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U.S. Senate confirms Choy to Ninth circuit appellate court

(Special to The Pacific Citizen) WASHINGTON — The U.S. Senate acted promptly April 21 in confirming to the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals Honolulu attorney and former Territorial Attorney General Herbert Y.C. Choy.

Within hours of Choy's confirmation hearing by a special subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, the appointment had been approved by the Judiciary Committee and sent to the Senate.

Sen. Hiram L. Fong (R-Hawaii) who proposed Choy's name to President Nixon, said his former law partner Choy was enroute to Hawaii by air when he was confirmed. Fong immediately called Choy's wife, Helen, and broke the news.

It was some hours later, however, that Choy found he had become Hawaii's first representative on the appellate bench.

Fong said he was "delighted the Senate had acted so expeditiously on the nomination." The Republican Senator appeared with Choy at the subcommittee hearing and testified in his behalf. A written statement supporting the nomination was submitted by Sen. Daniel K. Inouye.

JACL Supports

(The JACL supported Choy's nomination, pointing out that with about two-thirds of all Asian Americans residing within the nine western states that comprise the U.S. Ninth appellate circuit, "it is most appropriate that a distinguished Asian American attorney be named.")

Fong said later that Hawaii had been "long overdue" for a jurist on the 9th Circuit bench and described Choy as a man with "strong qualifications, outstanding training and background and an impressive personal character."

"We worked together for 12 years, until I withdrew from the firm upon my election to the United States Senate in 1959," Fong related. He said during that period he became "impressed with the keen legal mind and professional talent which Mr. Choy brought to the firm."

Quitting Own Firm

Choy, Attorney General for the Territory of Hawaii in 1957-58, will resign from his position as a partner in the Fong, Miho Choy & Robinson law firm as a result of his appointment to the high court. He will also divest himself of all other business connections.

The 9th Circuit Court has jurisdiction over nine Western States and the Territory of Guam.

Choy said he will continue to reside in Hawaii, although the bulk of the court's work is undertaken on the West Coast, mostly in Los Angeles and San Francisco.

TRAGEDY STALKS OKUBO FAMILY OF STOCKTON AS GROCER SHOT

STOCKTON—A South Stockton grocer whose sister was brutally slain last summer in Chicago was shot and wounded by robbers last week (Apr. 18).

Raymond Okubo, 27-year-old brother of the late Evelyn Okubo, the Jr. JACL delegate to the Chicago convention whose murder still remains unsolved, was reported in poor condition at San Joaquin General Hospital with a bullet wound in the abdomen.

The robbers had entered the store, Mabel's Market, 2163 S. San Joaquin St., shortly before 8 p.m. and one of them knocked out two overhead lights with a wooden club. As Okubo picked up a mop to protect himself and his family, the other robber shot him with a pistol.

They forced Mrs. Kimiko Okubo, 24, who is eight months pregnant, to open the cash register and they escaped with about \$100. She and the three-year-old daughter, Ann, were not harmed.

The robbers were described as males, 18 to 20 years old, both slender, about 5 ft-3 and 5 ft-5.

STATE REAPPORTIONMENT

CCDC Gov. Hirasuna calls for utmost care when redistricting California

FRESNO — The California State Senate Committee on Elections and Reapportionment, chaired by Senator Mervyn M. Dymally (D-Los Angeles), was reminded of the "value of equitable representation in the government of our state and nation" by Fred Y. Hirasuna, JACL governor for Central California's district council of nine chapters.

The statement was presented Apr. 16 at the County School Bldg., during the committee's one-day hearing to better understand the redistricting problem the nine counties of Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, Tulare, Inyo, Mono and Mariposa present with a 13.7 pct. increase in population.

The 1970 census shows 1,166,897 persons in Central California.

Hirasuna explained California has two other JACL district councils: Northern California and Pacific Southwest, and that its membership is comprised of over 25,000 nationally in 95 chapters.

Fair and Equitable

"While not prepared at this time to make any specific recommendations in the matter of redistricting in the (JACL) area covered by the nine chapters," Hirasuna concluded, "as an organization of American citizens of Japanese ancestry, we believe and recommend that any reap-



ANOTHER FIRST—Shown being congratulated by his sponsor, U.S. Senator Hiram L. Fong, is Herbert Y. C. Choy of Honolulu, the first Hawaii resident and the first person of Asian ancestry to be named to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. The Ninth Circuit covers nine states: Hawaii, California, Washington, Oregon, Nevada, Arizona, Idaho, Montana, and Alaska, plus the Territory of Guam. President Nixon nominated Choy, a Korean American, and the Senate confirmed him April 21. Earlier in the Nixon Administration, Fong sponsored Shiro Kashiwa of Honolulu to be Assistant U.S. Attorney General—the first Nisei and first Hawaii resident to be appointed to a sub-Cabinet post.

KENNEDY-FONG BILL TO CORRECT 1965 IMMIGRATION ACT LOOPHOLES

WASHINGTON — Sen. Hiram L. Fong (R-Hawaii) has taken a leading position in a bipartisan effort to further liberalize the Nation's immigration laws and at the same time to plug loopholes left after passage of the historic Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965.

The Hawaii Republican is the principal co-sponsor of a bill introduced by Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, (D-Mass.)

Fong has also introduced a separate bill which would provide that parents of permanent residents be eligible for second preference visas and would permit sons and daughters to obtain waivers of exclusion from the United States because of misrepresentation or fraud.

Remedy Inequities

In addition, Fong is studying the possibility of introducing further legislation to "correct inequities" which he says have shown up in the 1965 Act's immigration provisions as well as the naturalization sections.

Fong led the long fight in the 1960s which culminated in passage of the 1965 Act. This Act repealed discriminatory national quota systems as a basis for selecting immigrants, but, said Fong, it left "some loopholes unplugged."

Hawaii's senior Senator said the bill he is co-sponsoring

Stay of Deportation

6—Establish a statute of limitations to prevent deportation of permanent resident aliens other than those who obtained such status by fraud, concealment, misrepresentation or other misconduct (a) for the sole reason of conduct which occurred or conditions which existed 10 years

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NEWSMAN ORIGINATING TERM, NISEI, HONORED

LOS ANGELES — The Rev. Tenyo Yasaki, 87, who recently celebrated his 60th wedding anniversary here with his wife, Shika, is reputed to be the newsman who in the 1920s originated the terms, "Issei and Nisei" to differentiate the generations. He was a member of the Raifu Shimpo at the time.

Later, an itinerant Methodist evangelist who covered the west coast, while his wife taught Japanese and flower arrangement, the couple were hosted by their six children and 100 guests at the diamond wedding anniversary. Their 16 grandchildren and one great grandchild sang the greetings. The hosts: Rev. Norio Yasaki (San Francisco), Joe (Oakland), Ken (Mountain View), Misako Tomita, Yuriko Inouye, Esther Buto (Los Angeles).

Seattle Japanese look for community queen

SEATTLE — Applications will be accepted until May 10 from citizens vying for the title of Greater Seattle Japanese Community queen, it was announced by Mrs. Iky Yamada, chairman, (232-1380).

First judging is scheduled May 15, 1 p.m. at Bush Garden with the public invited. Final judging and coronation is planned for May 21 at Norway Way Center. The "Nine Lives" will play for the dance; admission is \$3.50 per person.

Candidates thus far: Carolyn Yabuki, Bellevue High; Lucille Yamada, Kent-Meridian High; Geraldine Suniyoshi, Shoreline High; Judy Watanabe, Rainier Beach High; Maxine Mizuta, Rainier Beach High; Georgia Suda, Franklin High; Hiroko Yamamoto, Shoreline Comm. College; Midori Johnson.

ACLU Spokesmen

Spokesmen from the American Civil Liberties Union at legislative hearings at Los Angeles and San Diego urged redistricting to afford greater representation opportunities for Mexican Americans.

It was emphasized that the 3 million Mexican Americans in the state comprise about 15 pct. of the state population

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New Oakland

OAKLAND — The city's top business, labor and minority leaders have organized a New Oakland committee, chaired by William F. Knowland, publisher, to work on programs affecting the minorities and underprivileged. Oakland JACL president Jim H. Ishimaru is among the 44-member group.

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OAKLAND VOTERS RETURN OGAWA TO CITY COUNCIL

Faced First Test Since Appointment to Seat in 1966

OAKLAND — Councilman Frank H. Ogawa and Dr. Raymond L. Eng were re-elected to four-year terms in the municipal primaries Apr. 20 along with two other incumbents to stave off a coalition that was determined to have a stronger minority voice in government.

Nurseryman Ogawa, 54, who was first appointed in 1966 and then elected without opposition the following year, was opposed for the first time for his 7th District seat by Doug Jones, a Pacific Telephone branch manager in East Oakland. Ogawa polled 49,747; Jones received 36,774.

City-wide Vote

Five seats were at stake on the eight-member council and the coalition backed six candidates — one in each of the four districts and two in the at-large race. Both district and at-large candidates run city-wide and must receive more than 50 per cent of the votes cast in their races to avoid runoff.

With about 80,000 voting, sixty per cent of the eligible voters went to the polls for the biggest turnout in two decades.

The coalition campaigned for low-cost housing, redevelopment and creation of jobs. It was also charged that the present council was unresponsive to the black community, which makes up 40 per cent of the population.

The victors had campaigned on their record of "orderly gains" in housing, redevelopment and employment in this industrial port city of 386,000.

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MAYOR-ELECT MINETA:

For Civic Pride

Unofficial Final Returns MAYOR OF SAN JOSE

MINETA 30,466
Goglio 8,902
Donohue 5,112
Morgan 1,066
August 778
D'Anna 256
Diaz 256
Eastman 256
Faulkner 256
Parks 470
Rise 778
Rogers 832
Sunseri 637

By MARCE RASMUSSEN San Jose Mercury Staff

SAN JOSE — It was nearly 30 years ago when Norman Mineta, then only a little older than his eldest son is now, was sent to a detention camp with all other Japanese Americans as an "enemy."

Today he is the first Nisei to be elected to the office of mayor in a major American city, and he's proud — not only for the "political breakthrough" on behalf of people who share his heritage, but because his resounding victory is a "clear mandate" from the people of San Jose.

Mineta and his family spent two years in a relocation camp near Cody, Wyo.

"I think my attitudes, how I feel, were shaped by that experience but not distorted,"

he said the morning after his election April 13. "This is the kind of history from which we must learn so that nothing like it can happen again."

In Council Since '67

And when he first won appointment to the San Jose City Council in 1967, Mineta said it was San Jose's good relations with Japanese Americans that first led him to community involvement.

"When we were evacuated in 1942, there was a group formed that saw us off at the station and when we returned there was another committee that worked to help make things easier for us to relocate here," he said.

"This is the kind of city San Jose has been and for this reason, I've always done what I could in community activities."

Now he has won the job of leading community activities, and Mineta, 39, already has started devising ways to carry out his plans.

San Joseans gave him that task Tuesday (April 13) with a 62 per cent victory in the

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WW2 DRAFT RESISTER INFORMED HIS RIGHTS FULLY RESTORED BACK IN '48

By HELEN ALTONN Honolulu Star-Bulletin

HONOLULU—A Hawaii Nisei joyfully welcomed the news recently that the civil rights which he lost during World War II have been restored.

It took 23 years for the word to catch up to him. The news, delayed more than two decades, may also affect other Nisei living here or on the Mainland.

The local man has lived in shame all this time in the mistaken belief that he had no voting rights because he had been convicted of a felony.

The Islander, now about 60, was imprisoned for draft resistance while confined in a relocation camp.

He never knew that President Harry S. Truman issued a full pardon to 282 Japanese-American draft resisters in January, 1948.

Sen. Inouye Helps

The Star-Bulletin informed him of the pardon after learning of the astonishing situation and investigating it with the help of Sen. Daniel K. Inouye.

At this reporter's request, Inouye instituted a search through old Justice Department files, which took several weeks but finally produced evidence that a pardon had been granted.

"From the information that I have, all known Japanese Americans who for one reason or another avoided military service during wartime internment have all been granted presidential pardons and regained full citizenship rights," Inouye said.

"To think that he's been living under that unfortunate burden," he added, regarding the Island Nisei.

"It was one of those blanket pardons," he continued, "and it's possible that he never got word of it."

Inouye said the 282 men should have received notices from the Justice Department advising them of the presidential action.

JACL Help Asked

"But at that time in history, when these people tragically were roaming all over the United States—with their homes taken over by others and no place to go—the notice could have escaped a number of them," he said.

For this reason, Inouye has asked the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) to report the pardon in its publication, The Pacific Citizen.

The Truman amnesty was issued Dec. 23, 1947, for 1,523 Selective Service Act violators—who were among some 15,000 cases reviewed by the President's Amnesty Board, headed by former Supreme Court Justice Owen Roberts. The pardon included restora-

HOUSE JUDICIARY PRINTS REPORT ON TITLE II REPEAL

Includes Testimony, Statements in Favor, Only One Opposing

(Special to The Pacific Citizen) WASHINGTON — Last week, the House Judiciary Committee issued a 105-page printed report on the March 18 public hearings held by its Subcommittee No. 3 regarding legislation to repeal Title II of the Internal Security Act of 1950 and to prohibit the establishment of detention camps, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League announced.

It is titled, "Prohibiting Detention Camps."

Subcommittee No. 3, chaired by Democrat Robert Kas-tanmeier of Wisconsin, conducted the single day hearings and then unanimously recommended that its parent Judiciary Committee favorably report the bill jointly introduced by Congressmen Spark Matsunaga of Hawaii, Ken Holtfield of California, Kastenmeier, and Abner Mikva of Illinois, and co-sponsored by a bipartisan coalition of more than 150 Congressmen.

The House Judiciary Committee, chaired by Democrat Emanuel Celler of New York, unanimously reported HR 234, the Matsunaga Repeal Bill, on April 6.

Currently, the legislation is pending clearance from the House Rules Committee.

Personal Testimonies

The printed hearings, which may be secured by writing members of the House of Representatives in Washington, features the personal testimony of:

Congressman Johnson Anderson of Illinois, Gilbert Gude of Maryland, Harold G. Katsumata, and Tom Ballback of Illinois, as well as the testimony of Robert Mar-dian, Assistant Attorney General, Internal Security Division, Department of Justice.

Also included are statements by: Congressman Brock Adams of Washington, Glenn Anderson of California, Dante Fascell of Florida, Harold Johnson of California, Robert McCloy of Illinois, Mikva, Patay Mink of Hawaii, Parren Mitchell of Maryland, John Moss of California, and David Ovey of Wisconsin.

The Washington JACL Office observed that all of the statements by all of the Congressmen involved are favorable to the repeal measure.

Supporting statements were filed by the National JACL, American Civil Liberties Union, Friends Committee on National Legislation, and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

'Liberty Lobby'

The only statement in opposition was filed by the Liberty Lobby, which claims to represent the views of 25,000 member Board of Policy and 200,000 subscribers of its monthly legislative report "Liberty Letter."

Noting that well-known liberals of that 1950 period actually initiated the effort to enact Title II, of the Liberty Lobby asserts that

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Harrington School parents call for pupil boycott; Nisei principal backed

Denver Post says merit in having parents from Harrington and other adjacent schools sending someone to New York to meet with those principals and find out what similarly-situated Denver principals might like to know.

Public Reaction

The editorial drew response from two camps this week. Mrs. Edwin S. Kahn said "if their principal is good, he will appreciate their (the parents) response."

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First Grader in Japan

TO HAVE TOUGHER TIME

TOKYO — Youngsters entering the first grade from this new school year which started in April will be required to memorize 76 kanji as compared with 46 in previous years.

By the time they finish the primary grades they will have mastered 960 under the new program as compared with 810 previously toward members of the 1,350 "general use" or Toyo Kanji List now employed in newspapers and popular magazines, by the time they complete high school.

A college graduate is obliged to learn about 2,600 more.

ACTION BOX

Date and name in parentheses refer to person or office initiating the letter requesting action from JACL chapters.

1970 Federal Tax Report—Apr. 12 (Hq.) Form 990 must be filed by May 15, 1971.

Public Relations—Apr. 8 (Toulon) Watch for obtainable films on TV. (a) Behind the Scenes. (b) Across the Pacific. (c) Little Tokyo, USA. (d) Black Dragon. (e) Behind the Scenes. (f) Purple Heart.

Support campaign to revoke liquor license of "white only" membership—Mar. 28 (PC) Number of schoolchildren and total dollar amount of awards per year to be reported to the Pacific Citizen.

Office is Repeal—March 20 (Ola-mura) If congressmen are listed as co-sponsors of repeal bills, contact them and urge their work activity for passage if not yet passed, urge their immediate action as co-sponsors.

Commentary on Power

clarification on how to achieve our mutual ends within the framework of our organization as now constituted, structurally and economically. The Executive Committee is only an incidental aspect of the whole picture.

If the finances of our organization permitted, I would encourage annual meetings of the National Council, semi-annual meetings of the National Board and quarterly meetings of the Executive Committee. The activities our organization should be engaged in are overwhelming. The manpower, resources and potential are present; only the conviction is lacking. Therefore, we are presently performing, in many respects, a maintenance role; that is, just preserving the machinery from year to year.

JACL is a unique organization and can perform a unique function. The areas of JACL concern should run the gamut of societal problems and services such as in the social, economic, educational, and political fields.

As Fred has mentioned on a number of occasions, JACL is taking on more than it should. Perhaps, if the problems and challenges that face our organization and our country were diminishing rather than increasing every minute of each day, I would agree with him. Unfortunately, the failure of the citizens of our country to seriously cope with the aggravating conditions of our country and organization, I think, has taught us one lesson. Ignoring them doesn't solve them. Also, the longer we wait to confront and attack the problems, the more imposing they become.

I wholeheartedly agree with Fred that the organization should be democratically oriented. The individual chapter members, chapters, district councils and so on should be involved in the decision-making process.

If an organization is going to function efficiently and effectively, however, adjustments have to be made to accommodate growth, communication, finances and all of its ramifications. If this is not done, the democratic ideal we so admire and cherish will only thwart progress, stifle initiative, preclude timely action, prevent decisive and meaningful participation in the multitude of activities that beg for help each year.

Since July, 1970, I do not recall the Executive Committee usurping the power of the National Board or National Council. If anything, we have faithfully tried to carry out the mandates of the National Council and National Board. In order to carry out the mandates, the executive branch has the implied power to do what is necessary to implement the mandates.

The decision on the textbook "Japanese Americans: The Untold Story" resulted from a culmination of a series of events. Without going into the merits of the decision, a sincere effort was made on the part of the Executive Committee to attempt to solve a difficult, but nonetheless, important problem before the California State Curriculum Commission met to decide whether to recommend adoption or not. It was not and, I hope, never will be the intention of the Executive Committee to usurp the power of the National Board or Council.

After reading our Constitution, it is my opinion the process through which grievances should be processed are from the member to the Chapter, to the District Council, to the Executive Committee, to the National Board and finally to the National Council. Depending on the time, grievances can be legitimately brought directly from the District Council to the National Board, which meets annually, once just prior to the meeting of the National Council.

Preferably, if grievances fall within the jurisdiction of one of our National Committees, we try to refer it to the appropriate National Committee for investigation, evaluation and finally a report with the pros and cons to either the Executive Committee or National Board.

The 1st Amendment guarantees of our U.S. Constitution are applicable just as much to our organization as to our country. People have a right to free speech, to petition, and to assemble. Although the actions of some of our members and Chapters sometimes make life tortuous-

ly uncomfortable for me, I respect the right of people to dissent from my point of view, privately or openly. Such action may seem to subvert and undermine duly constituted authority and perhaps may, but the strength of every democratic institution is measured, in my opinion, by how

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Washington Newsletter

Mike Masaoka

School Desegregation Decision



Last week (April 20), when the Senate was in a bitter debate involving a proposed amendment to an education appropriations bill providing for the desegregation of all public schools throughout the nation...

The nation's highest tribunal, however, made it clear that its decision did not apply to Northern and Western de facto segregation that are based on neighborhood patterns.

Unanimously, the Court of Last Resort dramatically reaffirmed its commitment to the promise of Brown v. Board of Education, the historic 1954 decision holding unconstitutional the "separate but equal" doctrine...

Although the High Court held that busing of students as a means to "dismantle the dual school systems of the South" was constitutional, the nine justices in an opinion read by Chief Justice Warren Berger went considerably farther than that.

To some education and civil rights observers, the April 20 decision was equally important in principle to the 1954 holding with perhaps far greater consequences.

Saying that "Desegregation plans cannot be limited to the walk-in school," the Chief Justice and his associates set forth some new concepts, including the following:

1—"A frank—and sometimes drastic—gerrymandering of school districts and zones" is justified and within the power of the courts to compel as an antidote to "a system that has been deliberately constructed and maintained to enforce racial segregation."

2—"Racial balance" is not required in the sense of identical percentages of blacks and whites for each school in a system, but may be used by judges "as a starting point in the process of shaping a remedy."

3—"Some small number of one-race, or virtually one-race, schools within a district is not in and of itself the mark of a system which still practices segregation by law." But judges must be concerned about all-black schools and systems with segregationist histories which must overcome "a presumption against schools that are substantially disproportionate in their racial composition."

4—"School boards and courts must not be 'color blind' when they assign pupils if they are under a duty to desegregate. 'To forbid, at this stage, all assignments made on the basis of race would deprive school authorities of the one tool essential' to the fulfillment of 'the high promise' of the Court's 1954 school desegregation decision."

5—"At some point" school systems "should have achieved full compliance," and when they do, court intervention "should not be necessary" any longer. Seventeen years ago, the highest appellate court had called for "all deliberate speed" in the desegregation of public schools. Today, it is estimated that as many as 200 large, medium, and small southern cities and communities remain racially segregated.

Although the Chief Justice made it clear that the Supreme Court was not passing upon the constitutionality of racially imbalanced schools outside the South caused by residential patterns, it seems quite clear that the next major efforts in public school desegregation will be directed against de facto segregated schools. And, if the Chief Justice's summation means what it seems, integrated schools throughout the country should soon be reality. "Substance, not semantics, must govern" in the determination of equity.

If racial desegregation in fact becomes the accepted course in all sections of the nation, it should have meaning to many Asian Americans, including Japanese Americans, who today are students in schools such as those in Los Angeles where thirty or forty percent are of Oriental origin. Especially with tens of thousands of Chinese immigrants who are now entering the United States under the 1965 Immigration Statute and who appear to be confined in the main to the so-called Chinatowns of certain port cities, integrated public schools may speed their ability to learn the English language and other aspects of their new lives in their newly adopted country.

Part of the racist, anti-Oriental history of the West is the story of specially segregated schools for the children of first the Chinese, and then the Japanese, immigrant parents. In the first decade of this century, for example, the attempt of San Francisco to sanction racially segregated schools for the Chinese and Japanese children almost precipitated an international incident of serious proportions.

And, as we recall it, even up to the time of World War II and the 1942 evacuation some California schools were provided only for the Japanese.

The height of educational racism against Japanese Americans, though, was probably practiced when the 442nd Central Postal Directory was in training at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, when the children of Nisei in American uniforms were forced to attend, not white, or black, but specially established "Japanese American" schools.

NEWS CAPSULES

Elections

Two Southern California Nisei seeking school trustee positions were unsuccessful in their maiden attempts in the Apr. 20 biennial elections: Deni Y. Uejima, Azusa Unified; and Calvin M. Kimura, Garden Grove Unified. Uejima ranked seventh in the 8-man race with 120 votes for two vacancies; Kimura was ninth with 817 votes in the 18-man race for three vacancies.

Santa Ana city councilman Harry K. Yamamoto was re-elected to a full four-year term at the Apr. 6 elections. An insurance man here for the past decade, he was appointed to a vacancy two years. He won handily over two other candidates.

Medicine

San Francisco's Westside Community Mental Health Center, Inc., re-elected Yori Wada as board treasurer and Ron Kobata as first vice-chairman of the community advisory board. Wada is executive director, Buchanan YMCA, a member of the city Civil Service Commission; while Kobata is active with the Japanese Community Youth Council and member of the San Francisco JACL board.

Government

Small Business Administrator Thomas S. Kleppe in Washington announced the appointment of Robert H. Takeuchi and Tsutomu Uchida as members of the Los Angeles district SBA advisory council. Takeuchi is a partner in the law firm of Bookin, Breslin & Luddy in Los Angeles, while Uchida is associated with Equivest Associates, a financial consulting firm in Pasadena.

Kathleen Takahashi served as mayor of Stockton during the annual Youth in City Government program in April. San Francisco Mayor Joseph Alioto formed a citizens committee of 200 to observe Memorial Day at the Presidio of San Francisco and aboard a ship outside the Golden Gate. Four Nisei named were Harry Tanabe, past commander, San Francisco County Council, VFW; Edward T. Masuoka, Golden Gate Nisei Memorial Post, VFW; Mrs. Florence Enomoto and Mrs. Amy Ter-

IRISH SWEEPSTAKES WINNER:

Fresno Nurseryman Hits \$120,000 Pot

FRESNO — While 43-year-old bachelor Akira Matsubara, manager of the Twin Pine Nursery, is waiting for his \$120,000 he had won from the Irish Sweepstakes, he said this past week his "plans to marry Sally Iwakawa of Los Angeles have not changed."

"She was really tickled," Matsubara said. "Her friend said to call me and see if I'd won, but she said there

Denver—

Continued from Front Page rents' support for demanding from both the teachers and administration the programs and changes that need to be implemented. And if he is bad or can't be reformed, then they should continue demanding his resignation, and get a principal who has the power to do what needs to be done. A good principal makes a world of difference. Ask the people who have one: at Barrett, Hallett, Park Hill and now at Phillips."

The Rev. Paul S. Hagiva, pastor of Simpson United Methodist Church, said it was pathetic "we crucify a good man like Mr. Joe Ariki and make heroes out of folks like the Harrington boycotters."

Calling him an educator with "intellect and heart," Ariki is "a deeply sincere person and so honest," the Nisei pastor said. "Maybe that is what's wrong!"

L.A. school board meets Asian American group

LOS ANGELES — The educational needs and problems of the local Asian community were documented and presented by the proposed Asian American Education Commission this week (Apr. 29) to the L.A. City Schools board of education.

The local group, headed by Dr. William Shinto, met with the Urban Affairs committee of the board, comprised of: Dr. Georgiana Hardy, Dr. Donald Newman and Dr. Robert L. Doctor.

All-white demotion, transfer list blocked

SAN FRANCISCO — The Teamsters Union has obtained an injunction to block demotion and transfer of 125 white San Francisco public school administrators until a court determines whether the job-assignment changes violate their civil rights.

Reynold Colvin, a former Board of Education member, claimed that the board's exclusion of black and other minority administrators from the demotion-transfer list was a violation of the white administrators' constitutional rights. Colvin is an attorney for the administrators.

The Teamsters Union said it represents most elementary school administrators. A hearing was set for May 7.

raawa, VFW Women's Auxiliary

Illinois Gov. Richard Ogilvie appointed Dr. George M. Matsumoto of Chicago, national secretary of the American Society for Geriatric Dentistry, to the Governor's Committee on Aging. The staff dentist with the State Dept. of Mental Health was also official delegate to the Cook County regional White House Conference on Aging held at Illinois Institute of Technology April 15-16.

School Front

Dr. Thomas Kim, recently installed as president of McMurry College, Abilene, Tex., is the first Korean American to head a four-year college in the U.S. Among those present at the March inauguration were Sen. John Tower (R-Tex.) and three of Kim's brothers: Dr. Lawrence K. Kim, a surgeon; Capt. Kenneth K. Kim, U.S. Army Medical Corps, and Hugh Kim, American Airlines employee.

Paul Matsumoto, son of Mr. and Mrs. Masami Matsumoto of 125 S. Soto Street, a student at Maryknoll School placed seventh in the entrance examination for Loyola High School. Five hundred took the examination.

Student-body officers were elected at Vale (Ore.) Union High School April 15. Ron Kuwahara was elected president and Ron's brother, Glen, was elected first vice-president. Laurie Kuwahara, a cousin of Ron and Glen, was elected secretary. Last month Ron and Glen qualified for the Oregon State "AA" wrestling tournament held at Oregon State University with Ron placing third in the 107-pound class. Ron and Glen are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Tak Kuwahara. Laurie is the daughter of Harry and Yukie Kuwahara.

Janice Hayashi, a 4.0 grade point average student at Ontario (Ore.) High School, was awarded a National Science Foundation grant to attend special summer program at the College of Idaho.

Business

The Manufacturers Bank promoted two Nisei women, both of Los Angeles, to assistant v.p.'s: Mrs. Ethel Takahashi and Mrs. Yas N. Inabu. Mrs. Inabu, who joined Manufacturers in 1963, has been in banking for 20 years and was recently elected secretary of the Nat'l Assn. of Bank Women. A. Wallace Tashima, who was deputy attorney general at Los Angeles and Sacramento after finishing Harvard Law School, joined Spreckels Sugar in 1968 and recently was named its general

ral counsel of its San Francisco headquarters office.

Japanese products made in Kanagawa Prefecture were displayed recently by the Japanese American Business Services, International, at trade shows for members of the Future Millionaires Club at Orange County and at San Jose. JABSI sponsored its first show in February to the Los Angeles County FMC. JABSI is headed by Jack Y. Kato, former v.p., Japanese American Jr. Chamber of Commerce.

Courtroom

Hawaii Federal Judge C. Nils Tavare on April 12 ruled that Watson T. Yoshimoto, Honolulu businessman and sportsman, must return to California to be tried in federal court there for conspiracy to shoot a Desert Bighorn sheep. The sheep is among vanishing species protected by California law. Yoshimoto is one of 32 persons accused of conspiring with Gary Swanson, a Redlands, Calif. taxidermist, for a hunting trip to shoot the sheep. If convicted, Yoshimoto could receive a sentence of up to six months in jail and a \$500 fine.

Beauties

An 18-year-old former Korean orphan, Susan Gourley, is the Oregon dairy princess who will represent the state in the national competition in June. Born in Seoul, she was adopted by the Marvin Gourleys of Brownsville, Ore., through the Holt Adoption Agency. The Gourleys have four children of their own and operate a 112-acre dairy farm.

Gale Eriko Kobata, 21, Univ. of Hawaii education major and 1971 Hawaii Cherry Blossom Festival queen, was the house guest of Rep. and Mrs. Spark Matsunaga during her Apr. 15-17 visit of Washington, D.C. She is the daughter of the David Kobatas, Honolulu.

Science

Dr. George A. Omura, assistant professor of medicine at the Univ. of Alabama since 1970, was awarded an Advanced Clinical Fellowship by the American Cancer Society to pursue his work in cancer chemotherapy. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Bunji Omura of New York City graduated from Columbia and Cornell, was a resident at Bellevue Hospital and a Fellow at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Institute before moving to Alabama. His wife, Emily, a dermatologist, also joined the staff at Alabama. They have three daughters.

Agriculture

Fast-growing Southern pine could provide Hawaii with all the construction timber it needs, Sen. Hiram Fong (R-Hawaii) learned during an appropriations subcommittee hearing on the forestry research budget request of \$250,000. Fong noted that Hawaii must import most of its lumber and lumber products.

Churches

The new Hampa Hongwanji temple in Little Tokyo and St. Basil Roman Catholic Church on Wilshire Blvd. were the only two places of worship included on a list of three to be closed for delegates attending the 32nd National Conference on Religious Architecture here this week. Thirteen churches and temples were selected by architect Culver Heaton of Pasadena, who has designed about 300 churches in California, Arizona and Nevada.

Dr. Leo Pruden, professor in religious studies at Brown University, will be chief lecturer for the June 28-July 25 summer sessions at the Institute of Buddhist Studies at Berkeley, it was announced by the Rev. Haruyoshi Kusada, Institute director. Dr. Pruden graduated from UCLA, received his Ph.D. at Harvard, studied at Tokyo University and Taisho University, was ordained to the Shingon priesthood at Shinno-in on Mt. Koya under the spiritual direction of the Very Rev. Zenkyo Nakagawa.

Music

Japanese percussionist Stomu Yamashita makes his L.A. debut at Contempo 71, the Los Angeles Philharmonic's series of concerts devoted to contemporary music, May 2 at the Music Center's Ahmanson Theater. UCLA professor Paul Chihara's "Forest Music" will also be premiered at the same concert. Yamashita will be soloist for Heuwell Tiriculi's Percussion Concerto May 2 and his own Prisms and Norton Feldman's "The King of

Denmark" May 4.

Sansel opera star Shigemi Matsumoto of Reseda, Calif., who has been performing the West End Opera Theater, a subsidiary of San Francisco Opera, will compete in the Opera America auditions at Kansas City this month with hopes that it may mean changing bases to either New York or Europe, according to San Francisco Examiner reporter Arthur Bloomfield.

Book

The San Francisco Center for Japanese American Studies reported Apr. 16 their best seller thus far has been the "Japanese Americans: The Untold Story," almost 500 copies since the first of this year, as compared with the number of 7 copies each, the UC Davis bibliography on Asian Americans and "Prejudice, War and the Constitution" by TenBroek et al.

Press Row

The Hawaii Hochi will publish a new Japanese language weekly tabloid beginning the end of April. Pau Yomuku, Hochi president, said 10,000 copies of "Aloha Mianan" would be circulated to major hotels, travel agents and airport stands. He said it would aim to provide information for the growing number of visitors from Japan.

Deaths

Kempu Kawazoe, 67, Honolulu, a veteran newspaperman and historian, died Apr. 11. The Island-born writer worked for the Hilo Mainichi and Nippon Jiji prewar and the Hawaii Times. He published "Ishokujo no Hana Hiraku" (1960) and "Imin Hyakunin no Nenrin" (1968), which detail the story of Japanese in Hawaii since 1868.

Tom Nakamura, 91, of Denver, president of the Japanese Assn. of Colorado for many years and Tri-State Buddhist Church director, died April 9. He farmed at nearby Littleton until his retirement in 1967, was a naturalized U.S. citizen and was decorated by the Japanese Emperor in 1966 for his service to the Japanese.

Local Scene

Los Angeles

A box for Betty Crocker coupons has been set up by the Kidney Foundation at Koyasan Buddhist Church, 342 E. 1st St., to secure kidney machines for many patients who need them to maintain life. Readers may mail them to Koyasan.

Former residents of Fowler now residing in Los Angeles will hold a reunion May 22, 7:30 p.m., at Gardena Nisei Memorial Hall, 194 162nd St. Reservations at \$10 per person may be sent to George Izumi, 4161 Olympiad Dr., L.A. 90043.

Some 60 applicants have been screened in the Japanese Community Dental Project, according to Linda Iwataki, JACS-AI medical committee worker, during the first two sessions where senior citizens and working families unable to afford dental care were checked. A third check session was held last Sunday, April 25 at the Community Pioneer Center, 125 Weller St.

San Francisco

It's that time again for the San Francisco Nisei Fishing Club to host its annual Huck Finn outing for youngsters at Lake Berryessa on Sunday, May 16. Parents interested in having their sons participate in the all-day outing may register at Wong's Bait & Tackle Shop until deadline, May 9. Any boy, from 8 to 12, is eligible but preference will be given to those making the outing for the first time.

The Kimochi, Inc., chartered a bus Apr. 24 to take Issei to Sacramento where the Japanese art and cultural show was underway at Crocker Gallery.

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Title II repeal—

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peal the Emergency Detention Act is led by another group of liberals. The net effect of repeal will return to the President the original, unrestricted power which President Roosevelt used to detain Japanese Americans in World War II, an act which the organization earlier deplored. Justification for this repeal move is just as difficult to explain as the justification for the incarceration of the Japanese Americans. Justification on one ground is that the law should be repealed to prevent the recurrence of a fifth tragedy befalling the Japanese Americans. The patent absurdity of the 'argument' lies in the fact that the Emergency Detention Act was passed to cure the problem caused by Roosevelt—and it was passed eight years after the act of incarceration. Because of its concern for individual liberties, Liberty Lobby opposes any attempt to repeal the Emergency Detention Act. The original blot upon the national conscience (incarceration of the Japanese Americans in 1942) cannot be expunged by repealing the safeguards against a repetition of the same dastradly act."

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Bill Hosokawa

From the Frying Pan

Denver, Colo.

THE HUMAN SPIRIT—My old friend Ed Bille sent me a clipping from the Wyoming State Tribune in Casper together with a note. The clipping was a United Press International story out of San Jose, Calif., telling of Norman Y. Mineta's election as mayor of that city.

The story was of special interest to Wyomingites because as a youngster Mineta spent two of the war years at the Heart Mountain War Relocation Center near Cody. UPI quoted Mineta saying he was not bitter about that experience, but "this is the kind of history from which we must learn so that nothing like it can happen again."

And Bille wrote in part: "As Wyoming news director for Pacific Power & Light Co., I receive a lot of newspapers and have noticed this story at least a dozen times. At the risk of seeming to be too serious, I would like to say there is something inspiring and splendid that has evolved from the experiences of Mr. Mineta and other Nisei during World War II. The story makes one proud to be part of the human race, because of the nobility of the human spirit which can rise above bitter disappointment and adversity to make outstanding achievements."

I haven't been privileged to peek at Mayor-elect Mineta's mail, but I would venture to guess he received a flood of congratulations expressing much the same sentiments and wishing him well as he faces up to the formidable civic problems of California's fourth largest city. And because our society is so beset by illness, it would be surprising if he did not receive some crank letters, too, but they would be in the infinitesimal minority.

For, as many of us have discovered in business and travels and social contacts, there is an immense reservoir of goodwill waiting to be tapped by minority persons, Nisei or otherwise, who can make good within the Establishment on the Establishment's own terms. This is not to say that there is no subtle discrimination, that barriers no longer exist, that it is impossible that a silent conspiracy blocks the way to the topmost levels of achievement. But it is obvious that vast numbers of Americans are delighted to see worthy, able, determined men and women burst through the color bar on the basis of their own ability and merit, and make their contribution to society.

Being the practical, dedicated young man that he is, Mineta undoubtedly is too busy working up his program for San Jose to look beyond the demands of that job. But there are others who see his landslide election victory as proof that Nisei can win and win big in important political races in California, and see broader opportunities for him in the future. First, however, he must concentrate on solving San Jose's not inconsequential municipal, fiscal and racial problems in an area that is suffering from the pains of overly rapid growth. Obviously the citizens of San Jose are confident of his ability to solve them.

Mineta's election should give heart to supporters of Edwin Hiroto's campaign to represent a large area of Los Angeles in the California state senate, particularly those supporters outside the Japanese American community. At this point in the mainland Nisei's stage of political development, they are inclined to cross partisan lines to support one of their number on an ethnic basis. This, of course, won't work as long-range strategy because, except in Southern California, there simply aren't enough Japanese American votes to make up a substantial bloc. In time the Nisei and Sansei will be voting for their candidates on a party and issue basis as is the case in Hawaii—and as certainly was the case in San Jose where a Japanese American ethnic bloc was not large enough to be a factor.

Meanwhile, we're proud of Mineta's election, and reassured by San Jose voters who elected him on the basis of his record as vice-mayor and the attractiveness of his platform. In Ed Bille's words, Mineta demonstrated "the nobility of the human spirit which can rise above bitter disappointment and adversity." But it was the people of San Jose, regardless of race or creed, who made it possible.



By Jim Henry

Sakura Script

The Capital of Flowers

There was a time, not too long ago, when Tokyo abounded with magnificent groves of cherry trees whose pink blossoms brought joy to the hearts of the citizenry.

In those days the sakura was the legacy and pride of Tokyo, which was sometimes referred to as "Hana-no-Miyako — the flower capital."

In the spring Tokyo blossomed into one colossal garden. Those days, alas, are gone. Perhaps for good.

Tokyo's cherry trees have been dying slowly but surely, including even the sturdiest, which measured over a foot in diameter.

The culprit is no locust-like insect, but poisonous fumes from automobile exhausts, especially the fumes of diesel-engine trucks. They have completely ruined the majestic grove of giant sakura trees in Koganei whose gorgeous blossoms were famous from one end of the land to the other.

Lesser known groves throughout the city have fared no better. It is certainly a sad commentary that to see the finest cherry blossoms in Tokyo nowadays one has to visit a graveyard, the Aoyama Cemetery, through whose premises relatively few automobiles pass.

In the United States and some European countries, trees alongside the roadsides have also felt the ill-effects of exhaust fumes. But they have, at least, not been completely ruined because in such countries the streets are much wider than in Tokyo.

Another reason may be that Occidentals are more civic-minded than Orientals, who pay less heed to the well-being of plants on public property. By the time an outcry was made to save Koganei's sakura, the trees had already withered beyond hope.

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JERRY ENOMOTO: 'INCARCERATION' FOR TEHACHAPI NOMINEE SEEN FROM BOTH SIDES

(The human-interest feature on Jerry Enomoto, immediate past National JACL president, who has been nominated superintendent of the California Correctional Institution at Tehachapi, appearing in the Sunday Los Angeles Times April 18 should enhance his prospects for confirmation by the Governor as readers from all walks of life get better acquainted with the Nisei penologist and urge the Governor to approve the nomination.—Ed.)

By WILLIAM DRUMMOND
Los Angeles Times

Jiro J. Enomoto has looked at the issue of incarceration from both sides of the fence. In 1942, the Western Defense Command herded Enomoto and his family into a temporary settlement at San Francisco's Bay Meadows race track before sending them to a detention camp.

They left on such short notice that Enomoto did not get a chance to be graduated from high school in his native city of San Francisco. He received his diploma instead at Tule Lake, where he lived a year before being relocated to Chicago.

Now, nearly 30 years after the Japanese internment, Enomoto is about to participate in one of life's little ironies. He has been nominated by Director Raymond K. Proenier of the Department of Correction to become superintendent of the California Correctional Institution at Tehachapi.

18-Year Career

The nomination, which comes after Enomoto's 18-year career with the Department of Correction must be approved by Gov. Reagan.

Does the shadow of Tule Lake cover Enomoto's attitude toward dealing with prison inmates?

"The most honest way to answer that is, not consciously," said the 44-year-old Enomoto. "But I have a feeling that inside, experiences like that have a bearing on where you are."

"Other Nisei think differently. They act like they've never been pushed around or had somebody's foot on their head."

Enomoto thinks he has an underdog psychology. "You develop a feeling about people in trouble. This attitude is sometimes condemned as a bleeding heart. You can be accused of that in corrections work. I need a bleeding heart is bad, because it means you are unrealistic. . . I'm talking about a feeling for people and the need to help them untangle their problems. By this attitude you're better able to handle them in corrections," he said.

Soledad Prison

Since last August, Enomoto has been deputy superintendent at the central facility of Soledad Prison, 30 miles south of Salinas. The physical layout of Soledad consists of a large tunnel with housing units radiating from it.

The oppressive atmosphere of the tunnel and the frequent stabbings at Soledad have led Supt. Cletus J. Fitzharris to call the place "a quarter-mile of madness."

Does Enomoto think that prison violence will continue? "The overt violent incident is something that is with us. I can't be optimistic about it," he said. "When I look back, the whole bit of violence has become more pronounced. It is true on the streets and it is true inside."

Outside Attention

The turmoil at Soledad has attracted public attention to the state prison system, Enomoto said.

"People generally get interested, but seldom do they get interested in anything other than the sensational. . . now people have come forward who want to help—people with real interest."

"Prison staffs are not comfortable with people from the outside looking over their shoulders. They have tunnel vision, because they are so busy putting out fires. You don't look at what you're doing. Corrections is not good at self-examination."

"This outside attention forces you to take a look."

Oakland—

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Ogawa, a 1000 Club JACLer, hails from Lodi and has been living here for the past 34 years. He is active with the First District Agricultural Assn., Fukuoka-Oakland Sister City society, East Bay International Institute, Golden Gate Optimists and No. Calif. Japanese Chamber of Commerce.

At the time Ogawa was appointed to the city council in 1966, he was the first Nisei councilman in a major mainland city.

New furniture store opens in Kajima Bldg.

LOS ANGELES — "Charlie" Nishiki, a veteran of the 100th Battalion, has opened his own store, Little Tokyo Furnishings, in the Subterranean Arcade in the Kajima Bldg.

He will handle furniture of distinction and appliances by Hitachi as well as other national brands.

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REDEVELOPMENT HIGHLIGHT—The 11-man delegation of the Little Tokyo Earthquake Disaster Task Force poses with George Romney, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development after their historic April 8 meeting in Washington, D.C. Seated with Romney is Task Force Chairman, Tad Ikeno. Standing (from left) are: Kazumi Adachi, Soichi Fukui, Tom Kamel, Sachio Hirotsu, Akira Kawasaki, Al Hatate, Koshiro Torii, Tetsujiro Nakamura, Kango Kunitugu and Toshikazu Terasawa.

Assailant meted five-year sentence for stabbing Nisei

TORONTO — Eighteen-year-old Ralph Fisher of Oshawa was sentenced to five years in prison recently for his part in the Jan. 29 stabbing of taxi driver Joseph Nishimura, 36.

Detective Sydney Sweeting, who described the attack on the cabbie as the worst he'd seen in 20 years of police work, said Fisher and another man, hailed Nishimura's cab in Yorkville. After driving them to the east end of the city, Nishimura was "viciously" stabbed 12 times with a hunting knife and left slumped over the wheel near Dawes Rd. and Danforth Ave.

Sweeting said Fisher held Nishimura's arm, but when the other man began stabbing the cabbie repeatedly, Fisher panicked and ran away. He was arrested shortly thereafter.

Judge Michael Cloney said that when the other man "obviously went berserk with his knife, Fisher made off. He might have persuaded the other man to stop or he ought to have risked something for the protection of the cab driver. Instead, he just ran away."

"He knew about the knife and the planned robbery, and put himself in the legal position where he was equally liable as the party who committed the offence. He cannot excuse himself. He is fortunate the man did not die."

Fisher, an unemployed farm worker, pleaded guilty to charges of wounding and conspiracy to commit robbery.

David Shortreed, 18, on \$5,000 bail, was scheduled to face charges of wounding and conspiracy to commit robbery on April 29.

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Oriental Builders Assn. vie for construction jobs

LOS ANGELES — Members of the Asian American Builders Assn. and Oriental Contractors Assn. unanimously voted to merge as the Oriental Builders Assn., 240 E. 1st St., with George Inouye as president.

Both groups were geared to foster better job opportunities for Asian builders and contractors in the construction industry and improve their position to vie for the many governmental and private construction jobs now being offered to minority group contractors, Inouye explained.

Black and Mexican-American contractors this past week won approval for construction of 276 housing units for the poor under the Los Angeles Plan, according to Raymond Carrasco, area director for the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development.

Officers of the Oriental Builders Assn. include: Joe Ikeda, v.p.; Wiley Higuchi, sec.; Jimmy Ueda, treas.; Roy Takel, Ray Kaneko, Edmund Jung, Tetsujiro Nakamura, Melvin Kawahara, George Woo, Paul Koshi and David Hyun, bd. of dir.

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Still another bill, introduced

Fraternal groups in Oregon may lose lax-exempt status

SALEM, Ore. — Legislation to remove part of the tax exempt status of fraternal organizations which have liquor or restaurant licenses survived heated committee discussions last week (Apr. 14).

As an amendment to bill referred to the agriculture subcommittee of the House Natural Resources Committee, the bill would tax fraternal organizations with liquor or restaurant licenses 10 per cent in 1972, 20 per cent in 1973 and 30 per cent in 1974 and thereafter.

The full committee defeated motions to refer the bill back, to table it and even to adjourn to pass it 8-5.

Two other committees were hearing bills with the same subject.

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Bay Area JACL criticize Calley hero spectacle

BERKELEY — The Bay Area Community JACL strongly criticized the aftermath of Lt. Calley case that found President Nixon setting the convicted Army officer "free" and even the anti-war people joining the "free Calley" movement.

"We Asian Americans are sickened and angered by the spectacle," declared chapter chairman Raymond Okamura, "where a confessed murderer of at least 22 human beings has been made into a national hero and set free pending appeal. . . ."

"To us, Lt. Calley is a criminal no better than Charles Manson. It is indeed strange for a President who believes in 'law and order' to destroy the very foundations of military discipline and justice. Can it be that the American people do not consider the My Lai massacre a 'real' crime because the Asian people are less than human? If this is even partially the reason, consciously or subconsciously, America is in deep trouble for the ugly disease of racism has consumed the nation," Okamura declared.

The conscience of the American people cannot be cleansed by allowing Lt. Calley "to go free," the JACL chapter spokesman declared.

Entertainers lined up for Peace Sunday program

LOS ANGELES — Celebrities participating in the Peace Sunday program, May 16, 7 p.m., at the Biltmore Bowl include actress France Nuyen, musician Herb Alpert and Olympic decathlon champion Rafer Johnson, according to George Takei of the Asian Americans for Peace.

The Peace Sunday program will be an evening of speakers and entertainers to show the "Asian American voice must be heard to awaken the conscience of this nation in the wake of the Lt. Calley verdict." Takei added.

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ST. LOUIS JACL: Otto Furuta

A View from Solitary

(A month ago, Dr. Furuta, chapter president of St. Louis JACL, suggested special reports for chapter presidents. We heartily agreed and announced the series would be named "Chiaroscuro". There have been pieces in newsletters, which we intend to print in this same corner—Ed.)

The mention of JACL brings to mind Los Angeles, San Francisco, Chicago. But let me assure you that here in the Midwest, there exists a small metropolis called St. Louis.

CHIAROSCURO

We can boast that such industrial giants as McDonnell-Douglas, Monsanto, National Lead, Mallinckrodt, and Shell Oil have graced us with their presence. The population of roughly a million and a half includes a mere 300 residents of Japanese ancestry; of these a portion is here temporarily as visiting professionals and businessmen.

Our chapter membership consists of a handful of "senior" citizens, the postwar wives from Japan, and a majority of couples and families in the 30-50 age group. A large percentage of the latter group are professionals: doctors, dentists, engineers, and related occupations.

Since the inception of the chapter in 1946 under President Sam Nakano, the all-time high was 168 members in 1959. Last year a mere 98 were chapter members. As must be the case with many other chapters which "stand alone", the local organizations has served a social need; a means whereby residents of Japanese ancestry can find

friends congregate to sustain and renew friendships. St. Louis certainly is not unique in this respect.

Fraternity Fading

But contrary to the words of wisdom that "what was good enough for my parents is good enough for me," with the assimilation of our ethnic group into society, we find that a fraternity is not as imperative today.

Thus such an organization fades into the horizon, perhaps never to return again. To face such a reality is to enter the realm of conscious admission: a characteristic of human nature. Exaggeration? Let me share with you conversations with good friends of mine from Houston, Texas.

There have many fruitless attempts by prominent JACLers such as the late Joe Grant Masako to establish chapters in Texas. As you will recall, Japanese residents there were spared incarceration and thus have enjoyed total assimilation into the respective communities; in the South, there exist two groups: black and white. If you aren't black, you are automatically white. Thus Japanese Americans were hostile to even the insinuation of initiating JACL there. I wonder if the Texas incident isn't a projection into the future of chapters like St. Louis.

The problem is a waning interest in JACL. The causes are affluence and apathy. The two solutions are dissolution of the chapter and a change in the goals of the local organizations. Of course, the former is the easy way out. The latter is a long and strenuous process. For as the blacks have learned integration cannot happen overnight. So it is with a chapter, change is a slow process. We, as a chapter, have chosen the hard way out.

The Difference

In the California communities and, perhaps, in Chicago, programs can be established in care for the aged, drug abuse, education, and equal opportunity as they relate to Japanese Americans or even Asian Americans.

But here in St. Louis, we cannot relate to those particular areas of interest; our manpower is limited and the nature of our critical problems differ. Thus we have to emphasize culture through sponsorship of Japanese festivals and participation in Folk Festivals.

Our support for the youth program remains strong but we are just getting our feet wet in the areas of community relations. Seminars on pollution, law enforcement, and drugs have increased awareness of critical areas as they relate to the community. A fund-raising night to contribute financially to a local program to help underprivileged people help themselves is a start in human relations.

These programs are only seeds, and the maturity and growth of these "plants" can only be determined by the efforts of the board and the support of the members. With the vibrant energy of the board and the strong support, which the members have shown, I'm confident that success should be inevitable.

As I see it, one of the most critical dilemmas which confront JACL is the relationship of the National Organization to isolated chapters such as ours. Many chapters in the Midwest, I'm sure, are asking similar questions. California and the Northwest seem to be the backbone of JACL.

'Isolation'

Yet, as I've mentioned previously, our problems differ from those geographical regions. If this question is not answered soon, I can foresee a secession of these isolated chapters from National. We can do our share in National programs such as Repeal of Title II; but our efforts are limited and the endeavor does not produce an immediate impact. Health insurance is a good idea but most of us already possess insurance from other sources.

So what's the solution? Perhaps local chapters must work harder to sustain programs outside of the Japanese American community and delve more deeply into community problems so that pertinent issues can be brought to the attention of National, and action can be taken. National staff can be a vital factor in the latter endeavor because this may require more time and effort than the chapter itself is able to spend.

It is impractical to expect National JACL to dictate programs to the chapters. It is my hope that JACL can extend its helping hand to all who need assistance so that we can truly say that we strive to be "Better Americans in a Greater America."

DEVELOPS NATURAL ENEMIES TO AID CROPS

TOKYO—The Japanese Agriculture and Forestry Ministry announced the success of two research projects to replace conventional farm chemicals: mass breeding of ladybugs to combat plant lice, and new forms of bacteria capable of exterminating flies. The Tamagawa University has developed a method of freezing and pulverizing dry larva and pupa of the male bee with which to raise ladybugs. Seibu Chemical Industry Co.'s new bacteria is fed to the fly larva, affecting secretion of the metamorphosis hormone to kill the larva.

1000 Club Report

April 15 Reports

First half of April shows 164 new and renewing 1000 Club memberships, including one new Century Club member Tom Yanagihara of San Diego. Acknowledged by National Headquarters were:

21st Year: San Francisco — Dr. Tokujū Hedani; San Diego — Tom Kishi

19th Year: Downtown L.A. — Harry K. Honda; MDC — William T. Ishida; Seattle — Kay Yamaguchi

18th Year: Philadelphia — William T. Ishida; San Diego — George Kodama; San Francisco — Yukio Kumamoto; Sacramento — Wataru Tsugawa

17th Year: Stockton — Fred K. Dobana; San Diego — Hiromi Nakamura; Ben Lomond — Tomio Yamamoto; Salt Lake City — Mas Yano

16th Year: Sacramento — Yasuaki Ito; Cleveland — Joe Kadawaki; Milwaukee — George M. Kaneko; Chicago — Richard M. Nomura; Livingston — Robert Ohki; St. Louis — Dr. George M. Tanaka; Dayton — Dr. George H. Ueyemura; Mrs. Marge Ueyemura

15th Year: San Diego — Moto Asakawa; Dr. Morimoto; George Yasuda; Boise Valley — Kay Inouye; Puallup Valley — Yoko Fujita; Dr. George Tanbara; Dayton — Dr. Mark Nakachi; Sacramento — Masao Nishimi; Charles Yamamoto; San Francisco — Takeo Betsu; Oxnard — Minoru Yamasaki; Sonoma County — George Yokoyama

14th Year: San Diego — David M. Noguechi, Tom Sato; Chicago — Sat. Takemoto

13th Year: Stockton — Kenji Ito; Chicago — Dr. Joe Nakayama; Kay Tamada; Salt Lake City — Ichiro Doi; Pasadena — Mrs. Kinuko Fukukaki; Inastoma — Akahashi; Twin Cities — Mieke Mujita; Dr. Harry Tanamoto; Tokihira Yano; New York — Kona Komatsu; Arizona — Mrs. Merry Masumoto; Placer County — Howard Nakae; Chicago — Misao Shiratsuki; Kay Yamashita; East Los Angeles — Hiroshi Tatum; Dr. Hideo Hatakeyama; Detroit — Frank Watanabe

12th Year: Mile-Hi — Tom Masamoto; Dr. Masao Ueda; San Fernando Valley — Kay I. Nakagiri; Dr. Sanbo Sakaguchi; Cleveland — John Sakashima; San Francisco — Harry Jono

11th Year: Prog. Westside — Mark Kiguchi; Chicago — Bob J. Matsumoto; San Francisco — Dr. Harry Nomura; Yoro Sakai; Pocatello — Masa Takamoto; Gardena Valley — Dr. Yasuaki Yamane; Stockton — Ed Yoshikawa

10th Year: San Luis Obispo — Kazuo Ikeda; Hollywood — Alice A. Ito; Oakland — Mrs. Moly Kitajima; San Francisco — Harold Nakamura; Joseph K. Yoshida; Watsonville — Shikuro; Sonoma County — Martin Shimizu; San Diego — Edward Y. Urata

9th Year: Seattle — George I. Hanamoto; Sequoia — Dr. Harry H. Hatazaka; Seattle — Tetsuichi Horiuchi; Hollywood — Mrs. Yuki Kamayatsu; Boise Valley — Harry Kawahara; Stockton — Harold Kitta; Alameda — Shiro Jug Tashita; Philadelphia — David Yoshiko

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Movie benefit geared for Florin scholarship fund

Florin JACL will sponsor Japanese movies entitled, "The Blind Swordsman and the Drums" and a Dashi mystery thriller, both in Cinemascope, on Friday, May 14, 7:30 p.m., at the Florin Japanese Buddhist Hall. Proceeds will be used for the Chapter's scholarship fund and other chapter programs, according to chapter president Dr. David Asahara.

Gardena Valley sets golf tourney for May 26

A day of fun and fellowship where everyone can come out and "unwind" has been promised by George Kobayashi, chairman of the fourth annual Gardena Valley JACL golf tournament, set for May 26 at Alondra Park. Tee-off times have been reserved from 9:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

As the field is limited, guys and gals are expected to reserve their starting times early. The \$15 entry fee should be turned in by May 17. Bruce Kaji, asst. chairman, will handle the tournament dinner at Kyoto Sukiyaki. Entries are being accepted by: Gardena Valley JACL, P.O. Box 2361, Gardena 90247; Kobayashi (324-444, 327-7221 eve) and Kaji (370-1530, 327-6257 eve).

Civic Affairs

JACL assisting museum dedicate Asian wing

Milwaukee JACL members will assist at the Friends of the Museum reception May 22, 9 p.m., when the Asian wing at the museum is dedicated. There will be demonstrations on tea ceremony and flower arranging at the Japanese House.

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Vietnam Teach-in

Aloha from Hawaii

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year standard—citing a compelling state interest due to rising welfare costs.

Univ. of Hawaii

The House of Representatives on April 14 passed and sent to the Governor a bill paving the way for higher tuition at the Univ. of Hawaii and the community colleges. UH tuition has stood at a \$170 maximum for 15 years for Hawaii residents, although nonresidents have been required to pay higher rates for the past two years. The bill passed April 14 sets \$170 as a minimum annual tuition for UH campuses, with a \$30 minimum at community colleges.

Maurice Nakahara, a junior in history at the University of Hawaii, was elected student body president for the 1971-72 school year.

Names in the News

Charles M. Campbell, former city councilman, has been named the president-elect of the 3,000-member Hawaii State Teachers Assn. Campbell is a teacher at Farrington High School. He will serve as an HSTA v.p. until the organization's 1972 convention, to be held on Kauai during the 1972 Easter recess. Campbell defeated David Tuzeh of Campbell High School in a spirited contest.

Darnette Sue Akuna, a Waimea High School senior, was named April 10 as Miss Kauai of 1971 and will represent the Garden Island in the annual Miss Hawaii Pageant. She is the daughter of the Daniel Akunas of Makaweli.

Winners of the Three Outstanding Young Men contest were announced April 10 at a banquet of the Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce. They are Hugh Y. Yoshida, teacher; Walter A. Dods, marketing; and Tennyson K.W. Lum, businessman-legislator.

Seven Hawaii high school seniors have been named winners of the first of three national Merit Scholarships to be announced this spring. The winners are Isabelle Melano, Hilo High; Robert Hamada, Farrington High; Christian Moller, Radford High; Pamela Myers, Kailua High; and two others whose names were not announced.

Edward L. Silva, one of six escapees from Halawa Jail who were rescued by the late Earl Lum, was charged with harboring a fugitive and with aiding the late bank robber Earl Lum. Mrs. Silva was one of three women charged with harboring a fugitive and with aiding the late bank robber Earl Lum.

Honolulu Scene

City officials say they are now gathering information on ways to keep hippies and others of similar type out of Honolulu. The corporation counsel has sent a letter to the corporation of New York City, asking for a copy of an ordinance that "authorizes the return of transients to the point of origin when the transient appears to be a minor, indigent or vagrant."

Groundbreaking for a Chinese Cultural Plaza in downtown Honolulu took place April 12. The first building in the Honolulu Redevelopment Agency's \$10 million project will be the \$350,000 Mun Lun School, a Chinese language school. It is to be completed by November. The school will be located at Maunakea and Kukui Streets. Fifty Chinese-oriented shops, schools and recreation halls are planned for the 194,000-square-foot site. Sen. Hiram L. Fong spoke at the groundbreaking ceremonies.

A seven-story high-rise is going up at Punaluu, a windward beachfront property and, as a result, some Punaluu residents are being unleased. The high-rise is being built by Patsy and Edwin Yee & Associates.

Military News

Iwan Yekouli, assistant managing director of the City of Honolulu and a 38-year veteran of Army service, has been promoted to colonel in the Army Reserve. Yekouli, 49, served with the 42nd Regimental Combat Team in WW II as an Army officer. He received his commission as a second lieutenant in 1945.

Deaths

Moses Akiona, 77, head of a multi-million dollar heavy construction company bearing his name, was found dead in his home on Old Pal Road about 3 a.m. Friday, April 9. He apparently had shot himself in the head with a .38 caliber pistol. He was born in 1893 at the seaside village of Keane, Maui.

Stan M. B. Townes, 72, former chairman of the math dept. of the Univ. of Hawaii, died April 10 at his home in Marysville, Tenn. He had been on the UH faculty for 25 years. In 1955, a year after his formal retirement, the regents named him emeritus professor of mathematics.

Appointments

Gov. John A. Burns has sent the following names to the state senate for confirmation: Eddie Tange, appointed to the land use commission; Lawrence E. Alway, a Kauai member, and Paul Canto, Sr., Maui member, to the Kaimama Day celebratory commission; and Dr. Rodney C. Y. Chun to the board of examiners in naturopathy.

Gov. John A. Burns has named the following to boards and commissions: board of health, Dr. Richard Maruyama; board of hearing aid dealers and fitters, James S. Hasegawa; board of dental examiners, Dr. George Kanani; board of cosmetology, Mrs. Peggy Yano; commission on children and youth, the Rev. William Aulenbach and Harry N. Shimizu; advisory commissions to the administrator of the vocational rehabilitation and services to the blind division, Alercio S. Bahlo; Pacific War Memorial Commission, Harold S. Wright and Morgan E. Nielsen; motor vehicle industry licensing board, David Kapiana, Jr.; commission to promote state legislation, Hideo Nakamura; contractors license board, John A. H. Lee; board of accountants, Katsuo Matsuda; board of accountants, Patrick Cairns, Lloyd Nakagawa and Han Y. Ching; civil defense

BOOK REVIEW: Allan Beekman

Japan Favored in New Pacific Era

by Allan Beekman

THE JAPANESE CHALLENGE: The Race to the Year 2000, by Robert Guillain. (Doubleday, \$12.95.)

According to the jacket, the author of this analysis of Japan in the world of today and tomorrow covered the Sino-Japanese war in 1937 and 1938. He was trapped in Japan by the Japanese attacking Pearl Harbor, and spent the duration of World War II there. Since, he has been present at all the major events in Asia.

He has therefore seen at firsthand the rise and fall of Japan as a dominant military power and her rebirth from the ashes of defeat into the fastest growing economic power in the world today.

Through prizing America as a customer in a mutually advantageous trade situation, and benefiting from the use of U.S. patents, Japan feels competent to advance through the exercise of its own resources. Fascinated by science, drawn to anything new, steady, tenacious, and eager to succeed, the Japanese are demonstrating great capacity for original research.

Until the defeat of Japan, militarists were the main beneficiaries of this struggle for excellence. The militarists appropriated the best results of Japanese research and skill; Japan shipped shoddy merchandise abroad. But postwar Japan has effaced the reputation of a nation that exports inferior goods; the Japanese exports of today are conceded to be of high quality.

The favorable position of Japan in world trade, and her prosperity at home, has been won under the direction of entrepreneurs whose salient characteristics include daring similar to the boldness shown by their militarist predecessors. Under their direction the energy of the docile masses, so dedicated in war, has been redirected into the rebuilding of the national economy.

The author says of the Japanese public: "When one has had the good fortune to live side by side with them and to know them well, one is obliged to come to the conclusion: Japan possesses nothing better than these ordinary common people, these polite, hard-working craftsmen, these loyal, disciplined, painstaking workers, these hospitable, tireless peasants, these good people, thrifty without meanness, stouthearted, civilized and kind."

Optimism Surges

Though Japan still ranks only as twelfth among the nations in per capita income, personal income is rising rapidly; the standard of living has never been so high. And the transition from a life dedicated to sacrifice for a militarist state to a life holding promise of richer experience and material benefit has imbued with Japanese with optimism.

The picture has dark spots, and the author points them out: small enterprises and household industries with small income and security; underpaid women; big industries unashamedly polluting the environment and marring the natural and acquired beauty of the countryside. But the Japanese recognize these weaknesses, too, and hope to correct them.

In developing his thesis of the new, economy-directed Japan apparently destined to head the imminent golden era of the Pacific, the author presents a mass of statistical material that may make dull reading for the non-specialist. But he makes a good case for the nation he trusts and admires as it speeds toward greatness in the modern world of business.

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SAN JOSE DE GUADALUPE

When California was admitted to the Union in 1850, the city of San Jose was among six chartered cities in the state. But it bears a greater distinction historically as the first pueblo, established by able Gov. Felipe de Neve in Nov. 29, 1777, on the banks of the Guadalupe River which flows northward through the center of town and by the new Civic Center.

There were only three civil pueblos established by Spain in Alta California. They were the first real civilian municipalities as the other political institutions were the 21 missions and the four military presidios. The missions were situated about a day's ride apart by horseback, the presidios at strategic ports of entry and the pueblos to support and defend nearby missions.

The hucksterism of real estate developers who rely on fancy names today to publicize their development must have been prevalent in the early days of California for this first pueblo was named San Jose de Guadalupe, though I am inclined to think the town was named because the first Mass celebrated there by the banks of the Guadalupe River happened to be a feast day for St. Joseph. Our Pueblo of Los Angeles, which was the second in the state, was so named because of the first Mass celebrated on the feast day of Nuestra Senora la Reina de los Angeles de Porciuncula by the banks of Porciuncula River now known as the Los Angeles River.

The basic pueblo comprised of about 18,000 acres with the plaza in the center—or by the waterfront in case the town by a river or bay. Around the plaza were the public buildings, such as town hall, church, storerooms, jail, and the remaining frontage being occupied by settlers. When San Jose was founded, a few mud huts were erected by soldiers and their families. Growth of the town was slow as scattered settlers barely eked out a living. San Jose was to raise food for the presidios at San Francisco and Monterey.

To induce colonization in Alta California, Spain offered pueblo settlers a house lot, stock and implements, clothing allowance and supplies to cover five years, use of government land as a common pasture and exemption from taxes for five years. In return the settlers were required to sell surplus farm products to the presidios and missions and to assist the military in any emergency. Settlers had to build their own homes, cultivate the land, dig irrigation ditches and maintain a specific amount of animals. Each pueblo was expected to construct its own dams, canals, roads, public buildings and help till public lands. This arrangement was to keep for five years and no one had the right to sell or mortgage his land during this period.

The mayor (alcalde) was first appointed by the governor but the settlers later elected him and the councilmen (ayuntamiento), who managed public affairs. The alcalde decided all cases of minor importance which were punishable by fine or imprisonment. Major crimes were disposed by the governor. In effect, the alcalde was the "father" of the town to whom all carried their troubles, public and private. The town officers were not paid, the only compensation being the honor of holding public office. The alcalde carried a silver-headed cane as a badge of office.

As enticing the plans were to establish pueblos, there were few takers. In order to fill the ranks to found the third pueblo of Villa de Branciforte (near Santa Cruz), the Spanish viceroy emptied prisons, banishing convicts to form the pueblo.

San Jose also has the distinction of being the first state capital as designated by the Constitutional Convention of 1849 though it was a provisional designation till formal admission in 1850. Several cities eagerly vied for the privilege of being selected as the permanent state capital, including San Jose, but (says the history books) the legislators had been dissatisfied with the accommodations there and remember the first legislative session as the "Legislature of a Thousand Drinks" after a trivial incident. (And there hasn't been a 1000 Club national convention whing ding like the one staged at San Jose, either).

The state capital was moved two times before it settled for Sacramento in 1854—remote from larger centers of population today and the capital for more than a century. (And it seems JACL conventions accomplish much in similar surroundings). No success story about agriculture in California is complete without relating the introduction of silk raising by a French immigrant botanist, Louis Prevost, at San Jose in 1854. The legislature in 1862 offered bounty for cocoons but the state was just not suitable (as the Wakamatsu Tea and Silk Farm colony in El Dorado county was to discover several years later) and the little industry faded away in the 1890s. The French prunes were successfully introduced in San Jose and Santa Clara Valley in 1854.

And San Jose State College, founded in 1857, is the first of the state colleges that now dot the state.

Such are the roots upon which Mayor-elect Norman Mineta will draw to revitalize San Jose's self-identity. As a city heading for its 200th anniversary in 1977, it is good to know that a Japanese American will play a big role in the preparations. As a native son of San Jose, the prospects for success loom high.

CALIFORNIA—EAST AND WEST

Since legislators have been against splitting California north and south, it was inevitable a plan would be devised to split the state east and west—and it has happened just before the deadline to submit new measures into the legislative hopper at Sacramento.

Sen. Collier of Yreka has proposed a Western California comprised of the 13 heavily populated coastal counties running from San Francisco to San Diego, and an Eastern California of 45 rural counties where the majority of the water and natural resources exist.

Unless there is a compelling national interest to be served by splitting California east and west, the Yreka senator's proposal only adds a new twist to the list of topics for debate teams to consider. On the other hand, the people in Santa Barbara County might go for it since it's in the middle of western California and affords a geographic center for a new state capital.



THE HONOLULU NEWS

The thorn in 'Tokyo Rose's' side

Truman amnesty—

Continued from Front Page

Mrs. Toshiye Yanagisako, a California native, and her Hawaii-born husband were among those sent to Heart Mountain.

She called this reporter after reading the newspaper stories about Daniels' new book, and comments from Frank Inouye, another local but prewar Los Angeles resident who was at Heart Mountain.

We had several conversations in which she related her family's experiences at the camp. However, she said her husband did not want to discuss it because he was "ashamed" that he could not vote.

She explained that he did not report for induction while at the camp, and was sentenced to a federal prison at Leavenworth, Kan., where he spent almost 2½ years.

'Stigma' Felt

"You know how we in Hawaii feel about voting," she commented. "He feels a stigma . . . He has lost something."

Her report led to the Star-Bulletin query to Sen. Inouye regarding the civil rights of the Nisei draft resisters.

The couple is overjoyed at the outcome, not only for themselves, but for other Japanese Americans who might benefit from the belated news.

"I guess it takes time for right to come out of the light," said Mrs. Yanagisako. But she said her husband still prefers not to talk about the wartime episode and asked that he not be mentioned by name.

"He feels people here would not understand," she explained. "It's very hard for local Japanese to understand what we did."

Draft Resistance

She was referring to the fact that many Nisei in the relocation camps resisted military draft, in contrast to the many Japanese in Hawaii who earned distinguished war records.

Daniels suggests in his book that the resistance movement also was a form of heroism.

Truman's pardon noted that most of the draft resisters did so for "religious reasons."

This is a facile explanation, but not the case.

Mrs. Yanagisako said her husband "never wavers in his answer" when explaining the resisters' position.

"It was to clarify our citizenship," she said. "The men also were concerned about

LETTERS

Gratuitous remark

Editor:

While the family of an Army sergeant, wife and seven children, won the fight against being evicted from their quarters at Fort Campbell, Ky., for the remainder of the school term when the sergeant was transferred to another base, what annoyed and distressed me was the gratuitous remarks of the major in commenting on the sergeant's reaction (Feb. 28, New York Times) that "he looked like a nigger caught in a wood pile."

Why that remark went unchallenged is beyond me. I feel quite strongly about prejudice anywhere, and no matter to whom directed. Our weapon when prejudice rears its ugly head is to spotlight it with all the publicity we can hit it with.

There was no further news item expect ten days later (Mar. 6) that the family were permitted to stay. No apologies, just a quiet retreat.

We who have suffered "the slings and arrows of outrageous (mis)fortunes" must always stand up. Shout and be counted.

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what would happen to their families, left behind in the camps, if they should be killed in the war," she added.

Her husband left Hawaii to work in California some years before the war. He met her there, and they were married in September, 1941.

Faith in America

After war was declared, she said, "he still had a lot of faith . . . He said never mind the cuffs and all of that. We moved into a larger place and bought new furniture."

When the order came to evacuate, "he just couldn't believe it," she said.

Since they were American citizens, he thought that such a thing was impossible. But it wasn't.

They were sent to the racing stables at Pomona where they spent the summer of 1942, and then in the fall to Heart Mountain. Their daughter was born a month later.

Fair Play Committee

Mrs. Yanagisako said they volunteered to help in the war effort, and were sent to Nebraska to work on a sheep farm. They returned to Heart Mountain early in 1943 shortly after the Fair Play Committee was organized.

The committee explained its purpose was "to inject justice in all problems pertaining to our evacuation, concentration, detention and pauperization without hearing or due process of law, and oppose all unfair practices within our center, state or Union."

The committee said it was "not an objectors group . . . The FPC believes we have the right to ask that the discriminatory features in regards to this selective service be abolished, our status be clarified, and a full restoration of our rights before being drafted."

"This absence of a clarification of our status, restoration of our rights, and the lifting of discriminatory restriction is the keystone of our attitude towards the present program of drafting us from this concentration camp."

Sentiments Vary

Sentiments varied, even among family members. Mrs. Yanagisako's brother joined the 442nd Central Postal Directory, while her husband became involved with 62 others in the initial FPC movement.

"We could have rushed off to another farm, or we could have gone right back to the sheep farm," she said. "But we didn't . . . And even though there was a threat of a prison sentence, no one wavered."

An appeals proceeding was started on behalf of all 63 imprisoned men, most of whom were at Leavenworth.

But for some reason it was dropped. Mrs. Yanagisako believes it was forgotten when the war ended.

Back in L.A.

She recalled their arrival in California: "We were met by a committee. It was at night, pitch dark, and a mad scramble . . . We had to wait our turn for an ambulance. Everyone was going to temporary places. Some people went to a church basement. We went to a trailer camp."

Her husband joined her in Los Angeles when he was freed, and worked for a former employer in a garage in Little Tokyo.

If the Justice Department sent a notice of the presidential pardon in 1948, they did not receive it.

"From 1945 to 1948, a lot could happen to people," said Mrs. Yanagisako. "We had four addresses."

EAST WIND: Bill Marutani

'Oracle'

A NEW FRONTIER FOR JACL—A few years back this writer publicly broached the subject of broadening the base and direction of JACL by affirmatively seeking membership among other Orientals such as Chinese Americans, Filipino Americans, Korean Americans, etc., coupled with full and unreserved participation. I emphasize this last clause to remove any doubt as to the basis upon which this proposal was being set forth; thus, for example, it was contemplated that a Korean American could and would become our national president and be fully supported by the membership.

Indeed, some of you may recall that I went even so far as to suggest a name for this reconstituted organization: "Oriental American Citizens League" or "Oracle" for short. I envisioned a truly ecumenical movement.

A ROSE IS A ROSE—Some objected to the use of the term "Oriental," expressing the fear that such would be reminiscent of something mysterious and sinister in the minds of our white brethren; the suggested alternative was something "less innocuous" such as "Asian."

My answer to such timidity was, and is, that I would not wish to accede and give credence to the preferences, prejudices and self-asserted prerogatives of others in determining what we shall call ourselves. (I don't recall that anyone checked with me to see how I felt about the label "Sons of Erin", for example). As a matter of fact, if one will look up the word "Orient" as distinguished from the word "Asia"—the latter being that area generally east of the Ural Mountains in central Russia—perhaps the appropriateness of the former adjective will become apparent.

Equally timid souls would raise the hue 'n cry of "polarization", whatever that may mean. But if such folks will read one, hopefully with an open mind and with compassion, perhaps it will become evident that this by no means is the objective. On the contrary. Moreover, I hear no cries of "polarization" in reference to the myriad of other existing groups starting with the "Sons of Erin", "Sons of Italy", "Sons of the Golden West" (whatever common denominator justifies the amalgamation of this group), the "Hibernian Society", or the English-Speaking Union, and so on.

On the other hand, I respectfully suggest that the proposal for an "Oracle" has positive purposes beneficial not only to its members but also to the strengthening of the fabric of our American society.

ARE YE ABLE?—That JACL has attained, and enjoyed, a high degree of "respectability", which may be synonymous with "acceptance" (there's that word again), within our American society and political spheres is beyond serious argument. And it is precisely for this very reason that JACL and its members should and must be willing to employ this vantage to the betterment and strengthening of the posture of fellow Oriental Americans and thereby build and uplift our entire American society. In contrast, to permit this gift to lie fallow, for us to effete glory in our past "accomplishments", to be afraid to step in new directions toward building our society—in short, to refuse to act can only mean the beginning of inevitable regression.

Moreover, JACL is a "natural" to meet this broader challenge. We share (and proudly so) and certainly can better understand, a number of common philosophies, concepts, religious views of Buddhism (even though a number of us may be Christians or some other adherents to the belief of one God of all of us), and even language (the Chinese root) whether we happen to be able to speak or read an Oriental language or not. These we share with our fellow Oriental Americans in varying degrees.

Beyond this, however, as each of us has experienced, and shall continue to experience, the fact of the matter is that our non-Oriental American brethren all-too-often conveniently lump us together as "Orientals" and the virus of prejudice that preys upon, say, a Chinese American is one that readily will host upon us. And thus it is that not by our own choosing so much as the continued ignorance among large segments of our American populace, that we are challenged to meet and to remove those blotches of darkness that harbor ignorance, shibboleths ("the inscrutable Oriental") and the virus of hatred that continue to persist.

DON'T ROCK A GOOD THING—That many JACLers would be at least hesitant, if not fearful, in shifting from a seemingly "secure" posture, is something of which I am fully aware for, quite frankly, I would be less than honest if I did not admit that I sense an undefined "risk" from moving from the known into an unknown. Also—and let's be frank about it—there is a great deal of provincialism, if not chauvinism, in our hesitancy.

At the same time, however, whatever objectivity and intellectual evaluation you may allow me to claim, unmistakably tell me that fear, discomfort, provincialism and, yes, chauvinism, must give way to what is needed, to what is apparent. To breathe renewed life into that motto with which many of us are wont to close ringing speeches: For Better Americans in a Greater America.

25 Years Ago

In the Pacific Citizen, May 4, 1946

Sec. of Interior Krug urges establishment of Evacuation Claims Commission to adjudicate Japanese American claims . . . General Eisenhower, chief of staff, lauds loyalty of Nisei in Hawaii, says islands' security was never in danger . . . Portland American Legion (Frederick & John Bavin) Post protests real estate board discrimination against wounded Nisei veterans unable to purchase home . . . Four Hirolo aliens arrested for allegedly hoisting rising sun flag on Emperor Hirohito's birthday.

QUESTION BOX

Hosokawa's Book

Q—When will Hosokawa's book, "Nisei", be available in the Japanese language? And the price?

J. M. Mountain View, Calif.

A—Jiji Press plans to publish the Japanese edition but beyond that, no announcement of when or how much has come.

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Cross-Country Pilgrimage

By JOE OYAMA

Twenty-three years ago, Ricky Yoshizawa, stayed with us in our apartment for two days before he left for Los Angeles to join his family there. At the time, he was a young man of only 18 and had just graduated from Haaren High School, Manhattan.

After living in Southern California these past 23 years, he decided to take a cross-

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country vacation, eventually coming to Manhattan where he had spent four years during the World War II years. Taking leave from his job where he works as a technical illustrator, he first, flew to Pierre, South Dakota, where he has a hunting friend, whose living room is decorated with elk and deer head trophies. Ricky knew him in Los Angeles, where they used to go deer hunting in Utah with bow and arrow, and his friend's arrows would always fall short.

After the visit, Ricky was invited for this fall's hunting season.

Second Stop

From Pierre, Ricky's next stop was a farm near Buffalo, New York, where 23 years ago as a lad of 17 or 18, he had worked for the summer labor shortage. He had been recruited by his high school,

Incidentally, since there were no buses to this farm, Ricky hitch-hiked through the snow to the farm.

Staying on this farm for three days, he helped with the chores, and recollected that 23 years ago he used "to get up four in the morning to milk the cows. When I first went there, we milked only two cows at a time with the machine, but now they milk 6 cows at a time . . .

"With my first paycheck, although my mother didn't want me to, I went into town and bought me a gun. The boss knew that I wanted one so he drove me to a store where they sell guns. The store is still there and the owner remembered me." Ricky's hobby today is trap-shooting, although he has done considerable fishing and he is interested in taking up pottery.

He continued, "You should have seen the solid oak tree table there when I first went, and it's still there and it's come into style again! It would fetch a good price in California. These square two story houses up there are just full of pieces that are valuable . . .

"You should have seen that huge, solid cast-iron stove, it was still there in the kitchen burning wood. It belonged to their grandfather . . .

"The little boy who used to be around is now a grown man. Gee, he must be thirty years old by now. He moved away and has his own farm." Ricky said that there were three dogs. "I'd look out of the window into the snow, and I would see the mother dog running through the snow

followed by its female companion, and the daughter trailing behind. Then, after they had gone as far as they could in the snow, they would bump and knock each other over into the snow, and then come scampering back covered with snow. In front of the screen door they'd scratch to be let in . . . As soon as they'd dried off in front of the wooden stove inside, they'd go out again. The missus told me that, "This goes on all day!"

Third Stop

In New York Ricky checked into a hotel in Times Square. His mother had told him how friendly and helpful people were in New York. He had asked a man who was standing for a bus for directions. And the man snapped back at him, pointing up at the bus sign, "Why don't you read it!"

He visited a bar to see its owner whom he used to know. The former owner was dead, and his son was running the place. The only hopeful thing was his high school, "Haaren," it's still there . . .

The first friendly face and words were, he said, when he came to see me at my place of work, and he said, "I nearly got bumped by a taxi." Tonight Ricky phoned from an East side pay telephone booth. He was looking up Eiji Doi, a fellow Californian, who had come to Manhattan three or four years ago, and is working successfully as an illustrator. He had the correct phone number, but a rough voice would answer that Doi didn't live there. He had the same result when he

nostalgically phoned a former school friend. Weird.

Fourth Stop

Ricky's fourth stop was Kerhonkson, N.Y., which is about 100 miles north of New York, where 86-year-old Mr. Ishii and his wife, 93, live. They live in a house over 300 years old.

Ricky had heard about the Ishiis from his mother who had read about them in a Japanese magazine, and he decided to go see Mr. Ishii to see what he could learn. Incidentally, Ricky was building a Japanese style garden into the new home that he just moved into near Orange in Southern California.

Descendant of an Osaka samurai family, Ricky has been in search of cultural ties with his own background these past years. He described Ishii's place as "like being in another world," hidden in the Catskills, a virtual paradise in spring with cherry blossoms all over the hills, and all the colors of a rainbow in fall when the leaves turn.

Mr. Ishii accidentally fell while up in a tree, and went to the hospital with a broken back. While recuperating, on his fifth day he had a vision. "God told me to give away 1,000,000 cherry trees." Today, some people describe him as the "Johnny Appleseed of the Catskills."

Honored by Ricky's long pilgrimage all the way from California, Mr. Ishii "walked me all the way down the hill. I told him not to, because he would have to walk all the way back up. He's a very healthy man. I learned lots from him."