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After all is said and done it is often mentioned: more is said than done. As far as I can ascertain, about as much was done as was said at our last National Board meeting. It will remain for posterity to tell us whether our achievements will measure up to expectations.

In order to wrap up the meeting, we had expected more time for a free wheel-

Wrapping Up

ing discussion to talk about anything and everything on an informal basis. Unfortunately, time started running out and our President, Leonard Noji of PNW-DYC, was not given the flexibility I had hoped he would have to discuss freely any matter at hand. It is hoped that in the future, sufficient time can be allotted for an open period to discuss a wide-range of subjects in a brainstorming, yet productive and informal way.

Many important, interesting and educational subjects were discussed. The Pacific Citizen has reported on almost all of them. I only regret the entire membership was not able to sit in and discuss with us the many issues and problems. Now it only remains for the National Board members to dig in and produce results by our next annual Board meeting in Washington, D.C. in 1972.

Our young Saneel lasses have nothing to be ashamed about showing their legs. I found the hot pants worn by the Nisei Week candidates to be extremely fashionable and in good taste. Joyce Kikuchi, Karen Kitagawa, Audre Miyura, Connie Nakano, Margaret Nishimoto, Lynn Shibata, and Diane Takei are as lovely as they come. They were all queens to me.

Last year's queen, Jo Ann Uyemura, and her court, were comparable as stunning and beautiful as this year's girls. Of course, Dave Ushio and I would not have had the opportunity to meet all these lovely girls had it not been for the proper and quick thinking of our escort, Harry Honda. We must also acknowledge the pleasant and cordial hospitality of Consul General Kanji Takasugi and his wife, Nisei Week Chairman Soichi Fukui and many others.

JACLers Dave and Barbara Miura, Tami and Helen Kawagoe, George and Toy Kanehara, Al Hatate, and others were enjoying themselves like all good JACLers should. Kats Kunitzugu of Kashu Mainichi and Ellen Endo Kanyo of Rafu Shimpou were busy interviewing and taking notes. Kanjo Kunitzugu and Sachiko Hirotsu, I think, were visualizing what Nisei Week 1984 would be like when Little Tokyo will be well on its way to being a redeveloped community.

Harry dropped Dave Ushio and myself off at the airport. Dave and I took a brief stop on the last three days as we rode together back to Salt Lake. I am hoping that Dave was able to absorb all that transpired during, in between and after the Board meeting for future use of JACL and his job in Washington, D.C. Dave seems to be catching on fast. He is bright, alert, mature, articulate, perceptive and dedicated. Here is another young JACL staff member that will go a long way.

As I reflect, I am hoping, again, that we are fulfilling one of the functions of JACL, that is, to groom our young for positions of responsibility both within and without JACL. The opportunities for travel, exposure, making contacts, giving talks, gaining a variety of experiences on many levels, and so on are infinite within the framework of JACL as many of these aggressive and promising young people are finding out. They will, in due time, shape and design the future of JACL and the Japanese American community in ways we do not realize today.

Dave is finding out that Mike Masaoka, Mas Satow, Harry Honda and the other old timers are vast storehouses of information waiting to be tapped by young, curious and pioneering minds. He is also finding out that different district councils and different chapters within district councils have different and pressing problems which require different solutions and approaches. He is also finding out the young in one area do not necessarily think like young in other areas although they have similar feelings and attitudes about many current issues.

Young Asian Americans, Asian American Studies, racism, Issei, Nisei, farmers, radicals, moderates, conservatives and liberals all have a stake in JACL's future. Where we go and how we go will be determined by many things, but our young people can and should have a strong influence in whatever happens to JACL in the coming years. It is a good feeling to know we have some good ones on board who we can keep them and have more just like them in the future plans of JACL.

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SEABROOK, N.J.—Come Labor Day weekend, members of Seabrook JACL chapter will extend their hospitality to the JACL delegates representing 12 chapters from the Eastern and Midwest district councils at their joint biennial meeting to be held for the first time in New Jersey.

John Nakamura, local JACL president, announces the first day, Sept. 4, all sessions and events will take place at Centerton Golf Club. On Sept. 5, joint sessions and symposium will be held at Upper Deerfield Township municipal building, and on Labor Day, Sept. 6, the program will be open for excursions and outings to points of interest in New Jersey for visiting delegates.

EDC Gov. Ira Shimazaki of Washington, D.C., who is co-

ordinating the agenda for this meeting, said that because of the importance of this meeting in charting the direction of chapter programs and activities for the '70s for JACL in these two regions, many members of the National Board and staff have been invited to participate and offer their assistance.

MDC Gov. Mas Yamasaki of Centerville, Ohio, will moderate the symposium and workshop.

Among those scheduled to attend are: Raymond Uno, nat'l JACL pres.; Salt Lake City: Henry Tanaka, pres.-elect; Cleveland: Kaz Horiuchi, v.p.; (public affairs); Norristown, Pa.: Mas Satow, nat'l dir.; San Francisco: Jeffrey Y. Matsui, asst. nat'l dir.; Los Angeles: Mike Masaoka, David Ushio, Washington Office; Warren Furutani, nat'l coordinator; Comm. Inv. Program; and Victor Shibata, Jr. JACL admin. Los Angeles.

Keynote Speaker

Keynoting the joint meeting will be National President Uno, Salt Lake City attorney, main speaker at the EDC-MDC dinner on Saturday, 6-30 p.m., at the Centerton Golf Club. He will speak on "JACL Now and Targets for Tomorrow."

Mike Masaoka, just home from a special world tour, will

be on the program to reflect on world events and Nisei role in international affairs.

Satow will install the officers for the two districts for the next biennium.

Mike Minato is in charge of arrangements. Dr. Richard Ikeda will emcee.

Dr. Ikeda is a physical chemist and staff researcher at DuPont's research division at Wilmington, Del. A native of Long Beach, Calif., he attended local school, was president of the Bridgeton High School student council, the first Eagle Scout in Troop 47 (sponsored by Seabrook Farms and JACL), and graduated from Juniata (Pa.) College, with a Ph.D. from Illinois and did post-doctoral research at Harvard.

Sunday bento will be served Sunday at the township hall after the morning symposium. Henry Tanaka, nat'l president-elect, will summarize the JACL workshop and comment on the development of an effective program planning for the future. Local young people are to assist in arrangements for this affair.

The Seabrook committee members include: Charles Nagao, Mary Nagao, Terry Masatani, Vernon Ichisaka.

Chinese protest
tobacco firm's use
of 'Confucius'

WASHINGTON — Franklin Fung Chow, of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, has protested the exploitative use of Confucius' name by R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. in their promotional cartoon, "Doral Meets a Smart Cookie". But he has received only polite replies.

The advertising, in four strips, shows a couple dining in a Chinese restaurant with a waiter serving a fortune cookie. A pack of cigarette is singing, "Taste me". The waiter speaks, "Confucius say: Don't knock it till you've tried it."

Chow was former editor of the San Francisco Chinese Democratic Club newsletter.

HEW assistance
assured Asian
group in S.F.

SAN FRANCISCO — Federal assistance of Japanese American community proposals and programs was assured by Charles Cooke, director of special concerns of the U.S. Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare, at a recent meeting here at Japan Center with local Nisei leaders.

In the meeting, Asian American representatives were told participation is sought on some 300 advisory committees to HEW, the immediate request for nominations being sought for the White House Conference on Aging due by the end of August.

An immediate opening for an administrative assistant (G-12 position) to an assistant secretary in Washington, D.C., was announced. Details are obtainable from Wanda Littlejohn, San Francisco HEW regional office, 50 Fulton St., (556-3924).

Asian Input Sought

Cooke summarized the status of pending legislation in Congress that will effect their programs in minority communities. Of thousands of minority members on advisory committees throughout the nation, he remarked that community input from Asian Americans is essential. He asked the community members assembled to prepare a referral file of interested, qualified, and concerned representatives from the Bay Area.

JACL and community representatives attending the meeting included: Shig Sugiyama, Jeff Mori, Edison Uno, Stan Abe, George Yamashita, Dr. Clifford Uyeda, Masao Satow, Sue Hayashi, HEW Director Joseph Long, Harold Coleman, Charles Cooke, Irene Dong, Charles Trueheart and Russ Rayner.

Shig Sugiyama, NCWDC governor and Masao Satow, National JACL Director, will coordinate the gathering of information on HEW programs. Interested individuals may contact the National JACL Headquarters, 1634 Post St., San Francisco 94115.

Acid in seaweed absorbs metallic
elements in body, discharges them

SAPPORO — Keen interest was shown by scholars attending an international meeting here this past week when three Canadians savants made known that algal acid absorbs metallic elements in the body of human beings and discharges them.

Their research report drew particular attention from Japanese scholars who are studying cadmium poisoning. The Canadian researchers, including Dr. Yukio Tanaka, of the Gastroenteric Institute of McGill Univ. in Montreal, revealed that their study using mice proved that algal acid contained in such brown algae as tangle and wakame

CITY HALL OFFICIAL ASSERTS 'ALL
JAPANESE SNEAKY, TREACHEROUS'

TORONTO—A public hearing into alleged racism in the budget and accounts department at City Hall was held recently (Aug. 6) that the director of accounting said: "All Japanese are sneaky and treacherous."

A City Hall accountant of Chinese origin, Archibald Lyn, said William MacMunn made this remark about a senior accountant, Roy Sato, a Nisei, before MacMunn became director of the accounting division.

"He (MacMunn) said Roy (Sato) is dangerous," Lyn said.

Lyn was testifying at a hearing called by the Ontario Human Rights Commission on a complaint of Shaki Ahmad, a former accountant in the department.

Ahmad, of Pakistani origin, claimed he was fired from his supervisory job last November for racial reasons, and charged that his dismissal "was an unjust act and it was racism."

The city said it fired Ahmad because of "incompetence."

No Promotions

Lyn, Ahmad, Sato and the assistant director of the accounting division, Philomeno Larcina, testified there had been no promotions for "ethnics" in the past five years, but there had been normal pay raises.

Larcina, of Spanish-Portuguese origin, said as a result of a departmental re-organization in July, 1968, he was "surprised at being named head of accounts." He said the new position was a demotion but "I just accepted it."

He said four "ethnics" and MacMunn competed for the accounting director's job when it became vacant two years ago, but budget and accounts commissioner John Yockey told him he favored MacMunn for the new post.

DOWNTOWN L.A. JACL
HOSTS MASAOKA FETE

LOS ANGELES — With the Mike Masaoka family due to arrive Aug. 25 from San Francisco on his homeward flight globe girdling tour, the Downtown L.A. JACL was to host an informal luncheon on Aug. 26, noon, at the Restaurant Horikawa.

Reservations were being accepted by Takito Yamagata (628-2381) and Ed Matsuda (629-3141).

Last week in Honolulu, the Masaoka family was honored at a testimonial dinner sponsored by the Japanese Chamber of Commerce, Jaycees, Hawaii Rengo Kyokai, 442nd Veterans Club and the Citizens Study Club of Oahu. Rep. Spark Matsunaga's local office was in charge of arrangements.

In a ceremony held Aug. 14 "Seichi Izumi Street" became the first street in Peru to be named after a Japanese, and the second in South America. The latter is "Hideo Noguchi Street" in Ecuador, after the famous medical researcher on yellow fever.

seaweed absorbs strontium, mercury, cadmium and other metallic elements and discharges them out of the body. They said mice fed with feeds mixed with strontium alone were found to have nearly 100 per cent of the strontium left in their bodies, while it was discovered that in mice given feeds mixed with both strontium and algal acid, 95 per cent of the metallic elements was eliminated.

Similar results were reported on cadmium.

The scholars surmise that algal acid acts on metallic elements in the intestines to become insoluble salt and is discharged out of the body.

Kazutoshi Nishizawa, a professor at Tokyo Univ. of Education, said while much is yet to be solved, it is a promising study.

Algal acid being unharmed, might be helpful to give cadmium poisoning patients certain volumes.

Half-fare bill

WASHINGTON — A bill allowing senior citizens (65 and over) travel interstate during nonpeak hours for half-fare was introduced by Rep. George E. Danielson (D-Calif.).

MORE RACIST
MATTERS SHOW
UP IN CONGRESS

South Carolina
Congressman Inserts
Song: 'Import Blues'

(Special To The Pacific Citizen)
WASHINGTON — A scrupulous examination of the Congressional Record in the past few months have unearthed the appearance of more racist statements, using such words as "Jap" and other propagandistic words with reference to Japanese imports, the Washington JACL Office reports this week.

While obviously placed by congressional representatives in the Record to please their constituents, supposedly being part by the influx of foreign import, the latest example appeared in the July 15 report when Rep. James R. Mann (D-S.C.) had the song, "Import Blues", read into the Record under "extension of remarks."

According to Mann, author of the song is James M. Waldrop of Greenville, who translated the woes of a typical textile worker into a ballad. The lyrics were requested by a country music entertainer who intends to use it in his regular repertoire, Mann added.

Several derogatory references in the lyrics refer to "Jap-made" products, "slanted-eyed people of the Rain Sun" who make "sleazy products."

When Congress reconvenes after the August recess, both Congresswoman Patsy Mink and Congressman Spark Matsunaga are expected to reply to the racist implications in the song, the Washington JACL Office learned.

JAL base at Napa irks PH vet

NAPA—While the Napa County Development Council hailed the July 7 announcement of Japan Air Lines establishing a major pilot training center at the Napa County Airport in November, a member of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Assn. protested in a letter published by the Napa Register recently (July 17).

"The planning is better this time," wrote Howard R. Murray. "They've sent incipient Kamikaze candidates to train in the area bounded by Travis AFB, Mare Island Nuclear Submarine Base, Skaggs Island, Hamilton AFB, Moffett Field, Hunter's Point and several other minor defense bases of the United States. Beautiful..."

My only defense is an antique Winchester '94. Being right in the flight pattern of these Japanese pilots is causing me a great deal of concern. But, I suppose that I'll just hope that the Asiatic philosophy that prompted the attack on Pearl Harbor is ameliorated by time.

Invitation Protested

"As a Pearl Harbor survivor, I wish to protest this invitation to our most vicious enemy in recorded history to train any type of aircraft pilot in this country. I suppose that financial considerations will overcome any feeling of outrage, but I do feel badly when I think of our slogan (short lived I suppose), 'Remember Pearl Harbor'."

JAL plans to use the Napa County base for training pilots to fly lighter planes. As many as 200 pilots are expected by summer 1972 handling a fleet of 30 single-engine Cherokee Arrows and twin-engine Aztecs.

Subsequently, another reader, George Hoyer, wrote the Napa Register reminding that WW2 is over. "It is obvious that Mr. Murray's objections to the training of Japan Air Lines pilots in Napa is based purely on prejudices."

"If his objections were based on possible inconveniences to him created by such training, then his objections might

Nixon import surtax stuns
west coast Nikkei traders

SAN FRANCISCO — For importers of Japanese goods, the effective date of President Nixon's 10 per cent surcharge on imports announced suddenly Aug. 15, when longshoremen went on strike along the Pacific Coast ports.

All Japanese importers have tons of goods affected by the tie-up, even those who anticipated the strike and placed orders months ahead of the usual time to stock for the 1971 Christmas trade.

Because of the dock slowdown encountered in June, merchants found dock warehouses loaded when the complete port shutdown started.

All goods, even shipments now on the pier, are now subject to the new import surcharge if they have not been cleared through customs, the importers explained.

For Japanese families which use large quantities of Japanese groceries and other

imported foods regularly, their cost of living will rise unless they forego their favorite foods for the duration of President Nixon's new economic policy — now believed to go beyond the initial announcement of 90 days (Nov. 12).

Meanwhile, business was booming at Tokyo Electronics at Japan Center, factory agent for imported radios, TV sets and cameras. "People want to buy before the prices go up," explained Jimmy Kumagai, owner.

Imported stock on hand was not subject to the 10 per cent surcharge.

But the stationery stores selling magazines from Japan have been hard hit since the dock strike as their stock dwindled.

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Some companies are using the sea-air route to move their goods. Goods coming from the Orient travel on ships to Hawaii, where a jet picks them up for transport to Los Angeles. Pan-Am has a big backlog for the short-haul route to Hawaii, the boom having started the week after the strike began.

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Kenzo Murakami and Vice Consul Chiyoeko Teranishi of the New York Japanese Consulate, who had been instrumental in transmitting messages and from the Paris Consulate to which Kenzo had been summoned more than once for discussions on the matter.

They also acknowledged that a number of local individuals of various minority groups had been helpful in bringing about the resolution of the month-long controversy, as had the Asian American Action for their "judicious use of information pickets" (in front of Bonwit Teller, June 5).

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Kenzo changes label, JACL drops plaint

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NEW YORK—Acknowledging the seriousness of Japanese American protests against his trademark-label "Jap," Paris-based designer Kenzo Takada has decided to replace the offending label with one reading "Kenzo" on all future shipments of his clothes to the United States.

The concession came more than two months after local Nisei initiated a series of protests—including a picketing of Bonwit Teller—over the commercial use of the three-letter word which Japanese Americans regard as derogatory and which most dictionaries indicate to be so.

counsel Moonray Kojima, who had instituted legal proceedings against the designer and his marketing concern Societe Jungle Jap early in June in the name of the JACL and all Japanese Americans, jointly announced the resolution of the controversy last week (Aug. 12).

Label Changed

Under the agreement reached with the Japan-born designer, the latter promised to replace the "JAP" label with one reading "Kenzo" on all items now in production and with the principal demands due for shipment to United States retailers, and that he will in future never use the epithet or any derivative

thereof on items to be sold in this country.

On those items which had been ready for shipment early this month, the period-studied labels reading "J.A.P." (the only concession that Kenzo had been prepared to make prior to the new settlement) are to be removed and sent to American retailers unlabeled. It is presumed that retail outlets will affix store labels thereon.

The announcement by Yuzawa and Kojima, said that in view of the designer's compliance with the principal demands due for shipment to United States retailers, and that he will in future never use the epithet or any derivative

drop legal action which had been pending in State Supreme Court against Kenzo and his firm. (They had on July 22 filed a notice of appeal on the denial by Justice Harold Baer of a preliminary injunction against the use of the original trademark.)

It was pointed out that also pending had been complaints filed with the Federal Trade Commission, the New York Conciliation Bureau and the New York Human Rights Commission.

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Washington Newsletter

David Ushio

Remember Pearl Harbor

Some months ago I was sitting in a gas station waiting for the attendant to service my car when I overheard a conversation between two men who were obviously employed at the nearby steel mill. The conversation went back and forth concerning the hard times American steel operations were experiencing and the reasons for the difficulties. As I sat there I expected to hear the standard complaint about cheap Japanese steel hurting the United States steel producers.

Eventually the conversation came around to exactly that point. The men's voices became more heated and angry as the woes of the entire community were blamed on Japan. The final statement of one of the men was "We should have killed all the damn Japs in World War II when we had the chance."

The man who made this statement left shortly afterward but the other man lingered in the station with a somewhat apologetic, somewhat sheepish expression on his face.

Sensing his discomfort I remarked, jokingly, "Did your friend leave to form a lynch party for me?"

This seemed to break the tension and the other man laughed and began to explain what he believed to be rather harsh statements of his friend. He explained that his friend had just been laid off from his job at the steel plant and that he was frustrated and mad, and that it was quite easy to transfer his frustrations of joblessness to hate of foreign steel.

"And since Jim fought in the Pacific in World War II," he added, "it is easy to rekindle hate for the people he saw kill his two brothers and friends."

The other guy apologized for his friend's remarks and continued to explain that he personally knew that Japan could produce high quality materials at a cheaper price because the Japanese plants were more modern than those in this city. He went on and on about how he had visited Japan recently and marveled at the production in that country and how no longer did Japan produce cheap imitations.

Time and again this man kept saying to me, "You and your people," "When you return to Japan," "You Japanese."

Finally I told him I was an American citizen born in this country, that my parents were born and raised in this country. He seemed quite surprised but still his final statement was "You Japanese have made a tremendous recovery in your country."

I relate this incident as an example of an ever-increasing phenomena in the United States. We as American citizens who happen to be of Japanese ancestry are more and more frequently being subject to campaigns denouncing Japan and Japan-made products. Some of the agitation toward imports becomes very racist and is degrading to the Japanese people of Japan as well as to us as Japanese Americans. We become victims of the carry-over effect because most non-thinking and insensitive people do not bother to make a distinction between American citizens of Japanese ancestry and their foreign competition from Japan.

At any rate one hears the terms "Jap-made products" and "sneaky Japs," among other derogatory statements, more frequently these days not only in steel towns and textile areas but even in the halls of Congress.

Recently a Congressman from South Carolina read into the Congressional Record a song written by one of his constituents which supposedly laments the plight of a man hurt by Japanese imports. One of the song's verses reads:

"Buying Jap-made products so sleazy to see
Is a damn fool thing for you and me;
And I'm fighting back because I won't run
From the slant-eyed people of the Rising Sun"
Other "Buy American" ads have appeared in various sections of the country. The So. Calif. JACL office reports that an Arizona paper has run an ad saying: "Remember Pearl Harbor, when they tried to take your country from you. They are back with cheap imports to take your jobs, pension, and social security."

All of which means that we as Japanese Americans face the increasing possibility of racism and discrimination as the economic competition between Japan and the United States intensifies. When an economic campaign is reduced to the emotional level, racist name-calling is one result. Japanese Americans, because of our immediate visibility, may become the target of hostilities, insults, and racism inherent in this situation.

Many Japanese Americans are said to believe that "they have it made in this society." Chances are great that many people in this nation view us not as "model citizens" but more as "slant-eyed people from the Rising Sun."

I am not an alarmist but the trend is clear that racism directed at Asians which surfaces in rhetoric is increasing.

The campaign to "Remember Pearl Harbor" may become a battle cry to rally against Japanese products but it may be well for us as Americans of Japanese ancestry also to "Remember Pearl Harbor" and what being Japanese Americans meant then.

SUPREME COURT STAY SOUGHT FOR S.F. BUSSING PLAN

Chinese Join City
of San Francisco in
Request of Douglas

WASHINGTON — San Francisco last week (Aug. 17) and its Chinese community asked the Supreme Court to prevent a massive desegregation plan for its 87,000 elementary school children this fall.

City Attorney Thomas O'Connor asked Justice William Douglas to stay the effect of an order by Federal District Judge Stanley Weigel, who found 80 per cent of the black pupils were in only 27 of the city's 102 schools.

The city's Chinese community made a like request of Douglas.

They said the suit, which doesn't directly concern them, has resulted in dispersing Chinese children far away from their neighborhood schools.

Chinese Community
"Unless a stay of the reassignment of pupils of Chinese ancestry is granted, the cultural and educational life of the Chinese community in San Francisco will, as a practical matter, be destroyed."

When replies to the applications are received from the Negroes who started the suit, all papers will be sent to Justice Douglas at his vacation retreat in Goose Prairie, Wash. He can notify the Supreme Court clerk's office by telephone of his decision.

O'Connor said San Francisco has not engaged in any acts or omissions to purposely segregate children on a racial basis. For this reason, he said, the lawsuit does not fall in the legal area covered by the Supreme Court's historic decisions on the subject.

Question of Duty
"The core of the problem is the question of duty," he said. "That is, is there a duty to racially balance? As indicated by Chief Justice Warren Burger, the Supreme Court of the United States has not yet answered this very important question."

700,000 foreigners reside in Japan

TOKYO — A year-end (1970) survey conducted by the Japanese Ministry reported 708,458 long-term foreign residents from 100 countries, excluding diplomats, living in Japan. Major groups were:

Koreans	614,000
Chinese	51,000
Americans	19,000

The report added 72 pct. of the Korean residents and 59 pct. of the Chinese residents are Japan-born.

L.A. Nisei VFW Post plans orientation meet

LOS ANGELES — An informal orientation session for recently discharged military veterans will be sponsored by the L.A. Nisei Memorial Post 9938, VFW, at Santa Barbara Savings & Loans Assn., building at 3910 W. Santa Barbara Ave., on Saturday, Sept. 11, 8 p.m.

VFW Dept. Service Officer Bill Kessler will be the principal speaker. Associated with the Veterans Administration, he is among the most qualified locally to help answer questions relating to GI benefits, according to Sat Kohigashi, post commander.

Nisei memorial planned by San Fernando VFW post

SAN FERNANDO — A bronze plaque in memory of the Nisei war dead will be erected by the San Fernando Valley Nisei Memorial VFW post 4140 at the Japanese American Community Center in Palmdale.

Nisei families in the valley who have lost their sons, brothers, husbands, fathers, etc., have been asked to call Harold Muraoka (767-6991) to provide information for the plaque inscription.

A fund-raising luau for the memorial is planned for Saturday, Sept. 25, 4-11 p.m., at the community center.

2-YEAR-OLD WHIZ KID

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NEWS CAPSULES

Redevelopment

The architectural team of David Kikuchi, Frank Sata and Mark Horie, will be design consultants for the high-rise Little Tokyo Towers, Inc., board president Mac Sasaki announced. Kikuchi, UC Berkeley graduate, is a principal for Black, Pagliuso, Kikuchi & O'Dowd, which recently designed the Balboa Bay Club in Newport Beach.

Sata, formerly with the Black, Pagliuso, Sata & O'Dowd, and now in private practice is currently working on West Covina's civic center master plan. Horie, principal architect for the Cashion-Horie firm, will work as an associate to Kikuchi and Sata in designing the 350-unit, 12-story structure proposed for development on E. 3rd St. between San Pedro and Central. Little Tokyo Towers is owned by the So. Calif. Christian Church Federation, L.A. Buddhist Church Federation, So. Calif. Gardeners Federation and the Japanese American Citizens League.

The civil engineering firm of VTN Van Nuy, is using the latest electronic surveying equipment in affixing the boundaries of the Little Tokyo Redevelopment Project, according to project manager Kango Kunitzugu. Such equipment as the Hewlett Packard meter (measuring distances) and the Askaniya Directional Theodolite (measuring angles) are being employed to provide the project with accurate measurements to prepare maps and plans for construction.

Churches

More than 50 ministers of the Buddhist Churches of America convened Aug. 23-26 at Menlo Park's Vallombrosa Retreat Center for their annual seminar, the initial session being devoted to lay leaders and youth as well as a discussion on drug abuse. Dr. Carl Watanabe of Berkeley, Fr. James Sweeters of Santa Clara University and a San Francisco police officer were to lead in the discussion. Prof. Shoho Takemura of Ryukoku University, Kyoto, headed the second-day session on the academic study of Buddhism. A ministerial workshop and business session closed the seminar.

Agriculture

Minoru Akiyoshi, employed by UC Davis for the past 20 years, was elected president of the American Society of Enologists, comprised of members in the grape-wine industry. He is the son of the Jitsuro Akiyoshi of El Cerrito. Another Nisei, Ted T. Yamada, was president of the same group in 1962. He is now manager of the E & J Gallo Winery at Fresno.

A stern warning that every farmer must become involved in development of legislation was issued by Howard Fujii, legislative specialist with the Oregon Farm Bureau Federation, at a recent picnic of Madera County Farm Bureau members at Ontario. He stressed the need for a positive attitude on the part of agriculture and talked extensively on the farm labor problems and property tax re-

ALIENS ALLOWED TO OPERATE 'HAM' RADIO

WASHINGTON — President Nixon on Aug. 11 signed into law a bill which permits aliens who are permanent residents of the United States to operate amateur radio stations, the office of Sen. Hiram L. Fong reported. Fong was one of several cosponsors of the bill.

The law, an amendment to the Communications Act of 1934, allows aliens who have declared their intention to become U.S. citizens to operate and to hold licenses for amateur radio stations.

Toyo Miyatake film

LOS ANGELES — The NHK-TV color documentary on the life of a Japanese American family, namely photographer Toyo Miyatake, shown earlier this year in Japan was scheduled for showing Aug. 26, 7:30 p.m., at Merit Savings & Loan.

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forms. Regarding farm labor housing, Fujii said if the public is going to say so much about it, then they should build, maintain and operate such housing.

Press Row

Kashu Mainichi contributing columnist Joe Dahn is now bureau chief for the Capitol News Service in Sacramento. He formerly worked on the Herald-Examiner editorial staff at Los Angeles and has been on various public relations assignments before his move north.

Second issue of Amerasia Journal, a quarterly devoted to the critical examination of Asian experience in America and published by the UCLA American Studies Center and Yale Asian American students Assn., is now off the press. Three main articles are titled: A Buried Past (by Yuji Ichiohka) on the early Issei socialists in America, The Unending War of Iva Ikuko Toguri d'Aquino (by David Ward) on the trial and conviction of "Tokyo Rose," and Chinese American Personality and Mental Health (by Stanley and Derald Sue). Single copies are \$1.50, available at UCLA, PO Box 24-A-43, Los Angeles 90024.

First issue of Asian Women (4250, Asian Women c/o 3405 Dwinelle Hall, UC Berkeley 94720) is now off the press. Lead article, "The Issei: The First Women," by Emma Gee (wife of Yuji Ichiohka), UC Berkeley instructor, examines the oft-neglected human element in Japanese American history.

Crime

What turned out to be the first bank robbery in history of Gardena occurred Aug. 10. The Bank of Gardena branch of about \$700 in currency around 12:45 p.m. The suspect was described as a male Caucasian, about 58 years, 5 ft. 11, 150 lbs., salt & pepper hair, brown eyes, ruddy complexion, short gray beard and wearing dark pants and a red-white checked shirt.

Business

A Canadian Nisei firm, Tanabashi Group, headed by Richard Elzo Tanabashi, announced one of its companies, KDI Pollution Control Systems, has produced "Oil-Lok" for worldwide distribution to combat oil spills. The product

ACTION BOX

TITLE II REPEAL: With debate and vote slated in the House the week of Sept. 6, all chapter officers are urged to (a) visit congressmen at home during the August recess and urge their presence on the floor to vote on HR 234, (b) if writing to congressmen—send strong letter for repeal to both home office and in Washington, (c) contact local news media for support, informing them of crucial vote due after Labor Day. Relay all results to Washington JACL Office, 2021 L St. NW, Washington, DC 20036; (202) 296-4494. (Aug. 6)

JACL STUDENT AID: Applicants must file by Sept. 1, 1971. Applications available from JACL Nat'l Youth Program, 125 Weiler St., Suite 310, Los Angeles, Calif. 90012. (Aug. 13)

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Sumitomo Bank appoints first Sansei to manage new branch in Contra Costa

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sinks the oil to the bottom of the sea, keeping it locked until the microorganisms convert it into cell mass or otherwise degraded by natural forces, Tanaka explained. . . . Stockton JACler George Matsumoto, owner of George's Shoe Store, was the golden shoe award by Red Wing Shoes for being among the nation's top retailers in sales of the brand for April. He also operates a shoe store in Yakima, Wash.

Sports

Japan's ice hockey hopes in the '72 Sapporo Olympics got a big boost as Canadian Nisei puck star Osamu Wakabayashi, 27, and his American wife Susan decided to apply for Japanese citizenship. As a Boston University player, he was rookie of the year and a high scorer in U.S. collegiate ice hockey. He turned down pro offers, came to Japan three years ago to play with his brother, Hitoshi, with the strong Seibu Railways team. He is employed by Kokudo Keikaku, a Seibu affiliate.

Jockey Jerry Takeda, apprentice champion in 1967, is back riding at Spokane's Playfair course this summer. In 1968, he missed most of the season because of injuries but came back in 1969 with 25 wins to rank No. 2 for his best season.

Education

The Rev. Taiteisu Unno of Los Angeles has resigned as adviser to the Asian American Alliance at the Univ. of Illinois to be professor of religion and director of the Kent Program (to build up interest, courses and library on Buddhism and Asian religions) at Smith College, Northampton, Mass.

The Rev. Bob Yamashita, former pastor of the Whitney Memorial Methodist Church, Tacoma, is chairman of the board of community college board of trustees. He is also a Tacoma human relations commissioner. . . . One of the first students to graduate from Reedley College's landscape horticultural program, Ron Nishihara, returns to teach in the same program. After graduating from Fresno State, he worked five years with the Takekura Landscaping Service in Sacramento where he was employed as foreman.

Among the former Santa Rosa Junior College students returning to the campus as faculty members are Dr. Dennis Fujita, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fujita of Petaluma, and Robert Miyashiro of Honolulu. Dr. Fujita with a doctorate in nuclear, organic, inorganic chemistry and immunology from UC Berkeley was employed for three years as a chemist at the UC Davis Institute of Ecology, and also taught during the past year at Santa Rosa J.C. on a part-time basis.

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Local Scene

Los Angeles

In a rare visit to the U.S., Princess Atsuko, daughter of the Emperor and Empress of Japan and wife of Takamasa Ikeda, is accompanying her husband, one of the directors of Japan Golf Promotions, to attend the Mesa Verde Country Club opening this weekend. The couple was also among special guests at the Nisei Week Parade reviewing stand last Sunday.

San Francisco

Efforts to include Asian American applicants for a campus police officer position at Univ. of California, San Francisco, was announced by the University Personnel Office. Pay range is \$728-\$84 per month; previous police experience is not required. Candidate must be between 21-35 in age, at least 5 ft. 8, in good physical condition with good hearing and vision, a U.S. citizen with a valid California driver's license, a high school graduate, without conviction of serious crime.

A troupe of dancers from Tokushima prefecture, Japan, staged authentic Awa Odori dances, Aug. 23, at Japan Center. On a Folk Arts goodwill mission to the United States and Canada, the San Francisco performances were their only appearance in the U.S. Awa Odori dances go back some 400 years, using drums and bamboo instruments called Yatai-take.

Chicago

A two-year college credit course in Japanese conversation, reading and writing is being offered at the Chicago City College, Loop Campus located at 64 E. Lake St. The course open in September. There is no tuition fee for Chicago residents.

Japan Day at the Illinois State Fair in Springfield, Ill. was celebrated Aug. 14. Umeo Kagei, the Consul General of Japan and Yutaka Tachibana, executive director of the Japan Trade Center in Chicago, hosted a reception at the fair. Entertainment included Japanese dancing, a demonstration of aikido and selections on the koto.

Slaying of Chicanos
WASHINGTON — Slaying of Mexican Americans and Mexican nationals by local police will be probed by the House Civil Rights Oversight Committee, said Sen. Edward Brooke, D-R.I., when public hearings begin in October.

Deaths



Ken Dyo, 50, of Pasadena died of heart attack Aug. 19. Born in El Paso, a landscape architect was active in JACL at Santa Barbara and in Pasadena. He was PSWDC chairman in 1950 and again in 1953-54. Surviving are wife Mikko, 5, Michael, Danny, Tommy, 4, Naomi, 3, and sis Mitsuko Soraoka (Chicago) and Kow Kaneko.

Joseph S. Hikida, 72, retired Chicago businessman, died Aug. 14 of heart attack. He was employed by the Chicago WRA Office during the war years. He served prewar as executive secretary of the Japanese Assn. at San Francisco after graduating from UC Berkeley in 1927. Surviving him are wife Sadako, 4, Yoko Tanaka and Kelko Toriumi.

Ushi Yonaki, 93, pioneer Delano Issei resident, died Aug. 14 following a prolonged illness. Surviving are w. Tsuru, s. Sadamu, Sadao, Tom, Civil Rights Oversight Committee, said Sen. Edward Brooke, D-R.I., when public hearings begin in October.

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From the Frying Pan

Denver, Colo.

CLOUDED OUTLOOK—Fortunately this is 1971 and not 1941, and an open break of relations between the United States and Japan is unthinkable. Still, there are disquieting similarities in the patterns of tension building up between the two nations. Nothing really serious yet, but something for Nisei and Sansei to think about.

First was the political fuss over imports of Japanese textiles. Certain congressmen urged strongly that something be done to curb the volume of Japanese fabrics entering the United States. When Japan came up with a proposal for a voluntary quota, it was swiftly rejected by Washington, bruising Japanese feelings. Then came President Nixon's overtures to Mainland China. Ever since Japanese industry began its postwar comeback Japanese businessmen have cast hungry eyes on the mainland market. But the conservatives in power, mindful of the American policy of isolating the Red Chinese, frowned on anything more than token trade with China. Then President Nixon reversed his policy toward Red China without giving Japan so much as a hint. Prime Minister Sato was caught flat-footed, a predicament that politicians shun like the plague. When Washington suggested that President Nixon might like to try a little fence-mending in Tokyo on his way to or from Peking, a Japanese government spokesman announced bluntly that he would not be welcome. And within days, as President Nixon sought to shore up the American economy with his abrupt wage-price freeze, the proposed 10 per cent surtax on imports dealt Japan a serious economic blow.

There is more to come. Before long Congress will begin consideration of the administration's agreement to return Okinawa to Japanese sovereignty. Politics being what they are, issues totally unrelated to the merits of the Okinawa reversion proposal—Japanese textile imports, the price of Japanese steel, automobile imports, color TV "dumping", restrictive Japanese trade and investment regulations—are likely to be aired with corrosive results on American-Japanese relations. The reservoir of goodwill that has been filled by the two nations over the years may be sorely taxed in the months to come.

There is a Nisei angle to all this: What happens to them if and when bitter words stir up ugly emotions once more?

Let us hope that these ugly emotions do not rise to the surface ever again. Let us hope that this apprehension, if it can be called that, is misplaced and unnecessary, premature and ridiculous. But it is also prudent to be aware that what has happened before can happen again. The Nisei once were innocent victims of a hysteria that they could not combat. They proclaimed their total Americanization—which was not entirely true—and there were not enough people who believed them.

Today the situation is somewhat different. The Nisei and the Sansei are in truth more completely integrated into the mainstream of American life than they ever were—politically, socially, economically.

Yet there is a movement to emphasize the Asian origins of the Japanese Americans, to take justifiable pride in their ethnic culture, to resist the anonymity of total absorption into White America, to stress their difference from other Americans. No one can say whether the movement is "right" or "wrong" for it is an individual matter, but it does raise some very interesting questions. For example, should relations between the United States and Japan become more acrimonious, will Japanese Americans once more become pawns? Will this danger be increased by the current ethnic movement that underscores differences among Americans? Will we shy away from things Japanese, as we once did? Unfortunately we probably won't know the answers until 25 years after the events take place, whatever they may be.



By Jim Henry

Sakura Script

Japan in the Year 2000

Cancer and environmental pollution will be wiped out in Japan in the next 30 years. Also, no major catastrophes will result through earthquakes because every quake will be predictable one month in advance.

These predictions were made by a majority of 4,000 Japanese scientists who were questioned in a survey conducted by the Science and Technology Agency.

The principle question asked in the survey was: "To what extent will science and technology in Japan develop in the next 30 years?"

The questions covered 620 points in the five categories of medical, social development, food, information and

industrial resources. In the category of medicine, the survey concluded that the number of patients suffering from cancer would be halved by 1988 and that cancer itself would become a completely curable disease by 1997.

With regard to social problems, the problem of automobile exhaust fumes will be solved within six years, the technological savants predict. However, it will not be before 1989 that urban waste will be completely disposable in an ideal manner.

By 1996 also, an earthquake with a magnitude of six or more would be predictable one month before, the survey said.

The survey also said that pollution-free agricultural chemicals would be conceived by 1984 and technology to translate foreign languages into Japanese automatically would be developed by 1987.

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COL. TOSHIO NAKANISHI

Nisei relies military after 28 years, volunteered as private for MIS school

PRESIDIO OF MONTEREY—Colonel Toshio Nakanishi, special assistant to the commandant at the Defense Language Institute, West Coast Branch here, retired from active duty Aug. 16 with over 28 years of active service.

In an outdoor ceremony in front of Nisei Hall, Colonel Nakanishi was presented a Certificate of Achievement by Colonel Kibbey M. Horne, commandant, Nakanishi was also presented letters of commendation sent by Governor Ronald Reagan and Sen. Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hawaii). Nakanishi, a native of Honolulu, Hawaii, entered the Army in May 1943 as a private at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. He volunteered for, and was subsequently assigned to, the Military Intelligence Language School at Camp Savage, Minn. (That school was a forerunner of the present Defense Language Institute, which has four branches located throughout the United States.)

His service includes tours of duty in the Pacific during World War II; the Occupation of Japan; tours in the European Theatre; Korea; and two tours in the Republic of Vietnam.

DLIWC Projects

He has served four previous tours at the Defense Language Institute, West Coast Branch: In 1960, as intelligence officer; in 1964, as deputy commandant; in 1966, as troop commander; and in 1968, as troop commander and deputy commandant.

He has spearheaded many projects at DLIWC, including the naming of Nisei Hall in memory of those Nisei killed in action during World War II; the building of the Greenhouse; and the construction of the picnic grounds and cultural gardens. The Oriental Garden was completed in April 1965. It was conceived as a place of beauty and an area where students might learn, firsthand, the symbolic factors of Oriental philosophy which are reflected in the garden.

Colonel Nakanishi is a graduate of: The Advanced Infantry and Airborne School; the Army School, Prisoner of War Interrogation Course at Ft. Riley, Kansas; the Strategic Intelligence School, Washington, D.C.; Air Ground Operations School; Special Weapons School Workshop for Middle Managers; Job Instruction and Appeals; and many others.

MIS Instructor

Colonel Nakanishi has been an instructor in Methods of Interrogation of Prisoners of War and related intelligence subjects.

He is the author of "The Compilation of Precise Terminology and Organizational Names," a publication of the social, political, and economic

institutions in Japan. Among his decorations are: The Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Clusters; the Bronze Star; the Air Medal; National Defense Medal; Army Commendation Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters; the Vietnamese Gallantry Cross with Silver Star; the Vietnamese Armed Forces Honor Medal; the Vietnamese Staff Honor Medal; the Vietnamese Combat Medal; and two awards from the President of the Republic of Korea for outstanding achievement in Korea and Vietnam while in support of Korean troops.

"I am most proud," Nakanishi said, "of the Good Conduct Medal I received as an enlisted man. I came up through the ranks," he added. "I was a sergeant when I received a direct field commission in the Philippines in August 1945."

Teaching Techniques

"You know," he said, "I can see the tremendous advances that we have made in language teaching techniques. I recall the days when under the pressure of the need for fully-trained Japanese linguists in the Pacific, we were required to be in class from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. with four hour exams on Saturday mornings. We achieve excellent results in much less time now. In the old days, we pulled K.P. and coal-hauling details, and stood inspections. Today's soldiers' primary mission is to learn the language."

Colonel Nakanishi is a qualified parachutist and a holder of a Black Belt in Judo. He has participated in Judo tournaments in Italy, Germany, Switzerland, France, and Japan. A former president of the Judo Club in Verona, Italy, he organized the Italian Youth Judo Center and has appeared on various radio and television programs in Europe.

Colonel Nakanishi and his wife, Terry, are long time residents on Monterey, Calif. (Mrs. Nakanishi is also a graduate of the Language School which she attended while she served in the Women's Army Corps in 1944).

They have two sons: 1st Lt. Calvin T. Nakanishi, a graduate of Monterey High, Monterey Peninsula College, and San Jose State College where he was a distinguished military graduate. He is currently serving with the 173rd Brigade in the Republic of Vietnam. Gregory, also a graduate of Monterey High and Monterey Peninsula College, attends San Francisco State College, majoring in Psychology.

Colonel Nakanishi has three brothers and a sister still living in Hawaii. His brothers, Ronald, Kazuo, and Kameichi, are all graduates of the Army Language School an veterans of World War II. His sister, Mrs. Helen Yamachika, lives in Honolulu.



Col. Toshio Nakanishi

Community Week in Gardena set Aug. 29-Sept. 4

GARDENA—Japanese Community Week here (Aug. 29-Sept. 4) is an experiment where persons interested in staging an exciting, informative and entertaining series of events with a Japan touch have spent the summer organizing and are now on the threshold of action.

Among the opening day events will be the FOR Club volleyball tournament at the Japanese Cultural Institute, 2000 W. 162nd St., at 2 p.m., with parents and children participating.

Historical photographs of Gardena will be displayed with suseki and daiseki exhibits Aug. 30 at the Nisei Veterans Hall. A camp art display is also planned.

Youth Workshops

Youth Day workshops are planned Aug. 31 at both the Japanese Cultural Institute and the Nisei Veterans Hall, which are adjacent to each other. Also on tap is a martial arts exhibit from 7-10 p.m. at the Cultural Institute featuring judo, kendo, iai, naginata, aikido and karate.

Among speakers of interest during the week will be Dr. Bill Shinto, chairman, Asian American Education Commission; and Jim Matsuo, community worker, Sept. 1, 7 p.m., at the Nisei Veterans Hall; and an open forum Sept. 2, 7 p.m., at the Cultural Institute, with Dr. Shinto as

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Secret papers of Nisei exploits in WW2 intelligence to be open

WASHINGTON—President Nixon reported the government has nearly 160 million pages of still-secret documents from World War II and he asked for funds to put 100 persons to work declassifying them.

The job is expected to take five years and ultimately cost \$6 million. Mrs. Nixon asked Congress Aug. 3 for \$636,000 as a first installment.

At the National Archives where the WW2 file is stored, most of the still-classified material appears to be intelligence information, according to Herbert E. Angel, deputy archivist. Asked why it should be kept secret today, he referred questions to the State Dept. and Defense Dept., which put on the "secret" labels in the first place.

Foreign Relations

The State Dept. said most important U.S. diplomatic papers from WW2 have been declassified and published as

part of the department's series, "Foreign Relations of the United States." Only papers which need to remain secret, so far as the State Dept. is concerned, are personnel records, data regarding pending claims against the government, passport and visa cases involving investigations of persons, cryptographic material and records of covert intelligence operations.

WW2 Material

Remaining sensitive material at the Defense Dept. would include contingency plans, reports of covert operations, methods and sources of gathering intelligence, escape and evasion data, personnel files and other investigative reports given in confidence to the government, the Defense Dept. explained.

About 64,000 cubic feet (enough to fill 10,500 government filing cabinets) of WW2 documents remain classified and must be culled, the Ar-

chives spokesman stated. Another 58,000 cubic feet of secret papers from the 1946-50 era and nearly an equal number of secret papers from the Korean war era are stored at the Archives.

JACL most interested in WW2 papers on Nisei

WASHINGTON—The Washington JACL office expects that material of particular interest to Japanese Americans would include papers relating the role of the Nisei in the Pacific Theater during World War II.

JACL has long sought declassification of such material and especially during the past decade when its Japanese American Research Project was instituted at UCLA.

In January, 1970, the JACL Education Committee member Ken Yoshikawa did spend several days consulting with research consultants and specialists at the National Archives to learn what types of materials might be available.

Yoshikawa noted there were material related to Tule Lake WRA Center which he had not seen published, Justice Dept. files, including the FBI as well as 1942-46 State Dept. papers.

JACL has also expressed strong interest in storing all the WRA files, once they are disposed by the National Archives.

Japan historians seek return of WW2 documents

TOKYO—Japanese historians, led by Prof. Masanori Kano of Waseda, Akira Fujiwara of Hitotsubashi University and Takahide Nakamura at Tokyo University, are seeking the return of material, which were seized by Occupation forces at the end of World War II and now stored in the MacArthur Memorial Document Bureau in Virginia, University of Maryland and in the Library of Congress in Washington.

Documents were identified as that held by the defunct Home Ministry, the Imperial Army and Navy and South Manchurian Railway.

Material is needed to provide the missing links in the study of modern Japanese history, the professors explained. Some 63 crates containing Army documents was returned by the U.S. to Japan in 1958.

Suspect held in robbery, attempted murder of Stockton grocer Okubo

STOCKTON—A teenager, who three and a half months ago allegedly shot and seriously wounded grocer Raymond Okubo in the Okubo family grocery store, Mabel's Market, at 2163 S. San Joaquin St., was arrested Aug. 11 after he reportedly returned to the store with friends.

The suspect, Severino P. Ursua, 17, of 41 W. Eighth, was charged with robbery and attempted murder.

He was taken into custody at Eighth and Madison Sts., about four blocks from the grocery store and a block from his residence. Police said Ursua drove up to the store with friends Aug. 10 afternoon, but waited in the car while his friends went inside.

Okubo's wife, Kimiko, 24, observed Ursua in the car and told her husband in Japanese that the person who had robbed her was outside. They got the license number of the vehicle, and called police, officers said.

Investigators traced the registration to Ursua's family and arrested him 24 hours later.

Police said they found two .38 caliber revolver cartridges similar to those used in the shooting in the glove compartment of the car.

Okubo, 27, was shot in the abdomen April 19 by one of the two men who threatened him, his wife, and their daughter, Ann, 3, in the market.

Police said the two robbers entered the store and demanded money.

One of them knocked out two overhead lights with a wooden club and the other shot Okubo when Okubo picked up a mop to protect himself and his family, officers said.

After Okubo was wounded, the bandits forced Mrs. Okubo to empty the cash register. The shooting was the second violent attack on a member of the Okubo family in a year.

Okubo's sister, Evelyn, 18, was slashed to death in July, 1970, in a Chicago hotel room during the JACL convention. Her roommate, Ranko Carol Yamada, 18, also of Stockton, was seriously wounded by the intruder.

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Drug Abuse

Los Angeles
Last year, there were at least 31 deaths resulting from drug overdoses in the Asian community. This figure was determined by the number of deaths known to various self-help groups in the Los Angeles area.

The actual number, however, is extremely difficult to calculate due to the tendency of families to cover up the fact of an overdose in their home. Many times, instead of recording a case as an overdose, it will be recorded as a respiratory disease or heart condition.

As long as the number of deaths remains unknown, it will be easy for members of the Asian community not to recognize the urgency of the drug problem.

Within the past month, at least 15 overdose cases have been recorded in the community. Again, this number can be an understatement of the actual number of overdoses. These OD's reveal the availability of drugs, especially within the junior and senior high schools in the Los Angeles area.

Drug availability, as found in the schools today, is directly related to overproduction by the major drug manufacturing companies. It is estimated that in 1969 anywhere from 12 to 15 billion barbiturate capsules were produced. The number sold through prescription compares only to a fraction of that number.

Numerous Senate and House reports investigating the problem of drug abuse focus on the over-abundance of drugs that are channeled into non-medical use.

Countless figures and statistics can be accumulated for the purpose of verifying the existent drug problem in the Asian community. The Coroner's office, for example, in examining the drug problem, has mapped out the geographical areas in which deaths from drug overdose have occurred. Upon examination, it is seen that the greatest number of deaths fall within the minority communities. These same communities are areas in which Asians

comprise a large number. It seems evident that the presence of readily available drugs must be acknowledged by the community.

An upcoming event that will bring this fact into focus is the Nisei Week carnival. (It was held Aug. 20-22—Ed.) Stumbling, glassy-eyed youths every year are present to participate in the festive activities.

This year, however, concerned individuals within the community have made a decision to confront this reality and the people caught within it.

The JACS — AI office, in cooperation with many serious community workers, is attempting to offer some assistance to the youth who may be a hazard to himself, as well as others. This attempt is one of the first steps in an all-out protracted offensive against drug availability in the Asian community.

The offensive against drug over-production requires the involvement and commitment of not only community workers, but the services and cooperation of every member of the community.

The "straight" Saneel, uncommitted Nisei, even the visitor to the Nisei Week celebration—all have a role in helping the stumbling drug user. One can approach the user and suggest for his safety (against any arrest) that he leave the carnival.

If parents, friends, or strangers feel uncomfortable or incapable of confronting directly the individual, teams of community workers will be on hand to try to talk with the user. The attempt by friend or community worker to protect the individual can only be suggested. The drug abuser present at the carnival or parade has already made himself vulnerable to a drug arrest.

Drug abuse is only a manifestation of the problems created by racist stereotypes and conflicting cultural pressures on the youth. Oftentimes, overprotective and unyielding parents increase the likelihood of their children taking drugs.

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CHAPTER PULSE

July Events

Women's Lib speakers address Seattle JACL

Two speakers for the women's liberation movement from the University Branch of the YWCA made their pitch to the Seattle JACL meeting July 21. Sarah Whisnant and Sarah Sakuma, both UW students, were prepared with voluminous statistics and stacks of brochures.

Miss Sakuma stated that women's movement is radical in a sense of getting into the root of the problems to make changes in the role between men and women. "Social scientists didn't pay much attention to women. Mostly they studied men and helped to reinforce the stereotype and myth of women," Sakuma said. "The assumption relates women's work to be in the home."

She compared this sorry state with the role of women in other countries where they have a freer hand in choosing their destiny.

Women's discrimination is sorely felt in the wages paid to women. Following graduation or college at the age of 21, she asks if the women are able to choose her own career and destiny after 21 years of socializing and conditioning. Girls are taught from infancy to be passive and dependent. Women suffer from neurosis as a result of constant discrimination against them.

Miss Whisnant reinforced Sakuma's contention by telling of her experience at UW. "We were dumb" because we are women. Women aren't supposed to excel in school since we are going to get married anyway," Whisnant said. "We find out that women are not talking in the classroom since they felt we were incapable and we find that other women felt the same way. Very few women ever speak in class," Whisnant continued. Whisnant felt this was all the result of conditioning.

Orange County launches Pioneer Project with film

Some 50 Isei, their friends and relatives, enjoyed films on Japan at the initial Orange County JACL Pioneer Project activity July 24 at Winterville Presbyterian Church in Garden Grove. Young people from the Nozomi Kai and Bushido assisted by making and serving the refreshments. An inquiry sheet on future programs were distributed.

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and discussion led by chapter Pioneer Project chairman Kats Yawata followed. Dick Isawa and Kazumi Mayemura assisted.

The chapter board, at its July 14 meeting, went on record to concentrate primarily on directives from national and district boards, Asian American education, Pioneer Project and other significant community problems.

Other traditional functions, such as installation, Easter Egg hunt, Nisei Relays, JAY's carnival will receive continued support as well as in youth activities.

Dr. Bill Shinto spoke on ethnic identity during the second portion of the meeting. The chapter board previously heard Charles Furutani speak on Asian American awareness. At the Aug. 18 board meeting, Ron Hirano discussed Asian American studies.

August Events

City council candidates appear at meeting

Candidates for Seattle City Council position No. 4 were to appear at the Aug. 18 meeting of Seattle JACL at the JACL Office, with program chairman Ted Taniguchi in charge. The special election is slated for September. Tak Kubota, PNWDC governor, also reported on the recent National JACL Board session.

San Jose-Waialua youth in sports exchange plan

Fourteen San Jose youth spent a week living and learning with families in Waialua, where pineapples are grown, and 14 Waialua boys are being hosted this month by San Jose families in a baseball Little League exchange program.

OSCAR-WINNING FILMER PLANS DOCUMENTARY

SACRAMENTO — James Wong Howe, Academy Award-winning cinematographer, is making a documentary on the important role the early Chinese played in the development of the agriculturally rich Sacramento Valley, the East-West correspondent Wally Lee reported.

He is getting footage on such little delta towns as Locke and Walnut Grove.

Howe won an Oscar for best black & white cinematography in "Hud" and "The Rose Tattoo".

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gram, according to Jim Yamachi, vice-president of the San Jose Community Youth Service, a program supported by the San Jose JACL since its inception in 1960.

The youth selected for this exchange are 12 years old with a record of involvement in community activities, academic standards and on their attitude.

The Hawaiian visitors will tour Los Angeles, Disneyland and San Diego before returning home.

September Events

Panel on Japanese Americans set Sept. 11

West Valley JACL and the Young Japanese American Club of San Jose will co-sponsor a panel discussion on the Japanese American Sept. 11, 7:30 p.m., at Grace Methodist Church in Saratoga (Prospect Ave. between Hwy. 9 and Saratoga Ave.) with Edison Uno of San Francisco, Fred Hirasuna of Fresno, Isao Fujimoto of UC Davis and Dr. Tom Taketa of San Jose as panel members.

Scholarship

PROG. WESTSIDE JACL

Ishimoto Memorial—Wanda Winston, Dorsey High.

1st annual Ishimoto memorial award presented

After two years of effort by the Ishimoto family and friends, past and present Progressive Westside JACL board members, the first Ishimoto scholarship, in memory of two daughters who were killed in an auto accident, was presented to Wanda Winston, Dorsey High School.

Federal matching funds

granted to save ships

SEATTLE — The State of Washington received \$83,141 in federal matching funds to preserve five historic sites. Among them are the three-masted schooner Wawona berthed at Lake Union and the retired steam ferry S.S. San Mateo, Gov. Evans announced.

The San Mateo and Wawona projects are under care of Northwest Seaport, Inc., with Robert Ashley as president. He is also a Seattle JACL board member and its legal counsel.

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1000 Club Report

Aug. 15 Report

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5th Year: East Los Angeles—Mrs. Michi Ohi; San Francisco—Hideo Shiryavanagi
6th Year: San Francisco—Gus Giron; Sequoia—Mrs. Masaye Hirata, Santa Maria—Isamu Minami

8th Year: San Francisco—Kojo Iwasaki, Wilshire—Mrs. Toshiko Yoshida, Oakland—Kakiji Yokomizo
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Inoue: Placer County—Tom Matsuda; Riverside—Edwin Y. Minaka; Detroit—James N. Shinoura; Venice—Calver—Tara T. Shinnaka
10th Year: East Los Angeles—Hideo Katsuyama; Downtown L.A.—Joseph Lo Presti; West Los Angeles—Dr. Akira Nishikawa; Portland—William Y. Sagar, Placer County—Masayuki Yego; Boise Valley—Bonnie Y. Yokota

11th Year: New York—Yosh T. Inai; San Francisco—Jack Mayeda; Contra Costa—Satoru Nishida
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13th Year: New York—S. John Iwasaki; Garden Valley—David S. Miyamoto; Long Beach—Harbor—Arthur Noda

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Hawaii Today

Honolulu

State officials are set to announce hearings on regulations for a new welfare residence law similar to one declared unconstitutional by a federal appellate panel on Aug. 9 in New York. The difference, according to Deputy Atty. Gen. E. John McConnell, Jr., is that one-year residency requirement passed by the Hawaii legislature passed this year applies to "general assistance" program, financed entirely by state funds, whereas the New York law applied all across the board to all programs whether funded by state or federal money or both.

There are panhandlers in Waikiki and they are creating a nuisance. The Honolulu Police Dept. says it's not a major problem—yet—but people in the area are not exactly happy about the situation. Male tourists, especially servicemen on Rest and Recreation, appear to be the prime targets of the sidewalk solicitors. Please range from requests for spare change and extra bread to sales pitches for magazines, china, pots and pans and cookware.

A memorial to West Maui Americans of Japanese ancestry who died in WWII will be created in Lahaina this year. The memorial gift will be a mural by Tadashi Sato of Lahaina, himself a 442nd Central Postal Directory member. It will be installed at the new West Maui gymnasium amphitheater now under construction. The mural will cost \$66,000 and will be half financed by a fund started in 1945. Albert Y. Nobu, chairman of the West Maui memorial committee, said the other half has been requested from the state and the county.

Courtroom

At least 14 lawsuits against Volkswagen for faulty construction are known to have been filed or in the process of filing, but the first case of its kind went to trial June 1 in Honolulu before Circuit Judge Masato Doi who ruled an auto manufacturer has a duty to design a car to avoid unreasonable risk of injury to the occupants. The case involved a collision on the Lualaba Freeway near Griffiths St., on Honolulu on Oct. 17, 1966, when Marilyn H. Waddoups, 29, wearing a seatbelt installed after buying the VW, was seriously injured when struck from the rear by a 1966 Chevrolet driven by Roy I. Nagasawa. Mrs. Waddoups was still in her seatbelt when the seat ripped loose from the floor because of the violent thrust. While \$500,000 in general damages was sought, the jury awarded only \$63,000 to the Waddoups.

Clyde Nalani Kaholea, 23, of Paahau on the Big Island, has been sentenced to 30 years in prison for the slaying of hippie hitchhiker and the wounding of the hitchhiker's companion. The incident occurred on the Big Island.

Uno Speech —

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poor, to heal the ill, to obliterate the color lines, and finally, to bring lasting peace on this, our earth.

It will take people like many of you here, to dedicate yourselves to the task of challenging unjust laws, economic exploitation, racism and a multitude of sins that permeate our society. It means, fantasy and phenomenal sacrifices, of everyone concerned, but anything less will not do. Anything less will be simply a perpetuation. If not compounding the ills that wrack the nerve system of our country today.

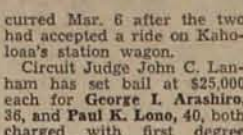
Anything less will lead to more than disappointment and despair in the hearts of many of this country's minorities. Anything less, to me, is unthinkable.

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BOOK REVIEW: Allan Beekman

Of Central Asian History

JOURNEY BEYOND SAMARKAND, by Yasushi Inoue, tr. by Gyo Furuta and Gordon Sager; Palo Alto: Kodansha International Ltd., 130 pp., \$7.95.

Among the best and most prolific of contemporary Japanese writers, Yasushi Inoue is also known in America from movies based on his novels.

Ryoju (Hunting Gun) is the story of an aesthete who is loved by three women; Hyohkei (Ice Wall) concerns two alpinists, in love with the same woman, who meet death singly on a mountain slope.

From the love of beautiful things Inoue manifests through the protagonist in Ryoju, from the preoccupation with mountains shown in Hyohkei and other works, from the author's known deep interest in Chinese history springs the motif of the present volume. Beyond Samarkand is not a novel, but an artful presentation of historical personages and events in a crossroad of Central Asia.

One of the oldest cities in Central Asia, about 155 miles north of the Afghanistan frontier, Samarkand, under a different name, was the capital of Sogdiana when Alexander the Great captured it in 329 B.C. At the time, the region was already historically old; much of importance was yet to occur there.

Fascinated by information of the peoples who had crossed and recrossed the region, observing, trading, conquering, plundering, building, Inoue visited the area in 1965 and 1968. He entered not only Samarkand, but such cities as Bukhara and Tashkent. Among the ruins, he was able to envision the life of long ago. He describes how this direct experience imbued his knowledge of the place with vitality.

Rather than relating the saga in the chronological order of events, he begins with the Chinese emperor, Wu Ti, of the Han dynasty, About 149 B.C., the acquisitiveness of Wu Ti was inflamed by a report of a hitherto unknown superior breed of horses. These horses, which sweat

BOOKSHELF

'Operation Olympic'

LIGHTER THAN A FEATHER (Little, Brown, \$7.95) by David Westheimer is a fast-paced novel based on the supposition that the United States did not drop the atomic bomb in 1945 and instead invaded the home islands of Japan. The story is based on "Operation Olympic," the massive invasion plan to capture the southern tip of Kagoshima.

Characters Japanese and American tell their stories, without so much as a break of chapters throughout the 400-page novel. Some of the people who make up the cast are a Kamikaze cadet pilot, a war-happy American marksman, a pretty Japanese girl, a U.S. chaplain assistant and an aged Japanese.

The author, who has published seven other pieces including "Von Ryan's Express," researched the actual political and strategic military situations of both sides to effect realism.—H.H.

said the court appearances continue to keep the way open for an appeal of Takabuki's appointment to the State Supreme Court, which appointed Takabuki in the first place. "We are not quitting," said Gill.

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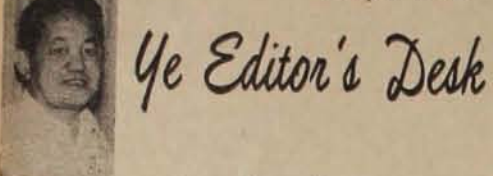
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Ye Editor's Desk

BROTHER THEOPHANE WALSH

Many a Nisei has been around to witness a golden jubilee celebration of various kinds and this Sunday afternoon at Maryknoll School, where we cut our wisdom teeth as a youngster prewar, friends will gather to honor Brother Theophane Walsh, who marks his 50th year as a member of the Maryknoll Society.

Were our predecessor, the late Larry Tajiri, here, we would prefer he write the encomiums of the day for he was one of the first Boy Scouts of Troop 145 that Brother Theophane organized.

Dignitaries from the religious, civic and scouting communities will join in the festive occasion. As part of the testimonial, a scholarship fund will be established to honor the man who has devoted the bulk of his lifetime in service among persons of Japanese ancestry, mostly here in Los Angeles but also in Manzanar, Chicago and Seattle. And among his rich experiences are several years in Japan during the Occupation period, helping to establish the Catholic news service there.

The affable Irishman from Boston, after joining the young missionary society in 1921, was assigned to the new Maryknoll mission in Little Tokyo to work among the Japanese. A school had been started on Hewitt St., a block away from the Garey St. Elementary School. That public school has long ceased to exist as the neighborhood became more industrial, but the mission school for Japanese Americans still thrives—thanks to the busses which the Maryknoll Brothers were driving around town transporting pupils to and from school. In recent years, however, the driving assignments have been assumed by private charter bus companies.

But Brother "Tee" still schedules the routes for the busses as supervisor, though it's not a title to which he is accustomed. He is a chamberlain of many years standing, a voracious bookworm with a strong yen for detective mysteries, a confirmed crossword puzzle nut, and a bad card player. His health doesn't allow it today but it wasn't wise to sit next to him at a chow mein dinner. His private joys are the very occasional trips out-of-town to be with his "adopted sons and daughters"—the Nisei. And the wonder of it all is that Brother has been chronically plagued with pain in his legs for over a decade and bearing it all with a wide smile so as not to curry sympathy.

The testimonial committee for Brother Theophane has planned a brief luncheon program in view of his health, but with an expected crowd of 700 due to attend, we feel the party may last past suppertime. There should be enough goodies for that, knowing the good ladies preparing the buffet. We pray the day isn't overwhelming or over-taxing. We pray Brother can savor the esteem due him for years to come.

It's not usual for Maryknoll to have their Fathers, Brothers or Sisters assigned to one mission for as many years Brother Theophane has been in Los Angeles. Having been here since the earliest day and through the war years, and since his return from Japan, it has been our good fortune—personally and for the community in which he has served.

The golden jubilee testimonial can then be but another day of that good fortune when you add all the days in which he labored and brightened up our lives.

HEADQUARTERS REVISITED

It's incredible, but it's been three years when we last visited National JACL Headquarters in San Francisco though PC assignments have taken us into the San Francisco Bay area several times since then. Were it not for the Planning Commission scheduling supper in the City, another year would have passed.

Believe us, the So. Calif. JACL Office and PC Office combined are much more commodious. And that is what has bothered the National JACL leadership who realize this and rightfully hope the situation can be improved. There have been refurbishment plans for National Headquarters in the past so it was unfortunate some community considerations were not taken to have JACL ensconced in the modern Japan Center across the street.

Though it is a decision of the National Council to designate the city where National Headquarters should be located, the National Board is on record recommending a change to Los Angeles, more specifically the Japanese Cultural and Community Center, a \$3,000,000 facility proposed in the heart of the Little Tokyo redevelopment project.

Administratively, Headquarters and PC being together again will expedite paper work and add to our overall efficiency. Though the Planning Commission hasn't had a chance to study this aspect, the task of keeping track of the individual memberships is one which both Headquarters and PC share constantly. PC is still the only direct link between National and the membership and it makes sense for National and PC to be as close as possible.

Though we are not addressing ourselves now to the merits of retaining Headquarters at San Francisco, there are enough arguments in favor to make this question a major consideration at the 1972 National Convention. Cost studies rather than emotional ties may probably decide the issue.

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LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Farm labor issue

Editor:
My investment in this letter grows out of the following life experiences: I was born in Hawaii, and lived in plantation towns where workers have union contracts. Following World War II, our family lived in Pasadena while my father helped find homes and jobs for Japanese who had been "relocated". Finally, my husband and I were students in Berkeley when Cesar Chavez first began to organize farm workers. We began to support his efforts then, and have continued to do so.

The National JACL Board should be commended for its resolution (PC, June 30). In both its general tone and its specific support of free elections and non-violence, the resolution conveys a concern for the farm worker. And by its conscious omission of charges for racial bias, the resolution recognizes that Nisei farmers have not been singled out for harassing because of race. Certainly all the above points are in harmony with the ideals of the United Farmworkers Organizing Committee.

On the issue of free elections, it should be made clear that the UFWOC has always initially asked for free elections. However, once denied elections by the growers, the UFWOC has maintained, and rightly so, that elections cannot be made an issue of collective bargaining with the growers. Growers cannot first refuse elections and then try to make them an issue for negotiations.

On the issue of non-violence, I should like to further commend the Pacific Citizen for its fairness in not assuming that UFWOC pickets were responsible for vandalism on farms. Anyone who has come in contact with Cesar Chavez and those who work closely with him know that they would never allow violence on the part of UFWOC adherents.

Nisei Farmers Legacy

In the same July 30 article, Harry Kubo, chairman of the Nisei Farmers League, indicates that there is a concentrated campaign on the part of the growers to defeat the UFWOC and to deny the right of collective bargaining for farmworkers. This is evident from the Spanish language radio programs developed to counter UFWOC, but is more evident in the Nisei Farmers League support of the Cory Bill, which:

(1) outlaws consumer boycotts under penalty of \$5,000 fine and or jail; (2) prohibits the boycott; (3) is presently the most effective power at the disposal of UFWOC; (4) requires a 60-day notice before striking, during which time the crop can be harvested without the interference of the union; (5) establishes and makes legal the labor contractor system, the most vicious tool of exploitation of farm workers (as clearly demonstrated in the Yuba City tragedy); and denies the union's right to manage its own Union Hiring Hall; (6) prohibits negotiations concerning pesticides or sanitary facilities in the fields, two issues which are of vital concern to farmworkers; (7) severely limits the picketing of fields by farm workers, and therefore defeats the farm workers' power to maintain a strike; (8) calls for a five-man labor board, comprised of people from agribusiness and chosen by Governor Reagan, to enforce the law. Given the anti-UFWOC bias of both agribusiness and Governor Reagan, any degree of impartiality is impossible.

Bill Defeated

In short, the Cory Bill would destroy the UFWOC, which is exactly its intent. Farm workers are vehemently opposed to this bill. Their opposition was demonstrated when 3,000 farmworkers went to Sacramento on July 7, the day the bill was temporarily defeated. The JACL Central California District Council, by supporting the Cory Bill, favors the privileges of growers over against the rights of laborers.

In the past, farm workers have lived and worked under conditions ranging from unbearable to inhuman, depending on the integrity of the individual employer. I would assume that Nisei farmers have been among the most fair in their employment practices and provisions. However, we can no longer expect farm workers, or anyone else, to leave their families' lives to the whims of employers. For some times those whims are filled with goodwill; however, too often they are nothing short of exploitation.

Surely the Nisei Farmers League knows what it is to have been exploited, and to have been deprived of control over one's destiny. Farm workers believe that something can be done about this. Through the UFWOC, many of them are acting upon this belief. I urge Nisei farmers to further the cause of freedom and justice in this land, and to sit down and negotiate contracts with the UFWOC.

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Sonsei Comments

Editor:
I was very glad to see articles (PC, Aug. 6) which express unity and support for those groups in America, racial and religious minorities, which are still struggling against an overwhelming discrimination.

I am a third generation Japanese American; I only recently began reading and finding out about the history of Japanese Americans in America. I have also been realizing that the majority of Japanese Americans being of the middle-class, there is a tendency to be fairly conservative.

I know that my background is similar to any white middle-class American and that I was encouraged not to associate with lower-class black people. I can understand Japanese Americans responding to their own discrimination by narrowing their interests and working solely to better their own families, or in some cases, as in organizations like the JACL, working for the betterment of their race.

But I think it is a harder and more noble response to refuse to be satisfied with individual success when the large number of people of minority groups still suffer unfairly. I'm glad to see the JACL in some ways actively putting into practice their philosophy.

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Wakabayashi

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But the problem of drug abuse cannot be seen only in this light. Abuse alone is not the problem.

The problem exists with the millions of drugs that "leak" into the black market each year from the pharmaceutical manufacturing companies. Parents, friends, and youths must realize that the availability of drugs within the community is causing unprecedented overdoses and deaths of Asian youths.

Self-help groups and emergency clinics alone will not alleviate the problem. However, concrete attempts must be made to at least alleviate the alternative of drug abuse by stopping the over-production of pharmaceutical drugs, and thereby, stopping the silent genocide of Asian youths in the community.

The intent of this intensive Drug Offensive is to expel menacing barbiturates out of the community by any means necessary. Through this process, each member of the community will have an active part in strengthening the power of the Asian community and creating new forms of survival.

(This report was co-authored by Kathy Nishimoto of the JACS-AI Office—Ed.)

25 Years Ago

In the Pacific Citizen, Aug. 31, 1946

War Dept. rejects Nisei veteran civil service applicant on grounds of suspicion of disloyalty, had been in Boy Scouts of Japan, studied in Japan... Canada deports Issei mental patient, served with Canadian Army in Europe during first World War... One-third of people falsely believe Japanese Americans sabotaged during WW2, National Opinion Research Center survey finds... Nisei veteran with white spouse threatened if they move into their new Denver suburb home. Calif. state supreme court

PEACE RALLY

Life Must Flower

Speech given before members of the Waasat Front Coalition for Peace on August 6, 1971 at Salt Lake City, Utah.

By RAYMOND UNO

And it continues... Hiroshima, August 6, 1945 and Nagasaki, August 9, 1945. Twenty-six years ago and our country is still at war in Asia. We sided with the Nationalist Chinese in the forties, the South Koreans in the Fifties and the South Vietnamese in the sixties. And so it continues... where will it be next? When will it end?

Our country, the United States of America, has influenced, in one way or another, the destiny of many people in many countries over the years. Most of the people influenced have been people of nonwhite color because there are more nonwhite people in this world.

From the point of view of the nonwhite people, the influence has always been that of a superior (the United States) to that of an inferior (the nonwhite countries around the world). Politically, socially, economically, philosophically, the attitude and behavior of this country in dealing with nonwhite people has historically been to look down and speak down to nonwhites. This, in spite of the fact the cultures of many of these countries are rich and steeped with traditions that far exceed the history of this country, in fact, by thousands of years.

THE TEXT

Double Standards
For some reason, people in this country believe the value of a nonwhite life is not as great as a white life. In war, if a white man, woman or child is killed, maimed or injured, there is great concern of war atrocities committed by nonwhite people. But, on the other hand, if nonwhite men, women and children are killed, maimed or injured, people in this country pass it off by saying "war is war and everything goes."

There are differences of opinion of experts as to the necessity of dropping the atomic bomb on Hiroshima. But why, within a few days, or Nagasaki? Again, why, if a child is killed, maimed or injured, there is great concern of war atrocities committed by nonwhite people. But, on the other hand, if nonwhite men, women and children are killed, maimed or injured, people in this country pass it off by saying "war is war and everything goes."

The bombings and destruction in Korea are legendary. Now, in Vietnam, death and destruction of women and children and land far exceeds everything that happened in Korea. The death and devastation that has occurred in Asia in the last 30 years cannot be compared with any other wars anywhere in the history of mankind. With the great advancements in science and technology, whole communities can be wiped out in a matter of a few minutes. This, literally, is what has happened.

Reasons for War

There are many reasons for wars, but among the two most important are economics and racism. In the vast lands of Asia, Africa, and South America, the yet untapped natural resources of this world are waiting to be converted for the benefit or destruction of mankind. Exploitation of nonwhite countries is documented in the chronicles of history written by the white man gloriously expounding the virtues of the white man and just as viciously wiping out the heathen beliefs and cultures of the nonwhites.

Simply because a culture or custom was strange or different, it was considered inferior or barbaric or uncivilized. Yes, we in this country, really, have much to learn about other people, cultures and customs.

We in this country complain frequently and bitterly about foreign aid and about the billions of dollars we are spending to help underdeveloped countries. But, have we ever appreciated the sources of this country's immense wealth? Much of our raw materials come from other countries, mostly undeveloped, and we pay no severance tax to the country we get the raw material from and we pay horrendously low wages to natives or indigenous laborers and we make enormous profits from the raw materials, little of which profit is returned to the country from which the raw materials were extracted.

No. 1 Power

Yet, because this country is industrially the world's number one power, we can take disproportionate advantage of

undeveloped countries and make those countries feel we are doing them a real big favor.

To bring this more to home, the minorities in this country are treated in much the same way this country treats nonwhite countries. The whites are the superiors and the minorities are the inferiors. The schools, churches, business and all the social, economic and political institutions are built and maintained to perpetuate the system which is controlled by white people.

If a nonwhite is to succeed, he must do so at the beck and call of the white people, but his climb up the ladder is regulated and limited by what the white society will tolerate, which at this time is extremely guarded and limited.

In reviewing the racial attitudes and practices of this community and state, I have personally found much to be wanting. In some areas, there is not even any tokenism. In federal, state and local government, how many minority officials are in supervisory positions? Yes, there are few, but not many and most of these involve poverty or low income programs where the federal law requires a certain percentage must be nonwhite. There will be no federal funding.

Job Situations

Although not aware of every agency or employer hiring practice, I would venture to guess the nonwhite is hired last, fired first, paid less to start, promoted less frequently, given less opportunity to improve his job performance, given less opportunity to achieve supervisory positions, particularly over white employees, and very few hold any high paying position in this state.

I have heard arguments pro and con about hiring untrained, unskilled, and uneducated inexperienced, so on and so forth, minorities. When people are stripped of their cultural heritage, their pride, and ridiculed for nonconforming customs and habits, denied entrance to schools, churches, social institutions, for practically their whole existence on this earth in this country, there is little wonder progress has been so slow, if not backward.

How, though grudging tokenistic charity, pityance are handed out to savor the indignities and denials suffered for many years, is it difficult to understand the bitter and uncompromising reception the white community receives from the disadvantaged and poor minorities.

The appalling lack of sensitivity of people in high and important as well as influential positions cries out for understanding. How do the minorities make the establishment, the system, the white people more responsive? How do they make their oppressors understand their plight?

How do they, in either the language of the corporate conglomerate, the military-industrial-educational complex, or the bureaucratic jungle of the indifference and affluent American middle class, make themselves a part of the whole and a piece of the action?

Reordering of Priorities

It has been said over and over again: We have a reordering of priorities and human needs must be placed among the highest of priorities. We must invest our wealth in programs that will serve the needs of all of the people. We must make equality of opportunity a reality rather than words in a sacred document. We must start now and we must start here. This community, in this state, in this country and in this world.

Of all the countries in this world, so many have had the potential and commitment to sincerely want to eliminate war and racism. This country has the capacity and the compassion to right the wrongs, to help the

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Humanism Personified

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Los Angeles
The Asian-Americans for Peace rally was held last Sunday (May 16) evening and attended largely by youthful Asian-Americans that nearly filled the Biltmore Bowl. The affair was rather low-key in presentation by all those who took part, in contrast to other

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"peace rallies" such as the recent mass marchings and arrests in Washington, D.C.

The participants of the rally were assembled through the tireless efforts of George Takei, prominently active in various entertainment media, who prior to the rally indicated that a real effort ought to be made to reach the moderates and the "silent Americans" and to have them more aware of real issues that faces us today.

In talking to a number of people who attended and those who participated in the rally, several underlying feelings seem to be present and surface occasionally. The withdrawal of U.S. troops from Indochina is primary, but the thought goes beyond, in that Asians should not be fighting Asians, and any country advocating this is held in deep suspect as to their motives.

Another feeling which

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Federated Plan

After one year in office as the president-elect, it has become increasingly evident to me that some major changes are in order if JACL is to continue its stride toward meaningful services for its membership. We have only begun to come to grips with the gross inadequacies in manpower and finances needed to mount the kinds of relevant activities we have proposed.

Does this mean that the new organizational system we instituted a year ago; mainly the executive committee concept, has already become obsolete? Does it mean that our goals are too ambitious and are beyond the reach of our limited finances? Are we trying to apply what is still basically the "old system" to innovative programs?

I am deeply perturbed about the growing frustrations among our leadership and membership, the seemingly disproportionate allocation of funds to support our various projects and commitments, the allegations that the personal involvement of a relative few reflects a disinterested, or perhaps disenchanted, membership.

There appears to be minimal positive changes in the internal operations of JACL despite the recent changes in the organizational structure. In fact, it may well be that the situation has become aggravated.

The emergence of innovative projects have added vigor and life to JACL. But these projects have also revealed the inadequacies of our present system. What is the answer to our dilemma?

It is my feeling that the answer lies in the establishment of a different organizational system which assures the continuous development of innovative programs and, at the same time, provides greater opportunity for purposeful involvement of the general membership.

I propose the creation of a Federated Plan as opposed to what I would call our present United Plan. The objective of the Federated Plan would be to provide greater autonomy for each district to develop and carry out activities and programs which are unique to the area it services. Each district would be allocated funds to carry out these programs under the supervision of an assigned National staff person. Program priorities would be the responsibility of the District Board.

This, then, would permit the National Office to focus its major attention on activities and programs which have National significance.

National staff would provide organizational consultation services for the districts, develop educational and promotional materials for use by chapters, and serve as technical advisors to districts on special problems, such as work with drug abuse, the aged, Asian American studies, economically and educationally disadvantaged, and such relevant issues that are rural-oriented.

The Federated Plan would place greater responsibility on local chapters, through representation on policy-making District Boards, to identify needs, determine priorities, and sustain the District sponsored programs.

I am aware that such a Plan raises many unanswered questions. What constraints, if any, should the National Board place on the District Boards in terms of position statements, time limited projects, etc. How much funds would each District be allocated?

Would the matching funds concept be an effective means of assuring greater participation and involvement of Districts and their representative chapters?

Your comments are most welcome. If you feel the proposed plan would weaken the organization, add to an already frustrating situation, or serve only to complicate and already difficult system of financial management, I would appreciate your candid comments.

and found her identification with them. The involvement was a gradual process as she became more aware of the injustices, out and out discrimination which created a deep distrust of the workings and motives of the government and "big business in a capitalistically-oriented society."

I asked if describing her as a radical activist would be correct. She answered in the affirmative and further enlarged on it by saying that she is also a revolutionist.

To many this might suggest a violent overthrow of the government and the capitalist society, but her thoughts are rather different in that her revolutionary movement is "to completely change the minds of the people to see things as they are and to be relevant to the needs of the masses of the people, and furthermore, to place the role of government and the 'big business secondary'."

Her feelings are such that the revolutionary changes cannot occur through the system, but must come from outside.

Current Grounds
It is interesting that her involvement did not stem from an academic understanding of historical radical liberal movements of the 19th century.

Her curiosity of the Manifesto and the Quotations of Mao led her to read them on her return from her trip last summer from Asia. Somehow these historical documents seem not a strong vocabulary of her radical liberal thoughts.

As an opinion, one might consider her as a humanist with revolutionary methods as a means to an end. One cannot but be aware of her deep commitment and quiet sincere belief in her cause.

To those many who are a part of being moderate or conservative and obvious a part of the system, these radical liberal ideological thoughts can potentially be explosive.

The question arises whether it is possible to make changes that are surely needed within the system.