that doctors have the same frailties and vulnerabilities as the rest of us. He feels strongly that the medical profession needs to treat not only the health problems of the community but must concern itself with social ills as well.

Bruce wants to become a patient-oriented doctor with the welfare of the sick uppermost. In his undergraduate days, he considered entering medical research but he has since concluded that the clinical side of medicine — the actual care of patients — has the highest priority.

The annual \$500 Dr. Nobu Memorial Scholarship program was established in 1955 by Mrs. Catherine Nobu of Alhambra, Calif. She is a person of very modest means who has worked hard all her life. Like her late husband, Catherine values the benefits of higher education and has dedicated herself to helping young people reach their fullest potentials.

The Chicago committee which Catherine chose to select the scholarship winner are Dr. Nobu's old friends and associates. They meet once a year to pick the scholar most capable of carrying on the "gung-ho, Gao" Samurais' ideals of the late Dr. Nobu.

To Bruce Masuo Watanabe, "Congratulations and carry on!"

IMPORTANT MEDICAL BREAKTHROUGH
Drs. Li, Yamashiro synthesize hormone affecting human growth; aids research

SAN FRANCISCO — After 32 years of research, the human pituitary growth hormone (HGH), previously isolated and identified by Dr. C. H. Li, director of the Hormone Research Laboratory at the Univ. of California, San Francisco, and his associates, has now been synthesized for the first time by Dr. Li and Dr. Donald H. Yamashiro.

The announcement of this accomplishment was made Jan. 14 by Dr. Philip R. Lee, chancellor, UCSF.

News of this scientific "first" appears in the current issue of the Journal of the American Chemical Society.

Disclosing the secrets of human life in the pituitary gland has been a career-long task of Dr. C. H. Li, a professor of biochemistry and of experimental endocrinology at UCSF.

"Master Gland"
The pituitary gland, about the size of a pea, is located at the base of the brain. It is known as the "master gland" because it holds the chemical key to almost every important function of the body. It controls and directs the hormones affecting body growth, reproduction, thirst or fatness, milk production, metabolism, and skin coloring. The pituitary gland is also believed to be implicated in cancer, in rheumatoid arthritis, and in allergic conditions and metabolic diseases.

Dr. Li and his associates had previously isolated and purified eight of the ten known hormones secreted by the anterior pituitary gland, and determined the structure of seven of them. Of these, Dr. Li and his associates had previously isolated and purified human growth hormone (HGH) in 1956, and determined its structure in 1966. It took four more years of research until now (1970) for synthesis of HGH to be achieved.

Only two of the anterior pituitary hormones — ACTH and MSH — have, up to now, been synthesized. In 1969, Dr. Li and his team accomplished the partial chemical synthesis

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Anti-Nisei discrimination feared again in city civil service system

LOS ANGELES—Fear that a civil service promotional list for senior city planner showing the top three candidates as Japanese American might expire in February before further promotions are made was expressed by JACL in a letter this past week to Calvin Hamilton, city planning director.

JACL recently learned that James M. Yoshinaga, in the department as planning associate, had been by-passed five

times in favor of candidates who had scored below him. He had been placed first on the promotional list after the most recent examination. He has been unsuccessful in promotion efforts since 1967.

The other two Nisei in the select category are Roy Kanetomi and Shig Arima.

Same Grievance

Jeffrey Matsui, associate national JACL director, said this was the first time a local Nisei city employee has been with racial bias. The JACL has heard from other employees in civil service and the private sector. "They all seem to share the same grievance," Matsui noted. "They are blocked from gaining administrative positions because their bosses feel that Asians make great technicians but lousy administrators."

To his letter to Hamilton, Matsui expressed the hope that "the Los Angeles City Planning Department will be remembered by the Nisei community, not for perpetuating that handicapping stereotype but for administering a strict and unbiased civil service merit system."

Yoshinaga figured early in the Little Tokyo redevelopment project nearly a decade ago, serving as a city liaison with the Little Tokyo group.

FEPC Hearing

In San Francisco last month, grievances of the Chinese community of job discrimination were aired before the state FEPC, pointing to disparity between population and civil employment, bias in the construction trades and individual cases such as the Francis Ching fight for the

Los Angeles county arboretum directorship, promotional fight of Mrs. Ming Moy with the U.S. Air Force at McClellan Air Base and a charge Mayor Alioto has no Orientals on his staff (though the mayor has refuted the charge).

Five Orientals (four Chinese and one Japanese — George Kusaba) in San Francisco seeking a promotion as public health inspectors lost their case in September before the FEPC, after charging the local civil service commission with racial bias. The FEPC rejected the case for lack of evidence. Seven senior positions were open; 32 inspectors took the written test, 14 passed (nine whites and five Asians). In the oral, all five Asians scored so low they were disqualified. Wilbur Lee, of Chinese ancestry, tied for first in the written but scored last in the oral.

San Francisco Examiner columnist Guy Wright later met Lee, found he was articulate, speaking English without an accent, alert and well-organized. Kusaba, a major in the Army reserves, had his army record dismissed by one oral examiner thusly: "I see you got in at the tail end of the war." Added Wright: "Kusaba couldn't get in earlier. As a Nisei he had been interned."

Toutsumi Case

The Mito Tsutsumi case in Phoenix (Oct. 9 PC) was settled by the county employment merit system commission in favor of the Nisei accountant who had been summarily discharged. She received back pay and has since resigned from her job with the county auditor's office.

Innocence Insisted

Tatehara had steadfastly maintained that the postal inspectors had no direct evidence against him as they had on the others.

The Nisei carrier said he had been arrested only because his desk was next to a group of the others picked up by the inspectors. All but one of the carriers were either temporary or relatively new carriers.

At a postal hearing here, all 13 were suspended and all of them appealed their suspension to Washington through the carriers' union local here.

Tatehara was notified that he had been completely absolved and reinstated as of Dec. 4. All the others, however, were dismissed by the post office department.

Tatehara had been a mail carrier for 21 years and dismissal at this time would have meant forfeiture of retirement credit.

How to Apply

The major medical benefits, also, cover pre-existing conditions after participants have been free of medical treatment for 90 days or after 12 months, whichever comes first.

Applications and enrollment instructions are available from chapter commissioners or by writing to JACL-Blue Shield, 1634 Post St., San Francisco 94115.

Among the major benefits cited were:

1—Hospital room rates: 100 pct. of 3-bed ward (L.A. County average is \$68 per day) for first 100 days; in excess of 100 days, 80% is covered by major medical after the deductible is satisfied.

2—Coverage of newborn child from birth.

3—Extended care facility is available for continued treatment when disability would not medically require continued hospitalization.

4—Normal maternity benefits of \$100 toward hospital cost after being a member for 10 months.

(It was learned that JACL district councils in other areas are seriously considering a similar health plan.)

JAPANESE CHILDREN ABANDONED BY U.S. FATHERS MAY BE STATELESS

TOKYO—At least 62 American Japanese mixed blood children here — and probably many more — are facing the possibility of becoming stateless.

These children, the offspring of broken marriages in which the father is American and the mother is Japanese, are technically U.S. citizens but under the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952, they must live five years continuously in America between the ages of 14 and 28, or lose their citizenship.

They can then apply for Japanese citizenship, of course. Officials here say there are no known legal barriers to their acceptance, but the traditional social barriers are the prime reason why many of their mothers would rather have their children remain U.S. citizens.

The most immediate problem, according to a survey done by the Independent International Social Service of

the U.S. is informing Japanese divorcees of their critical decision facing their mixed blood children.

Many of the wives do not speak English well, and they become isolated from the American community after divorce," said Yone Ito, ISS director. "They simply are not aware of the citizenship law."

"We also are beginning to investigate individual cases," Miss Ito said, "and already, we know it will take about \$6,000 just to do research for the 62 children we know about."

"Then we must raise additional funds for those who wish to go to America because, in most cases, the mother or her family simply cannot afford it."

To go to America, most foreign students must have a U.S. sponsor, someone willing to guarantee their expenses. The reason it is believed Continued on Next Page

Liquor permit of San Jose Elks large of HRC

SAN JOSE — The San Jose Human Relations Commission lost its bid to have the liquor license of Elks Lodge 534 revoked. It had recommended the City Council urge the state Alcoholic Beverages Control board to revoke the club's license on grounds its white-only membership requirement was contrary to municipal code section against racial discrimination.

The city council supported the Human Relations Commission request and its resolution introduced by Councilman Walter Hays asked the state agency to look into all clubs with discrimination clauses for the purpose of revoking licenses.

The motion died for lack of a second. Then Councilman Kurt Gross moved the state board be asked to review its policies on morals and public welfare in the issuance of licenses for any applicant. The motion lost 3-1, with Gross, Hays and Vice Mayor Norman Mineta voting in favor and Mrs. Virginia Shaffer dissenting. Four votes are needed for approval in the seven-member council.

The mayor was absent. One abstained because he was an Elk member and another abstained because of membership in an Indo-American club might prejudice his voting.

The Elks later said there was no discrimination on racial grounds in serving alcoholic beverages as charged or in serving lunches. "People of all races are served," said Frank Oliver, the lodge's exalted ruler.

The Elks lodges in the state of Maine have had their liquor licenses revoked because of the club's membership rule and a new 1971 law forbidding issuance of any state license to an organization which practices discrimination but exempting groups oriented to a specific religion or ethnic group.

COAST GUARD PICKS
NISEI COMMODORE
HONOLULU — Stanley K. Kato is the first Nisei to be installed commodore in the history of the U.S. Coast Guard. He will head the District 14 Auxiliary here for a two-year term. His chief assistant is another Nisei, vice commodore Paul T. Ebers.

The auxiliary assists the Coast Guard in patrols and their functions in the area of boating safety.

GARDENA 'teeners robbery victims
GARDENA — Two strong-arm robbery attempts occurred around Recreation Park, 182nd St. and Brighton Ave., involving Peary Junior students after school just before Christmas vacation.

Brad Bowling, 14, and Steve Takeyama, 13, told Gardena police that they were riding home from school on Bowling's bike at about 3:05 p.m. when they were approached by a juvenile about age 16.

The suspect first asked Takeyama for money and when he told him he didn't have any he concentrated on Bowling.

The suspect punched Bowling forcefully on the chest numerous times.

About this time a female physical education teacher, who was standing 10 feet away, came over to the suspect and admonished him for smoking within two blocks of school property.

The suspects then drove off and went directly to the Gardena police station to report the incident.

In a separate incident three juveniles approached Kevin Isomaki, 14; Paul Stuart Hirose, 14; and Bruce Edward Ciesinski, 14, in the 1400 block of W. 156th St., at 3:15 p.m.

The suspects demanded money in a threatening manner. One of the victims gave them a nickel, the other two a dime each.

Witness Joe Kinoshita Yabu, 36, a teacher from Peary, advised the suspects just as they were running east on 156 St.

The suspects were described as about 5'5" tall, age 15. Two were 5'5" and 5'6" and the other about 5'4" tall.

Washington Newsletter
by Mike Masaoka

91st Congress Summary

On Jan. 2, 1971, less than 24 hours before it would be officially and automatically terminated at noon, Jan. 3, under the provisions of the Federal Constitution, the Second Session of the 91st Congress finally adjourned sine die. It was the longest session since the end of the Korean War, and the only lame duck session in recent years. It was also the only Congress in this century in which a newly elected Chief Executive did not gain control of the Legislative Branch while winning the White House.

So, especially with an eye to the presidential sweepstakes in 1972, political assessments were made of its accomplishments.

President Richard Nixon, a Republican, criticized the Democratic-controlled 91st Congress for its refusal to act on his major legislative proposals. He listed 21 specific legislative programs which got lost in the congressional mills and declared that "The 91st Congress had the opportunity to write one of the most productive chapters in the history of the American Government. That opportunity was lost. The nation was the loser."

On the other hand, House Majority (Democratic) Leader Carl Albert of Oklahoma, who is slated to become the Speaker when the next Congress convenes on Jan. 21, called the President's criticisms "amazing" and "shocking," particularly since the White House had failed to provide leadership, and often even guidance, as to its legislative program. He noted that this Administration had sent up its specific legislative proposals later than any recent previous Administration and that the President had also vetoed more major bills than any Chief Executive that he could recall.

As usual, the truth lies somewhere in between. For this past Congress and this past session were not as constructive as they might have been, but they were far from a "do nothing" Congress such as the 80th which then President Harry Truman castigated so successfully to win over the electorate in the famous 1948 campaign.

JACL would give credit to the Second Session (1970) of the 91st Congress for enacting some historic and meaningful legislation.

1—Extension of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, to provide, among other actions, more expeditious procedures for registering qualified voters, voting privileges to 18-year-old and older citizens, and elimination of literacy tests and unreasonable residence qualifications to be eligible for a ballot.

2—Congressional Reforms.
3—Pollution Controls.
4—Ban on cigarette advertising on radio and television.

5—Occupancy Safety.
6—Family Planning.
7—Tax Law Overhaul.
8—Lottery System, in lieu of the draft (selective service).

9—Transportation System Improvements
10—Regulation of Mutual Fund Operations.
11—Investors' Insurance Protection.
12—Establishment of U.S. Postal Service.
13—Drug Controls.
14—Farm Crop Subsidy Limitations.
15—Educational Benefits for Vietnam and cold-war veterans.

At the same time, JACL would criticize the last session for passing some repressive bills, most notably of which were some so-called crime control legislation that authorize "no-knock" investigations and preventive detention of certain alleged criminals.

JACL, however, notes that the Second Session of the 91st Congress failed to pass a number of noteworthy measures, some precedent-shattering.

1—Welfare Reform, including a "guaranteed annual income" concept.
2—Direct Election of President and Vice President.
3—Revenue Sharing, with states and cities.
4—Equality of Sexes, "equal rights for women".
5—Cost-of-Living Adjustments in Social Security Benefits.

6—Emergency Help to Expedite Desegregation of Schools.
7—Power to Ban Nationwide Transportation Strikes.
8—Consumer Safety and Protection.
9—Limitation of Funds for TV Campaigning.
10—Adequate Funding for Civil Rights Activities.
And, of course, failure to repeal Title II of the Internal Security Act of 1950.

No doubt there were many faults in the Congress just adjourned, such as its failure to approve some 90 billions for fiscal 1971 government operations, even with only "continuing" resolutions authorizing expenditures equal to that approved by Congress for fiscal 1970, by late December. Fiscal 1970 ended June 30, 1970, and fiscal 1971 began on July 1, 1970.

One can find fault too with a parliamentary situation in which, at one time, Majority Leader Mike Mansfield of Montana observed that there were seven filibusters being conducted or threatened at one particular time in order to prevent Senate action on certain legislation in the closing days of the session.

Nevertheless, the Second Session of the 91st Congress may well go down in constitutional history as the one in which the Senate especially reasserted its historic right to "advise and consent" to foreign policy and international commitments. The "great" debate over presidential authority to commit American troops to Vietnam, to Cambodia, etc., without specific approval or consultation with the Congress took place and its implications will cause the present and future Commanders-in-Chief of the United States military establishment pause.

This foreign policy debate was part of the larger effort of both Houses to try to recover the balance of power that the Legislative Branch had apparently lost to the Executive in recent decades. Statutory limitations of the Executive Branch were written into some laws, while in others the use of appropriations by executive agencies were circumscribed by law.

In the long range appraisal of this past Congress, this reassertion of its authority vis-a-vis the President may be the single most important accomplishment of the 91st Congress.

Japan-bound

WASHINGTON—Mike Masaoka and Sam Ishikawa of New York are to spend the next three weeks in Japan, arriving in Tokyo Jan. 16, staying relations, etc.

at the Imperial Hotel until Feb. 1 except for a few days the week of Jan. 18 in Osaka. They plan to confer with both U.S. and Japanese officials on matters of trade, U.S.-Japan

NEWS CAPSULES

Government

Serve J. Doi, active San Francisco Nisei Republican, will attend the White House Conference on Aging, Dec. 14-15, 1971, at Washington, D.C. He was appointed to a two-year term by Secretary Richardson of Health, Education and Welfare to the technical committee on government and non-government organizations, comprised of 12 members from all regions of the U.S. He is the only westerner on the committee.

Gardena City Councilman Ken Nakagawa was named to the Los Angeles County Division of the League of California Cities committee on social issues. The five-year councilman and onetime Gardena mayor will work on problems dealing with the aging, youth, manpower and employment and related social issues.

Eric Inouye (cousin of Sen. Daniel Inouye) is the new staff worker at Seattle's model Cities social action and planning subcontracting agency in the International District, at 310-8th Ave. South. He recently met with businessmen to explain the Small Business Administration program for local development.

Mike Masaoka of Washington was invited to the recent White House Conference on Children, participating as a consultant to Forum No. 18, "Children Without Prejudice." There were 24 multi-disciplinary forums.

Entertainment

The Oriental Actors of America, a New York-based group, picked the opening night of "Lovely Ladies, Kind Gentlemen" on Broadway Dec. 28 in front of the majestic Theater. The musical version of John Patrick's play, "Teahouse of the August Moon," had been picked by other Asian groups during the pre-Broadway runs in Philadelphia, Los Angeles and San Francisco. OAA said of the 45 parts in the musical, 37 are Asian roles but only 12 of them have been cast with Asian Americans, and they include Sachi Shimizu, Tisa Chang, Dana Shimizu, Saburo Shimono, Alvin Lum, Lori Chinn and Eleanor Calbes (leading femme star as Lotus Blossom). The protests have been centered on discriminatory hiring practices and the racist nature of the play in portraying a stereotyped, distorted portrait of Asians in general.

Three "natori" students of Mme. Fujima Kansuma were presented in special numbers at the Fujima Kansuma 30th anniversary show at the L.A. Music Center Pavilion Dec. 22 before a capacity house. They were Fujima Kansumu, Miyako Kurata (daughter of Mme. Kansuma), Fujima Kansuga, June H. Hatanaka (who teacher Japanese at Dorsey High) and Fujima Kansui, Aiko Hatanaka. They joined four others with the same natori rank in "Nankō," in which Mme. Kansuma danced in the title role. It was Mme. Kansuma's first stage appearance in 15 years.

Business

Price of "maguro" (tuna) over the New Year holidays rocketed to \$5 per pound in Little Tokyo. "Never in my 27 years in the fish business have I seen such crazy prices," declared Frank Tsuchiya, president of Pacific California Fish Co., which handled tons of tuna for the holiday trade. He attributed high prices to bad weather which depressed the Mexican catch to its lowest levels and below-freezing temperatures have tied up boats along the Atlantic, leaving the Hawaiian fleet hauling tuna but not to full capacity because of recent high winds there.

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School Front

College of San Mateo has its first female chairman of an academic division, Dr. Kate Murashige, 35, in physical sciences. A Ph.D. in organic biochemistry, the former Kate Hilliken of St. Louis and Robert Murashige of Hilo, also a chemist with Memorex Corp. Santa Cruz, met as classmates at Washington University and married in 1958 while studying at UCLA. She has been teaching at CSM for the past three years, contemplates no major program changes though she believes the curriculum should be more in keeping with the times and the area.

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From the Frying Pan

Bill Hosokawa

Denver, Colo.

AS OTHERS SEE US—He was a bright young Japanese newspaperman, visiting the United States for the first time. His itinerary gave him three months in which to explore America, to be briefed at a university, to spend two weeks with newspapers like the Los Angeles Times and Newsday on Long Island, so that he could scratch beneath the surface of first impressions.

He came to the U.S. with an open mind, not either liking or disliking this nation that has had such a profound influence on his own. But inevitably he found himself being attracted by American openness and frankness, friendliness and hospitality. He asked to visit with a cross-section of American students, and he spent a fascinating afternoon with a panel that included a fist-waving militant activist, a middle-roader and an admitted conservative. No one tried to gag any of them. He asked to see Harlem and he got a thorough tour. No one tried to conceal or gloss over the squalor and misery. He asked to visit a Black church and he was taken to a fundamentalist Baptist gathering in Louisiana where the congregation responded in passionate unison to the preacher's exhortations.

And now in Denver, he admitted that although he had left Japan feeling his country was free of the prejudices that blemish America, he had come to realize his country was not all good and that this country was not all bad. In New Mexico he had visited a pueblo and found a Japanese war bride who continued to live there with her children even though her husband had died. Back home in Japan, she said, she had been disowned by her family and ostracized by her neighbors for having married an American Indian. And so she had no desire to return to the land of her birth; she preferred the acceptance she had found in the pueblo. He was shocked but not surprised by what she had told him, and he remembered with new understanding the shameful way his nation had treated Koreans and the untouchable Eta caste.

The days he spent in Denver were astonishingly mild for late December. He didn't even need a topcoat, and he had held the impression that the area would be buried deep in snow. Winters here are mild, I assured him, this is a great place to live. The day he left the winter's first real snow began to fall. Ten inches of it stacked up before the skies cleared. Then the cold set in. One night the temperature fell to 14 below, and the next to 16 below. By day the sun shone brightly but the temperature hardly climbed above the zero mark. It's a good thing the newspaperman left when he did. Otherwise he might not have believed any of the things I told him.

REARMAMENT — With increasing frequency, American newspapers and magazine are printing stories about Japan's Self Defense Forces and even television documentaries are delving into the subject. While the Japanese masses are staunchly against any military buildup, business and industrial leaders and even a few government officials are suggesting that Japan owes it to herself to strengthen her "defenses" to a point commensurate with her position as the world's third leading economic power.

I seem to detect a confused reaction in the United States. First is a vague feeling that it would be disastrous to "let" Japan regain any meaningful military strength. The memories of the attack on Pearl Harbor and the bitter Pacific war are still vivid.

On the other hand, the majority of Americans want to withdraw from Vietnam as quickly as possible, and apparently many of them want a reduction of U.S. commitments in all parts of the Far East. A spirit of Neo-Isolationism, as it were. And if we pull out, who fills the vacuum? In the view of many Americans (as well as Japanese leaders), it would be safer to have a friendly Japan move into that vacuum rather than the Communists. What transpires is likely to be one of the most significant news stories of the coming decade.

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'Untold Story' Supported

(The following letter, which appeared in the San Francisco Chronicle Times Dec. 23, was written by Sen. Daniel K. Inouye of Hawaii expressing his views on "Japanese American: The Untold Story.")

Bishop Kenryu T. Tsuji,
Buddhist Churches of America
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Bishop Tsuji:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your recent letter regarding "Japanese American: The Untold Story." I appreciate being advised of your objection to the release of this book.

Because of the nature of your objection, I made a special effort to acquire a copy of this book. Last night I had the opportunity to read the book.

I was surprised to note that this book included a section relating to my life. I gather that the material for this section was gathered from my book "Journey to Washington."

May I assure you that I played no part in the compilation of "Japanese American: The Untold Story" nor was I aware that the authors were honoring me with the inclusion of my life story.

Because of your very serious charges, I read the contents of this book with special care and concern. There is no question that this book is "racial."

To Generate Ethnic Pride

This book singles out a special ethnic group in the United States — the Japanese American. It places the AJA's in a favorable light and attempts to generate ethnic pride among the younger AJA members.

Although I have never considered myself a "Japanese" United States Senator, I find it difficult to criticize any book that attempts to generate special ethnic pride among young Americans.

I believe that this is a noble endeavor as long as the effort is not being carried out at the expense of another ethnic group.

I don't think anyone can criticize this book as anti-white, anti-black, anti-Mexican, anti-Chinese, anti-European, or anti any other ethnic group.

Your second charge that this book is "consistently anti-Buddhist and pro-Christian biased" is a very serious one.

This book does contain a section which could conceivably be labeled as anti-Buddhist and pro-Christian. Unfortunately, that section relates to my life story.

The opening segment referring to my Japanese language school teacher covers a small but a significant chapter in my life. In writing my book "Journey to Washington," it was never my intention to present any matter which I thought would be construed as being anti-Buddhist.

All Grandparents Buddhists
My grandparents, paternal and maternal, were devout Buddhists. To this day, we continue to observe the special days relating to their deaths.

As majority leader of the House of Representatives of the Territory of Hawaii in 1953, I was successful in convincing my legislative colleagues to abandon the old practice of opening each day's session with a Christian prayer.

During the first week of my term of office in Hawaiian legislature, I was proud and privileged to be present when a Buddhist priest invoked the blessings of his religion at the opening of an American legislative assembly.

This priest was the first to do so in our nation's history. Since then, representatives of the Buddhist Church, together with Christians, Jews, Moslems and others, have been regularly invited by the House of Representatives of the Territory of Hawaii and now the State of Hawaii to offer the prayer or blessings before the opening of a working session.

Incident Really Did Happen
I have related the above with the hope that I might in some way convince you that I am not in any way anti-Buddhist.

However, the unfortunate incident involving the exchange of words between my Japanese language school teacher, who was a Buddhist priest, and me did really happen.

This was an important page of my life. I felt that it was not improper on my part to share this experience with others. Other than this section, I must most respectfully suggest that the book can not be seriously labeled as anti-Buddhist.

I find it rather difficult to respond to your final charge, to wit: that this book is a "gross misrepresentation" of the true picture of the lives of the Japanese Americans. Having spent most of my life in Hawaii, I cannot with expertise discuss the nature of the life of Japanese Americans residing on the mainland United States.

No Evacuation Experience

More importantly, I find it difficult to discuss the trials and tribulations of those who spent time in "relocation camps." I was not there.

In presenting a sketch of Japanese Americans, it would be wrong to glorify and in any way justify the "relocation camps" and the "evacuation." These words represent a black chapter in the history of the United States.

Our fellow Americans should be reminded of this

tragedy with the hope that it will not be repeated in our nation.
There is no question that the Japanese group, like most immigrant groups, suffered many bitter moments. I believe it is well that the younger generation be made aware of their beginnings.

A few years ago, a very distinguished senator suggested that we should forget some of the bleak moments of our past, particularly the period of slavery contending that reference to the period of slavery would not serve to bring about racial harmony in the United States.

Seek Racial Understanding

I fervently want racial understanding and harmony in our nation, but not at the expense of denying our young people the knowledge of their past.

I believe that all Americans should be made aware that in this land of freedom and liberty there were and still are Americans who suffered and are now suffering from racial discrimination and prejudice.

To gloss over this fact in the name of racial harmony may serve to further widen the so-called "credibility gap" between the elders and the youth of America.

In preparing a book of this nature, there is some danger of generalization and over simplification. However, on the other hand, a scholarly treatise with complex in-depth discussions may not whet the reading appetites of fifth and sixth graders.

Although I am not acquainted with the authors of this book, I find it extremely difficult to believe that these men and women intentionally or knowingly authored an anti-Buddhist book.

I will be pleased to suggest to the authors that the section of my life be deleted if such deletion would make this book acceptable to you.

Sincerely,
Daniel K. Inouye
United States Senator

(Appearing in the Dec. 19 issue of the Peninsula Bulletin, a column, "The Human Torch," is the following Open Letter to the Japanese American community, commenting upon the book, "Japanese American: The Untold Story," which the California State Curriculum Commission has rejected for school use after strong protestation by San Francisco Buddhist Churches of America and the Japanese American Citizens League. Mrs. C. Inouye is a former chairman of the San Mateo Human Relations Commission, active with youth and civic affairs in the San Francisco Peninsula region and was one of the outstanding women of the year 1958.)

By ELEANOR CURRY

Palo Alto
James Baldwin attested "Black pride is in all those cotton fields, all those spirituals; all those Uncle Tom bits; all that we had to go through to get through."

Black pride is dealing with sometimes, unsavory bits of history—in this case—slavery!

What is Yellow Pride? Only you can tell. For countless years, few materials have been available to inform, enlighten, and pinpoint positive images for children of Japanese descent, born on American soil.

Then, a quiet lady appeared on the educational scene a few years ago. She was hired as an Advisory Specialist for the San Mateo Elementary School District.

She primarily gave lectures to school children. Her lectures dealt mainly with impressions of her childhood and her other Japanese friends. The children in the classrooms which she attended were very attentive. They began to ask questions about, of all things, the evacuation of the Japanese Americans in 1942 in the state of California.

This left the lady very concerned. She noticed that, based on the children's questions, there were many distortions, half truths plus the lack of truth. Few of the children's comments and questions centered around factual knowledge concerning the Japanese life style in America.

A Book Is Born

She was presenting oral history. But after numerous sleepless nights and several discussions with some interested educators, an idea was born! Why not write a book told by some Japanese people who have lived and felt the history? Why not?

So the quiet lady, Florence Yoshiwara, found herself as Coordinator of a group of 11 individuals about to embark on a much needed project.

Months later a tiny book—"Japanese American: The Untold Story"—was presented to a few close friends.

A few months later, Florence's quiet composure could not conceal the anguish going on internally. When questioned, she answered simply, "Something's going wrong. We may not get our book through after all. It seems that there is some doubt about its con-

tent."
The book is now embroiled in a heated, emotional controversy. It (the book) quotes extensively—even definitively, that America has a positive and a negative side.

The Controversy

The authors come close to a precise definition of our ancient ills. For example, how everyone and everything not familiar is foreign; plus, how one must then adjust and adapt.

The central thesis and the growing storm sharply brings into focus, a dilemma that is parallel to an age old problem that black people have wrestled with for 400 years.

When to tell the truth and how? Is truth always beautiful? What is best for children? An ugly truth or a pretty illusion?

The trouble is three-fold—Can the Japanese Americans afford not to explain the painful past history to the "new" generation of Japanese youngsters without fomenting hostility toward our country?

Is it the responsibility of minority educators to fill in their versions of the unpleasant historical pieces conveniently left out by some white American historians?

Does another body of people have the right to renege and ban materials written by another, for any reason?

The Challenge

When I became aware of the Japanese Americans as close neighbors, I began to admire them at a distance for the manner in which they have reared their children. I have reared their children. I have reared their children. I have reared their children.

Once in our history, black parents went through a hellish ordeal — slavery. Still today, there are black parents—some of whom attempt to explain this tragedy — others who say no.

This is their right to decide. Today, this also becomes your right concerning the Evacuation.

Florence, as a coordinator of a project, attempted to step up a straight, fair, objective web of truths. One segment deals with impressions plus facts of the sordid truth of the Japanese evacuation. She, for seeking out truth, should not be condemned, but commended for opening the door.

More Books Needed

The challenge? That this should be only the beginning of a host of other books written by Japanese Americans. Censorship is interesting. I see, in part, censorship in direct conflict with freedom of the press, or freedom of speech.

You must decide if this or any book has merit. I believe you, the Japanese Americans, have the intelligence to make such decisions without censorship.

Florence found a need and filled it. Can anyone do less? If you're interested in your children's future, and explaining sometimes the unpleasant, an important book to read is: "Japanese American: The Untold Story," 383 Madison Ave., New York, N.Y. Price \$3.65.

Once, we as blacks, were written out of history. The censoring of this book could be the beginning of the Japanese Americans suffering the same fate.

Matsunaga challenges pocket veto of family doctor training bill by Nixon

WASHINGTON — Rep. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) urged in a speech on the House floor that Congress should seek a court ruling on the constitutionality of President Nixon's veto of legislation designed to provide federal assistance for the training of family doctors.

The bill may have become law on Christmas Day without the President's signature, said Matsunaga, a cosponsor of the legislation which passed the House with only two dissenting votes, and passed the Senate with only one dissenting vote. The pocket veto was announced by the White House on Saturday, Dec. 26, one day after the expiration of the 10-day veto period provided under the Constitution.

"The President's authority of pocket veto was obviously intended by the framers of our Constitution to be exercised during that period after the Congress adjourns the session, and not, as in this instance where both the Sen-

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Edison Uno

State cutback on Medicaid will hurt

LOS ANGELES—County hospital planning director Yoshi Honkawa predicted last week the county's hospitalization costs would rise as much as \$20 million because of recent cutbacks in the state Medi-Cal program.

He told the county health commission the new requirement for itemized billing will add \$2 million in administrative costs while the 10 pct. cutbacks applied to outpatients will mean another \$18-million in county costs.

Medi-Cal patients turned away by physicians because of the cutbacks are going to county hospitals in increasing numbers, thus decreasing the level of care as well as boosting county costs.

Medi-Cal will also affect the operation of such convalescent homes as Keiro Nursing Home, according to Edwin Hirolo, City View Hospital administrator, who said 63 of the current 84 patients are aided by Medi-Cal. But he pointed to the continuing support from the community, volunteer program and medical staff as factors contributing toward maintaining top standards of care for patients at Keiro Nursing Home and the City View Hospital.

Another convalescent home nearby told its patients Christmas Day it would close in protest to the cutback.

East-West Players set second play competition

LOS ANGELES — Contributions and problems of Asian Americans is the theme of the second annual playwrights' contest being sponsored by the East-West Players Auxiliary.

Three copies of the play are required for submission to East-West Players, c/o Beulah Quo, 1906 Redcliff St., Los Angeles 90039, not later than midnight Feb. 1, 1971.

Prize for the best play will be \$1,000. Second and third prizes are \$300 and \$200, respectively.

Asian Americans suffering the same fate.

CURRY SPICE: A quote from a mind-blowing book—"... the untold story of the Japanese Americans is a lesson in democracy. The challenge of tomorrow must include the telling of many untold stories that are all part of our American Heritage. Together!" —Peninsula Bulletin

SAN FRANCISCO GRAND JURY REPORT DENOUNCES CITY HALL LEADERSHIP

SAN FRANCISCO—The 1970 San Francisco county grand jury ended its year of service this week (Jan. 15) but it will be remembered for the unexpected actions of its 11-member, 41-year-old Edison Uno, whom the newspaper headlines referred to as a "maverick."

The year-end grand jury report, drafted by a committee headed by Uno who had previously complained in public that the jury's investigations are perfunctory and lightly treated by their subjects, denounced City Hall leadership for failing to do more about "a growing mistrust and lack of confidence in the general administration of our city."

The report, released Dec. 28, said "critical issues such as the growing tax burden of the small property owners, inflation, crime in the street, education, pollution, unemployment, soaring welfare costs, inadequate social services, substandard housing, problems of the aged and many other factors have accentuated the disenchantment and frustration of various segments of our communities."

Recommendations
Noting that previous grand jury reports were dismissed by city administrators as "an annual nuisance not to be taken seriously," it called for charter revisions in 1971, improvements in the budget process, remedial legislation to relieve tax burdens of small property owners or those living on fixed or limited incomes, establishment of an ombudsman-type procedure for citizens "to offset the huge, cold indifference of City Hall" and positive action to eliminate all forms of discrimination based on race, creed, color, age or sex.

Uno told The Chronicle he suspects his nomination "might have been just an attempt to get some token Japanese American representation" but they got more than they bargained for as he recounted his efforts to "get away from the stereotype of the quiet Asiatic."

In November, he walked out of a jury hearing in the Plotkin rape case to protest what he called a "whitewash." In October he was called on the carpet by fellow jurors for making an unannounced inspection of the Hall of Justice jail and releasing his findings to the press instead of "going through channels."

'Ardent Reformer'
The assistant dean of students at Univ. of California Medical Center and teacher of Japanese American history at San Francisco State characterized him as "an ardent reformer."

Uno's dedication to grass roots causes, he said, dates back to his 4½ years in a World War II detention camp with his parents and family. He looked forward to the expiration of his term as well. "It's been frustrating, being the only minority member of this year's 18-member jury and it'll be a stone off my back," he plans to freely discuss the whole foundation of the archaic grand jury system.

San Francisco Examiner writer Guy Wright in his Dec. 13 Sunday column praised Uno as being "one of a kind" who should have been praised by his grand jury colleagues rather than censured. "I say bully for Edison Uno. If you prefer ugly truth to pretty illusions, he's your man," Wright said.

Negro Writer Says
In the San Francisco Negro weekly, Sun Reporter, columnist Thomas C. Fleming congratulated Uno for his forthright stand as a grand juror, referring to his walkout of the rape case because of the "kid-glove treatment accorded the jeweler (Plotkin) by members of the grand jury" while if the suspect were black, brown or young white, the grand jury would be showing more than anxiety to see such culprit soundly punished.

"This is one of the rare occasions when a member of a grand jury anywhere in the U.S. has spoken out loudly against the dual system of justice meted out by the judicial system of the United States," Fleming said.

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Racism in Practice

"But even if it were theoretically possible to eliminate discrimination, Negroes (and Brown people) still don't make enough to live in San Francisco," Justin Herman, Head of S.F. Redevelopment Agency.

The head of the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency (S.F.R.A.) has made a blatantly racist attack on the poor people of the Third World communities in San Francisco. The implication of this statement has a far-reaching effect on the future of Third World communities in the city. His opinion is one of the basic assumptions upon which the agency and city planning commission plan the future development of the city. What is frightening is the fact that implementation of this policy is the basis of "institutional racism."

In order to understand this policy we must consider the total development of the city. San Francisco has evolved into the "Wall Street of the West," national and international business and finance has taken over the center of the city, i.e. Bank of America, Trans-America Corporation, etc.

1000 Club Report

Dec. 31 Report

National JACL Headquarters acknowledged 65 new and renewing memberships in the 1000 Club during the second half of December for a year-end current total of 2,077.

1st Year: Contra Costa — Dr. Yoshitake Togaoka
2nd Year: Sequoia — Masao Oka
3rd Year: Snake River Valley — Joe Y. Saito
4th Year: Philadelphia — William M. Marston
5th Year: Downtown L.A. — Shigeo Takeda
6th Year: Seattle — Milton Manday
7th Year: Contra Costa — Roy Sakai
8th Year: Sacramento — Sam I. Sakai
9th Year: Downtown L.A. — Jim Higashi
10th Year: Portland — Dr. Toshiaki Kuge
11th Year: Sacramento — Sumio Miyamoto
12th Year: Progressive Westside — Dr. Kenneth K. Nagamoto
13th Year: Richard H. Yamada
14th Year: Sadohwa — Yonaki
15th Year: Twin Cities — Henry K. Makino
16th Year: Sacramento — Noboru Shirai
17th Year: Livingston-Merced — Lester Koe Yoshida
18th Year: Pasadena — Kay K. Monma
19th Year: Chicago — George Tanaka
20th Year: Cleveland — James K. Miyamoto
21st Year: Snake River Valley — Mrs. Nellie Saito
22nd Year: Chicago — John Y. Kikazaki
23rd Year: San Mateo — William A. Takahashi
24th Year: Dayton — L.A. Col. Ko A. Samedine
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26th Year: Fresno — Dr. Kenneth S. Masumoto
27th Year: Chicago — George T. Naritoku
28th Year: Milwaukee — Kengo Teramura
29th Year: Portland — Henry Teraoka
30th Year: Redlands — Henry Teraoka
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60th Year: Portland — Jack S. Watari
61st Year: Venice-Culver — Randall Yamamoto
62nd Year: East Los Angeles — Grace S. Yoshimura

CALENDAR

Jan. 15 (Friday)
Orange County — Installation dinner, 7 p.m. Raymond Uno, speaker
Contra Costa — Installation dinner, 7 p.m. Raymond Uno, speaker
Dayton — JACL retreat, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Pasadena — Installation dinner, 7 p.m. Raymond Uno, speaker
Monterey Peninsula — Installation dinner, 7 p.m. Raymond Uno, speaker
Bay Area Community — Installation dinner, 7 p.m. Raymond Uno, speaker
San Francisco — Installation dinner, 7 p.m. Raymond Uno, speaker
Jan. 22 (Friday)
Belmont — Gen. Mtg.
Venice-Culver — Installation dinner, 7 p.m. Raymond Uno, speaker
International Hotel, L.A. — Installation dinner, 7 p.m. Raymond Uno, speaker
Alameda — Installation dinner, 7 p.m. Raymond Uno, speaker
Riverside — Installation dinner, 7 p.m. Raymond Uno, speaker
Lantern Restaurant, Beaumont, 6 p.m. Warren Furutani, speaker
Seattle — Installation dinner, 7 p.m. Raymond Uno, speaker
Fork Restaurant, Mercer Island, 6 p.m. Raymond Uno, speaker
San Jose — Installation dinner, 7 p.m. Raymond Uno, speaker
Mediterranean Rm. Hyatt House, 6:30 p.m. Raymond Uno, speaker
Jan. 23 (Saturday)
Gresham-Trousdale — JACL bazaar, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Twin Cities — Installation dinner, 7 p.m. Raymond Uno, speaker
NC-WDC — Qtrly Session, 7 p.m. Raymond Uno, speaker
NC-WNDVC — Qtrly Session, 7 p.m. Raymond Uno, speaker
Des Moines — 25th annual installation dinner, 7 p.m. Raymond Uno, speaker
Entry deadline for 1971 Nat'l JACL Bowling Tournament at Salt Lake City, 1-4.

CHAPTER PULSE

Installation

National President Raymond Uno of Salt Lake City will be guest speaker at the installation dinner of San Jose JACL on Saturday, Jan. 30, at the beautiful Mediterranean Room of Hyatt House, which is becoming the convention center of San Jose.

During the no-host cocktail hour at 6:30, local members will have the opportunity of getting acquainted with our national president, who will be making his first official visit. The New York steak dinner (\$8.50) will be served from 7:30 p.m.

Reservation until Saturday, Jan. 24, can be made with Richard Tanaka 251-6371 (anytime), Mike Honda 287-2469 (eve), Grant Shimizu 253-5174 (anytime), Henry Uyeda 258-4268 (eve).

—By Phil Matsumura

IMPACT OF SEATTLE JACL WITHIN COMMUNITY NOTICED DURING 1970

Message by Don Kazama, National JACL President, was addressed in his membership and community service by the role of a chapter president in these times.—Ed.

By DONALD KAZAMA, President, Seattle JACL

Seattle To take a chance brings about change. To bring about change, one must take risks. This I think, to bring about change is a necessary thing for the Seattle Chapter to do. As President I believed that change was a very essential ingredient for our Chapter to remain vital and energetic. I also know that change can cause damage. Change can also be a very subtle thing. I do not know for certain whether this has taken place.

I do know one thing for certain. I do know that a goodly number of people within our community are talking about the impact of the Chapter in many areas. Many of the young people want a piece of the action now. The larger community is no longer asking what is the JACL. I believe that more different members and non-members became involved.

Community service, freedom of action mark new Bay Area chapter

OAKLAND — The new Bay Area Community JACL

formally adopted its charter on Jan. 1, 1971, with an initial membership of 60 charter members. A wide range of young and old have joined and there is an equal distribution of veteran and new.

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with things JACL than ever before. This I consider good. I do not necessarily suggest that a new direction has been discovered for our Chapter. I do suggest that since something in the way of change has taken place that it is now up to the up-to-now silent group become active in making decisions for the Chapter activities and programs. We must involve more of the young and Samsel. We must involve more of the Asians who wish to join us. If we believe that we have a unique contribution to make, then we must make our voices heard in matters of vital concern to our lives and our children's lives.

New Goals and Direction

I want you to know that I shall continue to press for change, and new directions and goals for JACL. There is too much at stake in our society for anyone to be complacent. There are too many ways in which too many people are wanting change.

Recently, in a rap session with a small group of young

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NURSERYMEN HONOR—It was "Les Yoshida Night" at the Calif. Association of Nurserymen's Yosemite Chapter meeting recently at Les Yoshida (center), owner of Les Garden Center and Merced city councilman, was honored for his leadership. Presenting a plaque of appreciation is Gordon Thomson (left), past chapter president, with William Burchell, current chapter president. Yoshida founded the local group three years ago.

Medicine—

Continued from Front Page

lating growth. He believes there may be many other important clinical applications for HGH, particularly in the replacement of tissue and in the etiology of various diseases, including cancer.

HGH also seems to be needed by the body for an undetermined number of other vital functions. In the male, for instance, growth hormone (GH) promotes the activity of androgens, the male sex hormones. In the female, sex hormones function more effectively with GH.

It also increases production of disease-fighting antibodies. In animals, GH injections help fractures heal faster, and lower the level of cholesterol in the blood.

GH also plays an important role in weight control in animals. On a rich diet, rats gain weight quickly, but not if they receive injections of GH. Even if the rats gorge themselves on food, the growth hormone somehow prevents obesity.

The question arises whether HGH could have the same beneficial effects on humans. Dr. Li is reluctant to speculate, but other scientists are optimistic in their opinions concerning possible human application.

China-Born Researcher

Dr. Li was born in Canton, China in 1913, the son of a well-to-do industrialist. He graduated from the Univ. of Nanking in 1933. In 1935 he came to America to study at UC Berkeley. He got his Ph.D. in 1938 and joined the Berkeley faculty. Dr. Li married Sheng-hwai Lu, a UC graduate student in 1938. They have three children and live in a

hillside home in Berkeley.

His first notable achievement in hormonal research came in 1940 when he successfully isolated and purified the interstitial-cell stimulating hormone (ICSH) or luteinizing hormone (LH) from the glands of sheep. In 1944, Dr. Li and his team isolated another important hormone, GH, from bovine pituitaries, and in 1953, ACTH, the adrenocorticotrophic hormone, from sheep glands.

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SOME DRY STATISTICS

The first weeks of January are primarily devoted to clearing away year-end correspondence and preparing annual reports but year 1970 becomes an occasion to compile PC records covering the past decade. At least, there is where much of our "spare" time went this past week.

The past decade (1961-70) has shown the annual paid circulation average rise from 13,000 to 18,500 or at the rate of 550 per year. . . . Postage cost for mailing the papers tripled, though we also take into account circulation went up nearly half. . . . To assess the growth of PC in terms of the number of pages per week, "four-pagers" were standard between 1961-66. "Six-pagers" began to appear spasmodically as advertising warranted in 1964 and has been standard since 1967. "Eight-pagers" first appeared in 1967 and, if the advertisers willing, these will become standard in a couple of more years. Would you believe 1973?

These trends, we hope, are of general interest. . . . One surprise for 1971, which we hadn't taken into account when preparing the PC budget, is that there are 53 Fridays in 1971—something which happens every six years. No one told us there would be more Fridays than the number of weeks in a year. We anticipated 50 issues a year from 1970—but it appears now 51 issues will carry the 1971 date. It costs PC about \$1,600 a week to publish nowadays as compared with \$1,000 a week a decade ago.

SOMETHING NOT SO DRY

From a Christmas letter: "The best way to get a person's head out of the clouds and his feet on the ground is to place some heavy responsibility on his shoulders."

SOME THINGS THAT NEED AIRING

Here's another "eye-opener": Asian Americans are not included in the statutory definition of "minorities" for certain benefits provided by federal law through the Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare. Statutes pertaining to operations of that department define a minority as "persons of Negro ancestry, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Mexican American or Indian background."

It appears in such cases the government considers Japanese Americans within a language category rather than a minority category.

Mike Masaoka and Pat Okura, participants in the recent White House Conference on Children, both tried to have the Conference adopt a resolution calling upon HEW to include all Asian Americans as "minorities" who qualify for the same governmental benefits as are provided other minorities. We understand Pat was able to have this particular recommendation incorporated into recommendations of the section dealing with "Children Without Prejudice", where he was a forum panelist.

JACL has now served notice upon congressional leaders it would seek legislative remedy of the statutes to correct this particular problem. In the meantime, a massive undertaking to ascertain the needs of Japanese Americans and other Asian Americans with particular reference to educational, medical and other social services needs to be implemented. JACL would require documented information as to how Asian Americans are being deprived or denied certain facilities and opportunities that now need to be made available.

It was Min Yasui, executive director of the Denver Commission on Community Relations, who brought this problem to light. If guidelines for the Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare have this serious omission, it is only natural to wonder whether there are other statutes and orders relating to other federal and possibly state benefits and opportunities that discriminate against Japanese Americans and other Asian Americans.

Here's a question that may be more academic than anything else: what is an "Asian American"? No firm definition has been consigned by the lexicographers, but a basic understanding of "Asian American" shall be required to render corrective legislation effectively.

Its current usage—at least in California where it appears in print the most often—appears to take in the yellow and brown men whose ancestral ties lie in Asia and Polynesia for in California, the Samoans are included. The largest colony of Samoans outside of Samoa lives in Los Angeles. Anthropologically, Polynesia and other islands in the mid-Pacific between Hawaii and Australia are related to the Australian continent—not Asia.

SOMETHING WE'LL CHERISH

Books for review purposes cross our desk in growing numbers. But one which we shall cherish is "Imperial Gardens of Japan" published by Weatherhill-Walker of New York-Tokyo (\$37.50). Among the fortunate to have toured the Katsura Detached Palace in Kyoto that rainy afternoon with the JACL-Japan Tour three years ago, the 46 plates—most of them in esthetic color—provide a detailed study and appreciation that enhances our memory of that garden. Poring through the book you'll get the feeling it's your own garden, gazing at it through your window. The pages spread 14 inches high and 22 inches across two—a good-size pane to view the landscape.



LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

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

White House confab

Editor: During the week of Dec. 13-18, I attended the 1970 White House Conference on Children where I had the pleasure of meeting former JACL President K. Patrick Okura.

I attended the conference as one of the 150 California delegates of which I must have been the only Sansei, according to the list which I received prior to leaving for the conference. There were about 5,500 delegates present from all parts of the United States, representing a broad range of professions and backgrounds. There were eight of us representing our National Future Homemakers of America organization, of which I am presently serving as National Vice President of the Pacific Region.

The conference was built around a series of forums and these were divided into 25 sub-topics, each was the focal point of a separate forum. To insure examination of every topic from all possible professional, practical and legal aspects, each forum was composed of persons with widely varied professional and lay experiences.

I was assigned to Forum 18, "Children Without Prejudice" on which Mr. Okura served as a forum member. I was very impressed with the way he spoke, which was brief but to the point.

I had the opportunity to chat with him between sessions and during the lunch break and discovered that he was a very learned and pleasant person to get to know. We talked about the JACL National Convention held in Chicago last year. I was in New York at the time attending our National FHA Convention but had heard of the tragic happening in Chicago. It is inspiring to our younger generation to know that leaders like Mr. Okura are in there, pitching to help draw nationwide attention to critical issues concerning children in this country.

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'70 Holiday Issue

Editor: It was with a great deal of interest and nostalgic feeling I read Bill Hosokawa's article in the 1970 Holiday Issue regarding the Dies Committee hearings at Heart Mountain which took place in May 1943. I am somewhat amused at what I had said at that time.

In a few issues back, you wondered as to the whereabouts of all the people who had testified at this investigation. I, for one, would like to report that I am quite well even though I passed my 70th birthday last year.

Our neighbors are very kind and Mrs. Sashihara and I are enjoying our retirement life fully in a congenial suburban community.

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Oldtime Pulp Magazines

Dear Harry,

Over the past few years there has been a lot of talk about "racism" whatever that might be, but precious little about how it magically appeared. I'm thinking in particular of some of the anti-Japanese feeling that appeared around the time of World War I. Of course there are a number of reasons, some profound, and some involved. However, one I've seen very little reference to, was the popular fiction of the day.

Between 1900 and 1925 there were no TV and radio, and movies were still a rare novelty. What amused the majority of people in the country was popular fiction. Much perhaps most of this was cheap pulp like "Railroad Stories," "Range Romances," "Nick Carter, Agent," "All Story," "Argosy," etc. It is remarkable how much the country was influenced by this far-flung empire of dream worlds.

Even more remarkable, is how much historians have ignored this influence. In fact, I think it would make an interesting thesis for some college Nikkei to investigate "Prejudices aroused through the old time pulps, circa 1900-1920."

In particular, I'm thinking of the science fiction and fantasy magazines, which actually were originated in this era. The majority of this work was responsible. Yet it must be remembered this was one field any writer could write anything; imagination was the criteria.

True, it produced such greats as Edgar Rice Burroughs' "Tarzan," and Abe Merritt's "The Ship of Ishtar." However, other wild themes came out, and their effect on a captive audience is unimagable. For instance, one of Burroughs' finest novels, brought out in "All Story" magazine in 1913, concerned an island isolated from the rest of the world, on which a tribe of Samurai lived.

Then there was "When the Air Fleet Struck" by Alex Brisco, in "Cavaller" of the same year. This concerned a Japanese attack on the west coast.

Another story at the same time was "The Blue Bomb" by famed science fiction writer J.U. Geisley. In this opus, Japan gets hold of a radio controlled aerial bomb, which they intended to use against the United States. In 1914, the same writer in the same magazine brought out a similar item, in four installments, called "All For His Country." In this one, San Francisco and New York are destroyed by guided missiles.

Another such book length story was "The Peril of the Pacific" published in 1917 by "Peoples" magazine.

The ones I have mentioned were first class, good stuff. But for each of them, there were dozens of poorly written, demagogic exhortations, and I can't but wonder what their collective effect was.

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25 Years Ago

In the Pacific Citizen, Jan. 19, 1946

FBI clears suspicion of sabotage by Issei and Nisei residents in Hawaii during Pearl Harbor attack and war years in testimony before Congress. . . . Army acts to protect Nisei GIs in Philippines preparing for Manila war crimes trial; hostile attitude of Filipino population called "misguided." . . . Mike Masaoka returns to JACL post in Salt Lake City upon release from 442nd. . . . Gen. Joseph Stilwell named chief of Western Defense Command.

Calif. state senator Tenney introduces resolution against evacuation claims. . . . Wide-spread opposition rises against federal attempt to deport Japanese Canadians. . . . Allen (Sanosuke Madoke) fighting deportation denied writ in Los Angeles federal court, claimed he was denied right of counsel upon detention for deportation. . . . A.L. Wirin seeks dismissal of Heart Mountain anti-draft cases. . . . Commerce Secretary Henry Wallace hails New York Nisei action to encourage democracy in Japan. . . . First group of Nisei WACs leave for duty in Japan. . . . Distorted Hearst news story about evacuees on relief rolls challenged by L.A. official's report 4,000 in county getting aid when only 84 on relief with another 1,000 cases pending. . . . Disclose over 100 Nisei prepared many floats in Tournament of Roses parade in Pasadena. . . . So, Calif. Japanese Fishermen's Assn. sue Navy for forcible removal from Terminal Island, seeking \$7,500 for damages.

Who Are We?

Who are we?
 We ask, as we search for identity.

Those who break from their past, see their image on a broken looking glass. Those who condemn the Nisei, are mistaken in what they say.

The Nisei fights in the court, and thinks before he makes a point. Because the Nisei is not seen in ink, do not condemn before you think.

There are many ways to go up stream. In your pain you can shout and scream, or you can make your leap a deterrent, by working with the eddy current.

What good is a man if he doesn't fight, for a cause he believes is right? What good is he who becomes the blight, that he so righteously fights?

—Howard Okano

EDITORIAL: Wilmington (Del.) Morning News

Pain's Memory Remains

The Order of Sacred Treasure, described as one of the highest honors the Japanese government can bestow, has been presented to Thomas Sashihara Sr. of Windyhurst, a distinction in which Mr. Sashihara's pleasure must have been mixed with no small amount of pain.

For the past decade the issue of civil rights has been a dominant one in the United States, a time of fights by individuals and groups over some denial of rights, great or small, by other individuals or by state governments.

Mr. Sashihara must have sensed the irony of it all. His citation was for his altruistic service to the Japanese-born and those of Japanese descent over much of his lifetime of 70 years. Part of that work was when the civil rights of thousands of Japanese in this country were denied by the federal government.

The hysterical hatred by so many goes back to the "yellow peril" days of 19th-century yellow journalism, a feeling which for years prevented Mr. Sashihara, for one, from practicing the pharmacy for which he was trained. This hysteria became manic after Pearl Harbor when Japanese by the thousands were gathered up and placed in something close to concentration camps. Mr. Sashihara's particular "relocation center" was in Heart Mountain, Wyo.

While parents and sisters subsisted in these camps, young Nisei were taken into the U.S. Army, most of them for fighting, not for rear-echelon duty. The 442nd Central Postal Directory Team built a brilliant record as a fighting force in Italy and Southern France.

There is resentment building against Japan in sections of the country, particularly in matters of trade, where Japan is sending low-cost radios, cameras and a wealth of other wares to an eager U.S. market but is reluctant to accept many American imports.

Mr. Sashihara, it is hoped, has seen the happy side of this country. Hopefully, he and his fellows won't see a duplicate of that World War II stain which won't go away.

SAD ISHIMITSU, 46

Hardest, working Seattle 'CL member

By KIRA NAGAOKA

Seattle
 Probably there are only few times in a decade that a person's passing in this community leaves such a sense of profound loss and bewilderment. Sad Ishimitsu, 46, who died Dec. 7, was such a man. He was born in Seattle and graduated from Hunt Relocation Center High School.

Though Sad expressed a wish that no eulogy be said at his funeral services, it was expressed that "probably the most simplest way to describe him is to say that he was an easy person to know. He was easy to know because he was honest and unselfish. He was true to his family and friends."

30 years from now, the Sansei will be told off

By KEN HAYASHI
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Garden Grove
 It only seems like yesterday (but it was 30 years ago) when we would take on our dad and question the relevance of the Nihonjin Kai program as it related to the Nisei back in Tacoma. Dad was the president of this association and back in those days, the name of the game was pride and independence.

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We remember they had one meeting where they discussed the case of a local Nisei, who was married to a Hakujin girl and committed the unpardonable sin of accepting work as a WPA (Works Progress Administration) laborer. To the Issei, that was like being on RELIEF, and it was SHAME, SHAME, SHAME.

"Baloney," we told our dad. "Leave the poor guy alone." It was his life and what was wrong with working on the WPA? He couldn't work on the family farm and live there, not with an alien wife. Then we had a beef on the Kenjin-kai Jr. groups. As a red, white and blue American, I was dead set agin' 'em. So was our JACL leadership at that time. Smacked too much of being Japanese.

And on and on, the arguments used to go. Well, the shoe is on the other foot now. We don't have any kids, but we have plenty of access to their opinions. Their world is a much different one than the one we grew up in. They know their world much better than we do.

On some of the issues, where we are so encrusted with the hoary prejudices of our upbringing, we should take stock and let the young work on their WPA projects.

Time and old age do not always represent wisdom. The status quo is sometimes symbolic of fear and non-progress. To the snobs of the "Sashie" kind of tradition, "Sashie."

Thirty short years from now, we hope you feel the same way.



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'TILL DEATH DO US PART—The marital state is often the butt of many cynical remarks. Some that pop into my mind: "Marriage is a great institution—that is if you like living in an institution." Or—"Marriage is like a three-ring circus: engagement ring, wedding ring, then suffering." (You'll have to excuse these; they come from my high school days. And they show it). But marriages are far from going out of style. Perhaps George Bernard Shaw put his finger on the reason when he wryly observed that marriage was so popular because it presented the most temptations with the greatest opportunities for fulfilling them.

I'm struck by the realization, even though it be a chronological impossibility, that never in my born days have I witnessed an Issei wedding ceremony. My "born days" however do go back just far enough that I vaguely recall attending as a little boy by my mother's side (I was one of those you couldn't let out of mother's sight, even for a deadly few seconds) the wedding of an older Nisei in the full style of Japanese: the full regalia of an ornate kimono, the bride's hair-do shrouded with a broad white band, the exchange of a sake cup. This was back in Kent, Washington and I recall the bride's name to have been Yoshiko Tsubota.

Nisei weddings, and more of late, Sansei weddings, I've attended quite a few. Most all of them were the orthodox church weddings, the type with which all of us are familiar. The exception was a Quaker wedding of two Nisei (Sim Endo and Betty Watanabe) wherein the principals, in effect, marry themselves (which makes sense, for to whom else should they marry themselves?) in that they simply, pledge to one another, without being guided, prodded or interfered in any way by some third party. And when one gets right down to it, isn't that what it's really all about?

I'm orthodox enough that when I read or saw pictures of wedding ceremonies where the bride shows up in jeans and the groom—far from appearing in a cut-away—shows up in moccasins, etc., I reacted adversely. But I must confess that the couple looked about as happy as any others that I've seen "in the flesh" who were about to be married. Indeed, perhaps even sometimes happier or at least more relaxed. But when one honestly thinks about it, when one focuses upon the true meaning of the marriage ceremony, then all the customary trappings, the comfortable shibboleths to which most of us clutch, the rote pre-arranged mouthing of vows—all these begin to fade out of importance.

In fact, my orthodoxy of "the proper marriage ceremony" was such that when my daughter, whose planned wedding had been blessed by my wife and myself, instead elected to go with her friends and get married and then let us (parents) know about it later, I must confess to having been, as they say, "shook up." At least for a while, that is.

More recently I received an invitation to a "People's Wedding Ceremony" of two, young beautiful people, Glenn Omatsu and Shoshana Arai in the San Francisco Bay Area. And when I saw the format of the invitation, I immediately sensed it was going to be a true wedding ceremony, a happy affair with everyone enjoying themselves . . . as themselves. I was quite flattered to have received "the invite" and were it not for my prior commitments I would have travelled the distance to participate and share in the joy. The ring bearers, Stan and Katmo, were to bring the rings and "say and do whatever they want."

I received a thoughtful note from the bride who happily described the wedding as "a cross between a conference and a happening—but everyone looked happy . . . and no one was busted."

Wonderful!

On Second Thought

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On the Use of Words

Words are a very powerful tool or weapon, depending upon how you use them. They determine the outcome of most all decisions. The use of one word which has bad connotations influences in a negative way. Changing that word for another which has different connotations makes the meaning of the sentence more positive.

Working for the past year with JACL has made me understand the art of handling words. The game is called semantics. I know the game sounds rather unscrupulous, but of course it depends on the connotations of words.

What I used to say one way labeled me a "radical." Changing the words but not the meaning labeled me a "moderate." Saying things with a smile makes things agreeable; wearing a frown makes them not. Words or communication are quite complex.

Words or groups of words that once had bad connotations have now begun to change their image. For example, the word—"revolution." Madison Avenue and the medias have used that word frequently with good and bad connotations. In reference to the negative, it depends on the context. If you say Angela Davis and revolution in the same sentence, then many people would consider the word negatively. If you mention a new consumer product and revolution in the same sentence, the result would be positive.

The words, "Power to the People," to many are frightening. But if you really examine them, perhaps your viewpoint will change. Actually what this phrase means is exactly what it says, "power to the people," or the people should have the power. In reference to JACL this would mean that any major, independent decision made by any of the national officers, staff or executive board would not be allowed. The decisions should be made by a more representative body. I know this would be time-consuming, but this concept of "people power" is very important.

Too long has the power been wrestled away from the ones who really possess it—the people. This concept is very interesting to me in reference to JACL. Perhaps if it existed in the organization then I would be fired or not have been hired in the first place. Well, if "people power" did exist in JACL and the membership thought I was not doing a good job or did not represent their interest, then I would agree with my critics and then be dismissed.

From this point of view, perhaps the phrase "Power to the People" does not seem so negative. Power to the People!

