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Harry K. Honda

**Ye Editor's Desk**

**'HOLIDAY ISSUE' ISOLATION**

We hadn't realized how much we had isolated ourselves from daily routine while in the process of producing our last Holiday Issue, the fattest to date with 64 pages, until we faced our desk after a brief year-end break.

There were stacks of mail, newspapers, Christmas cards and telephone calls to return. There were checks to sign, year-end reports to prepare and special material to dispatch. There were the Japanese editions of Bill Hosokawa's "Nisei" to ship (they finally arrived from port on Christmas eve). There were assorted reports and news clippings to file . . . and people dropping by to wish us a happy new year!

It's probably been this way in years past, but we felt the crush more this time.

About the Holiday Issue, we managed without a hitch and without outside volunteer help as in the past. We've reported to the PC Board it was the "smoothest" from a production standpoint—thanks to the experience of our office staff and cooperation from the participating chapters, contributors and printers. The final boxscore on the front page tells the story in a nutshell, helping PC to meet its operational expenses in a big way. At the same time, we estimate \$7,500 has been generated for the chapter treasuries through commissions and we shall be happy to net that much after all expenses for the Holiday Issue are paid. We don't know how much as yet.

Final item before we close the books on 1971 is to have our 1971 issues bound.

**WE 'MAKE' THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD**

This is our first opportunity to acknowledge the gesture of Rep. Donald Fraser (D-Minn.) of Minneapolis who decided to place Rep. Patsy Mink's speech delivered at the West Los Angeles JACL installation dinner last November in the Congressional Record of Dec. 11. He said he was moved to reprint Congressman Mink's speech after reading our column, "Why Do Not We Interrupt?" (Nov. 19 PC), where we concluded with . . . "They (those present when it was delivered) sensed beyond the eloquence were ideas of historic merit that many others not present would have enjoyed hearing."

It was like a rare Christmas present to find our column reprinted alongside in the Congressional Record. That tingle never happened to us before.

**MRS. TOYO MIYATAKE, 67**

To us, she was "Mrs. Toyo" though her given name was Hiro. To us (and perhaps to many other denizens who spend their waking hours in Little Tokyo), she was like our second mother—considerate, encouraging, cheerful. We shall miss her dainty voice, her gracious smile, her comforting support.

We don't know how many hundred mourners passed by her bier during the hour at Koyasan Temple after private funeral services were conducted but the occasion has set a precedent. There have been visitations held by other families in the past but not on this scale. There was a steady stream of people from all walks of life and from near and far—pausing for a moment inside the temple as the chorus chanted Buddhist canticles in honor of the dead and socializing outside as the covenants of the New Year prevailed.

Cancer has deprived the Toyo Miyatakes, who were to mark their golden wedding anniversary this summer with a trip to Japan as guests of the Mainichi Shimbun which is celebrating their centennial this year. Her passing, however, has made more indelible the meaning and worth of Issei womanhood—quiet, unassuming, sincere and unperturbed.

**THE NEW YEAR AHEAD**

Our first column in 1972 cannot conclude without some comment of what's in store for us. Some studies will be made for computerizing our PC circulation files with the hope that eventually JACL Headquarters would administer the annual membership renewal program, leaving the chapters to press for new membership and late renewals. Prospects are good this year to microfilm our own Pacific Citizen, after learning one Palo Alto firm has already covered the issues through 1942-43 and the first quarter of 1944. A Christmas Card Project is being planned for our next Holiday Issue, whereby JACLers would be asked to contribute to special JACL projects like education or student aid what they would spend sending out cards to other friends in JACL. A special page would be provided in the Holiday Issue acknowledging such contributions. Say that you had 100 friends in JACL on your Christmas card list and contributed the cost of cards and postage (about 25 cents per name or even 50 cents per name if you reckon the time it takes to address the cards), the project should take root. The Christmas Card people may not be happy, but JACL will rejoice.

As for small world outside, we expect to continue to refocus our vision, remain alive and be vulnerable to human realities—even though we may not fully comprehend them. We've endured many a presidential campaign and 1972 will probably be no different—leaving us a bit restless before and after.

We may be pulling out from Vietnam but American attention in the Far East and the Asian subcontinent will continue to involve all of us. Communication (said to be the soul of democracy) is becoming more massive and instant with the net effect of more people becoming more disillusioned about problems in general—yet Hope burns eternal, trying to help us deal with problems here and now. By giving up, we only lose.



**LETTERS FROM OUR READERS**

**'If Tomorrow Comes'**

Editor:  
I saw the TV movie titled "My Husband the Enemy" changed to "If Tomorrow Comes." The bad scenes alone in Japanese costumes made me vomit. I am most unhappy that you bothered to solicit help from us here. I think you all missed the point.

The point of the movie was the castration of the first generation Japanese, i.e. "behind bars" and the death of the second generation boy, "complete obliteration." If the people out there on the West Coast did catch the social implications of the movie, then the JACL is nothing more than an overgrown white America Boy Scout troupe.

Please relay my sincere regrets to Mr. Takasugi, George Takei and Vince Matsudaira and my hope that the cultural chairman will keep the Japanese American element within the Third World in context.

Surely you third generation people should have come out a bit less naive and ideological.

**MRS. KAZU OYASHI**  
Bronx, N.Y.

(N.Y. Nichibei editor Tazuo Kusinoki says it best: "My own thought after it was all over was that it was not so much the title that needed changing, but the lines from start to finish."—Ed.)

**Looking at 1972**

Editor:  
It is refreshing to see a few more smiling faces about me since the past year has been characterized by gloom, despair, and hopelessness. My own life has generally been a happy one, and it certainly was not due to material prosperity. Even when I was young, I realized that the true joys of life emanate from people and experiences, both of which fortunately are not proportional to the almighty dollar.

As I reflect over the years which constitute a generation since my children are approaching college age, I remember my own youth with indelible vividness. I realize that my "world" was different from that of my parents, but at the same time much of the thoughts, ambitions, culture, hopes, etc. of my parents have become an inextricable part of me. In the same manner the "world" of my children is indeed "my world," but also I am confident that they share much in common with me. Hence, there is definite continuity in life, and none of us lives independent of the other. I also cannot erase nor do I seek to do so the many experiences that I have had with Issei, Nisei, Kibei, and Samsel as well as many others of various backgrounds. My life has been greatly enriched as a result of those encounters and also at the same time in retaining memories of those happy experiences. I feel inspired to maintain and improve upon the superb qualities of those who have shared a similar background.

**MRS. MARY TANI**  
Los Angeles.

**Repeal Title II**

Editor:  
In view of the several replies to my letter commenting on repeal of Title II of the Internal Security Act of 1950, please allow me one last rebuttal:

1.—I believe a reading of my letter will show that I gave credit to Mr. Okamura for organizing support for repeal of Title II within the JACL.

2.—His testimony before the House Internal Security Committee was meaningless, since this committee refused to recommend repeal—despite all the favorable testimony.

**25 Years Ago**  
In the Pacific Citizen, Jan. 4, 1947

Rep. George Miller (D-Calif.) introduces bill to suspend deportation of Issei who aided U.S. in war . . . Calif. case (Takao Aratani) testing school segregation dismissed as son not attending segregated school . . . Earl Finch returns to Hawaii to help 442nd veterans establish new clubhouse to serve as national clearinghouse of information concerning combat team activities.

Santa Clara County Nisei (Toyotsugu Kumagai) files unique case on alien land law; was renunciant and court asked if his land would be escheated . . . VFW organizes first all-Nisei post (No. 8985) in Sacramento . . . Disclose 6,678 GIs trained at MIS Language School, some \$20 million expended in program . . . Saburo Kido awarded Selective Service Medal for work in removing bias against Nisei in draft.

JACL-ADC will stress campaign to repeal anti-Japanese bias in immigration and naturalization; Mike Masaka heads for Washington, D.C., to establish JACL office . . . Estimate 5,000 Nisei stranded in Japan during WW2; considerable delay seen on repatriation procedures.

Vancouver Sun asks ban on return of evacuees to British Columbia . . . Voluntary repatriation program for Japanese completed by Canadian government; about 4,000 depart . . . ACLU predicts repeal of Japanese Exclusion Act . . . Army general holds fighting record of Nisei GIs at Hood River (Ore.) testimonial in memory of Sgt. Frank Hachiya and the 84 Nisei GIs who served in WW2 . . . Nisei farmers suffer crop damages in White River Valley (Wash.) flood.

**JACL INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**  
**Reversion of Okinawa and JACL**

Appearing in four installments, starting this week, is a special paper from a National JACL International Affairs Committee member, Yui Ichio, presenting the "other side" of the Okinawa reversion question. The committee believes the "other side" should be presented in order to fully understand the turmoil, protests and emotions expressed by Okinawans over the terms of reversion.

The report was prepared in early December, 1971.—Ed.

**By YUI ICHIOKA**

**Part I**

"May I speak to our friends in Okinawa for a moment. Today's agreement signals the next to last step leading to your reunification with Japan. We share your anticipation of that day. We are grateful for the friendship and cooperation which have marked our relations throughout these 26 years and which we sincerely hope will continue in the years ahead."

These words were uttered by Secretary of State Rogers on June 17, 1971 at the official signing ceremony of the agreement between Japan and America on the reversion of the Ryukyu Islands. Simultaneously held in Tokyo and Washington, it was viewed by the peoples of both countries via satellite television, including the people of Okinawa. On that very same evening in Okinawa, in the city of Naha, 25,000 people gathered to protest the agreement at a meeting sponsored by the Okinawa Prefecture Reversion Council. Rather than joyously celebrating their reversion to Japan proper, the participants expressed their anger that their legitimate hopes had been betrayed. Reversion itself was not at issue. The questionable terms under which it will be carried out were.

Now the actual reversion is scheduled for sometime next spring. Both the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and the U.S. Senate passed the agreement, and the Japanese Diet likewise approved it over the stormy protests of the opposition parties. In 1969 the JACL took a stand on this important issue through the International Relations Committee and Mike Masaka. In a 6½-page report, prepared by Dr. Mary I. Watanabe, the former chairman of the Committee, and released in its name, the JACL adopted a position supporting the reversion agreement of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and officially incorporated into its record.

Hence it is appropriate now to undertake this examination and review which will be divided into four parts: Okinawa's historical background and status; the Okinawa reversion movement and the JACL position; and the Sato-Nixon talks and the reversion agreement.

**Historical Background**

Geographically speaking, the Ryukyu Islands are composed of four island groups lying between Kyushu and Taiwan: Amami, Okinawa, Miyako, and Yaeyama.

The Amami island group, located immediately south of

3.—The bill which the Congress passed came not from HISC but from the House Judiciary Committee. I might add that no one from JACL testified at the one-day House Judiciary Subcommittee hearing on the matter.

4.—Local efforts to contact Congressmen and drum up support from civic organizations were most helpful. BUT, like it or not, federal laws are passed and repealed by the Congress in Washington, D.C. And it was Spark Matsunaga and Dan Inouye and Dave Ushio and Mike Masaka who did the work when and where it counted.

**KAZ OSHIKI**  
Washington, D.C.

**On Second Thought**  
Warren Furutani

**Happy New Year**

Happy new year! It's interesting how the simple change of one day to the next (Dec. 31-Jan. 1) can change people's perspectives. The year-end expression, "thank goodness it's over," changes into new year resolutions. The negative of the year-end blues transcends into the bright prospects of the new year.

Actually things don't change much. The unsolved problems of last year still need solutions. The problems didn't go away and were definitely not solved by celebrating the birthday of the Prince of Peace.

Perhaps a day that has as much significance in America as New Year's is Nov. 7, the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November every fourth year (1972), when the voters go to the polls to elect their President.

It's interesting because, just as Jan. 1, General Election Day has a way of changing things: Prospects of a bright future and like New Year resolutions promises, promises. And like New Year resolutions, very few campaign promises are kept.

Also in relation to election day, things seem to get done. For example, promise of things and issues being dealt with like Nixon's economic policy and the war. These two major issues are being projected as pluses for Nixon's campaign. It's interesting how over Nixon's four years, these issues are supposedly being solved just in time for the election campaign. Of course, they won't be. The economic crisis of America will be just as bad and the war will be still going.

The message of this article is actually very simple. No matter what day it is, only way to change things is if you go out and do it. No more promises, promises. Power to the people!

ter Dulles, the then Secretary of State and chief architect of Article 3, unfettered American control was necessary "so long as conditions of threat and tension exist in the Far East." To mollify the Japanese and other critics of the article, Dulles asserted that American control would be "custodial" in nature and that Japan had "residual sovereignty" over them. From the Okinawan point of view, the Japanese government had acquiesced to American pressures. For the "higher" interest of independence for Japan proper, the Yoshida government accepted this article, even though it meant sacrificing the Ryukyu Islands and severing them from Japan.

The main administrative provisions for the American control over the Ryukyu Islands are contained in Executive Order 10713, dated June 5, 1957, as amended, issued by President Eisenhower. This order placed all jurisdiction over the islands in the hands of the Secretary of Defense and created the office of U.S. High Commissioner of the Ryukyu Islands who exercised that jurisdiction. It specified that the High Commissioner would be the Commanding General, U.S. Army, Ryukyu Islands and that a Civil Administrator would be under him who headed the United States Civil Administration.

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**Perspectives**

Jerry Enomoto

**WHITE CHRISTMAS**—Not since the immediate post-Evacuation days in Chicago and Minnesota (1948 BJ—meaning Before Joyce) had I seen a White Christmas. All of the clan from San Jose on hand to see gently falling snowflakes on Christmas night, and the kids were treated to an extra present. The next morning they were up bright and early making snowmen and hollering for Sam to keep away, since he had knocked down their first one. Actually they would have really been thrilled on Monday, when almost a foot of snow fell.

**'IF TOMORROW COMES'**—One of the topics of conversation around the fireplace was the now thoroughly discussed ABC-television movie, "If Tomorrow Comes." Everyone was in agreement that it was unbelievably corny. If we were at a place in history where Japanese Americans felt grateful for "small favors" (and we are not) such being the fact that the happenings of Evacuation were presented reasonably accurately, and not unsympathetically, maybe we shouldn't be critical. I feel that some of the grossly unrealistic features of the film did a disservice to us and to history.

Starting with the obviously un-Japanese name of the hero, and ending with his completely fantastic ritual suicide, there is no evidence of an attempt to present an authentic picture of a Nisei.

It is not oversensitivity, I also feel, to point out that a Japanese American actor could have played David. Unless Liu is a stage name and, if so, I apologize.

I remember years ago talk of a major film being planned around the late James Edmiston's novel, "Home Again." It's too bad that such did not materialize. With the right performers and screenplay, that book could have made an accurate, yet entertaining, movie.

Since somebody had the sensitivity to remove the original title "My Husband—the Enemy", it's too bad that the film could not have been better.

**WATSONVILLE JACL**—I enjoyed the opportunity to speak to the members of the Watsonville JACL in Santa Cruz before the holidays. Particularly noteworthy was the chapter's Senior Citizens project, which is giving its Issei a place to share their free time and be comfortable among their own.

Also to be noted is the fact that the Elks Club Lodge of Watsonville was one of the few to give leadership to the attempt to remove the "whites only" clause from its national by-laws. The JACL chapter's influence undoubtedly was felt there.

Congratulations to Watsonville, as well as all JACL chapters around the country, for a productive year. 1972 will undoubtedly be a year of more progress, keyed by JACL's first national convention in the nation's capital.

**STUDENT AID**—I think of the "Student Aid Program" as one of the projects instituted during my tenure as National President, which had some real meaning and timeliness to it. Admittedly it did not reach young people outside the Pacific Southwest District, so that its impact cannot be measured by quantity. Only this last time, did its grants have national significance, as a result of the Committee's ability to phase it from a regional exploratory program to its original concept of reaching to all districts of JACL.

There have been many young people who have been helped by the JACL's Scholarship program, both on national and chapter levels. However, there is a dimension to the Student Aid Program that distinguishes it from the conventional scholarship project. It was born out of a felt necessity to help Sansei youngsters, who were exceptions to the widely held belief that Japanese Americans are all brilliant students, never got in trouble, come from affluence, etc. It was the first concrete recognition of this reality by JACL.

It also reflected the growing awareness that Sansei youngsters were not all necessarily college prep material, either because of qualification or interest. Those seeking trade training also needed help.

Unfortunately the Student Aid Program has been underbudgeted, and the intensely hard work of the Committee chaired by Past National President, Roy Nishikawa and long based in Los Angeles but now representative of other districts, has received insufficient support. It is therefore fitting that this Program should be identified with Abe Hagiwara, a JACLer of the Biennium and long dedicated to youth work, during a life devoted to service that was tragically cut short a few years ago.

The Abe Hagiwara Memorial Fund, chaired by Kathy Kadowaki of the Cleveland Chapter, with a goal of \$25,000, will be the war chest for the Student Aid Program. Knowing Abe, I am sure that he would wholeheartedly approve of funds raised in his name going to such a cause. The Student Aid Program is a beautiful concept, Abe was a beautiful person, every JACLer's support of the Memorial Fund will assure beautiful results.

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Bill Hosokawa

## From the Frying Pan

**RAINY DAY IN MANHATTAN**—From the 65th floor of a Rockefeller Center skyscraper, the Empire State Building looms up out of the late afternoon darkness like a shaft of light. Its topmost floors are wreathed in mist which seems to rise and fall like a stage curtain, perhaps set in motion by the heat of the floodlights that illuminate the tower. Far in the distance, at the southern tip of Manhattan Island, the glow seen faintly through the driving rain is the twin towers of the World Trade Center whose design was conceived on Minoru Yamasaki's drawing boards. The rain, dark and altitude conceal the squalor of New Year's streets and make of Manhattan a wonderland.

Down below, the rain has brought out dozens of small merchants striving to make a buck in the best free enterprise tradition. These are the umbrella peddlers. Their place of business is a corner of Fifth Avenue or Sixth outside a posh specialty store or near the entrance to a giant office building housing headquarters of some of the world's largest corporations. All their wares—plain black umbrellas, transparent plastic umbrellas that engulf the head and shoulders like the Houston Astrodome, umbrellas that fold up into batons—are displayed from corrugated cardboard boxes stamped "Made in Hongkong".

I walked by one of the peddlers as he was closing a deal. He wanted \$3 for an umbrella. What would the same item sell for in a department store? More? Less? I didn't find out. The way prices are these days, a person can afford to buy an umbrella for \$3 to keep dry, and he wouldn't be out very much if he happened to misplace it.

Inflation has hit the chestnut sellers in front of the glittering Radio City Music Hall. They operate from little pushcarts like those used by the tamale peddlers in Denver. Their main stock in trade is bagels which they toast over charcoal, but they also sell hot roasted peanuts and roasted chestnuts. Many times previously I'd purchased chestnuts from these businessmen. For old time's sake I asked for a bag. With grimy fingers the man counted out some chestnuts and placed them in a tiny paper sack. The price was 50 cents. Back at the hotel I counted the chestnuts. There were nine of them, and some of them were awfully small. The first time I went to New York the price was 25 cents, as I remember, and there were twice as many chestnuts.

The traffic jams are worse than ever in Midtown Manhattan and taxi fares have climbed. A few minutes after 12 noon I climbed into a cab to hurry to an appointment. The driver flipped the meter and the dial showed 60 cents. We were locked in a major traffic jam. Before the cab finally reached the end of the block and made a right turn onto Fifth Avenue (A sign said no right turn but a police officer waved us through) the meter had gone up to \$1.20. For one block. I could have walked the distance in a quarter of the time. I marveled at the cab driver's patience. If I had to drive a cab in New York, I'd be reduced to a total nervous breakdown in half a day.

I stepped into a Japanese restaurant and also the offices of Japan Air Lines. In both places I was addressed in the Japanese language. "Irasshai," cried manager-san wearing a tuxedo at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The girl receptionist at Japan Air Lines didn't say "Irasshai," but she asked if she could help me in polite Tokyo Japanese. It's an odd sensation to walk into business establishments in New York City and be addressed as though I were in Tokyo. Well, that's not quite right. In Tokyo, at the big hotels or in one of the stores catering to foreigners, they insisted on speaking to me in English. Something about me betrayed the fact that I wasn't one of them. Somehow, they knew, and they might have been hard put for an answer if I had asked them how they knew I was a foreigner. But in New York the senses of manager-san and the receptionist apparently haven't been sharpened to the point that they can distinguish differences in the nationality of people with Japanese faces. A couple of years from now, when manager-san and the receptionist have a bit more experience, will they be able to tell the difference?

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### Lt. Gov. Ariyoshi to address O.C. inaugural Sunday

By KEN HAYASHI

A capacity turnout of close to 400 JACLers and friends is expected to hear Lt. Gov. George R. Ariyoshi of Hawaii address the annual Orange County JACL installation dinner at Kono Hawaii in Santa Ana this Sunday, Jan. 16, 6:30 p.m.

The ranking elected state Nisei official is reportedly being groomed for the governorship and makes his initial appearance before a primarily Asian American group on the mainland. Expected to be on hand to greet Ariyoshi are many former residents of Hawaii and veterans of the Military Intelligence Service, who served with him at Ft. Snelling.

Introducing the speaker will be Justice Stephen Tamura of Santa Ana, the first Nisei to be appointed to the California appellate court. Min Inadomi, active Santa Ana attorney will be the M.C. City Councilman Harry Yamamoto will represent the City of Santa Ana. Helen Kawagoe, first female governor of the Pacific Southwest JACL District and past president of the Gardena Valley JACL will install the 1972 officers and cabinet.

Ralph Nagao, president of the Orange County Kamaina Club will lead the Pledge of Allegiance. The Kamaina Glee Club will present choral.

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### January Events

**Mas Dobashi elected East L.A. president**

Mas Dobashi was elected president of East Los Angeles JACL, succeeding Mrs. Mable Yoshizaki, and will be installed with cabinet members Jan. 22 at the Los Amigos Country Club in Downey.

Joyce Kikuchi, Miss East L.A. who was crowned 1971 Nisei Week queen, will relate her trip to Japan. Al Hatate, national JACL treasurer, will install the officers. Reservations are being accepted by Mrs. Michi Ohi (256-8551) and Shiz Miya (261-1143).

**Downtown L.A. re-elects Ted Kojima president**

Pan Am representative Ted Kojima will be installed for his second term as president of the Downtown L.A. JACL at the annual dinner Jan. 14, 6:30 p.m., at Restaurant Hori-kawa. Tats Kishida will emcee with Al Hatate, national JACL treasurer, as installing officer.

George K. Rosenberg, district director of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service here, will be guest speaker. Entertainment and door prizes are also planned. Takito Yamaguma is dinner chairman.

**Mayor Mineta to speak at Contra Costa fete**

Contra Costa JACL will have its chapter installation banquet at the Tao Tao Restaurant in San Francisco, on Saturday, Jan. 15, 7:30 p.m. No host cocktail will be from 6:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be Mayor Norman Mineta of San Jose.

**December Events Tomozawa heads Watsonville JACL**

Dr. Francis Tomozawa and his 1972 cabinet members were installed by Jerry Enomoto, superintendent of the California Correctional Institution at Tehachapi and immediate past National JACL president at the annual Watsonville JACL installation dinner on Saturday, Dec. 12, at the Riverside in Santa Cruz. Close to 100 members and guests attended. Michie Miyamoto, outgoing vice president, introduced Rev. and Mrs. Sumio Koga and

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held the Office of Lieutenant Governor since Burns was first elected in 1962.

He heads up the Kohala Task Force, assigned the job of preventing an economic disaster in the threatened dissolution of the Kohala Sugar Co., on the Big Island.

He negotiated an environmental settlement with the Big Island's Hamakua Coast sugar plantations, providing for an end to the dumping of cane-field wastes in the ocean by December, 1973.

**New Communities**

More recently he has been assigned the task of heading up the State's New Communities program throughout the State and has played a large role in the relocation of Hawaii Valley families displaced by the new stadium project.

Ariyoshi regards the Hamakua Coast settlement as a classic lesson in the distinctions between the critic who has solutions for part of a problem and the officeholder who must find solutions to the whole problem.

"Some people believe the State should have taken the Hamakua plantations through the course of contested hearings, forcing them to bring a halt to pollution of the ocean," he said.

"This would, of course, have resulted in prolonged legal battles all the way up to the Supreme Court and the plantations would have been under no obligation to start planning to curb the pollution practices."

"With the negotiated settlement, the plantations are spending \$20 million for new machinery and to merge five mills into three, with the result that pollution will be phased out by 1973," he said.

"Some people have even said the State should have solved the pollution problem by cancelling the leases to State lands used by the plantations."

"They ignore the fact that several thousands of people would have been forced into unemployment."

"This is not to say that you don't try to solve problems, but you try to solve them in a way that doesn't create other, and even greater, problems," he said.



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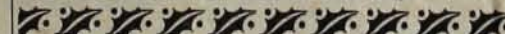


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## Bearing Gifts

New York  
Recently a man whom we had known for twenty years flew into New York from Tokyo. His name is Hiroshi Shimura, the foreign editor of the Tokyo Shimbun.

Shimura is an unusual man for he speaks seven languages and loves New York City more than most of its own inhabitants. He had only spent a year here as a Fulbright

We were skeptical as to whether he would be able to meet with, or see, the Mayor, who happens to be the second busiest man in the United States next to the President. Shimura had written to John Lindsay before leaving Tokyo.

Shimura related to us that he had met the Lindsays eleven years ago when they visited Tokyo for the first time in 1960. At that time Lindsay was a congressman, and Shimura explained,

"He didn't know his way around (Tokyo). I took him to the Asakusa Shrine, where prayers are offered." Lindsay asked, "What shall I say?" I bowed my head and clasped my hands and said, "Repeat what I say, 'I would like to become the President of the United States so help me Buddha!'" Lindsay bowed his head and clasped his hands and repeated.

Recently, as most readers

may be aware, Hishizhonor, the Mayor of New York City, has tossed his hat into the Presidential ring.

## Dinner at Gracie Mansion

Shimura arrived on a Monday night. On Tuesday he went sightseeing. On Wednesday he decided to phone Gracie Mansion, the Mayor's residence. The Mayor was in Georgia on a speaking engagement. Finally, on Thursday he was able to get through to Mary Lindsay who graciously invited Shimura and his nephew, Ken Kohyama, who attends college in New Jersey, to City Hall the following day (Friday). Saturday night they were invited to dinner (at 7:30 p.m.) at Gracie Mansion.

At City Hall, Shimura met the Mayor for the first time since 1960. Lindsay was busy shaking hands and greeting a long line of visitors, allowing less than one minute to each person. (If he allowed one minute for everyone who wanted to see him, it would take five years.)

Shimura and Ken were introduced to the members of the City Council and were informally presented the "Key to the City".

Returning from Gracie Mansion with an armful of gifts to take back to Tokyo, among them was a book written by "Hishizhonor" entitled, "The City", and inscribed "For Hiroshi Shimura, who comes from another great city with warm regards." — John V. Lindsay, 6 Nov. 1971.

"Kathy, Margie, Anne, and Johnny, whose father has missed too many dinners and too many evenings, and who have returned his preoccupations with patience and love."

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## 'Rinsel Jion'

One of the gifts that Shimura presented to Mayor Lindsay was a handsome personal sealing stamp carved in stone and engraved with four ancient Chinese characters thusly:

JI means Merciful; ON means Grateful; RIN means Neat; RING, Boring; SEI means Saint, or sacred. "Hence," according to Mr. Shimura, "he's an individual who is merciful, grateful and is neat and a saint." The Mayor must have been pleased to receive such a gift.

## Wringing Out: Eira Nagaoka What Makes Seattle Run

During the fall of 1964 a delegation visited the Seattle JACL Chapter board meeting chaired by Dr. Terrance M. Toda at the Jackson Street Community Council office (now Central Seattle Community Council). The civil rights movement was gaining steam and becoming a national issue.

The visitors (among them Don Kazama, Mary Suzuki and Midori Kono Theil) were compelled to get in on the piece of the action. They were ready to form a coalition and as a possible alternate asked whether it would be possible for them to meet as a committee under the wings of Seattle JACL? There will be public demonstrations, sit-ins, pickets and sign-carrying in public places, they warned.

Needless to say, the Chapter board was caught off guard, triggering a crisis rippling of our own. How are we going to talk ourselves out of this ticklish situation? After all weren't we discussing the possibility of third attempt on the Land Law Repeal, JACL Dance Club New Year's party and the golf classes set for the coming spring? And there's the bowling tournament to be chaired by Masy Kobayashi and Tommy Namba.

But as it usually happens the cooler heads prevailed. Human Relations Committee was formed under committee chairman Tsuguo Ikeda, who is the director of the Seattle Atlantic Street Center (a social service agency). This confrontation became a turning point for the Seattle Chapter. The new movement had stuck its foot in the door.

## Changeover

Seven years later the Chapter can look at the complete turnaround of image. There is no denying that this is the type of luxury where other organizations might look with envy. Good portions of the "old guard" are in a position to stay home while the "Young Turks" run the show — even though we may boast of having the largest board in the country.

The magnetic attraction toward this new look by high calibre board members has been startling. This is not to imply that everyone here is leaning in the same direction. We have representations from every school of thought which makes for a brisk dialogue. A quick check on board members this past biennium and excluding active JACLers of long standing, we have:

Sam Shoji, social worker and executive board member of Washington Association for Social Welfare; Don Kazama, assistant chief social worker at the Veterans Hospital, Seattle Central Community College Education Committee member; Eric Inouye, former coordinator at the International District Improvement Association and currently on city wide Model City Program Planning staff; Sharon Fujii, director, Model City Program's department for the elderly, who has left for Brandeis University to work on her Ph.D.; Cullen Hayashida of the Univ. of Washington, who has left for Japan to work on his paper for Ph.D. in sociology; Susan Tomita, social service worker for Harborview Community Mental Health Hospital, chairman of Young Asians for Action, and recently appointed by Gov. Dan Evans to the State Women's Council; Barbara Yoshida, probation officer for Seattle

Sumi and Midori Uyeda.

But how can late bloomers manage to gain the position of leadership so quickly and so completely? One of the secrets is to get the right person as the nomination chairman. Some of the prospective candidates gave in by default when they didn't care to get involved in the new direction. Changes were made in the nominations procedure when the board of governors slate comprising 21 slots was broken down into three categories: long-time members, young active members, and the candidates still new or ready to be initiated into JACL. The votes had to be equally divided. This had the effect of breaking up the monopoly of name familiarity.

Whether you label this whole program a social experiment or whatever, the board has slowly shifted priority in line with the National JACL goal and in conformance with the pulse of the national commitment. The expectation was great with so much talent.

## Chapter Projects

Samplings of Chapter pre-occupation may be seen in the following projects of past years:

1—Three-day cultural festival at the Seattle Center

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chaired by Dr. Masuda;  
2—Public forums on critical topics;  
3—Drop-in Center with funds from the Mayor's Youth Coordinator and the founding of the Asian Drop-in Center with \$1,500 Chapter fund;  
4—Living bibliography project;  
5—"Pride and Shame" traveling exhibit in cooperation with State Capitol Museum under a \$6,666 federal grant;  
6—Classes in supervision fundamentals for Oriental postal workers in preparation for examinations;  
7—Continued sponsorship of Japanese community queen contest;  
8—Title II campaign;  
9—Issei Centennial Celebration;  
10—50th Anniversary Banquet for the Seattle Chapter;  
11—Involvement in Asian Job Center project;  
12—Support for the Oriental Student Union pressing for administrative staff for community colleges;  
13—Confrontations with Seattle Public School officials for better representations in administrative staff in public schools.

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## Nezumi-no-Toshi

1972 is the Year of the Rat, by Oriental zodiac, and 200 million or more city and field rats in Japan are celebrating their year.

The Rat Year ("Ne"—short for "nezumi") is said to be the year for agriculture and trade.

So that should mean a year of plenty for the hungry rats who eat as much as one-fourth their weight a day to survive. Or, so says an expert, a "cat" named Kurosawa who operates a disinfection company in Tokyo.

Japan, Inc. has created many things, including fat rats. And fat cats, too.

The cats in Japan are so fat, soft, slow, pampered and over-civilized, says a staff doctor at Ueno Zoo, that they are useless as rat-catchers.

The cat-and-mouse status can be termed: peaceful co-existence.

Seems the Japanese cats have developed — like fat humans — high concentrations of cholesterol in their blood and have become short-winded if they were to chase rats. Last year in Tokyo, we met a fat cat who lives in ritzy Denenchofu and who eats nothing but fresh "aji" horse mackerel heads four times a day. None of that canned or dried stuff.

And cats are reported to be multiplying so fast in Japan that exterminators now are being asked to rid of both cats and rats.

They don't know it, but cats in Japan are worth money. Like their skins make excellent "samisen" skins. And they say in Tokyo, cat hunters prowl the alleys at night looking for strays.

As for the fat rats of Japan. They have become so "affluent" that those living along the Ginta have acquired a liking for bananas and those very expensive melons humans can't afford to eat.

Those who live in cold storage warehouses have become conditioned to the South Pole climate. These rats get fat on choice frozen fish and frozen vegetables.

The "swingers" live in well-padded cabarets and bars, and you can bet your whiskers that these rats wash their food down with libation in their lavish pads.

Then there are rats living in hotels and department stores, where there is plush everything, and plenty of food served, prepared, stored and sold. These guys have it comfortable—like central heating and air conditioning.

And Tokyo has been good to the rats. It has built build-

ings that go deep down under — down to the sewage system, to the subway tunnels. There must be as many rats using the subways as humans.

In fact, in Japan as in Taiwan, rats in the country are said to outnumber the human population, 3 to 1. It was reported several years ago that the fat rats in Japan eat \$830 million worth of food-stuff annually. And in Taiwan, some \$25 million.

These are Oriental rats and they all like their rice. Just as you and I. And the country rats have it better and safer than their city cousins. Exterminators locate in the cities.

But there's a story out of the Philippines, where a public official, having failed to popularize the eating of grain-fed rat meat, struck on an alternate idea to exterminate them. Rat tails were used as ballots for voting on a beauty contest—one tail, one vote. Despite the odor, both the contest and the extermination were successes.

So much for rat tails and rat tales.

The Oriental zodiac has 12 animals (rat, ox, tiger, hare, dragon, snake, horse, ram, monkey, cock, dog and boar). Originated in China as signs. But later, someone thought of animals so they'd be easier to remember.

The man or woman born in the Rat Year (1876, 1888, 1900, 1912, 1924, 1936, 1948, 1960 and 1972) is said to be clever and careful, but sometimes stingy.

He accumulates in small ways, only to lose in big ways. He is liable to acquire wealth, being favored with good fortune rather late in life. He is honest and gentle.

His suitable professions are in agriculture and/or trade. And he looks happy and contented. His complexion is not fair.

We hasten to add, that being born in the Year of the Rat does not mean that one has sharp teeth or has dark complexion or that one is sneaky or hairy like a rat.

And while the year is supposed to exercise the greatest influence on one's destiny and disposition, the month, day and hour also have some influence, and the same 12 zodiac cycle.

So, unless you come up recording Rat Year, Rat Month, Rat Day, Rat Hour of birth, you can rest assured, the exterminators are not after you — and you're not a human rat.

## SCHOOL BUSSING POLL

Los Angeles area Nikkei oppose move by 51 pct.; national opposition 76 pct.

By SACHIKO OYAMA

LOS ANGELES — Bussing of children as a means of achieving racial balance in the schools is a subject of considerable controversy. In a recent Gallup poll, it was found 76 per cent of the general population opposed bussing, 16 per cent favored the plan, while 6 per cent had no opinion.

White opposition was found at the same time to be greater than Black opposition.

In the wake of this and strong Chinese American opposition to bussing in San Francisco a survey was undertaken of the Japanese community's view of the controversy plan and published in the Ratu Shimpu Oct. 23.

A total of 595 persons in four areas of greater Los Angeles were posed the following question:

Do you tend to favor or oppose the bussing of children to obtain racial balance in the schools?

Of those queried, 28 per cent overall favored the plan, 51 per cent opposed, while 21 per cent held no opinion. The high variance of those who held no opinion, as contrasted to the general population, is not readily explainable.

While single and married individuals with no children in school generally gave "lack of involvement" as a reason for their response, it was also discovered 14 per cent of those with children similarly held no opinion. Those who both favored and opposed bussing, dependent upon circumstances, were not included in the latter category.

## Eastside Mothers

Heaviest opposition was found in the 30 to 49 year old age group, among females, and from those who presently had children in school. Eastern areas of the city (Monterey Park, Montebello, Boyle Heights, El Sereno) tended to disapprove the most while Pasadena, which presently has a bussing system, was the least opposed.

Of those who favored the plan many felt, "It's a good idea." Irene Masuyama, a teacher in Los Angeles, however, felt that bussing may

well be the only means of integrating the schools. "While it will take a long time, it is the only way to upgrade the schools and provide a needed 'shot in the arm' for inner city teachers."

Those opposed, on the other hand, generally deplored the waste of time involved in riding a bus to school when one was close by and the consequent loss of contact between school and home brought about by distance.

## Opposition Comments

"Schools should be close to the home and part of the community," believes Mrs. Sam Kunishige of Los Angeles.

"Furthermore," states Dave Matsumoto of San Gabriel, "a child misses out on extra-curricular activities because he has to board the bus to go home."

A not uncommon fear voiced was that the children from the suburbs would have to attend predominantly poorer ghetto schools.

Still others objected to the compulsory nature of the plan, since forced bussing was at issue, not voluntary bussing, a system that is presently being successfully tried in Los Angeles.

Many with mixed emotions about the plan were represented by Mrs. Aimee Takahashi of El Sereno. "I would favor it if I truly believed my daughters could benefit from it, but nobody can guarantee that. It would depend on where they were being bused."

## Chinese Situation

Unlike the Chinese Americans who are presently boycotting San Francisco schools rather than bus their children into other minority areas, none of the Japanese Americans cited "cultural heritage" as a reason for opposition.

Below is a breakdown of the survey by age, sex, presence of children in the home, and by area.

So. Calif. Japanese American Bussing Survey (In Percentages)			
	For	Ag.	No Op
Total	28	51	21
18-29	28	50	22
30-49	26	53	21
50 and over	29	49	22
Male	28	50	22
Female	27	52	21
No Children	27	47	26
Children	29	57	14
Grown Children	26	45	29
East	21	64	15
Central	17	51	32
Pasadena	31	44	25
South	35	49	16

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## Conferences

At the invitation of the CCDC and CCDYC, I attended the central Calif. District Council Convention held in Fresno, Calif. The youth met in conjunction with the Convention. It was the largest turnout of JACLers for the CCDC Convention.

The youth sessions centered around local programmatic and organizational issues that particularly apply to the CCDC. Over-all, the young people were expressing a closer working relationship with the JACL, and in turn JACLers seemed pleased with the development of the youth. While the area suffers from a problem of geographic dispersion of Saneel population and competing programs, the leadership is competent, and more activity should be expected.

While participating on a panel on "The Role of Japanese Americans" a faculty member of Fresno State College, who was in the audience, related to a study that he was conducting on Saneel intermarriage in the Fresno County area. He stated that his data to date indicates that 60% of the Saneel marriages in the area were outside of the ethnic group (mostly White). This data also indicated that males and females marry outside of the ethnic group with equal frequency. This is a pattern that varies greatly from the pattern of other ethnic groups.

Regardless of whether one's initial reaction to this pattern (President Ray Uno indicated that this is a general pattern outside of the West Coast) is alarm or satisfaction, we ought to investigate future implications of this pattern. I would suggest that there ought to be some concern that the issue of "identity" that is currently being raised by Saneel, may be raised again in a few years by bi-racial children.

Cleveland was the site of a Midwest DYC workshop on leadership during the Thanksgiving weekend. Approximately 120 youth were present for the three-day affair. With the usual support of adults in the Midwest, and hard work from the Juniors, a very successful workshop was held. A revived group from St. Louis will be hosting the Spring Workshop around the topic of Friendship.

The Student Aid Program for 1971 has been concluded. Sixty-eight applicants were examined by the National Committee in Los Angeles. Applications came from every district save Pacific Northwest. The distribution of awards was as follows: CC, 3; Eastern, 1; Intermountain, 0; Midwest, 3; Mountain Plains, 0; NCWN, 6; Pacific Northwest, 0; Pacific Southwest, 8. A total of 21 awards were given.

Abe Hagiwara Fund—Fund Chairman, Kathy Kodawaki, is currently in the process of working out a fund drive. A number of JACL officials and staff have been asked to help out on the drive via Pacific Citizen appeals. Literature is being prepared and will soon be distributed to facilitate fund raising. Contributions for this fund drive, whose interest will be used for the Student Aid Program, may be sent to: Abe Hagiwara Memorial Fund Drive, 7651 Koch Dr., Parma, Ohio 44134.

Funding—Subsequent to the Midwest workshop, I visited Washington, D.C., for the purpose of seeking information on federal financing program on Drug Abuse. With the aid of Mrs. Toyo Biddle, Coordinator for Asian American Affairs in the Office of Special Concerns of the Secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, I was able to meet with a number of people, who are working in this area.

Under the Narcotic Control and Rehabilitation Act of 1970, there is a program to

train individuals to work in communities in eliminating drug abuse. I brought information on this program back to the West Coast and three proposals from Asian American groups, including JACL, were submitted. We ought to have some response from Office of Education-HEW within a month's time.

I also met with JACL, Pat Okura, at the National Institute of Mental Health and discussed some of the problems that we are facing in the area of drug abuse. Pat is currently involved in putting together an Asian American mental health conference, which should relate to the problem of drug abuse as well as many others.

I also had the opportunity to meet with JACL, Chatham, Director of Narcotic Rehabilitation Programs of NIMH. She gave me the impression of being interested in the problems of drug abuse among Asian Americans during our two-hour conference. She put me in touch with a local NIMH person in Los Angeles, with whom I will be following up. I would suspect that these discussions will center around a research project to more clearly delineate the pattern of abuse, as well as causal links and rehabilitation implications.

Participant Evaluation by Summer Interns (PEBSI)—A couple of years back, the Department of Health, Education and Welfare piloted a program where users of agencies evaluated the various selected programs under D/HEW auspices.

Last year, the PEBSI program, which operates in small teams, focused on agency service delivery to American Indians. Together with Craig Shimabukuro, who was a PEBSI intern last year, discussed the possibility of orienting some of these evaluations toward critiquing Asian American response. A preliminary prospectus is being submitted to Secretary Richardson of D/HEW on this subject.

## Scholarship—

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Dept. of Physiology at USC, Prof. John P. Meekam, M.D., described Michael as "one of the most capable individuals that has ever worked in our department."

Michael's extracurricular activities include volunteer work at a Veterans Hospital, Buddhist Sunday School teacher, religious lay speaker, CYC basketball coaching, etc.

In his letter of application, Michael mentioned that winning this award would be an honor not just for himself but also for his parents who toiled so hard to put him through school. It would mean, he wrote: "Thanks, Mom, for rolling raisins late into the night" and "Thanks, Dad, for driving a tractor all day long."

The Dr. Mutsumi Nobe Graduate Memorial JACL Scholarship was established in 1967 by Mrs. Catherine Nobe in memory of her late husband, a great believer in higher education.

Persons of Japanese American ancestry of either sex in or about to enter graduate studies in the fields of physical or biological sciences or engineering are eligible to apply for this annual scholarship through their local JACL chapter.

Applicants may write to: Ron Wakabayashi, Youth Program Field Director, 125 Weller Street, Suite 310, Los Angeles, Calif. 90012.

## Silver pin awardee

HAYWARD — Tetsuma Sakai, serving on the Eden Township JACL board for over 15 years and serving as chapter president in 1957, was awarded the JACL Silver Pin during the recent installation dinner.

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## CHAPTER PULSE

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Rev. and Mrs. Junjo Tsumura as special guests.

Enomoto, as the main speaker, related his experiences in the correctional institutions in California where he has served for many years as the only Nisei high official in the department. His thought-provoking speech was well received by the audience. Following the dinner, the members danced until midnight.

## Sonoma County re-elects same cabinet for 1972

Fred Yokoyama of Santa Rosa was re-elected the president of the Sonoma County JACL for 1972. A number of unprecedented actions also occurred in that the cabinet officers were also re-elected; George Okamoto, Frank Oda and James Murakami were named permanent board members.

Officers and board members were installed by National Director Mas Satow on Jan. 8, at a pot-luck dinner held at the Enmanji Memorial Hall, Sebastopol.

The affair was jointly sponsored by the Enmanji Buddhist Temple, which also installed their 1972 officers and board members and make presentations to their members. Frank Oda chaired the annual community organizations installation dinner.

## Santa visits children at San Benito party

The San Benito County JACL had its annual Christmas Party on Dec. 22. The children ranged from non-schoolers to eighth grade, who occupied themselves with games until Santa arrived. Santa passed gifts to all the children present, and the evening was concluded with refreshments.

## Fremont JACL installs Tanouye as president

By AILEEN TSUJIMOTO

The annual Fremont JACL installation dinner was held at the Fremont Inn on Dec. 4. Guests included Mayor William van Doorn of Fremont; John Baker, director of the Community Drug Council; and representing the National JACL, Shig Sugiyama, as installing officer.

The newly elected president, Harry Tanouye, accepted the gavel from outgoing president, Ted Inouye.

Mayor van Doorn discussed the organization's participation in the city council, public transportation in Fremont and other ballot measures. He also urged the JACL to take more active roles.

Baker provided an informative talk of the drug culture today, and the services that the Community Drug Council provides. The CDC handles "hot line" calls in the Tri-City area dealing with assorted medical and social problems.

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## U-NO BAR

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Abe Hagiwara Fund. Meeting with Mayor Ralph J. Perk of Cleveland was an interesting occasion. I found out he was elected mayor in a three way race between two Democrats and one Republican, himself. The Republican voter registration is 7% in the Cleveland area; thus, he had to change a lot of Democratic votes to get in.

Mrs. May Ichida whose son, Shinji, is a lifetime friend and classmate, looked well. Art and Sadie Yamane, Mary Obata and her mother, Frank and Carolyn Shiba, George and Helen Ono, Dr. Toaru Ishiyama, Ken Asamoto and many others helped make the 25th Anniversary a success.

Of course, President-Elect Henry Tanaka and his wife, Sachie, moved very quietly behind the scenes. Henry arranged for two TV interviews and a newspaper interview with the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

After the banquet, a number of us went to the Sadat-taki home for an informal get together. Their 16-acre estate and beautiful home is a tribute to Bill's business ability and his going into the steel fabricating business for himself and doing quite well at it. At Bill's, we were able to see the TV interviews of myself and I always feel I should have said something more profound after hearing the edited version of my interviews.

An insurance agent by occupation, Lai was the first Asian American to run for the Berkeley city council last year and is active with the school district, economic opportunity board, consumer's cooperative and the Asian American community alliance.

Uno, who was president of East Los Angeles JACL in 1952, was co-chairman of the National JACL committee to repeal the Emergency Detention Act and active with many civic and ethnic groups in San Francisco, including the Nisei Voters' League, Community Center Board, and more recently the Labor Council.

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EAST WIND: Bill Marutani

## Of Corpsmen and Things

THE OTHER DAY, after a three year hiatus, I belatedly decided to go down to the U.S. Naval Hospital for my annual physical check-up. As always, there are those confounded forms to be filled out and the young corpsman on duty was taking down my statistics: age, weight, etc. As I was answering the questions, I suddenly became aware of a time-gap silence and looked up to see his face contorted in bafflement. Finally, somewhat painfully, he turned to me and asked, "Uh, what should I put down for race?"

Now usually I take um-brage to such an irrelevant query (most often responding with "human" when the question appears in forms), but the corpsman's helpless predicament struck me as being pathetically funny and I responded with a chuckle, "Put down 'Japanese'".

The corpsman turned back to the form but it became readily apparent that presented with the small box for "race" he would have to abbreviate me to "Jap". And I sensed he was in another quandary. In the meantime, I must admit that I was waiting with some trepidation, ready to veto any such abbreviation.

After a moment of pondering as to how diplomatically surmount an otherwise physical impossibility, he suddenly brightened with the solution. "Let's just put you down as 'Oriental' and with that he inserted a big 'O' in the box after the word 'race'."

Some naive comments to all this would no doubt include the simplistic observation: "Aren't you really being 'up-tight' over something that's unimportant?" I will readily agree if, by this question, the inquirer means to ask if the question of "race" is unimportant. My response would also be in the affirmative if human dignity is unimportant.

### Important Things?

THIS SIMPLISTIC VIEW would no doubt consider it equally unimportant and inoffensive when "well-meaning" questions or comments such as the following are posed: "When did you come to this country?" "Where did you learn to speak English so well?" "I visited your quaint land, and your people are so well-behaved." "You people are hard-working." "Do you know the Yamamoto's from so-and-so?"

As a native son, born and bred in this, my land, I need not suffer such inane banalities dripping with patronizing condescension. A couple of weeks ago, following a delightful dinner party attended by some chiefs and near-chiefs of a federal agency, the discussion centered around the various ills of our society: riots, lack of edu-

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greetings along with some leis. Rev. Abraham Dohi of the Wintersburg Presbyterian Church will give the invocation with Dr. William Shinto, of the American Baptist Home Missionary Society and Asian American education, the benediction. Mas Ueyasu will handle the recognitions awards.

Karen Kaizuka will take the oath as incoming president. The evening concludes with entertainment by the Kono Hawaii musical troupe. Tickets are \$7.50 per person. Cocktail hour starts at 5:30, and dinner at 6:30 p.m.

## Local Scene

### Los Angeles

Forty YBA members of the Hompa Hongwanji and Sen-shin Buddhist churches brought Christmas joy to the House of Happiness, a privately-operated home for about 30 mentally retarded and emotionally disturbed persons in the Silverlake district. The home is operated by Ray and Iris Chee, a Chinese American couple from Honolulu, who also maintain another House of Happiness for Asian elderly in the southwest area.

The YWCA Magnolia Fund Committee, sponsors of Asian Sisters, a self-help group combating drug abuse, organized a steering committee comprised of leading women groups in the Los Angeles area. Addressing the group was Merlyne Hamano, appointed a half year ago by the committee as Asian Sisters youth worker. Other groups or individuals wishing to assist or contribute funds for the program may call Alice Nishikawa (DU 4-7400) or Mae Wakayama (DU 5-1991). Donations to the YWCA Magnolia Fund, which is tax deductible, are being accepted by Mrs. Yae Nakamura, 1665 Victoria, Los Angeles 90019.

### San Jose

Asians for Community Action are showing the film "Sanrizuka," on Sunday, Jan. 23, 7 p.m. at the Wesley Methodist Church basement. It relates the struggle of farmers against the proposed airport at Sanrizuka which began about five years ago.

### Seattle

Sensing that the local community does not need another organization and more meetings to promote community involvement, the group known as the Coalition of Concerned Asians met Dec. 19 at St. Peter Claver Church to reactivate the Asian Coalition of Equality.

### JCC fund drive

LOS ANGELES—The Japanese Chamber of Commerce fund drive for its social services department concluded Dec. 17 with \$12,257.24 received from 727 persons and organizations. It was announced by Kenji Ito, JCC president.



**FEDERAL EXECUTIVE**—Gordon Yamada (left) is sworn in as chief of the Management Systems Branch in the Executive Office of the President and will oversee 70 departments and agencies to help reduce government red tape and paperwork. Formerly the ranking Nisei civil servant with the Dept. of the Air Force, he is a graduate of Sophia University, Tokyo, and has a master's from MIT. Others in the photo are Velma Baldwin, Office of Management and Budget chief administrative officer; OMB deputy director Caspar Weinberger and Wesley Sasaki, just appointed deputy chief of OMB's natural resources programs division. —Cut Courtesy: Rafu Shimpo

## 1st Voluntary Action Center set up for Asian Americans in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES — The National Center for Voluntary Action announced a \$10,000 start-up grant for an Asian-American Voluntary Action Center in Los Angeles this past week (Jan. 4).

The purpose of the center is to help alleviate critical social problems facing the Asian communities in the Los Angeles area through citizen-to-citizen assistance. The Asian-American Voluntary Action Center will act as a clearinghouse for volunteer recruitment, training and placement in the Asian community.

Alan F. Kumamoto, president of the newly created Asian-American Board, noted the increasing immigration of Asians to the United States in the last five years. "In fiscal 1970 there were 92,816 immigrants from Asia, nearly five times as many as only five years earlier. Of further note is the fact that in 1970 for the first time in peace time an Asian nation, the Philippines, gave more immigrants to the U.S. than any other single nation outside the western hemisphere."

The Asian American VAC will be working with five distinct Asian communities, namely, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Filipino, and Samoan. Volunteer coordinators for each of these groups will be recruited. Presently an advisory board from the various Asian communities is being formed. The Los Angeles Voluntary Action Center a United Way service, will administer the grant.

Mrs. John Endicott, president of Los Angeles VAC, welcomed the new center into the growing family of voluntary action centers by underlining the uniqueness of this

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fiscal year. The support amounted to \$97.64 for each island resident, according to the Honolulu Office of Higher Education. Only Utah with \$89.15, had a higher per capita figure. Pennsylvania was at the bottom with \$15.74. Hawaii ranked fifth among the states for state support per full-time student.

## Big crowd hears Dr. Togasaki talk

The announcement of Dr. Yoshiyoshi Togasaki as guest speaker for the newcomers meeting co-sponsored by the Bay Area Community JACL and the International Institute of Alameda County drew an overflowing cross-generational crowd of Issei (new and old), Sansei, and Nisei to the Sutter Street YWCA in Japanese town, San Francisco on Oct. 30.

The warmth and humor of Dr. Togasaki's presentation easily set the tone for an afternoon filled with lively and frank discussion in Japanese on a wide range of current thoughts on health and medical problems. Many of the women attending expressed their relief at being able to describe their symptoms in comfortable colloquial expressions such as "okan ga suru" or "onaka ga tsupparui."

Dr. Togasaki discussed in detail the importance of a yearly examination for women, the changing incidence of breast, uterine and cervical cancer, contraception, pregnancy, menopause, etc., as well as the myriad of problems on general health as they pertain especially to Japanese women. The Issei were surprised to learn that a teenager may legally arrange for an abortion or obtain contraceptives without parental consent or knowledge; however, the Issei were grateful for the information and agreed that it was necessary for them to have this knowledge in order to broaden their understanding of the changing social mores of the generation of today.

Her talk was heightened with reminiscing vignettes of her experiences here and in Japan, where she taught in 1924. She also expressed her concern over the absence of a bilingual gynecologist for the San Francisco area.

The meeting was closed reluctantly, but not before many enthusiastic suggestions were made for future new-comer meeting topics, including the scheduling of another meeting with Dr. Togasaki. Success of the program is gratefully shared with Ron Kobata, JACL, Fox and the Japanese Community Youth Council for their assistance. A special acknowledgment also to Mrs. Lois Workman for use of the YWCA that afternoon.

## NEWS CAPSULES

### Courtroom

Mrs. Marie Shibuya, 40, of Rolling Hills, who has served on the 1966 Los Angeles County Grand Jury, was among 23 persons selected to serve on the 1972 panel. Appointed by Judge Allen Miller, Mrs. Shibuya is the mother of two college-age children and has served on the County Human Relations Commission, advisory board of the Los Angeles Urban Coalition, Angeles Girl Scout Council board, League of Women Voters and advisory board of the Office of Continuing Education at Claremont Colleges.

### Education

Nancy Takayo Komae, 21-year-old daughter of the Joseph Komae of Los Angeles, was named Better Business Girl of 1971 by the USC chapter of Alpha Kappa Psi, national professional business fraternity. To be graduated in June in accounting from USC School of Business Administration, she intends to continue her studies in computer science.

Frank Mizukami was elected to the Fife (Wash.) district school board, the first Japanese American to serve on the board. His brother, Bob, is a Fife city councilman.

### Military

Recent U.S. Army promotions to rank of colonel included at least four Nisei: Toshio Aoyagi, Peter J. Hino, Larry M. Shinoda and Hideo Kuroyama. The name of Tom Kobashigawa, 23, of Honolulu was among the 18 listed as American servicemen held captive by the Viet Cong in South Vietnam. The list was released on Tuesday before Christmas. He was the second Nisei now known to be prisoner-of-war in Vietnam, the first being Capt. Terry J. Uyeyama of San Francisco. Kobashigawa was a crew chief aboard a helicopter, which crashed Feb. 5, 1970.

### Flower-Garden

Redwood City wholesale florist Hiro Higashi was named a member of the San Mateo County fair and convention association board of directors. Frank Kuwahara, 59, general manager of the So. Calif. Flower Growers, Inc., was one of three judging florists entered in the 1972 Tournament of Roses. In the flower growing business for 40 years, he is the first Nisei chosen a float judge. There were 47 awards made.

Felton Jones, who introduced himself in Atlanta, Ga., after studying the art under Frank Nagata of Los Angeles, will address the Santa Anita Bonsai Society Jan. 15, 8 p.m., at the County Arboretum. Program is part of the group's hope to introduce the horticultural form to the general public.

### Sports

A temporary injunction was issued against Nanka Judo Yudanshakai last month by Superior Court Judge Robert A. Wenke after statements filed by attorney Le on J. Garrie and judoist Hayward Nishio-ka. Named in the petition were Kaname K. Kuniyuki, Shigeru Okada, Masaru Harada and Don Algie. The injunction called for suspension of all business by the organization and forbade its officers, agents, employees or representatives from conducting any business until the injunction was lifted. The officers were charged for violation of the California parliamentary procedure statute.

Utah State was the first single U.S. college football team to play in Japan since American football was introduced there 57 years ago and in two games before Christmas walloped an all-star team comprised of players of West Japan's universities 45-6 in Osaka and another team representing East Japan universities 50-6 in Tokyo.

### Music

Tokyo violinist Masuko Ushioda and cellist Laurence Lesser were married last

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month at the home of the bridegroom's parents, the Mosess. Lesser of Beverly Hills, Calif. Lesser heads the cello department at the Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore. Miss Ushioda won the Mainichi Music Contest in 1957 before studying at the Leningrad State Academy and appeared with several European orchestras and also at the Hollywood Bowl. The couple met in Moscow in 1966 during the Tchaikovsky Competition.

### Book

Mrs. Marilyn Tamura with the Los Angeles Public Library since 1958 was appointed director of branches, administering the operation of 61 community libraries and five bookmobiles circulating more than 12 million books annually. She had been "acting director" since October, 1970, after serving two years as regional librarian directing the activities of 11 branches in the Hollywood area. A native of Hawaii, she graduated from the USC School of Library Science.

L. T. Tanaka of Portland, Ore., is author of "Complete 7-Day Esperanto Course for International Correspondence—Esperanto: The World Auxiliary Language" due for release this month. Portland will also host the 57th Universal Esperanto Congress this summer, July-August, the third time a meeting has been convened in the U.S.

### Fine Arts

The American Academy of Arts and Letters, the nation's highest honor society in this field, elected three men and three women to its membership on Dec. 8. Included was sculptor Isamu Noguchi of New York. The 50-member Academy was founded in 1904 as an inner body of the 250-member National Institute of Arts and Letters. Aaron Copland is president of the academy.

### Health

The Montebello Japanese Women's Club contributed \$1,500 to Keiro Nursing Home, the proceeds derived from the club's successful Nisei Week fashion show-luncheon last year.

### Churches

Rev. Frank Y. Ichishima has been pastor of the 500-member People's Presbyterian Church in Denver for a year. Previously he served the black Immanuel Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis for six years. A graduate of McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, he holds a master's degree in church social work and was director at the Philadelphia Neighborhood House, organized by the Presbyterian Church. In 1960 he was assistant pastor at the southside Chicago's Emerald Avenue Presbyterian Church.

### Business

Mitsubishi Bank of California will open for business Jan. 18 in the new 800 Wilshire Bldg. at Wilshire and Flower with officials from the parent bank in Japan, Toshio Nakamura, president, and Yushin Yamamoto, director-manager of the international department, joining the California-chartered bank officials and directors in the opening. Yasuhiro Ishizaka is president and chief executive of the new bank headquartered in Los Angeles; Mataichiro Kazuya is board chairman, who headed the Mitsubishi Bank Los Angeles agency, which has operated since 1962.

Isoo Yamasaki, board chairman of the Sumitomo Bank of California, has been recalled to assume new responsibilities with the bank's headquarters in Osaka. He served as bank president for five years and was appointed board chairman last June.

Chinese community leader J. K. Choy has retired from San Francisco Federal Savings and Loan Association. He joined San Francisco Federal Savings in 1956 to assist in opening a branch office of the Association in Chinatown. He was appointed manager of this office upon its opening in 1957 and under his direction the office has attained a deposit balance of \$60,000, making it the largest of its kind in Chinatown. Although retiring from full time business life, Choy will remain active with the Chinese Culture Foundation as a Director of that organization and is considering publishing his diary about his experiences in mainland China during the 30 year period prior to World War II. Quailand Tom replaced Choy as manager of the Chinatown Office of San Francisco Federal Savings, effective Jan. 1.

"J-Town Collective", reputed to be a revolutionary organization working in San Francisco's Japanese American community, has started a monthly publication, "New Dawn". (PO Box 26310, San Francisco, \$1.80 per year). First issue came out October.

MDC Governor Ross Harano and MDYC Co-Chairman Beverly Tanamachi head the Jan. 29 program for the 26th annual installation dinner of the St. Louis JACL at Grant's Cabin Restaurant, 8352 Watson Rd., St. Louis.

Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. Congenial Bob Mitori will serve as toastmaster.

Final plans are being made to honor the Issei in the St. Louis area; they will be guests of the chapter. An informal dance is scheduled immediately after the dinner.

Committee chairman Dr. Mas Ohmoto requested that reservations be made in advance by calling Dr. Norman Shib, 434-0353. Cost will be \$7.50 per adult and \$4 per person 18 years of age and under.

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## Deaths

Hiro Miyatake, 67, Los Angeles, died of cancer Jan. 2. Surviving are widow Toyoko, well-known photographer, sons Archie, Robert, Richard and daughter Minnie Takahashi.

J. Hajime Takata, 73, of Gardena died Dec. 30. His son-in-law Fred Kosaka is manager of Union Federal Savings and Loan in Gardena. Surviving are w. Sei, and 3 Fumi Ige and Ruth Kosaka.

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