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7—Cooperating with Asian American groups on problems of common concern.  
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Harry K. Honda

**Ye Editor's Desk**

**AN INVITATION TO THE GAIMUSHO-DAIJIN**

Bristles are coarse and prickly as a noun and verbally mean to agitate. Such is the situation in wake of the Washington, D.C. Convention Board's invitation (PC, Mar. 31) to the Foreign Minister of Japan to address the convention's congressional banquet. This past week, Bay Area Community JACL protested the invitation, asking the National JACL executive committee meeting this weekend at Los Angeles to review the convention board's decision. The PC letterbox received at least four letters—one from the Chicago JACL board chairman and the others all from Bay Area Community members, and an essay from Yuji Ichioka, member of the National JACL international affairs committee who is also a Bay Area Community JACLer.

The subject was also discussed by the Ethnic Concerns Committee here this past week and it suggested someone who could espouse the Nisei cause might be more appropriate. The Bay Area Community chapter co-chairmen agreed that is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to publicly inform the men in Congress of the interests and problems of Asian Americans.

What may develop from this ferment is a transfer of such convention prerogatives as selecting principal speakers by the host chapter to the National organization through its National Board. It may even mean the next national executive director will have the added work responsibility of serving as producer of the official convention program as well as prepare the agenda for the National Council.

This is going back some—back to 1958, when JACL endured a similar spasm caused by the question of whether JACL's U.S.-Japan policy should be expanded or not.

One side contended JACL should stay clear, since they feared JACL could be used as a "tool" or be branded as a "front" organization. JACL's prestige to speak up for persons of Japanese ancestry in this country would also be sullied by becoming involved with international relations. The JACL should continue its public relations role to sell the Japanese Americans to other Americans. "We are still afraid that something may go wrong," they cautioned.

JACL should continue to work in the field it has been most effective—promoting the welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry in America, though the point was made that the role of Nisei and that of JACL are not necessarily the same. If JACL decided against becoming involved wouldn't mean Nisei are uninterested in promoting better U.S.-Japan relations. Conversely, if the Nisei showed greater interest in U.S.-Japan relations wouldn't mean JACL should become involved. Because JACL is the most influential organization of persons of Japanese ancestry does not necessarily follow it must participate in international relations as JACL cannot carry the burden on all matters. In fact, it was contended Japanese chambers of commerce or the Japan Societies in America rank as the more proper groups to engage in this field.

"Participation in international relations means running the risk of destroying the value of JACL" and "if JACL is destroyed, no organization among persons of Japanese ancestry can take its place". It is better to preserve JACL's position so that it can be of service in any emergency.

Some may recognize the thoughts expressed above. They were the personal observations of Saburo Kido, wartime National JACL president.

Motivated by the philosophy that we should help keep Japan in the family of friendly nations and friendly to the U.S., the other side of this question called for liberalizing the JACL attitude which then was strictly hands-off "unless the welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry in the U.S. was directly involved", a policy enunciated at the 1954 national convention.

The emotions aroused by this issue, this side asserted, were based on trying to appear as a "simon pure" American to the point "we are afraid to exercise our prerogative as Americans". JACL was "simon pure" before Pearl Harbor but that didn't prevent Evacuation, it was noted.

While it was deemed proper for JACL to work for repealing the Japanese exclusion law, stay of deportation and return of vested property since there were personal and immediate benefits, this side asked where the logic was if benefits were not quite direct by taking stand on other issues affecting U.S.-Japan relations, such as trade and politics.

If Japan remains friendly, there's little to worry but if she weren't, the Nisei could still suffer because of racial identification in spite of whatever stands JACL might have taken for the reason that John Q. Public won't even be aware of them. The only ones who will know will be some congressmen and government officials who would probably pat the JACL on the back and say, "Well, you tried to warn us."

As for some chapters withdrawing from JACL if the policy were revised, this advocate had great faith in the membership and their respect for the democratic process. After a full debate, all will accept the majority decision. This advocate was none other than the late Harold "Tokuzo" Gordon, then chairman of the national JACL legislative-legal committee.

Henry T. Tanaka

**Priorities**

Cleveland, Ohio

**LEADERSHIP TRAINING INSTITUTES**—It takes a lot of volunteers to help run an organization like JACL. In fact, without volunteers, it is doubtful that JACL could afford to engage in so many varied activities and projects. But like paid staff, volunteers need opportunities to improve their skills and knowledge in order to be of more effective service.

We have properly accorded recognition to our volunteer leaders, but I cannot recall JACL ever providing in-service and leadership training programs for its volunteers. Such programs can provide personal benefits that extend far beyond the commendations that often signify, more often than not, the completion of volunteer services.

The JACL volunteer is not a special person, endowed with unusual skills and knowledge. His occupation, education, or social status have no relation to his reasons for volunteering. What is common to all who volunteer for JACL is a personal commitment to its purposes. What motivates him to serve is the personal satisfaction of being able to make his contribution to a cause which he believes in. The stronger this commitment, the greater and more effective the involvement.

The JACL volunteer is not doing so out of a sense of obligation or duty, but rather because of the deep concern he has about the human inequities in our society and his conviction that JACL can play a significant role in helping to correct these inequities.

Today, JACL's programs are becoming more issue oriented. They are making greater demands upon volunteer leadership to plan, develop and help implement increasingly more complex and long range type projects. For JACL to continue in this direction, it will be necessary to provide leadership training programs.

Regularly planned training institutes should be established on a national and regional basis. Experts should be invited to teach techniques and methods of leadership. The ultimate benefits of these programs to both the volunteers and JACL will far outweigh the cost.

JACL cannot afford to depend upon the leadership of a few dedicated volunteers; it cannot expect volunteers to learn by trial and error. Volunteers deserve opportunities to improve their leadership skills and knowledge. JACL must provide these opportunities.

**By the Board**

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FOR OPENERS . . .

Norristown, Pa.

In a few months, the 22nd Biennial National JACL Convention will be taking place in Washington, D.C. Members and Chapters have been hearing from the Washington, D.C. Chapter about the programs, the format and the plans for this very special National Convention, the first and probably only one which will be held in the East.

There is one phase of National Conventions which has not elicited much comments, attention, or conversation. I am speaking specifically about the Opening Mixer.

In the normal Washington, D.C. Chapter manner, I believe that the Opening Mixer will also be a "first timer." For those of you that will be fortunate enough to make it and I can't see how anyone coming to the Convention would choose to miss it—the Opening Mixer is going to be a real "rootin' tootin'," "greet and hug your friends—or anyone that you want to"—kind of an affair. In fact, if you happen to be within a few hours drive from the Convention site, you'll want to come on over.

What is the Washington, D.C. Chapter doing to set off such a starting firecracker? Well, they have twisted arms and with some elusive reasoning related to something called District cooperation, Washington has convinced the Philadelphia Chapter to take charge of the Opening Mixer.

Philadelphia has taken on the project with "big boy" enthusiasm. With Dr. H. Tom Tamaki chairing the Committee in charge of the Opening Mixer, and with his charming Mrs. Marion, urging him on, Committee members have met to discuss the Opening Mixer until the wee hours on a number of occasions already.

I'm sure many more planning man-hours will be expended on the planning for this Opening Mixer than for any previous Opening Mixer. Philadelphia already has plans to "ease the joint" soon. Plans are for a special crew to be at the Convention site early to make preparations. There's plenty of planning on stream.

The theme and motif will be that of the gay and festive life in Japan. The theme after much discussion was settled to be "Ginza Cabaret." There will be plenty of lanterns, even a tea house and a torii at the entrance.

A songfest in both Japanese and English for those with a hearty voice and even the weak is planned. There will be ondos and odoris and the participant will be you. As you enter, if someone doesn't greet you with an enthusiastic welcome—you can look up Dr. Tom and give him H. There will be souvenirs. There will be favors. There will be drawings for prizes. Really, you just can't miss this event.

The Opening Mixer will be in the Diplomat Room of the Shoreham Hotel. The date is Tuesday, June 27, and the time, 9 p.m.

Now in a more serious vein, this idea for a Chapter, other than the host Chapter, take one particular affair of a Con-

vention, concentrate on it, makes a lot of sense. It also encourages more participation by the helping Chapter. Thus, taking the lead from the Washington, D.C. Chapter, all future Convention host Chapters ought to consider the possibility to an assist from neighboring Chapters.

In conclusion, put a big red X on your calendar for the 27th of June—join the Washington and Philadelphia Chapters to start your Convention participation with a bang—and by the way, bring your happy-coat for the Mixer, if you have one.

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Honor is one of those words that are so difficult to define. It raises a confused reaction among the young when banded about as one of the reasons why we are in Vietnam. Duels used to be fought over it in the days when swordsmen apparently had nothing better to do than go around fighting over it.

But one definition of it that I hope will be neither dimmed nor altered by changing times is the traditional Japanese American one of the repaying an obligation—"on-gaeshi."

It has recently been brought to our attention by Soichi Fukui, active in the Commodore Perry Post of the American Legion, that the Japanese American community has an obligation to repay Baldo Kristovich, who was recently relieved of his duties as public administrator under a cloud of suspicion. Many people who know Kristovich well—and Fukui is one of them—felt that his case suspiciously parallels that of Dr. Thomas T. Noguchi.

The obligation (giri) that Fukui and a number of other Japanese Americans who were involved in the fight to remove the Alien Land Law from the California statutes through the initiative Prop. 13 in the 1956 elections feel toward Kristovich is based on his spearheading the drive within the state American Legion to endorse Prop. 13.

When you recall that it was the same American Legion which actively campaigned to institute the infamous law in 1920, Kristovich's solid achievement becomes evident. As Fourth Area vice-commander of the state American

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**LETTERS FROM OUR READERS**

**Congressional banquet**

Editor: The invitation to the foreign minister of Japan to address the National JACL Convention congressional banquet (PC, Mar. 31) is most regrettable. For one thing it will leave an erroneous impression on the legislators and the general public on the purpose and direction of the JACL.

We are just now beginning to carve our path in America as Third World peoples. Certainly we are nurtured and strengthened by our history, but our future as Asian Americans must not be bound to the apron strings of the political and social culture which we are not a part of and one we do not really fully comprehend.

Secondly, I feel the foreign minister will use the forum we offer for his political advancement without any concern for our interests. My limited contacts with Japanese business firms and diplomats would tend to support this statement. Our repeated efforts to enlist their interests in the Japanese American community of Chicago has been met with indifference and condescension. One's pride can take just so much.

I hope the Convention committee will reconsider their stand and find a more relevant speaker for us at the National Convention.

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Editor: If the JACL purports to be truly representative of Japanese American concerns—and not business and industrial interests—I strongly urge the selection of another major speaker who is closely identified with the real problems of Japanese Americans.

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Editor: I vehemently oppose this choice on two grounds: (1) As part of Prime Minister Sato's ruling clique, the foreign minister represents the policy of economic and military co-operation between the government of Japan and the government of the U.S., in maintaining and expanding domination over the peoples of Asia, and in establishing a "riot-police state" in Okinawa and Japan itself.

The JACL should in no way connect itself with a government whose interests are directly opposed to those of Asian people in Asia, and in the U.S. (Remember that Japanese imperialism and militarism of pre-WW2 gave a perfect excuse for the persecution and incarceration of Japanese Americans.)

(2) The Congressional Dinner is supposed to honor the Issei, and to express the needs and interests of Japanese Americans to sympathetic congressmen. We do not need a representative of a foreign government to do this. It is obvious that a representative of the Japanese community can best articulate these interests.

I sincerely urge the JACL leadership, if they are concerned with making JACL a relevant, progressive organization, to reconsider the selection.

JACL should be a voice for the needs of Japanese people in America, not for the economic interests of a foreign government.

We must not allow ourselves to be manipulated by those few individuals within JACL who will stand to gain from the appearance of the foreign minister.

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Editor: The Foreign Minister of Japan is in no way concerned with or interested in Japanese Americans; and, in view of the Japanese Government's position in the recent "Nishiyama-Hasumi Affair" concerning the Okinawa reversion agreements, the Foreign Minister of Japan would be an extremely bad choice.

We hope that the National JACL Executive Committee will reconsider and choose a speaker that would be beneficial, not possibly detrimental, to the welfare of Japanese Americans.

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**GUEST COLUMN**

**LEGION IN 1956, Kristovich**

buttonholed the key people in the legion and convinced them to support the Perry Post resolution recommending the elimination of the Alien Land Law.

With American Legion support behind Prop. 13, Kristovich went on to form a committee of distinguished lawyers throughout California recommending the passage of Prop. 13. It was one of the earlier moves that influenced Californians to vote 2-1 in favor of the passage of Proposition 13.

It is not generally known that Kristovich has also been instrumental in helping Japanese Americans in many other ways. He broke down the racial barriers in the all-white Veterans Luncheon Club by having a Nisei admitted, and he helped home-owners fight red tape during the days when discrimination against Japanese Americans was still prevalent. During the Noguchi hearing, Kristovich kept the lines of communication open between Dr. Noguchi and other cornerers throughout the state and was severely criticized for it by former County Administrator Lindon Hollinger.

"Baldo was always a champion of the underdog in the best American tradition," Fukui states.

"In spite of all the accusations against him, Baldo is not a rich man. The Kristovichs are having a financially difficult time, as those who participated in the Noguchi affair are well aware," Fukui says. "During those dark days,

it was necessary to take food to the Noguchi family whose life savings were spent on getting witnesses, having depositions taken and paying for the defense investigators.

Fukui himself is thoroughly convinced that Baldo Kristovich is innocent of all counts against him and especially that not one cent of public moneys have gone into his own pocket.

"I've known him a long time, and he's not that kind of man," he states.

He also points out that when assets of the Office of the Public Administrator and Public Guardian were audited by the county, they were in fact and so certified by Daniel O. Ikemoto, chief of the county's audit division.

A long story in the Long Beach Press-Telegram last October expresses an opinion that the accusations against Kristovich were politically motivated, and some people are of the opinion that the charges were made with the help of persons interested in Kristovich's job.

A Japanese Americans for Kristovich Fund has been set up to help Kristovich clear his name and be restored to his position. Headed by Yosh Shimoda, commander of Perry Post, members (partial list) include:

Soichi Fukui, Katsunaga Mukaeda, the Rev. Frank Omi, Koshiro Torii, Cy Yaguchi, Nisuke Mitsuoka, Kato, Masuo Mitsuoka, Harry Yamamoto, Mrs. Helen Kawagoe, Eddie Onuki, Choshin Higa, Jim Kawakami, the Rev. Teikai Noraki, Frank Kusanoto, Dave Monji, Katsuyama, Kakuo Tanaka, Katsunaga and Masami Abe.

Persons interested in helping Kristovich may contribute to the fund in care of the Bank of Tokyo or Sumitomo Bank—Kashi Mainichi.

Jerry Enomoto

**Perspectives**

Tehachapi, Calif.

**RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUALS**—"The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people". This is the 9th amendment of our Constitution which, according to a local news columnist, is being ignored by our courts. Reference is made to "natural rights" which are being violated through inappropriate interpretations of the Constitution.

Is one of these "natural rights" the "God given" right for people to do what they want with their property?—a convenient rationale for housing discrimination, and an echo from the past rhetoric of the Proposition 13 battle back in 1964.

Is one of these rights the "constitutional right to bear arms?" which, in my opinion, is often used as an argument by those opposing the obvious need for some form of gun control. Is another the right to retain segregated schools because one chooses to, sticking to the specious principle of "separate but equal" facilities in the face of a contrary Supreme Court decision almost two decades ago?

The author, in question, talks of "forced busing" undermining more freedoms than it ever upheld. If those elements that are screaming about busing, spent a fraction as much energy in involving themselves with solutions to historical social problems affecting quality education, we would not have the king-size problem today for which busing is only one alternative of many. But then isn't that the key problem with us as human beings—we are poor in foresight and rich in hindsight and recriminations.

The comment is made that court decisions upholding "Freedom of the press" has cost us much in loss of natural rights. As one who has dealt extensively with the media, I have experienced what I felt to be both fair and unfair reporting. The media has a basic obligation to be responsible, within the freedom they have. Like in many social issues, we should not generalize on the basis of occasional abuses. The cost of attempting to control the media through censorship, a harsh but appropriate word, is too high.

I believe that freedom is the key and unique cornerstone of our democracy. Either we believe in it, or we don't. The concept that the erosion of individual freedom will ultimately destroy that democracy is not an academic theory, it's reality. We believe in freedom for everybody or nobody—half freedom, is like half pregnancy. Incidentally, I'm still talking about freedom with responsibility, not anarchy.

The author in question speaks of "good intentions bring evil results". The problem is that there haven't been enough good intentions, just like there hasn't been enough brotherhood. I like to think that I'm an average American and a reasonable one. I'm not a "civil libertarian", but I believe that our system ought to be as good as it can get, and it isn't. Our problems are not going to be solved by reactionary backlash, dwelling upon the old admonition that the rights of the majority are being subjugated to the rights of the minority. We're not going to have real freedom until minority rights are everyone's rights.

**25 Years Ago**

In the Pacific Citizen, April 19, 1947

Navy's ban against enlistment of Nisei at Pearl Harbor dropped, even though open since November, 1945 elsewhere . . . Nearly 500 evacuees housed at Hunter's Point navy yard dormitories (San Francisco) assured adequate housing by federal officials . . . Family heads of 900 evacuees housed in trailers in Burbank, Calif., faced with eviction, willing to purchase trailers but unable to find new location.

President Truman's Committee on Civil Rights considers problems of Nisei under California alien law . . . Los Angeles AFL group combating job prejudice against Nisei . . . Separate schools for Mexican children in California ruled illegal by U.S. appellate court . . . Midwest JACL District Council to organize April 26 . . . U.S. Dept. of Justice unwilling to drop "enemy alien" classification against Issei who have demonstrated loyalty to U.S.

**On Second Thought**

Warren Furutani

**The Foreign Minister**

It must seem that I complain a lot or that there are certain people in the organization who aren't pleased with anything. It's debatable whether this is true or not but to be frank, people just don't seem to understand or aren't sensitive. If they were, we wouldn't have situations like that S. I. Hayakawa thing or now the Foreign Minister thing for the National Convention.

It's too bad that everyone got side-tracked onto the demonstration issue in San Francisco and that very little was said about S.I.'s trip to South Vietnam or his actual speech. From what I could gather, his speech was insulting to the intelligence of JACLers because he did a PR pitch for President Thieu. Everyone should be able to see through the weak facade that Thieu calls democracy. If his last election didn't verify this contention, then I'm afraid your blinders are getting in the way.

As far as the Foreign Minister thing is concerned, there are two issues:

(1) The most obvious is the relation of Japanese Americans and Japan. People have repeatedly tried to sever this connection because the international relationship between the U.S. and Japan has determined domestic attitudes toward Japanese Americans. (For example, WW2 and the recent economic crisis between the two countries). As a matter of fact, it seems that this issue has always been a plank in the JACL platform. Now, at a dinner where congressmen and women are the guests of JACLers, we have the Japanese Foreign Minister as the main speaker. This is eminent, just like I oppose where I question of logic of this happening because it just doesn't seem right. Also, in wondering, who is influential enough to get the Foreign Minister to speak at this dinner? I come up with just one

name but this individual wouldn't let his monetary concern for Japanese business interfere with his civic concern for Japanese Americans.

(2) The other aspect of this Foreign Minister thing is that the Japanese government is definitely something we shouldn't support. Their domestic policies toward Koreans and other non-Japanese parallels the racist policies of the United States. Also the attitude of the Japanese government toward movement-oriented people is becoming very repressive, much like the U.S. Their increased level of involvement in the Vietnam war is making Japan an active participant in the war rather than an innocent bystander who has U.S. bases on their soil. This reflects the rising militarism that is once again becoming part of Japan's foreign and domestic policy.

In conclusion, I would strongly urge a change in the planned speaker for obvious reasons. Understand that it is not because I have anything against Japan. As a matter of fact I would urge a very strong connection between the people of Japan and the people in America. The thing I oppose is the Japanese government, just like I oppose the American government. To realize that the government and the people are not one and the same, although they should be. Power to the people? I come up with just one





## From the Frying Pan

Bill Hosokawa

Denver, Colo.

**HIS EXCELLENCY, THE AMBASSADOR**—Photographs of Nobuhiko Ushiba, the ambassador of Japan to the United States, make him look like just another stern-faced Japanese bureaucrat. (For some reason Japanese officials seem to favor sour-puss portraits; Prime Minister Sato is one of the few who has been photographed smiling broadly.) In real life, however, particularly in the informal give-and-take around a luncheon table, Ambassador Ushiba comes across as a warm, witty, keen-minded personality who speaks bluntly and with authority on a broad range of subjects.

Ambassador Ushiba was in this area for a couple of days this week. He made the keynote address at the Air Force Academy's 14th annual Assembly, attended by students from 75 colleges and universities. He also spoke before the Denver Committee on Foreign Relations, and to the Graduate School of International Studies at the University of Denver. It was in the question-and-answer sessions that he was at his best. Here are some sample comments:

On nuclear power to meet Japan's soaring energy demands: The Japanese public is more ready to accept atomic power plants than other types that pollute the air. But Japanese environmentalists are quick to hear about opposition to nuclear power by segments of the American public and every wave of protest here is followed by similar protest in Japan. He wishes the United States could solve its problems soon.

On sources of oil for Japanese industry: Virtually all of Japan's oil is imported, a very large percentage from the Middle East. This means Japan is very vulnerable and "must be friendly with everyone."

On the possible return of Sakhalin, taken by the Soviet in World War II, as a consequence more friendly Japanese-Russian relations: Not likely. Japan has found it is very difficult to get back any territory seized by the Soviet.

On Japanese investments in the United States: American laws are very complex and American lawyers are extremely expensive. Japan is moving slowly.

To a questioner who said he was planning to visit Japan in June: That's a very good time to see the worst side of Japan. It is likely that a political campaign will be under way and the papers will be filled with news of scandals.

On the possibility of Japan creating a powerful military force: Out of the question in the foreseeable future. The Japanese people have not recovered psychologically from defeat in World War II, and they are as opposed to war as the American people. All Asian nations would be against us if we rearm—"to be frank, our occupation was not a benevolent one"—and we would lose far more than we would gain.

On the influence of the United States on Japan: You Americans aren't fully aware of the enormous influence you have on countries all around the world. The present feeling of pessimism and dejection about the Vietnam war, the economy, and other matters are felt in Japan and have a serious effect on the Japanese mood.

On the Japanese understanding of the United States—The Japanese who visit American know New York, Washington, San Francisco and Los Angeles. (He lifted his hands in mock protest when Las Vegas was suggested.) They don't know anything about America outside of these huge urban centers. They need to go out into the wide open spaces to understand the real America.

On the current opposition among some Coloradans to the 1976 Winter Olympics: This attitude is difficult to understand, as is the opposition to population increase in the state. Growth is necessary to progress.

### 10 Weeks 'til Cherry Tsutsumida

The 22nd Biennial National JACL Convention will be held in Washington, D.C. on June 27 through July 1. Convention headquarters will be the Shoreham Hotel.

## The New Breed

If a raven-haired, dark-eyed five-foot two damsel with olive skin were to walk down East First Street in Los Angeles, an observing tourist from the Midwest might comment, "My, what a pretty Japanese girl!" A native Californian might comment, "Now there is what I call a Nisei doll!" A person who is still holding on tightly to the concept of the American melting pot would say, "She's just another attractive American girl!"

The point is that depending on whom you ask, and even with the Nisei you ask, the identity of the Nisei is still a confusing and often conflicting image.

This creates some basic public relations problems in the promoting of a National Biennial Convention. This problem is particularly acute when the Convention is to be held in Washington, D.C., a city which is probably more familiar with Japan than it is with its Japanese American communities.

It is true that much of the stereotyping applied to Japan and postwar Japanese has been positive, and that this has had some spin-off benefits for all Nisei living in the United States. Everyone says that Japanese are conscientious, accurate, dependable, neat and artistic. Nisei fellows are assumed to be good engineers, architects, gardeners or farmers. Nisei girls are assumed to be well-organized, meticulous in their appearance and very efficient.

Whether these descriptions are accurate or not to the person they are applied to is besides the point. The point is that too often the Nisei feels they are borrowing stereotypes from a culture which is no longer really them. As Jewish Sammy Davis often sings, the Nisei of today is saying, "I've got to be me!"

Within the Nisei himself there is an ambivalence about Japan. On one hand he is proud of the tiny islands which wrote economic history in the 1960s. He takes pride in the rich cultural heritage as represented in the arts, including landscaping and flower arrangements. He delights in the succulence of oriental philosophies like Bushido, and smiles to himself if he can master a good haiku.

At the same time, he has experienced Evacuation; he has seen Martin Luther King, he has joined the local Rotary Club, he likes to eat pizza, he buys Playboy Magazine, and sometimes even sounds like Archie Bunker. He was in the 442nd, and he wears his hair long; he prefers pea chow yoke to "sato-imono-nishime."

With gratitude he cherishes the tradition of strong family life he inherited from his parents. At the same time he is irritated by the elaborate rituals associated with the "chonnan," the "kosai," and other forms of "giri." As he says to his subdivision neighbor, "Man, that's not where it's at anymore!"

As S. I. Hayakawa wrote in one of his earlier books on semantics, "Cow one is not cow two."

There will be confusion on the part of the media regarding the JACL's Biennial Convention. Some will assume we represent the Japanese government; others will assume the JACL is a cultural society for the promotion of Kabuki or other exotic Japanese art forms.

In actuality the Biennial Convention could be the time and place the Nisei emerges in the consciousness of the American people unique to this nation, born of the blood of one people but nurtured in the soil of another.

Perhaps the Biennial Convention will be the time when as a people we have become so strong and acknowledged in our identity that no longer will we be as hyphenated Americans. Instead perhaps we will be meeting in our nation's capital as integrated Nisei, proud of both our heritages, but recognized and acknowledged for the new breed that we really are.

## Re: CONGRESSIONAL BANQUET

# The Irony of History

By YUJI ICHIOKA

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As recently announced in the Pacific Citizen, the JACL has selected the Foreign Minister of Japan as its principal speaker for the biennial national convention this summer. Reflecting back upon the history of the JACL, I cannot help but raise the historical irony and contemporary meaning of this unfortunate selection.

### SPECIAL REPORT

When the JACL was formally established in 1930, it did not assume an anti-Japanese government position. Though unequivocally opposed to the persistence of Nisei dual nationality, it was not critical of the Japanese government. Even in the aftermath of the Manchurian Incident of September, 1931, an event signaling the unofficial beginning of the second Sino-Japanese War, the JACL leadership neither criticized the actions of the Japanese military which precipitated the incident nor the civilian government which rationalized it. Indeed certain national JACL leaders actively defended the Japanese government position on Manchuria. Nor did the JACL disassociate itself from the local Japanese Consuls, the representatives of the Japanese government within the Japanese communities, or the Issei leaders of the Japanese Association, both of whom also defended the actions of the Japanese military. During the early 1930s the JACL, on the whole cooperated with them. No contradiction existed, at least in the minds of the leadership, between JACL's avowed philosophy of Americanism and its sympathy and support for the Japanese government's policies.

Shift After 1937

Subsequent to the Marco Polo Incident of 1937 and the outbreak of war between Japan and China, the JACL underwent a decisive shift. As U.S.-Japan relations gradually deteriorated because of the war, the organization started to consciously repudiate any and all association with the Japanese government, including the local Consuls, and Japan in general. Yet its repudiation was not based upon a political analysis of Japanese politics and the international situation. Rather it was rooted in the overwhelming fear that the Japanese in America would inevitably be identified with Japan by the

larger society.

So the JACL leadership developed an exaggerated 200% super-Americanism to allay its own fears and to convince the larger society of its loyalty to America. Having already adopted a basic philosophy of Americanism at its inception, the JACL expanded it into what can only be described from today's perspective — a "flag-waving" type of super-patriotism. This super-patriotism was expressed in the innumerable articles written by James Sakamoto in the Japanese American Courier, a best embodied, perhaps, in the "Japanese American Creed" authored by Mike Masaoaka a few months prior to Pearl Harbor day. And the very fervor with which the leadership proclaimed it betrayed the deep fears and anxieties about the larger society which were fundamentally behind the total repudiation of the Japanese government and Japan.

JACL Disaffiliates

Once the ominous war clouds hovered over U.S.-Japan relations from 1940 the JACL also disaffiliated itself from Issei leaders, especially those connected with the Japanese Associations and the Chambers of Commerce. Since some of them continued to espouse the Japanese cause, the JACL leadership felt compelled to sever contacts with them. The JACL indeed started to pass judgment on Issei leaders, arrogating unto itself the right to say who among them was "disloyal." The super-patriotism by this time had gone so far that certain national and local leaders cooperated with American intelligence agencies which contacted them to investigate the activities of Issei leaders. In Southern California the relationship between the JACL and Naval Intelligence was so close that in April, 1941 the Southern District Council meeting was actually sponsored by the latter. The main point here is that the JACL repudiation of the Japanese government included a concomitant disavowal of Issei leaders, to the extent in fact of cooperating with intelligence agents in the name of super-patriotism. Faced with what it perceived as an either/or choice, the JACL leadership opted for a total identification with American society while rejecting any and all association with Japan and Issei leaders.

In the light of this historical background, I cannot but note the irony of having the Foreign Minister of Japan as the principal speaker. By inviting him the JACL has made a full 360-degree turn. Mr. Masaoaka no doubt has been instrumental in extending the invitation, making it even more ironic, for he was one of the leaders who zealously advocated the repudiation. But beyond this historical irony, there is an equally important contemporary meaning which also relates back to the same JACL past. Since the JACL repudiation of Japan was primarily motivated by the overwhelming fear of the larger society, it lacked a political perspective by which to analyze both America and Japan.

Present Picture

What the JACL lacked in the past, it still lacks in the present as evidenced by the selection of the Foreign Minister of Japan. Today America is the greatest imperialist power in the world to which the successive postwar Japanese governments have been subservient. Now signs have appeared that Japan will break away from her subordination to America. At the same time, however, there are also foreboding omens of the possibility of the revival of prewar Japanese militarism which may well accompany Japan's move to become independent of America. The present Foreign Minister, Fukuda Takeo, is the most likely successor to Prime Minister Sato who will probably retire after the reversion of Okinawa in May, and he represents of course the conservative Liberal Democratic Party which has been subservient to American foreign policy. Yet the JACL has invited the Foreign Minister to address the biennial national convention. Though he will not be Fukuda himself in all likelihood, the Foreign Minister still will be a spokesman of the liberal Democratic Party which is in power.

No one contests the assertion that "good" U.S.-Japan relations are desirable. But before we hurriedly concur with this trite assertion, we need to ask ourselves a crucial, antecedent question: On whose and what terms should this desired "good" relations be? Throughout the postwar years America has dictated the terms to Japan (and still does as indicated by the Okinawa reversion agreement which I have already written

about in the Pacific Citizen.) Should JACLers herald the past and present Japanese cooperation with the American Vietnam War? Should we applaud the U.S. pressures on the Japanese government to take more of the military resupply, in the Far East? Our government interprets both as essential for the maintenance of good relations between the two nations.

Basic of Question

If we earnestly raise this question, we must, I believe, first take a critical attitude toward our government and, hopefully without the inhibition of the JACL legacy of super-patriotism. We need no longer commence from the old premise that we must "prove" ourselves worthy of being accepted into American society. If white America cannot accept us as Americans, it is not our problem but that of the larger society. Likewise we should be critical of the Japanese government, but our criticisms should stem from a hard look at the political realities there, not sentimental images derived from a recent JAL tour. And our choice is not either/or. In criticizing America, we do not reject all of America; and in criticizing Japan, we do not repudiate all Japanese people. If we must identify with Japan, there are many progressive forces within Japanese society. The Foreign Minister of Japan does not represent any of these forces, and he certainly does not represent the best interest of we Japanese Americans. Isn't this the simple lesson which the history of the JACL teaches us?

(Mr. Ichiooka is a member of the Bay Area Community JACL and the National JACL International Affairs Committee. He is back at UCLA completing the annotating of documents collected by JACL-Japanese American Research Project for the Asian American Studies Center.)

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Implementing the project is the Institute for Advanced Studies of World Religions, a private non-profit foundation headed by a Chinese-born shipping executive in New York City. Under a recent agreement, the institute will lease the north wing of the fifth floor of Stony Brook Library and will provide funds for staff and research. In addition, the institute will contract for use of the university computer.

### 16,000 Books

The institute, with a current staff of 11 scholars and assistants, envisions a library of unparalleled scope. Already, through donations of Buddhist books and purchase of rare materials from the Orient, the collection is formidable, numbering 16,000 books, hundreds of periodicals and scores of microfilm records of valuable texts that are inaccessible outside of Nepal, India, Taiwan and Tibet.

Because Buddhist writings are a long way from the kind of sophistication. Right now the problems are much more elemental. The new facilities in the Stony Brook library are not yet finished. Within the concrete shell, veined with lighting fixtures, the small office looks like a first settlement on the moon. For the present, that office will serve as the headquarters for the institute's staff director, Dr. Richard Garr, former State Department officer who furthered his knowledge of Eastern religions while on duty in Southeast Asia.—Newsday.

### How It Works

Shen, a spry, outgoing, 58-year-old native of Hangchow, China, illustrated how the computer phase of the program might work. "You might say, 'I'd like to know about Tibetan Buddhism,'" Shen explained, "so you ask, the computer.

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The research center is still a long way from the kind of sophistication. Right now the problems are much more elemental. The new facilities in the Stony Brook library are not yet finished. Within the concrete shell, veined with lighting fixtures, the small office looks like a first settlement on the moon. For the present, that office will serve as the headquarters for the institute's staff director, Dr. Richard Garr, former State Department officer who furthered his knowledge of Eastern religions while on duty in Southeast Asia.—Newsday.



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## San Fernando Valley benefit concert to feature Hiraoka, Wings Over Jordan

The San Fernando Valley JACL under president Ron Yoshida is sponsoring a special benefit concert on April 29 which, the chapter believes, marks a "first" for the JACL nationally. The concert will star two headliners, the world-famous "Wings Over Jordan" choir and the unparalleled xylophone virtuoso, Yoichi Hiraoka, who is a member of the chapter.

As soon as the concert is over, Maestro Hiraoka will

leave for New York where he will appear as soloist with the New York Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra in Lincoln Center.

"Wings Over Jordan" is the celebrated black choir which sang over the Columbia network every Sunday for twelve years. The choir has been sent overseas several times by the U.S. State Department. Its most recent tour was in Japan where the choir and its members scored a sensation. Concert goes on for hours for tickets and mobbed the individual singers after their presentation at every stop.

The San Fernando Valley Chapter particularly invites members of other chapters to attend this unique intercultural event which marks a broadening of the SFV chapter's community relations program. An evening of exceptional music is promised.

### Gardena Valley JACLer to show Peking slides

Gardena Valley JACLer Wes Brown, who was one of the engineers setting up the Satellite Earth Station in Peking for President Nixon's visit last February, will present a slide lecture on Peking at the meeting of the Gardena Valley JACL to be held April 22, 7:30 p.m., at the Gardena Valley Baptist Church, Christian Education Building, 1630 W. 158th St. The meeting is open to the public.

Professor Brown, a former lecturer in electrical engineering at USC's School of Engineering, is now employed in the Satellite Earth Station Department of Hughes Aircraft. A multi-faceted man, he is also a professional jazz musician, a rock hunter, an art-

sculptor and photographer. While in Peking, he studied acupuncture and photographed five major abdominal operations in which the ancient needle process was used to kill pain. He returned with over 175 slides.

### Contra Costa date for Reno trip set

Contra Costa JACLers will leave from Richmond for its Reno fun trip on Saturday, April 29, 9 a.m., and return by 1 a.m. Sunday. Proceeds from the \$15 per person package deal will go toward the chapter scholarship fund.

The chapter has also planned a "Day at the Races" at Golden Gate Field on Saturday, June 17, with proceeds to the same fund.

It will be family bowling night for the chapter at Albany Bowl, April 22, 7 p.m. Other events next month include the chapter golf tournament at Galbraith course in Oakland, May 14, 10 a.m. with a May 3 entry deadline, according to Wimpy Kimura (222-1268) and Walt Asato (223-9546); and the new member and Issei appreciation night May 20, 7:30 p.m., at Kennedy High School, Richmond.

### 'Cleft Palate' talk due at Auxiliary session

Dr. Leslie Holve will lecture on "Cleft Palate" at the West Los Angeles JACL Women's Auxiliary meeting April 25, 8 p.m., at Felicia Mahood Center.

A USC Medical School graduate, he is currently medical director of Birth Defects Evaluation Center at St. John's Hospital and active with many other pediatric organizations with special interest in handicapped children.

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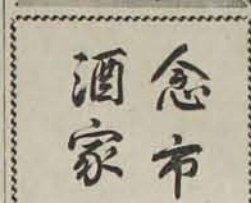
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**CENTURY CLUBBER**—At the Milwaukee JACL 1000 Club Japan flight reunion whing ding, Richard Yamada (left) of Chicago presents his \$100 for membership in the JACL Century Club to Eddie Jonokuchi, Milwaukee 1000 Club chairman, and Dr. Frank Sakamoto, past national 1000 Club chairman. —Photo by Dr. Victor Izui.

1000 CLUB NOTES: Dr. Frank Sakamoto

## 1000 Club Winter Carnival

Chicago

Here in the Midwest, there is a very active Thousand Club chapter in Milwaukee headed by the very capable leader Eddie Jonokuchi. If you remember, they put on a skit about Japan and what may be seen in Japan. Well, you guessed it, they have now returned from Japan, and they put on a skit of what they saw in Japan at their annual 1000 Club Whing Ding on March 4 at the Country Garden where Thousand Clubbers took over the whole nightclub.

Most entertaining were the many hilarious scenes such as the community bath and night club scenes, Ken Andow ordering ice and women from room service. This is all done by Charlie Matsumoto, who incidentally imitated many of the people who took the trip like Mas Satow. Charlie also played the part of the driver steering his bus on the tortuous, hairpin turns in Nikko. The maid and the waitress was played by Toshi Nakahira, and it was most superbly done. If you know Toshi, she's not the type to play this part, but being very much like a Japanese girl she certainly mimicked the part well.

Again, I would like to emphasize the acting was great right down to the mannerisms. If you were in the audience, you would immediately be able to identify the individual being copied. It certainly brought the house down, and I must give the cast a great compliment. I know it took a tremendous amount of preparation.

For example, the take-off on the Takarazuka show was done by Sat Nakahira, Dianne Aratani, Janet Toda, Yutaka Kuge, Shiro Shirai, and Ralph White (who wore his top-hat and tuxedo) who also did a scene where Thousand Clubbers invade a night club.

The whole show is put on by J. Miyazaki, Ken Tera-muro, Roy and Miki Mukai, Dr. W. Nakamoto, assisted by samisen artist and vocalist by the name of Mrs. Sodamitsu. There were dancing girls in Sally Jankowski, Helen Jonokuchi and Etsu Date, Henry Date emceed the whole evening. To top it off, he sang Haru ga kita, changed the lyric a bit and I don't know where he gets the words, but he certainly brought the house down.

Eddie purchased a portable tape recorder in Japan and recorded some of the moments in Tokyo when we didn't know it, and played it back to us. We were certainly surprised to hear our own voices, and I guess this was taken at the Keio Plaza and at one particular point we heard Dr. Tom Tamaki telling one of his medical jokes. The recording was so great. It again felt that we were in the hospital room at the Keio Plaza.

While we were in Japan, everyone asked me if they could ride in the same bus with the Milwaukee group. Bus No. 1 stated that "if they didn't throw you out, and there was seating available, why not?" But there was standing room only and the bus drivers don't go for standing in the buses. You can see the Milwaukee group is really lively, so when the invitation came to Chicago, a few of us were able to accept to see the skits. Among them were Ken and Nori Andow, Dr. and Mrs. Victor Izui and Tak Ochiai. It was in the wee hours when we left Milwaukee.

If you note the picture, Eddie Jonokuchi, 1000 Club chairman, is extracting a Century Club membership from

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April 22 (Saturday)  
Gardena Valley—Slide presentation on Pres. Nixon visit to Peking. Gardena Valley Baptist Church, 7:30 p.m.; Wes Brown, Spkr.

San Jose—Scholarship Award potluck supper, Buddhist Church Annex, 6:30 p.m.

April 23 (Sunday)  
PSWDC—2nd Qtrly Session, Gardena Valley JACL hosts: Gardena Valley Gardener's Assn. Hall, 11:30 and Western, 2 a.m.

East Los Angeles—Jr JACL, Dignities carwash, Tom's Shell, Riggins-Atlantic, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

April 25 (Tuesday)  
West Los Angeles—Auxiliary Mtg. Felicia Mahood Ctr., 8 p.m.; Dr. Leslie Holve, spkr., "Cleft Palate"

April 27 (Thursday)  
Sacramento—Reg Mtg. Nisei War Memorial Hall, 7:30 p.m.

April 28 (Friday)  
San Diego—Bd Mtg. Nisei VFW Hall, National City, 7:30 p.m.

April 29 (Saturday)  
San Fernando Valley—Scholarship benefit concert, 2A Comm Ctr., 7:30 p.m.; Yoichi Hiraoka, xylophonist, and "Wings Over Jordan" choir.

Contra Costa—Reno fun trip, 9 a.m., Bank of America parking lot, 4600 MacDonald, Richmond.

San Francisco—Night at the (Haven) Bares, Bay Meadows Washington, D.C.—Potluck supper, National Presbyterian Church, 41st St., 7:30 p.m.

Palmdale Valley—Scholarship benefit movie.





# Aloha from Hawaii

by Richard Gima

## Hawaii Today

Honolulu  
Winds, high temperatures and a prolonged drought have combined to pose a serious fire threat in the Big Island's upper Puna area. Big Island officials have banned all open burning in the region, except by special permit. Mayor Shunichi Kimura has declared upper Puna a disaster area following a long dry period. He said this is the most severe drought in several years.

Jack R. Cavaliere, local Safeway Stores spokesman, said meat prices announced Mar. 30 on the East Coast "may be an indication of what's to come, but we will just have to wait and see." Here's how meat prices in Safeway Stores in Hawaii compare with the announced price cuts in the chain's East Coast stores: Ground beef (East Coast, 20 cents; Hawaii, 25 cents); boneless chuck roast (20 and 1.20); bone-in round steak (1.19 and 1.29); sirloin steak (1.29 and 1.37).

On Thursday night, Mar. 30, the temperature dipped to 60 degrees, and local residents complained it was cold. It wasn't a record low, but it set a new March 30 low by beating a 1969 figure by four degrees. The lowest temperature recorded Jan. 31, which is only one degree above Hawaii's all-time low of 52 degrees set Jan. 20, 1969. "Lucky you live in Hawaii," I say.

## Political Scene

State Sen. Fred W. Rohlfing (R), has announced his candidacy for Congress. He will oppose Rep. Spark Matsunaga, a five-term Washington veteran. Since last summer Rohlfing has been loud in his criticism of Matsunaga's alleged lack of action on the West Coast dock strike. Rohlfing also has blasted Matsunaga's stance on the Vietnam War. Rohlfing, a 43-year-old attorney, has served in the state legislature since 1959.

George Aguilar of Koloa, Kauai, has announced his candidacy for mayor on the Republican ticket. Aguilar, a former Democrat, served one term in the territorial house of representatives.

Gov. John A. Burns says he expects to make an uncommitted delegation to the Democratic National Convention in July. Burns said delegates will give consideration to Rep. Patsy Mink's presidential bid, but the governor said most of the Democratic candidates appear acceptable.

Wendell Kashiwaga, 25-year-old Hilo businessman, announced Mar. 29 that he will challenge Mayor Shunichi Kimura in this fall's Big Island mayor's race. He announced his intention after drawing nomination papers from the county clerk, Kashiwaga, a Republican, ran unsuccessfully for the state board of education in 1970.

## Courtroom

Thomas K. Suzuki, 55, Honolulu businessman, pleaded guilty Apr. 3 to conspiring to transfer interstate commerce stolen securities worth more than \$5,000. Conviction carries a penalty of up to five years in prison and a fine of up to \$10,000. Jack Mizuho, Suzuki's attorney, told federal judge C. Nils Tavares that Suzuki's cooperation was responsible for breaking open the case. Suzuki is head of Monarch Enterprises of Honolulu.

## Governor's Office

Twenty-two of Gov. John A. Burns' appointees have been approved unanimously by the state senate. They are: UI board of regents, Stuart H. and Brian S. Kanakali; Public Utilities Commission, Daniel Horikawa, Henry E. Gomez and Charles Y. Arakaki; Board of Education, James D. Evans, Donald H. Tokunaga, Thurston Twigg-Smith, Sam N. Okinaka, Lowell S. Dillingham, Mrs. Hazel H. Bond and Dr. Shirley Mark; Environmental Council, A. A. Smyser, George Y. Clark, Yasuji Kurisu, John W. Shupe, Dr. Reginald H. F. Young, Dr. John W. Hylin, Richard Y. Kuwada, Albert S. Nishimura, Ray Mitani and Minoru Hirahara.

Gov. John A. Burns signed into law Mar. 28 a bill that allows 18-year-olds to reach the age of majority. The more than 20,000 18- and 19-year-olds now may: 1—go into a bar or nightclub and buy a drink; 2—go downtown and watch a sex movie; 3—buy a car in his own name, open his own bank account, buy his own insurance policies or join a medical plan; 4—marry without parental consent; 5—run for the legislature; 6—buy or lease property; 7—obtain

medical care without parental permission; 8—choose his own place of residence and register to vote; 9—make his own will; 10—engage in all manner of licensed professions.

## Education

Gov. Burns has given the green light to the Univ. of Hawaii plans to open Windward Community College this Sept. Burns released funds to fill 75 positions for general administration, student services, instruction and library services. About 21 instructors and lecturers will be needed to begin classes. Plans call for 600 to 800 students who will study in buildings at the Hawaii State Hospital.

A testimonial luau in honor of Kenneth S. Nagata, principal of Heala Elementary School, was held Apr. 8 at the Ahiwaima Clubhouse in Kahala. He retires at the end of the current school year.

Dr. Michio Nagai, 48, editorial writer for Asahi Shimbun and a lecturer on higher education at Tokyo Univ., has been named director of the East-West Communications Institute, Univ. of Hawaii, at \$28,754 a year. Nagai, born in Japan, who has been on the E-W Center staff since 1964, has been named executive officer of the open grants program at \$19,428 a year.

## State Capitol

Sen. Wadsworth Yee said on Mar. 30 that the three-year-old state capital building is a mess and that the attorney general should consider suing the contractors and architects for shoddy work. Defects pointed out by Yee include: (1) Leaking and uncontrolled algae growth in the reflecting pool which surrounds the building; (2) Looming mosaic tile in the dome; (3) Cracks in the cement of floors and walls throughout the building; (4) Mechanical failures of elevators; (5) Uneven temperature control in air conditioning.

## Business Ticker

The sale of Francis H. Brown's beachfront property in South Kohala for more than \$6 million to a firm known as Japan Land Investment Corp. has been reported. The property includes more than a mile of prime beach. The property has been on the market for more than a year.

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# It's all in the cards—to relax Japanese style

By DON ESTES

In their process of cultural development most societies sooner or later arrive at a plateau which marks their progression from a life style that requires that all their energy be directed towards survival to a condition that provides them with a certain amount of "free" time. However it appears that this new life style is inevitably more complicated so man turns to

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his "free" time. However it appears that this new life style is inevitably more complicated so man turns to "free" time into activities that will relax him. In these circumstances man quickly discovered the playing card. Interestingly however, the playing card per se arrived fairly late on the Japanese scene.

As with other things the Japanese seem to have a knack for turning even relaxation into an intellectual experience. In an earlier article we discussed the "Philosophical Alphabet"; today we would like to describe a literary card game.

Playing cards as we know them in the West were unknown in Japan until the arrival of the first Europeans in the 16th century. The close tie between cards and the European influence which can be deduced from the Japanese word for card: KARUTA which may have come from the Portuguese CARTA or the Dutch KAARTEN, both meaning card respectively.

Among the first games that the Japanese adapted to the newly discovered playing card was a game called KAI AWASE, which was played with sea shells. Pictures and short poems were painted on the inside of the shells which were then to be matched.

Out of the combination of this older game and the new KARUTA the Japanese developed a game known as UTA GARUTA. UTA meaning poem and GARUTA being a euphonic form of the word for card. The new game was based on one hundred TANKA believed to have been selected by FUJIWARA TEIKA in the twelfth century. TANKA is a poetic form of thirty-one syllables divided into five sections of 5-7-5-7-7 syllables. The poems are said to include the work of seven emperors, one empress, twenty court ladies, fifty-seven courtiers, and fifteen priests.

To play the game the cards are divided into two decks. One deck referred to as the TORIFUDA (taking cards) is laid out face up between the players. On these TORIFUDA are the last half of the poetic text—one poem per card. A reader known as a YOMITE (reader) recites the first part of each poem with the players attempting to find, and pick up the TORIFUDA that will complete the poem. The game has developed a number of modifications over the years, but the rules remain basically the same.

The players of the game must of necessity master all one hundred poems of the HYAKU-NIN ISSHU so thoroughly that on the basis of the first or second word the whole poem is suggested im-

# BOOK REVIEW: Allan Beekman Poetic Account of Famed Beauty Spot

THE INLAND SEA, by Donald Richie, with photographs by Yelchi Midorikawa, Weatherhill, 290 pp., \$6.95.

When the author began the journey recorded here, in 1962, he was 46, unhappily married, and void of inhibitions against engaging in extramarital affairs. He had first arrived in Japan in 1945, just after the end of the war. He learned to speak the language, though not to read it. As Japan developed into an industrial power, he observed the desecration of the countryside through pollution and waste.

A purpose of his journey was to find himself, and to find people who would accept him as himself, despite his foreignness and the resistance of the Japanese to making close friendships.

Famous for its beauty, the 240 mile long Inland Sea in southwest Japan, enclosed by the country's main islands of Honshu, Shikoku, and Kyushu, is rich in historical associations, and studded with islets and islands. Though sensitive and appreciative of the setting in which his adventure was to take place, the author was primarily interested in the people he would meet—particularly in the women. "Certainly a part of my quest is devoted to seducing the natives."

The book includes a map on which his wanderings can be followed from the time he arrives, cynical and disillusioned, in Kobe, at the northern end of the Inland Sea, until he reaches his ostensible destination, Miyajima, near the southern end.

## Film Critic

He began his career in Japan as critic of Japanese films, and has written such books as Japanese Movies and The Films of Akira Kurosawa (PC, July 16, 1971). Also a novelist, he is not bound by strict accuracy in his reportage of the journey. The chronology and people are real, but he has woven into the account reminiscences of incidents occurring in other parts of Japan.

He sees the Inland Sea as an unspoiled frontier, though already yielding to the immediately. Coupled with this is the development of a tentative memory, and quick reflexes.

Who ever said learning and intellectual development can't be fun has never had much contact with Japan. Today, UTA GARUTA has become one of the traditional games played during the new year's celebrations of Japanese families. —San Diego JACL

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# Cherry Blossom fete in Honolulu selects '72 queen

HONOLULU — Rae Hisayo Tanaka, 21, daughter of the Ernest Tanakas and a Univ. of Hawaii graduate, was crowned the 1972 Cherry Blossom Queen April 8 at the HIC Concert Hall.

The runners-up in order were: Vivian Aniya; Brenda Komatsu; Karol Shigeoka; and Lynette Kubota. Sharon Ito was picked as Miss Congeniality and Miss Shigeoka was chosen Miss Popularity.

Miss Tanaka, the new queen, and Miss Shigeoka have won free trips to the Mainland. In addition, Miss Tanaka is the recipient of a free trip to Japan.

Judges were: Thomas P. Gill, former U.S. governor of Hawaii; Ariyoshi, wife of Lt. Gov. George Ariyoshi; Mrs. Jayne Matsuyama, a former Cherry Blossom queen; Jocelyn Fujii, fashion editor of the Star-Bulletin; Gen. William Rosson, Pacific commander of the U.S. Army; Mrs. Rita Handl, wife of the general manager of Kahala Hilton Hotel and a former Miss Philippines; and Dr. Harland Cleveland, president of the Univ. of Hawaii.

## CCNY seeking staff for Asian American studies

NEW YORK — The City College of New York Asian Studies Dept. is seeking a professor in charge of its Asian American studies and instructors starting this fall. Filing deadline was extended to April 24.

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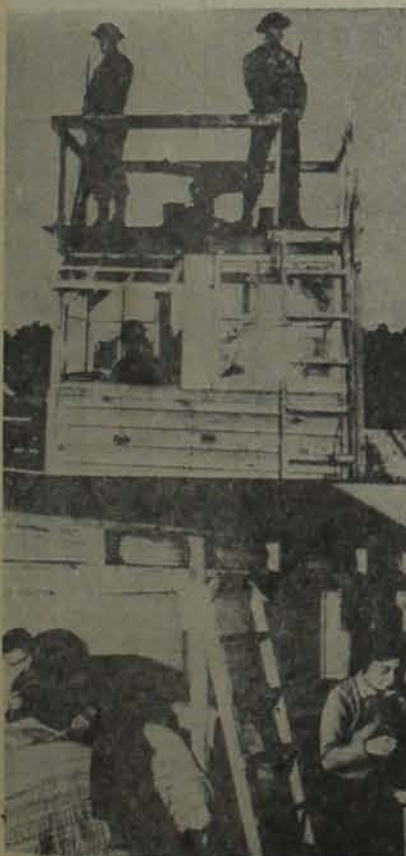
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## NBC SHOCKED BY 55 HATE CALLS IN TEN MINUTES

L.A. Newscaster Had  
Reported on Opening  
of Evacuation Display

LOS ANGELES — The public reaction to the April 4 opening of the documentary photo exhibit, "Executive Order 9068", in Southern California may be an indication that latent and hostile feelings concerning Japanese Americans still exist. The California Historical Society - sponsored exhibit opened at the Pasadena Art Museum resulting in wide publicity on radio, television and in the major daily newspapers in Southern California.

Mrs. Saburo Kido, wife of the wartime president of the national JACL, reported that NBC News reporter Robert Abernethy gave the Evacuation photo exhibit a reviewing on his Tuesday evening news broadcast. The following evening, Abernethy reported that the station received 55 nasty hate calls in ten minutes.

Consultant to the California Historical Society on this project, Edison Uno of San Francisco, speculated that such a reaction may be an organized effort by conservative right-wing racist elements to discredit the exhibit, the historical fact of the evacuation, and revive old hates and fears against loyal Americans of Japanese ancestry.

"We must recognize that our 'acceptance' by the dominant society is a very tenuous status. If there is strong sentiment against such an innocuous exhibit such as Executive Order 9068, we must begin to realize that the hate, fear and hysteria of 1942 can easily occur again," Uno remarked.

### Text of Abernethy's 'Viewpoint' on KNBC

LOS ANGELES — I am in the text of Robert Abernethy's "Viewpoint" telecast April 5 on KNBC-News after his previous day interview with Richard Conrat, who assembled the photographs for "Executive Order 9068".

Sometimes, even when you are forewarned, you can't help but gag at the cesspools of prejudice that bubble up from time to time into sickening view.

Yesterday (April 4), for instance, I did a live interview in our 5 p.m. Newservice with one of the people who helped assemble the revealing photographs of Japanese American relocation during World War 2. Those pictures are in a new book called Executive Order 9068, the order signed by President Roosevelt in February of 1942 giving Military Commanders the power to exclude anyone they chose from their districts. An exhibit of the pictures has just opened at the Pasadena Art Museum.

The photographs tell the story of how 110,000 Japanese-Americans on the West Coast — men, women and children — were rounded up and herded off to internment camps inland. In those hysterical days early in the War, many people here feared sabotage and defended relocation in the names of both national security and the safety of the Japanese Americans themselves.

As I said, I had been warned about the reaction we might get to this subject because a story Jack Perkins did recently on one of the internment camps (the Manzanar Pilgrimage aired on Mar. 26) had triggered angry protests.

But I was still shocked. In the first ten minutes after the interview we had 55 calls cursing us for implying that the round-up of the Japanese Americans had been a tragic mistake. Caller after caller saw no difference between Japanese soldiers in the Western Pacific and Japanese-Americans here. Their general feeling was that internment was far better than

## NEWS CAPSULES

### Organizations

The Japanese Mutual Aid Society of Chicago elected attorney Thomas Masuda as its chairman for 1972. One of the oldest Japanese American groups in the city, it has been helping the sick and elderly.

### Military

Air Force S/Sgt. Dann L. Rasmussen, son of the Kai G. Rasmussen, 20411 Califa St., Woodland Hills, Calif., is a munitions technician at Luke AFB, Arizona. A 1961 Canoga Park (Calif.) High School graduate, his wife is the former Yoshiko Takamiyagi. His father was commandant of the U.S. Army Language School at Fort Snelling.

### Press Row

Rafu Shimpo publisher Akira Komai was "replaced" by Linda Lau, 18, of Belmont High in the city-wide observance of Girls Day in government and business. She is assistant editor on the campus newspaper and hopes to major in sociology with hopes of setting up a low-cost child care center in Chinatown.

"Asian Family Affair", P.O. Box 22156, Seattle 98122 — covering the Asian American beat—is edited by Francisco

### Deaths

Henry Kotani, 84, died April 8 of cerebral hemorrhage in Tokyo. He was the first Issei to be employed by a Hollywood studio in the 1930s as an extra, then becoming an actor, cameraman and director.

S. Choppy Umamoto, 63, of Salt Lake City, died April 12. A native of Wapato, Wash., he continuously served on the National JACL Advisory Board on Bowling, and the National JACL Credit Union. He is survived by wife Mary and son Sonny.

## Local Scene

### Los Angeles

An Asian Awareness seminar co-sponsored by the South Bay Asian Involvement and City of Gardena's youth-community services was held April 17 at Gardena Community Center with emphasis on the need of Asian American studies in the schools. Dr. Bill Shinto moderated the panel comprised of: Sandy Wong, Rhonda Furutani, Mas Okui, Dr. Franklin Odo and Ron Hirano.

Crescent Bay Optimists will stage its seventh annual battle of the bands and folk-singing contest in cooperation with the Los Angeles City Dept. of Recreation and Parks at the West Los Angeles Civic Center bandshell on Saturday, May 13, 3-9 p.m. Interested groups should call Akira Ohno (390-3557) for application forms and details.

A perch derby for the youngsters, 16 and under, was held by the Westside Optimists April 16 at Santa Monica at the end of the Ocean Park Blvd. parking lot with Henry Hanada as derby chairman.

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