

Masaoka final report looks at JACL future

By HENRY T. TANAKA
National JACL President

Following the happenings of the recently ended National JACL Convention in Washington, D.C., we've all had time to reflect and review the entire proceedings as noted in last week's PC. We hammered out major decisions which have set guidelines for the next two years. We were also confronted with the need to establish priorities based on need and funding realities.

Working Together

The diversity of views expressed was a most encouraging sign. It was unfortunate, however, that like the recently completed Democratic convention, we did not allow sufficient time for more in-depth deliberations. National Committee meetings were planned but could not be carried out. Thus National Council delegates did not have the benefit of greater clarification on some of the issues that could have been provided by those committee sessions.

It is my opinion, however, that delegates were in general agreement that our major areas of interest and concern are with Youth, Education, Legislative Activity, Community Involvement and Services, and Regional Programs. These areas were contained in the 1973-74 budget passed by the National Council.

While it seems illogical to pass a budget and reject an increase in membership dues to meet it, I interpret this to mean that JACL should aggressively seek other outside sources to subsidize some of these programs that qualify for public support.

Delegates may have also been left with the impression that we face a dilemma of choosing between service to members or non-members, especially those of the Asian American groups. If this is so, I believe we failed to articulate clearly our equal concern for both groups. Furthermore, that given the programs we plan to continue, it is impossible to separate these two groups.

In fact, JACL cannot continue as a useful organization without recognizing and accepting its responsibility to both its members and non-members. Without greater personal commitment and involvement of the membership, without active participation with other related groups and organizations, and without National staff to provide technical assistance we shall remain a static, watchdog type, reacting organization.

We would only continue to pass resolutions without means of implementation, to engage in rhetoric, to dodge relevant issues because they are too controversial, and to produce volumes of committee reports to add to our already bulging files.

Decisions made at the National Convention should not place constraints on the organization. A continuing attitude of openness, objectivity and flexibility will provide for modifications when justified and indicated. This allows JACL to be a dynamic organization that continues to be sensitive to change and alert to other alternatives and options in order to better assure meaningful programs and services.

We have established guidelines to help chart a course for the immediate future of JACL. It is now the task of the National Board and National Staff to work together as a team to guide JACL in the direction mandated by the National Council. Only by working together in the interest of those we serve, will JACL be able to achieve programs which makes sense and serve useful purposes.

We've had time to reflect. It's now time to act!

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Staff resignations pushed to August

SAN FRANCISCO—Letters of resignation are to be submitted by JACL staff members Warren Furutani and Ron Wakabayashi effective Aug. 30, National JACL Headquarters announced, rather than July 31 as previously anticipated.

Letters of resignation have been acknowledged from Jeffrey Matsui, associate national director, and Ronald Hirano, education director, effective as of July 31. Furutani and Wakabayashi are participating with Jr. JACL administrator Victor Shibata at the Jr. JACL convention, Aug. 15-19, at Salt Lake City.

Shibata is to resign Aug. 30 along with the community involvement project workers in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Stockton and San Jose.

It was added Drew Tanaka, So. Calif. JACL office manager, will continue as the only staff person until a new regional director is appointed.

WASHINGTON—Reaffirming of "anti-Japanism" and "anti-Japanese Americanism" is rising again. The problem is serious and cannot be summarily dismissed as "over-reacting," he noted, since when members of Congress and high government officials—who ought to know better—sometimes tell JACL representatives: "My, how well you speak English..."

"You've got a beautiful country over there, you know..." "Don't forget your people bombed Pearl Harbor with that sneak attack..." "Why should representatives of a foreign country tell us how to run our own government?"

Remain National

Masaoka holds the JACL as "a tried and true" national organization, which he declared must remain national with a Washington Office and contacts with other national organizations. He also supported properly staffed regional offices so that district councils and local chapters can function more effectively and cooperate more closely in programs of local concern.

Masaoka believes national staff men should not become involved in local programs and "politics" but confine their operations to national projects are worthwhile and often necessary, he admitted, but are not national to be financed by the national JACL treasury. Rather National JACL should search for funds to help meet such local needs.

Pointing to the JACL leadership, he reminded them the majority of the Nisei and Sansei are "relatively conservative" in their outlook and "if they are to be changed, it must be through the slow process of education." Yet because the membership is intelligent, loyal and hard-working, if given the proper inspiration and challenge, the Nisei and Sansei will provide necessary funds even at personal sacrifice for JACL major programs.

Need of Competition

To those who see no future for JACL if it doesn't become immediately more relevant, Masaoka questioned whether an all-issue, action-oriented changeover in the organization would be substantially added to the JACL membership rolls. He felt it was in JACL's interest to encourage them to organize their own organization.

Another organization would not only provide competition, Masaoka continued, but might help in creating more activity and leadership within JACL.

Masaoka noted with considerable distaste what he described as the "growth of yellow racism" among Japanese Americans.

"To me, this is as abhorrent as white, black or any other kind of racism and should have no place in JACL. We who have been the victims of the peculiar West Coast racism against those of Japanese and Chinese ancestry should not cloak ourselves in the mantle of its color or its contempt," Masaoka said. "We must keep in mind that a significant number of our more active and important JACL members are non-Japanese and many members are married to non-Japanese spouses with this trend going upward."

Because there are many faults in JACL and in American society, he said.

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Chinese American elected bishop by United Methodists

SEATTLE — The Rev. Dr. Wilbur W.Y. Choy, a second generation Chinese American, became the first Asian American bishop of the United Methodist Church, when he was elected to the episcopacy during the Western Jurisdiction Conference sessions held during July 11-14.

Dr. Choy, 54, of Berkeley, Calif., was the third bishop to be selected here by 140 delegates from 12 states.

The Asian American Caucus of the United Methodist Church swung their full support to the new bishop when the Rev. Lloyd Wake of San Francisco withdrew from the elections.

Dr. Choy was elected on the 27th ballot taken over a three day period. He has been assigned to the Pacific Northwest Conference with headquarters in Seattle.

Halls from Stockton

Born in Stockton Calif., of immigrant parents from China, Choy is a graduate of the Univ. of the Pacific and Pacific School of Religion.

Asian American delegates representing their respective conferences were:

Rev. Paul Hagita and Joe Ariki, Rocky Mountain; Tetsuo Ikeda, Pacific Northwest; Dr. Wilbur Choy and Rev. Lloyd Wake, California-Nevada; Rev. Peter Chen, Koy Saito, Rev. J. K. Sasaki, Rev. David Harada, Ernest Akamine, and James Misajon.

BEGINNINGS '72: Diane Aramaki

To highlight DYC presentations

(Special to The Pacific Citizen) SALT LAKE CITY, Utah—Jr. JACL Convention time here Aug. 15-19 approaches nearer and the anticipation grows stronger and stronger. In a few short weeks manifestation of all the planning that has been formulated will take place. Little can express the heartfelt expectations of "Beginnings '72" for certainly it will be a time of beginning and introspection for Jr. JACL.

Programs for the convention are guaranteed to be outstanding! The direct culmination of creative talents and interests of many young Asians, "Beginnings" looms as the sounding ground for interests, thoughts, and feelings involved in formulating a definition and direction for Jr. JACL.

Each district is participating in the planning and execution of convention programs. Eastern District Youth Conference is coordinating the NYCC program which was presented in Washington, D.C. It consists of a sound and slide presentation done collectively by the DYCs. The NYCC program creatively expresses the thoughts, concerns and problems Jr. have within their districts. It will also be the forerunner to the business meetings which will be crucial in the resolution of Jr. problems and setting Jr. programs and direction.

Heritage Workshop

Northern California—Western Nevada DYC and Central California DYC will sponsor the Cultural Heritage Workshop. They are working in conjunction with Berkeley's Asian Studies Program in presenting the Asian-American experience and its past history. Skills will be enacted

to emphasize many focal points.

The sensitivity workshop, being presented by Pacific Southwest District Youth Council, is especially designed to aid in understanding and sensitizing convention participants to one another and in breaking down many of the social defenses that people naturally use. It will hopefully set a warm atmosphere during convention in which interpersonal interaction can take place.

Pacific Northwest DYC and Midwest District will handle fund-raising programs to help defray convention expenses. PNW is coordinating the Trade Mart in which each district or individual chapters will offer articles that they have made or designed. The money accumulated will be placed in the treasuries of the specific district or chapter. MDYC is currently involved in the planning of an at-convention fund-raising. It will prove to be an excellent mixer as well.

Convention programming will involve two excellent presentations from both ends of the country. Victor Shibata and Warren Furutani are co-ordinating a guerrilla theatre which will be presented by Los Angeles area people.

Outsight Experience

The Asian Student Center of the Univ. of Utah is sponsoring media presentation from the New York City Chinatown Media Collective on Asian-American awareness and concerns.

With "Beginnings" approaching fast around the corner, Jr. are anticipating a totally outstanding experience! Besides the full schedule of convention events, Jr. may take advantage of the many



SUMO CHAMPION—First non-Japanese to win a sumo tournament, Hawaiian-Spanish Jesse Kihaula, who starred in football at Baldwin High in Maui stands in formal regalia, the "kesho-mawashi" (apron) decorated with the shoulder patch and "Go For Broke" slogan of the 442nd Regt. Combat Team. Now 28, fairly fluent in Japanese and 6 ft.-4, he weighs 365 lbs. When he first went to Japan to become a sumoist in 1964, he was 250 lbs., didn't know the language or the customs.

'THREE STOOGES' COMEDY

Objectionable segment of film eliminated after irate viewers protest

LOS ANGELES — Irate TV viewers — most of them Japanese Americans — protested the airing of a "Three Stooges" segment they found insulting and discriminatory. Locally, it was shown by KESD (52) on Friday, June 26, at 6 p.m.

Callers objected particularly to scenes in the story during which the Stooges announced they were "looking for Japs who escaped from concentration camps." According to the storyline, the three buffoons expected medals in return for the internees' capture.

Although the scenes were intended to be comedic in nature, the callers stated, the story was not only distasteful but also grossly erroneous and misleading since it implied that the Japanese Americans confined in relocation camps in the western United States during World War II were criminals.

In truth, not one person of Japanese ancestry in the U.S. was convicted of wartime espionage, nor was any evidence found to imply wrongdoing by Japanese Americans in that era.

Children's Program

Since the program was aired after business hours, the callers were unable to speak to Kaiser Broadcasting Corp. executives about their grievances.

Several individuals phoned the Ratu Shimo to the following morning about the incident, and one gentleman said he intended to contact the Japanese American Citizens League to see if some sort of action might be taken.

Bruce Johansen, Channel 52's operations manager, upon learning of the objectionable "Stooges" episode immediately ordered the segment dropped and all future showings cancelled.

"I screened this this morning and found it offensive myself," Johansen said. "The tragic thing about this whole situation is that when I checked back I discovered that the segment in question had been aired at various times over the past years and no one ever complained in all that time."

sponses from Sr. and Jr. chapters for the Travel Pool which was established in February by the NYCC. Each Sr. chapter has been asked to donate \$25 and each Jr. chapter to donate \$10 to help defray travel expenses for attending Jr.

So far, approximately \$600 has been accumulated, but it must be emphasized that no Jr. chapter will receive any funds from the Travel Pool unless the Jr. chapter has donated its \$10.

ALIEN RESIDENCY RULE FOR MEDI-CAL INVALID

SAN FRANCISCO—A three-judge U.S. District Court decision has invalidated a California law requiring five years of U.S. residency before an alien can receive Medi-Cal health and medical aid payments.

Alleged must be paid the benefits if they meet the same requirements as the U.S. citizens, the judges ruled (June 29) in the case of Yuen Jen Cuk, 38, dishwasher who came to San Francisco from Hong Kong eight months ago.

The decision applies retroactively in such cases where it is found to be "feasible and reasonably necessary," the court said.

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Kenzo signs agreement not to use anti-Nisei label

NEW YORK — Now that fashions of Paris couturier Kenzo have spread to Butterick Industries, the battle continues to eliminate the "Jap" trademark.

Seven Japanese American and community organizations last week dispatched telegrams to Butterick and to American Can Co., of which Butterick Industries is a subsidiary, demanding immediate recall of all printed matter including patterns and catalogues with "Jap" affixed. It was signed by:

Japanese American United Church of New York, New York Buddhist Church, New York JACL, 442nd Veterans, Japanese American Assn. of New York, Asian Americans for Action and Niko Niko.

David Dickerson, vice president with Butterick, responded, assuring the labels would be "Kenzo for Butterick," though no mention was made about recalling the labels already manufactured.

Kenzo Signs

During the previous week, a group of Japanese Americans met July 12 at the Japanese Consulate General here in an effort to reach an agreement with Kenzo Takada, visiting New York as guest of Butterick, and his representatives.

George K. Yuzawa and Murray Sprung, JACL representatives, had prepared written agreements to formalize the understanding reached in previous contacts with the designer with the consulate acting as intermediary, but Takada did not appear.

The following morning, however, Goro Nakazone of the consular staff, Mrs. Kazu Obayashi and Yuzawa met with Takada and his representatives to sign the agreement enjoining the designer from using "Jap" on his ready-to-wear items.

At Macy's

However that afternoon at Macy's where Takada was ad-

dressing a fashion show, another group of Japanese Americans having a small demonstration on the floor further demanded in addition to removal of his offensive label from ready-to-wear items that reference to "Jap" be omitted on his designs, advertising, patterns and catalogue references.

While Takada did not respond directly, a Macy's spokesman promised that "Jap" would be removed from the floor posters.

The 28-year-old Tokyo-born designer had hoped his use of the epithet on his much accepted fashions would change its pejorative meaning, according to Bernardine Morris in the New York Times. But the history of its use in the United States, particularly on the west coast, has been nothing but derogatory, the JACL has long contended.

Kenzo's Use

Two years ago, Kenzo was decorating a small shop in Paris where he planned to sell his clothes. He painted trees and exotic animals on the walls and decided it looked like a jungle. Hence, he came up with "Jungle Jap," which sounded good to him and amusing so he painted that on the window.

The clothes clicked and so did the name. In Paris, Kenzo was known as Jap. The shop was outgrown and a new one started in the Passage Choiseul. American buyers came, introducing his impressionist-colored sweaters in such stores as Bloomingdale's, Bonwit Teller, Saks Fifth Avenue and Bendel's. Pullovers to be worn over shirts found their way into couturier collections and became widely known as the "Jap sweater."

In May, 1971, Bonwit Teller advertised the "Kenzo for Jap" collection. New York JACL and Asian Americans for Action immediately reacted, complaining to the store as well as the newspaper for letting the racial epithet appear in print. (See June 11, 1971, PC).

JACL Files Injunction

Within weeks, the JACL sought an injunction against Kenzo's use of the epithet in his trademark. But the judge, Justice Howard Baer of the Manhattan Supreme Court, denied the injunction, noting that "the only injury alleged by the petitioners appears to be an injury to (their) feelings... There is clearly no violation of anyone's civil rights or is there present any irreparable damage."

JACL was also directed to present evidence of "damage or loss" suffered from Kenzo's use of the label "Jap" in clothes being sold in the stores.

Meanwhile, Bonwit Teller removed the offensive sign over its Kenzo boutique after an informational picket had been established in front of its Fifth Avenue store.

Subsequently JACL sought the intervention of the local Japanese consulate general to alert the Japanese Embassy in Paris. Kenzo finally agreed in mid-July, 1971, to discontinue use of the label "Jap" after JACL conceded to drop further legal actions (an appeal had been filed with the state supreme court) and refrain from harassing retailers carrying his line of clothes.

Vandals set fire to tea garden shop

SAN FRANCISCO — The Japanese Tea Garden in Golden Gate Park was damaged considerably by a vandal who set fire to its gift shop July 14.

Jackson Hirose, operator of the tea garden leased from the city administration, estimated the total damages to be about \$10,000.

"It will take about \$7,000 to repair the damages to the structure," Hirose said, "and about \$3,000 to restock the merchandise."

The fire was discovered via ADT (burglar alarm) system 4:45 a.m., Hirose reported.

The firemen answering the predawn call had to smash the heavy wooden gates into the Tea Garden in order to reach the fire, it was reported.

Israeli convict Okamoto to life

ZRIFIN, Israel — Japanese terrorist Kozo Okamoto was sentenced July 17 by the Israeli army court to life imprisonment on three counts for his part in the Lod airport massacre of May 30.

The 24-year-old defendant listened impassively when the verdict was first read and sighed deeply after it was translated to Japanese. The prosecution had asked for a life sentence, though death is the maximum penalty for three of the four charges filed against him.

Okamoto had pleaded guilty in court and admitted he and two other Japanese attacked the crowd at the airport, acting on behalf of a guerrilla organization. Twenty-eight persons were slain, including the other two terrorists, and 70 were wounded.

(Canadian police authorities confirmed investigations were underway for possible links between the Palestinian Liberation Front and the Quebec Liberation Front as young Okamoto had stayed for three months from November, 1971, to March in Montreal. The confirmation was made through Solicitor General Jean Pierre Goyer.)

Canada ethnic histories

OTTAWA — Eleven ethnic history outlines have been commissioned by the provincial Secretary of State for its multi-culturalism program announced last year. Chinese and Dutch East Indians are among the Asian groups. Nine others will be recorded to complete the series.

When his 1972 winter "ready-to-wear" fashions were carried in Paris, the labels carried "J.A.P." One New York buyer cancelled his orders because the clothes were "disappointing" as far as production, fit and quality were concerned. Another cancelled because the promise delivery date was not adhered to. There were reports Kenzo was becoming bankrupt.

Editorial Boycott

In the advent of the 1972 fall collection, San Francisco editor Yas Abiko of the Nichiichi Times sought the assistance of his colleagues in the fourth estate to refrain from using in stories and advertising the offensive name to persons of Japanese ancestry in America because it "evokes bitter memories as the term epitomizes the hysteria and vigilante atmosphere which led to the mass Evacuation 30 years ago."

Women's Wear Daily responded it would continue to print the name in their paper until Kenzo changes it. The New York Times concurred with Abiko that "advertising should not deliberately contain ethnic disparagement."

More Stores Open

Despite the litigation, which has sensationalized Kenzo's name internationally, he has prospered. Last fall, he opened a second shop in Paris on the Left Bank at Rue de Cherche Midi and one at St. Tropez. In Germany there are shops (called Jap — the Germans pronounce "J" with a "y" sound) in Hamburg, Düsseldorf and Munich. He's looking for a suitable site in New York.

His career started in Tokyo where he designed patterns for the magazine Soen. His father manages a hotel. At age 21, Kenzo went to Paris as a tourist, liked it so well and decided to stay. When the money ran out, he found a job sketching for Paris style bureaus awaiting for five years until he opened his own shop. "I was designing 20 collections per season," he declared.

S.F. service group office bombed

SAN FRANCISCO — A fire bomb severely damaged the offices of Japanese Community Services, 1824-A Sutter St., early July 13, destroying most of the organization's files in the main business office.

Japanese Consulate staff member W. Eichi Maruyama, who lives in front of the building, was awakened at 3:45 a.m. by the sound of breaking glass and an explosion and turned in the fire alarm.

The adjoining ground-floor office of the Asian American Committee at 1824-A Sutter St., publishers of the monthly Rodan, also sustained fire and water damage.

JCS, composed of Kimochi, Inc. and the Japanese Community Youth Council, was a part of the United Japanese Community Services, which was recently named a member agency of the United Bay Area Crusade.

Disposition of PSWDC-Capitol Life major med. retention fund surveyed

LOS ANGELES — Under terms of an agreement between Capitol Life Insurance Co. and the Pacific Southwest District Council of the Japanese American Citizens League, the Denver-based insurance firm returned to the JACL-PSWDC an experience rating refund of \$72,359 covering the period from May 1, 1964, through May 1970.

Although the refund was given to and is held by the district council as holder of the master policy, the PSWDC went on record at its Feb. 27 meeting to offer refunds to those individual policy holders applying for the same.

Mrs. Helen Kawagoe, district governor, said. Many JACL insureds have expressed a desire to contribute their individual shares to the PSWDC Permanent Trust Fund, the income from which would be administered by JACL for the benefit of the community in such areas as Issei, youth, drug abuse, civil rights, student aid and education. Mrs. Kawagoe added.

Firms Distributed


This past week all known insureds have been informed that the refund or donation will be computed at 50 cents multiplied by the number of

months of coverage in the insurance program. Persons wishing to contribute or file for refund are expected to indicate the number of months they were in the program, including the first date of enrollment and the chapter in which they were members. Documentation is necessary in both cases, it was emphasized. Because there will be considerable time involved in cross-checking, claimants are expected to allow sufficient time for processing.

Contributions to JACL are tax deductible. Mrs. Kawagoe noted. An insured in the program for the entire period of six years would be contributing or receive a refund of \$36.

The retention fund form with documentation should be returned by Sept. 15 to the PSWDC JACL, 125 Weller St., Los Angeles 90012. The form should also be filled out and documentation attached by those wishing to contribute, in spite of the notation on the form, according to Masaoka. Kojima, district legal counsel, except that part 6 (asking for refund) need not be signed as the signed donation form would suffice.

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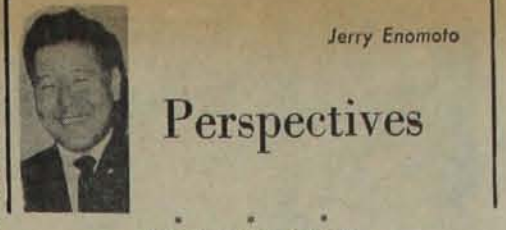
Step Backward

(Mrs. Kats Kunitzugu spins her "Carrousel" of caps and comments in the Kashi Mainichi at least twice a week if not more. The PC has carried some of her more candid and witty pieces in the past. We are not finishing from this particular column in the wake of the 1972 National Convention. —Ed.)

By KATS KUNITZUGU

Los Angeles

Developments at the 22nd biennial National JACL Convention concluded (July 1) in Washington, D.C., and the subsequent mass resignation of the youthful staff working out of the Southern California regional office lead us to the conclusion that the JACL is finally drifting away from the Japanese American community it purports to represent.



Jerry Enomoto

GUEST COLUMN

The election of Shigeki Sugiyama of Alameda as president-elect and the selection of David Ushio as national executive director to succeed retiring Mas Satow are indications that the organization is becoming inner-directed rather than outer-directed.

Sugiyama, a personnel specialist with the U.S. Civil Service Commission and a retired career army officer, was among those who initially opposed JACL's involvement in the fight to repeal Title II of the Internal Security Act of 1950.

As for Ushio, his entry into the race for the executive director's post after supporting and working to attract Alan Nishio for the post, is puzzling to say the least.

Perspectives

'FORK IN THE ROAD'

Tehachapi, Calif.

I am a Nisei with all the virtues and hangups that a Nisei has. I have never pretended to be what I was not. It took me a long time to get over the "Quiet American" bit, and it was not easy (this term defined in the negative self-effacing, apologetic, conforming, don't-rock-the-boat sense). During my two terms as National President of JACL, I acted out of a personal conviction that the prestige and potential of this national organization needed to be placed in the service of the "greater America" that our motto spoke of. Within our limitations, I felt that JACL had to get involved in the broader efforts to improve the quality of life for all Americans.

WHERE THE ACTION IS (Concluding Part IV)

As advertised, the 1972 National JACL Convention triumphed as the only one of its kind. Delegates not only met with their congressmen during the week but were able to tour the White House, the Capitol, Supreme Court, Library of Congress, attend a special State Dept. briefing, a reception at the Japanese Embassy, a preview showing of "Executive Order 9066" at the Corcoran Gallery and a reception at the Freer Art Gallery (rated among the top three Oriental museums in the country). But, in our opinion, the most stirring was the memorial service at Arlington National Cemetery on the final day of the convention.

The good Lord cooperated with ideal, sunny weather conditions. Cool, gentle breezes flapped the haydras against the mast as the U.S. Army Band played before the services and throughout the program itself. Lean and straight, Gen. Mark Clark who commended Nisei GIs in Italy reminded Japanese Americans succeeded in eliminating all suspicion of disloyalty by demonstrating the virtues of courage, loyalty, honesty and devotion to America and its democratic institutions. Hershey Miyamura, Medal of Honor awardee from the Korean conflict, still the shy and unassuming guy we met some 15 years ago, responded.

No matter how often we've read in the past about the laying of the JACL wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, nothing compares with observing the ceremony at this hallowed place of remembrance. The gravesite services where Lt. Kenneth Kozai of Omaha, killed in the Vietnam war, is interred and concluded by a bugler blowing "Taps" enkindle the gutty feeling of what "Go For Broke" means—be it in war or in peace.

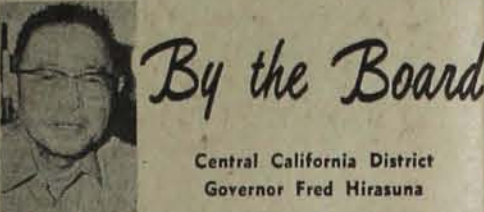
CUFF NOTES: The Mas Satow testimonial luncheon lasted some 3½ hours to wind up as the longest sit-down meal of the Convention but the style of toastmaster Hank Goshio made it a most pleasing affair. ... And speaking of toastmasters, Niseidom's most eloquent were in command: Mike Masaoka at the "Executive Order 9066" preview, Sen. Daniel Inouye at the Congressional Dinner, and Rep. Spark Matsunaga at the Arlington memorial services. Most diverting, however, was saved for the final Convention banquet in Tosh Hoshide, whose gestures would fit the verb, "to orchestrate".

A personal break in the Convention variations came the night when some of us who had attended Maryknoll School in L.A. gathered at the Tak Nakaki home in Wheaton. Passing by a night to catch up on sleep, the soiree broke up at 2 a.m. as Phil Nagao (of the Library of Congress) impressed us with his "transcendental" theories on how small our world was becoming. ... I had reserved a single at \$28 but the Shoreham gave me a \$40 room overlooking Rock Creek Park—a mistake we kept to ourselves but found as the week went along happened to several others. But the howls from others about the rundown condition of their first assigned room still echo. ... Hosts manning the hospitality rooms for their JACL board candidates found liquor to be cheaper than what it cost them back home—which suggests Portland might just prevail prices when it sends out general information on its 1974 National Convention.

The electioneering campaign Shig Sugiyama's son, John, ran appeared to be the most professional we've seen in JACL circles—the "floormen" gathering nightly to size up the number of votes and they were pretty close when the final tally came, though the tally was not announced. ... Thought of D.C. JACL hosting a national convention was germinated back in 1964 when Detroit pulled it off with a chapter strength of 300, showing it really doesn't take a big chapter, D.C. did it with about 260 on its roll this year.

OUR THANKS: To Key Kobayashi (of the Library of Congress) for securing us the information that prisoner-of-war pay, which Leadership Conference counsel Joseph Rauh, Jr., proposed might be paid to evacuees for each day in camp as reparations. Key knew Hank Wakabayashi (at the Pentagon) could tell us—\$5 for Americans in North Vietnamese PW camps, \$2 for those imprisoned during the Korean conflict, but none being paid during WW2. ... To Kay Kitagawa who has promised to submit excerpts of the final Tule Lake WRA report now at the National Archives as a PC Holiday Issue feature. ... To Claire Minami, D.C. chapter chairman, for the Mandarin dinner given to National Board and staff members. ... To delegate Ed Tokeshi (of San Gabriel Valley) for a welcome Japanese fish dinner.

To the office of Congressman Wiggins (R-El Monte, Calif.) for expediting dispatch of Convention copy overnight to the PC Office—a lead which Kaz Oshiki (PC's representative for EDC) made possible. Kaz heads Rep. Kastenmeier's office staff. ... To Larry Nakatsuka, of Sen. Fong's office, and Bill Marutani of Philadelphia for their penetrating exchange that Nisei should or should not try harder to get ahead because they are of a minority group. (Marutani may rap on this in an upcoming column). ... To Dr. Tom Tamaki of Philadelphia for an engaging Cabaret Ginza program (and to Ellen Nakamura of Seabrook for writing it up in last week's PC). ... To Harry Takagi and his Convention committee for a very full week (we averaged four hours of sleep a day, it seemed) of "Where the Action Is". ... To Dr. Jim Tsujimura and Henry Kato, who will co-chair the 1974 National Convention at Portland, where they have assured this reporter it will be a more relaxing week.



Central California District Governor Fred Hirasuna

By the Board

WHAT HAPPENED AT WASHINGTON—Some will picture the happenings at the National Convention in Washington, the great furor over the selection of David Ushio over Alan Nishio as National Executive Director, and the subsequent en masse resignation of the youth staff in the Southern California Regional Office, as a triumph of the "conservative" JACL members over the "liberal" members.

We think that it was more a "moderate" position that won out. Neither the extreme left nor the extreme right, but a position somewhere in between. Of course, this moderate, middle-of-the-road position is generally not satisfactory to anyone: neither the extreme left, the extreme right nor the remaining members; however, this compromise was necessary for the life of the organization.

The JACL must be a sound, fiscal organization: the outgo must match the income. It must be run on a sound, business-like basis if it is to survive as an organization. You cannot have a champagne program on a beer income. It must be remembered, JACL members pay not only national dues, but also chapter dues, tickets for JACL programs and dinners, raffle tickets for national as well as local, and for the working members on chapter and district council level, hours and hours of free labor, travel expense and incidental expenses. Add all of this up, and you will find that many JACL members are spending far more than they can afford on JACL in time and money for the organization.

Programs and projects must be PRIMARILY for the benefit of JACL members and our ethnic group. This is the main purpose of any ethnic organization. The interests of other minorities and other groups must necessarily be a secondary matter. All other ethnic organizations, and other groups, reflect this policy. Why should we be different?

The leadership must be middle-of-the-road to reflect the composition of JACL membership. We do not all think alike on social, political or economic problems. Who is to say who or what is right on any controversial issue? Who is to say that the entire membership must be in agreement?

A minor revolution has occurred in JACL at the Washington Convention. It remains to be seen how wise were the decisions that were made.

CDC STAND ON FARM LABOR ISSUE

- 1-Support the right of farm workers to organize themselves into voluntary farm labor unions.
- 2-Support the right of farm workers to the same right that all other workers in the United States are guaranteed—the right to government-supervised secret ballot elections in making their own free choice in the matter of union representation.
- 3-Support the right of housewives and the general public to make their own decision, without intimidation, as to the justice of a cause, and as to what merchandise they will buy and where they choose to buy it.
- 4-Condemn the use of violence, destruction of property, or abusive intimidation as methods of persuasion by any parties to a labor controversy.

It would seem difficult to quarrel with any of the above four points. It is amazing how so many accept, without question, the Chavez statement of non-violence. It is more amazing how anything that he or his union states is accepted as gospel truth without a shred of substantiating evidence. It is even more amazing that anything that farmers or non-union, and even union, workers say against Chavez is dismissed as propaganda, no matter what the evidence.

According to Hiroshi Kanno, President of the Chicago JACL, in the matter (July 7 PC) of its controversial resolution in support of UFWOC, "The principle here is not the question of free elections nor the reported violence committed by farm growers or farm organizers. The basic question is whether we, as an organization (JACL), support the right of another organization to seek to better their human condition."

We believe that the principle is very much that of free

election—no individual should be denied his right to decide for himself what is best for him.

The principle is very much the methods used by an organization, or an individual, to better itself. If one seeks to better himself by physical violence inflicted on others, or by destroying the property of others, is he to be supported in his efforts? If a country seeks to better itself by waging war without justification, is it to be commended?

We must differ with Mr. Kanno in his conception of what is basic in this issue.

Masaoka—

Continued from Front Page

ican society, JACL and this nation must rethink and reorder their priorities, based upon full consideration of the facts and alternatives. "We should emphasize the positive and constructive, not the negative and destructive," Masaoka continued.

"We believe that whatever effectiveness JACL enjoys today as a public opinion maker and policy advocate is due to the perspectives we offer and the solutions we propose," Masaoka stated. "Since JACL is such a relatively small organization and Japanese Americans such a tiny minority, we must depend upon reason and fairness in trying to secure a greater measure of justice and opportunity for our fellow Nisei and Sansei."

To the JACLers who have put so much of their lives into JACL, he said JACL cannot afford to surrender by default, silence and inaction now because they are "too tired, too complacent or too preoccupied" with other activities and interests "to give a damn."

The final report, dated June 26, was distributed to JACL convention delegates at the opening session. Bulk of the report comprised his perspective of JACL history during his 30 years as a paid staff member and more recently on a retainer basis and a summary of the 1970-72 activities of the Washington JACL Office.

We are hard put to understand the thinking of men like Jerry Enomoto, former national president, and Mike Suzuki, former national vice-president—general operations, who opted for Ushio in spite of the fact that they have been regarded as among the more statesmanlike JACLers who did not regard the organization mainly as a fraternal group mainly interested in its own members.

It would have been an easy choice, as Dr. Bob Suzuki, former district vice-governor here and now a professor at the University of Massachusetts, pointed out to appoint a well-qualified Alan Nishio (on basis of administrative experience and ability, we would have opted for him) to the executive director's job and keep the investment of training Ushio for the Washington representative job by keeping him in Washington. The expertise Ushio developed as a Washington office trainee under Mike Masaoka would have been more appropriate for

Washington, in view of the fact that Masaoka has terminated his professional association with the JACL as of June 30.

However, the delegates to the convention apparently were in a mood to put down the Southern California region in general, feeling that it has gotten the bulk of the money raised by the dues from chapter members who are, after all, scattered all over the U.S.

What they failed to realize is that in the largest concentration of Japanese Americans in Southern California is rooted most of the principle concerns and problems which engage our interest as Japanese Americans. Simply because there are more of us here, problems like drugs, crime and poverty surface here where they otherwise would not. Overt and covert discrimination, particularly in the employment area, come up here where they would not in areas with less Japanese Americans.

But more than a revolt against Southern California, the actions taken at the national convention indicate that the JACL is more interested in housekeeping issues, like increasing membership, rather than in issues that concern all Japanese Americans regardless of JACL membership.

After men of the stature of Masaoka and George Inagaki, Sam Ishikawa and Tats Kusshida who commanded respect from the wider community outside JACL as in, the caliber of JACL leadership, it seems to us, has steadily declined to the toastmaster level—men who cut a good figure at a banquet but who shy away from anything resembling a controversy, whose leadership is more like that of Doc's in Disney's "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" ("C-c-c-e-m-on, men, I'm right behind you!") than of men who could crystallize an issue and inspire others to do something about it.

We have regarded the development of Jeffrey Matsui in the job he has held during the past five years and particularly the addition of youth leaders like Warren Furutani to the JACL staff in recent years as a hopeful indication that JACL may indeed stop contemplating its navel and reach out for a fresh new raison d'être in the full following its legislative successes of the early 50s.

Their resignations are a great blow to the future of JACL which needs fresh thinking, fresh outlook. There are too many so-called JACL leaders who join the organization and rise within in for their own glorification without much thought to what the organization can mean to 324,000 other Japanese Americans who are not members of JACL.

It will be interesting to see how JACL performs during the next few years.

PC Editor's Response

(Following appeared in the July 15 Kashi Mainichi.)

Dear Kats:

Yours of July 12 was a well-written example of the kind of public scrutiny which JACL has always faced and must continue to face. Each episode has helped to clarify the scene and somehow the organization was strengthened for having encountered the test.

No doubt, JACLers may have twinged reading your piece on the resignation of the local JACL staff. But they (both JACLers and staff) know there is a job to be done locally and elsewhere.

What transpired at the last National JACL Convention that led to the resignation of the local staff was debatable to witness. But the collected judgment of the delegates who comprise the National Council realized it would take more funds than the present membership could ever hope to raise if it intended to expand the organization's involvement projects it launched this past year through the ingenuity of Warren Furutani and in the areas of education by Ron Hirano. Hence, the avenue they had devised to reestablish regional office in Seattle, Chicago and a separate Washington office to secure more support from within as well as engage in a professional search for outside funding.

This was the pattern that JACL had established a quarter century ago to secure the funds necessary to mount the legislative campaign that culminated in the granting of naturalization privileges to the Issei.

HARRY K. HONDA

My recommendation to hire David Ushio was based upon interview performance. Although I felt that his competitor was well qualified, he did not come across as a superior candidate. Admittedly, I knew David better than Alan, whom I had never met, nor even heard about from anyone, in terms of his application. This was a value judgment made in good faith after considerable time spent in interview, and later post mortem among the Committee. I am thus really frustrated when I am told by one who says he trusts me that he was "shocked" by my choice. A trust that cannot survive a decision made in good faith, that one doesn't agree with, can't be too strong.

Most of all I regret that there wasn't some attempt made to communicate with me while the temper of this thing was building up. Contrary to some opinions, I don't equate consultation, advice getting, etc. with unethical politics. You can't deal with what you don't know.

Lastly, I want to comment on Kats Kunitzugu's "Carrousel" on this subject. My size-up of David Ushio in no way shows me that JACL is going to go backwards with him in the Director's job. Because of the bitter after-taste of this whole hassle I see little hope of keeping community programs in the Southern California area going with JACL input. But then if the commitment is there, maybe the personal wounds might heal.

I would hope that JACLers like Kats, with whom I feel a kinship on most issues, will not hastily conclude that I, for one, wish to push JACL backwards. Others who seem inclined to be less charitable, and prone toward words like "sell out", without taking the trouble to talk to me, don't know what the hell they're talking about.

Future JACL leadership, whether it is volunteer or staff, will answer to a lot of JACLers who will no longer tolerate inaction, or reactionary positions. I intend to be an active critic whenever I feel like it's needed. If mistakes are made, I like to think they can be corrected, as long as enough JACLers care.

THOUGHTS FROM HAPPY VALLEY: Sachi Seko

One Late Call for CP

Salt Lake City

We have sold out the future of the generation which succeeds us. Ironically, we chose Washington, D.C., as the site of our lynching. We should be angry at ourselves, for the blame cannot be placed elsewhere. We have arrived at that apex of decision and we have failed. If we have failed only ourselves, the Nisei, perhaps it can be balanced by other deeds of courage. But when we gamble the high stake of the future of our children and their heirs, and the vital new promise of other directions, we become presumptuous, pompous caricatures.

1972 is a year of decision, nationally, globally, and certainly within JACL. It is a time of reform and there is evidence in this country that perhaps the trend is not so much toward apathy, but human sensitivity. There is no "left" or "right", no organized philosophy or pre-ordained specifics of qualification in the people movement. The length of your hair, or the favor of your vocabulary are not requisites. It requires honesty tempered with compassion. It has been repelling to hear this new direction labeled as "radical" in a connotation which projects an image of militancy. It is reminiscent of the label "pink" we attached to "liberals" of the '40's.

The Community Involvement Project was initiated in the Southern California area with the blessings of JACL, which had the good fortune to attract young people who do best represent our times. The beginning of the '70s spoke of hope and brought a new dimension to JACL. Its excitement was comparable to the period when other young men like Masaoka and Satow made their initial appearance.

We have waited many years for the seed which we have sown to come of age. Our own Issei parents shared this same anticipation for us, first born on American soil. Our maturity, of course, was premature, forced by the tragedy of Pearl Harbor. I cannot help but remember the heartache of a people whose allegiance was divided between the land of their origin and that in which they gave life to a new generation. Our history is not

25 Years Ago

In the Pacific Citizen, July 26, 1947

Evacuation claims bill passes unanimously in House ... Rhode Island senators McGrath and Green introduce bill to eliminate racial restrictions from U.S. naturalization laws ... U.S. Occupation Forces in Japan bar Tule Lake expatriates from jobs ... President Truman signs bill permitting entry to U.S. of Japanese wives to U.S. servicemen ... Patsy Takemoto (now Rep Mink) discloses new report against race bias at Univ. of Nebraska ... Senate halts action on bill for Issei naturalization and stay of deportation for Japsese ... new aliens as first session of 80th Congress adjourns ... Report 16,000 Hawaii Nisei fought during WW2 ... New site in San Fernando Valley found to relocate evacuee families housed at Winona Trailer Camp in Burbank ... Source of arsenic poisoning affecting 200 Japanese in California, Oregon and Utah traced to shoyu shipped in drums once used to make weed-killer; federal food and drug inspectors clamp quarantine on sale of shoyu in west coast ... Min Yasui resigns as Denver JACL regional director to practice law full time ...



Bill Hosokawa

From the Frying Pan

Denver, Colo.

THOUGHTS WHILE PERFORMING manual labor on a rare weekend at home: Why should I consider washing windows a demeaning form of exercise? After all my father, along with a good many other Issei, at one time in his career supported his family by washing windows, beating rugs and mopping floors. He called it "deh-yoku" which I thought was a Japanese expression until one day I discovered it was a corruption of "day work." Unskilled young Japanese immigrants used to hire out by the day to help with heavy housecleaning chores in turn-of-the-century mansions. Deh-yoku was an honorable if not particularly rewarding calling in Issei history...

Our youngsters in their infrequent communications with the old folks mention with considerable pride their horticultural endeavors. Mike up in Oregon grew a bumper crop of tomatoes last year and, according to his wife Jackie, has been working sporadically on a Japanese type garden for an awkward corner of the back yard. Pete and his wife Vickie in the Bay Region report the geraniums, clematis and bluegrass in their two-by-four patio area are growing like crazy. Christie, in the Sacramento valley, finds the oppressive heat does wonders for the petunias and marigolds and the lawn thrives as long as her husband Lloyd keeps pouring on the water. Susan and her husband Warren, new home-owners in the sandy stretches of east Denver, take great delight in their first vegetable garden where the tomatoes and beans are flourishing and the sweetcorn was knee high by the Fourth of July. These are the kids who took scant interest in the garden when they lived at home and resisted even bribes when it came time to mow the lawn. Why their new-found fascination with growing things? Could it be that the long agricultural history of their forebears is surfacing?...

The July 14 issue of the Pacific Citizen says Japanese Ambassador Nobuhiko Ushida in addressing the JACL convention in Washington recognized that "Japanese Americans are Americans and not Japanese." Shucks, when Koki Hirota was Japan's foreign minister back about 1935 or thereabouts, he said the same thing. Ten years earlier, a variety of highly placed Japanese urged Nisei Miyu Sannomiya to be the best American she knew how to be because the United States was her country and Japan had no claim to her. It would have helped a few years later, say along about 1941 and '42, if American leaders had told Nisei the same thing, but darned few of them did...

Two Californians who had attended the National JACL convention in Washington, D.C. dropped by enroute home to say howdy. One assured me the JACL was on the brink of catastrophe as a result of what happened at the convention and it would be a miracle if the organization survived the next few years. The other, arriving a few days later, said JACL narrowly missed catastrophe, but having changed course at the convention everything was going to work out okay. Both gave me the same reason for their diametrically opposite views—the appointment of David Ushio to succeed Masao Satow as executive director. Since the executive director is an employee of the organization who is hired to carry out policies laid down by the National Council, it is difficult to see how any man in the job can affect JACL's future so drastically, whatever the direction. These are times for exaggeration rather than understatement, and those who are accustomed to taking words at face value will have to make allowances for rhetoric. This is a lesson we learn each presidential election year, when the candidates lash and slash each other mercilessly, giving the impression that the world is about to come to an end if one's opponent is elected, only to kiss and make up after the ballots are in. The lesson would seem to apply to debate over strictly Nisei issues, too...

Somehow we neglected in the July 14 column to identify Tokyo friend George Somekawa. He's the distinguished-looking, silver-haired general manager of the Asahi Evening News, the English language daily published by the huge Asahi newspapers...



By Jim Henry

Sakura Script

You Have Been in Japan Too Long, If...

Sushi tastes better than Tartar steak. Shoyu is more palatable than ketchup. Forks feel tiny and plastic hashis smoother than ivory. Zoris are more comfortable than slippers. You use a handkerchief for a shoehorn. Bread tastes stale; only rice is filling. You suck instead of biting the spaghetti. The neckline is more appealing than the waistline. Redtape leaves you complacent. Bureaucracy makes sense. Pimps ignore you. Tourists stare at you. Native children don't want to touch you. Find boiling baths invigorating. Think neckties are hanzen's ropes. Think kimchi is mild and dalkon smells good. You feel batakasal after eating dairy product. Your bowing and handshaking get mixed up. You think mahjong is the way to a sale. You have discovered your Japanese nickname.

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AMACHE REVISITED

A Reunion with the Past

(NBC News is completing a TV documentary on Evacuation for showing this fall. Accompanying a new crew last July 12 to Granada WRA Relocation Center in southeastern Colorado was a one-time teenage resident, Edison T. Uno of San Francisco, who recalls that odyssey of years ago and relates what he found just weeks ago—Ed.)

By EDISON UNO

It was 11:15 a.m. when we started down US Hwy 50 from Pueblo. The heat of the day was beginning to bring back memories of the summer of '42 when we first encountered the drastic change in climate compared to the mild California summers we were so accustomed to. US 50 is a narrow two lane highway. According to the map a Granada is 17 miles from Pueblo, perhaps a two-hour drive, although at the time it seemed an eternity to me. As we sped down the highway, an endless row of telegraph poles whizzed by and thoughts of 30 years ago came into focus recalling memories of a long trek in old railroad coaches, overcrowded with evacuees, and kids running, playing, trying to have fun as kids usually have a talent of doing regardless of conditions, memories of babies crying because of the heat, Issei parents trying hard to control their tempers as the monotony of the trip was beginning to wear on their patience, and the general feeling of numbness resulting from the uncertainty of the future and what the end of the trip had in store for us.

Numbering Memories

It all came back so clearly that it almost seemed as if the trip three decades ago just happened a few months ago... I remember the conductor and brakeman, two elderly Caucasians who had a professional way of walking down the aisle with ease and balance as the coach rocked from side to side. I remember how we were idled back from time to time to let other trains express their way towards their destination and how we were instructed to pull down the shades when we passed or stopped at large cities. It was a long, hard trip, especially for the older Issei and the Nisei mothers with young babies. Dry sandwiches, warm soda pop and few cookies was the daily diet.

Driving towards Granada was such a contrast. I knew where I was going, why I was going, and had a comfortable feeling that I had a reservation confirmed back to San Francisco the next day. Thirty years made a lot of difference. I thought to myself as memories began to rush back about those days when all evacuees were so uncertain about their future.

As the miles passed by, strange sounding names are remembered... Rocky Ford, La Junta, Las Animas, Lamar, and a number of other small hamlets along US 50. After an hour on the road we slowed down to pass through the quiet town of Rocky Ford. On the surface it appears there has been little change in the topography and scenery of the Colorado countryside except for an occasional new store or new green freeway sign. As we get closer to our destination, an emptiness hits the pit of my stomach.

Gripping Anticipation

Will we find the site of the old camp? What will it be like? Having travelled thousands of miles with the NBC people we are disappointed in what we find? What will I say during the filming I close my eyes trying to think about the answers to many questions which cross my mind. There is a feeling of great anticipation.

Church wins OK to set up golf course complex

LOS ANGELES—The Church of Perfect Liberty, which believes golf is the way to health and happiness, was granted a zoning change June 29 by the Board of Supervisors to build a championship golf course surrounded by 622 residences in the Santa Monica mountains. The complex is planned for the chapparral-covered slopes lying between Mulholland Highway and Encinal Canyon Rd. south of Westlake Village. While property owners backed the change, environmentalists criticized the request as they wanted the area preserved for public use. They said the site was part of an area the federal government may someday acquire for a national urban park. The church, established in 1945, has already built such courses in Japan and another is being planned for Brazil.

Asian American school unit elects officers

LOS ANGELES — The Asian American Education Commission elected temporary officers at the July meeting. They are Herbert Leong, pres.; Les Hamasaki, v.p.; and Sue Embrey, sec. The commission will meet Aug. 9, 7:30 p.m. at the Board of Education, H-163, 450 N. Grand Ave., to appoint six commissioners and make committee assignments, according to Harry E. Nishioka, executive secretary for the commission. AAEC meetings are open to the public.

icipation. There is also a feeling of frustration. I remember it is the same type of feeling I had when I made the first pilgrimage to Manzanar with a Los Angeles group on December 27, 1969. I try to relax, but I can't.

At noon the car radio reports that it is 95 degrees in Denver. The country music and livestock reports remind us that we are on the Prairies. At 12:45 p.m. we pass through a small "one horse" town called Hasty. As we increase our speed a sign indicates that it is 20 miles to Lamar and 38 miles to Granada. In fifteen minutes we cross the Arkansas River which is the entrance to Lamar. I remember very little of Lamar, except it was the largest city near Amache and during the first months in camp I had to make a trip into Lamar to get some dental work performed which could not be done by camp dentists.

Rural Decay

At 1:30 p.m. we reach Granada, a beautiful name for a small town which will bring memories back to many former residents of Amache. The temperature was well over 100 degrees. The town has changed so much that I almost could not recognize it. In 30 years, the town has deteriorated, neglected, unkempt, a big disappointment in my view. Granada was not the same. I guess I expected too much or anticipated that all of America would progress with time. To my dismay I was wrong. Time has been unkind to Granada. It was a bad scene, a sad commentary for I was under the mistaken belief that urban blight was a national problem; little did I realize that rural America is also subject to neglect and deterioration.

This realization made me more apprehensive as to what we might find at Amache and I began to get worried about this whole adventure. NBC had sent seven people to film this portion and no one had any idea what to expect. We drove towards the site where Amache once stood. About a mile and a half from Granada is a "labor camp" composed of 30 to 40 neatly reconstructed barracks. We drove into the labor camp and

discovered this was not the site of Amache, since these barracks were not the same type used by the evacuees.

In the distance we noticed a grove of trees and what appeared to be cement foundations, rows after rows. My heart jumped with excitement. Eureka! we found it as I directed the car towards the new discovery of old remains. There it was, a graveyard of old concrete foundations with overgrown sagebrush, cottonwood trees, yucca, tumbleweeds, and cactus.

Dust to Dust

My first reaction was of joy because we found it. When I got out of the air-conditioned car into the sweltering heat of 105, I was hit by the realization that this was indeed Amache, and I felt a sadness as I began my personal reunion with the past.

For the next seven hours I had an opportunity to relive the memories of Amache, Colorado. It was easy to remember the good times, as a young teenager those days were filled with lots of activities and school. Names of old school friends, teachers, neighbors, and camp administrators came back to mind. The first winter snowstorm, the summer electrical storms, the sand storms, and the heat were also recalled. Even my address, Block 6E-1-C was easy to remember.

It was hard to believe that I was standing on the site of a once active community. There were little signs of life now, only a few growing plants that struggle to exist without water, a few birds and insects, nothing more.

Issei Survival

As I stood there in the mid-day heat contemplating the past and reflecting upon the whole question of the Japanese American experience in America, I realized what a great contribution the Issei made to our American heritage. They were like the rugged desert cactus, struggling and surviving under the most adverse conditions. They had strength and resources which sustained them.

I thought of my mother who had three of her sons volunteered for the U.S. Army

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ONE VOTE FOR DAN

Connecticut mayor cast lone vote for Sen. Inouye for U.S. vice president

MIAMI BEACH, Fla.—It was Mayor Gino Arconti of Danbury, Conn., who cast the lone vote for Sen. Daniel K. Inouye in the early Friday morning ballot for the Democratic vice presidential nomination. He has long known and admired the Hawaii senator.

Members of the Connecticut delegation revealed the mayor had met the Nisei senator, followed his career when he was sent to Congress in 1959 and the Senate in 1962. They said Arconti was impressed by Inouye's autobiography, "Journey to Washington" and had invited the senator to speak several times in Danbury, a small industrial city in western Connecticut.

"Gino told the senator that if he ever had a chance to vote for him on the national scene he would," one delegate added. "So he found himself as a delegate and decided to take advantage of it."

Barred from Podium

In a second Inouye-related incident at the convention, the

Honolulu Advertiser politics writer Gerry Keir found that Inouye was barred from the main podium late Wednesday night when he sought to speak as part of the nominating process for Sen. Henry "Scoop" Jackson of Washington. The refusal may have been because Jackson already had his allotted complement of three nominating speakers, Keir added.

Inouye, a close personal friend of Jackson, had intended to make a public show of his support by introducing Georgia Gov. Jimmy Carter, first nominating speaker. While Inouye didn't say anything about the incident, his staff members reportedly were unhappy.

Jackson the next day blamed the occurrence on the McGovern forces at the convention. "They wouldn't allow the senator for Hawaii, our keynote speaker for the last convention, up on the podium. That's a heck of a way to start off party unity," Jackson said.

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Chapter roll call

voting corrected

Editor's Note: Inadvertent errors in the publication (July 21 PC) of the chapter roll call at the 1972 JACL Convention were detected after publication. The count remains unchanged, however. Our apologies to the chapters below and the corrected vote (in bold face) follows.

	Ushio	Budg	Dues	Hq
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Oakland Museum seeks material on Nikkei in Calif.

OAKLAND, Calif.—An important segment of Oakland Museum's Cowell Hall of California History will deal with residents in the Bay Area and their role in the total California history, according to John E. Peetz, director, and Louise Revol, associate curator of history.

The Oakland Museum said members of the Japanese community can help in the interest of an accurate presentation by making available as gifts or for consideration of purchase items illustrative of their lives in California during this century. Persons willing to do so may write or call:

The Oakland Museum, 1000 Oak St., Oakland, Calif. 94607 (273-3842).

The department intends to show such significant contributions which the Japanese American community has made to the economic and cultural life of California. The museum is looking for objects and photographs which illustrate this experience and contribution.

Meantime, the museum is featuring the artwork of Mine Okubo through Aug. 20.

Archaic anti-Oriental laws finally removed

SACRAMENTO — Acting Gov. Ed Reinecke signed on July 12 and repealed obsolete laws excluding Orientals from California. The repeal bills were entered by State Sen. Alfred Song (D-Monterey Park), an attorney of Korean ancestry.

Removed were an 1872 law prohibiting entry of a Japanese or Chinese without a permit and a 1905 law against importing a female from the same area with intent of forcing her to reside with someone or "for the purpose of selling her."

Harbor center expansion at \$60,000 requested

LONG BEACH — A master plan for remodeling the Harbor Community Center at 1766 Seabright Ave., at a cost of \$60,000 was presented by Eddy Hamada during the recent regular meeting of the affiliated membership.

Hamada said the center's board had approved the plan and had delegated Fred Ikeguchi to handle loan arrangements. Donations to date have reached \$3,000.

NISEI APPOINTED TO SETTLE L.A. CITY HALL PROMOTION CONTROVERSY



Frank Soyejima

lax our efforts," Hamasaki said. The Los Angeles City Employees Asian Americans Assn. reiterated, "We will continue to fight for all cases involving Asian American advancement at all levels in City Hall where they are justified by merit of the applicant's experience and examination scores."

Engineer extends thanks to his supporters

Frank Soyejima issued the following letter to the editor for publication:

Since the story of my predicament was told in the newspapers last June 25, many Asian American have come to me and spoken of incidents of bias against their promotion in City government. It is high time for us to come together and take concerted action; and in this respect, I am pleased by the recent formation of the Los Angeles City Employees Asian American Association which was helpful to me.

Mine was an extremely difficult battle. I personally felt that my pride as an Asian American had been hurt and my credibility as a professional mechanical engineer was put into question. However, I had support from many areas which kept me fighting for my goal, and I wish to express my sincere gratitude to all.

Councilman Thomas Bradley personally talked to my director respecting the merits of my background and urged my appointment to the position of Building Mechanical Engineer, by the Bureau of Public Buildings.

Soyejima had been protesting attempts in City Hall to hire a supervisor from the outside ("the open list"), despite his scoring highest on the in-house examinations ("the promotional list"), and been acting supervisor for the past six months.

The Soyejima appointment was hailed as a major victory by Les Hamasaki, temporary chairman of the Los Angeles City Employees Asian Americans Assn. He was joined in the following statement by Masamori Kojima, deputy in the office of Councilman Thomas Bradley who gave his personal assistance to the Soyejima case.

Probationary Period

"The official resistance to the Soyejima appointment was tremendous; so his victory was not accomplished easily," Hamasaki pointed out. "Between June 16 and July 7, there were two Board of Civil Service Commissioners hearings, one hearing by the Personnel Committee of the City Council, and two additional sessions of the Board of Public Works and Civil Service Commissioners."

"Although Soyejima has been appointed, he has a standard six months probationary period to complete. Until then, we will never re-

lax our efforts," Hamasaki said.

Los Angeles City Employees Asian Americans Assn. gave their full support to my case and Hamasaki sent a personal letter to the Director of Public Buildings to appoint me.

Saga Kenin (Kai /Saza Prefecture Club) and all my friends have called me daily or wrote me to give me encouragement. My deepest appreciation goes to Masamori Kojima and Leslie Hamasaki who have worked hard from the very beginning. Without them, I would never have been able to start this fight. I would never have been able to appreciate to this newspaper for publishing my case to ask for community support, and making my case successful.

Bank of Tokyo files for branch in Salinas

SAN FRANCISCO—The Bank of Tokyo of California has filed application for establishment of a branch office in Salinas at the southeast corner of So. Main St. and Winham St. in the central business district, according to bank president Masao Tsuyama.

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Focus on the Middle

The identity of the Japanese American Citizens League, like most of the ethnic institutions in our community and other Third World communities, has its historical roots in the exclusion of people of color from the established systems in this country. It is integrally a part of a culture built around survival. JACL exists because of the history of racial intolerance and economic exploitation in this country. JACL grew in power and stature of necessity, because of the degree of intolerance and exploitation. The more overt the oppression of persons of Japanese ancestry became, the greater was the need for an organization like the Japanese American Citizens League.

As the Japanese Association formed by the Issei performed a protective survival role for the Issei, JACL did the same sort of function for the Nisei. It sought to look to the interests and needs of the Japanese community because nobody else was going to do it. Clearly conditions dictated that the community needed an organization like JACL struggling in its behalf. Both the conditions and the organization have gone through considerable change since the perilous days of the concentration camps and the postwar hardships. The youthful JACLers are no longer youthful. In their own terms, most of them have made it, emulating the culture of the majority. The JACL of today is very different. It has achieved respectability, affluence and influence. Its leaders are the epitome of this success story. Necessarily this affects the substance and perspective of the organization.

Though there is not necessarily anything wrong with being affluent or middle class it certainly has a limited perspective. The JACL as an organization does not have a barbiturate problem (possibly an alcohol problem but not a barbiturate problem, except for the members who do so by prescription). The JACL as an organization does not have an Issei problem, or a woman's problem, because these groups do not have a significant voice in the organization. The interest in these areas have come from outside of the organization. The JACL is not and has not been poor, young, old, female or different. It is middle, and exclusively that.

It seemed to me that in the last two years we, staff, and volunteers, tried to expand our borders, so that the JACL could meet its stated commitment, the betterment and interest of persons of Japanese ancestry. Further, interests were being broadened to look upon ourselves in perspective of a Pan-Asian movement. JACL was making some attempt to include persons of Japanese ancestry beyond the middle. It touched the poor, young, old, female and different. It has touched and run. Three years ago, it was still a common thing to hear that our community had no problems. Having touched outside of the middle in the past three years, we know that the situation is not without problems. It is and was only the middle that assumed the posture of model minority.

While I am not at all convinced that the JACL in its affluence and influence is not without problems, I am damn sure that the rest of us see a different picture. At JACL Chapter levels, I am sure we see a different picture.

Having taken an initial venture outside of the middle, we are now fully cognizant that the community has many interests and needs. In a short three years, we are clear on that. Three years ago, we did not hear "Asian". We did not hear "drugs". We did not hear "Pioneer Project". We did not hear "identity".

After the National JACL

CALENDAR

July 29-30
West Los Angeles—Chapter booth, Obon Festival, Buddhist Church, Aug. 1 (Friday)
Sequoia—Bd Mtg., Palo Alto Buddhist Church, 7:30 p.m.
Aug. 4 (Friday)
West Los Angeles—Earth Science Mtg., Westside YCLC
Aug. 5 (Saturday)
West Los Angeles—Asian Summer Festival, West L.A. Mall
Aug. 8 (Sunday)
Milwaukee—Picnic, Brown Deer Park Area, 2-11 a.m.
NC-WNCC—Summer Qtrly Session, Sequoia JACL hosts
West Valley—Obon Festival, Hakone Gardens, Saratoga, 5:30 p.m.
Aug. 8 (Tuesday)
San Mateo—Bd Mtg., San Jose Presbyterian Church, 8 p.m.
Aug. 12 (Sunday)
Seattle—Puyallup—White River—Joint JACL picnic, Lake Surprise, 12n
West Los Angeles—Issei project, Aug. 14 (Monday)
Alameda—Bd Mtg., Buena Vista United Methodist Church, 7:30 p.m.
West Los Angeles—Bd Mtg.
Aug. 15-19
National Jr. JACL Convention Univ. of Utah, Salt Lake City Tuesday, Dinner, 5 p.m.; Mixer, 8 p.m.; Fund-raising, 10 p.m.; Rap Session, 11:15 a.m.
Wednesday: Business Session, 9 a.m.; NYCC program, 1:30 p.m.; Trade mart, 8:30 p.m.; Sensitivity and rap session, 11:15 p.m.
Thursday: Business Session, 9 a.m.; Workshop, 1:30 p.m.; Staff presentation, 8:30 p.m.
Friday: Business Session, 9 a.m.; Open forum, 1:30 p.m.; Dinner-dance at Park City, 5:30-12 p.m.; Saturday: Sayonara Breakfast, 8 a.m.
Registration \$44 per person, to Susan Yoshimura, 3645 S. 26th St., Salt Lake City 84109, by Aug. 7. Fees include double occupancy lodging, all meals and transportation to Park City.
Aug. 20 (Sunday)
Portland—JACL/ONY Community picnic, Clatsop Park
Aug. 24 (Thursday)
Sacramento—Bus Mtg., Nisei War Memorial Hall, 7:30 p.m.
Aug. 25 (Friday)
West Los Angeles—Issei Trip to Laguna Art Festival, by Rick's Restaurant, 4:30 p.m.

1000 Club Report

July 14 Report: Headquarters acknowledge 59 new and renewing 1000 Club memberships during the first half of July as follows:

1st Year: Washington DC—George S. Nakao (Taiwan), Col. Paul J. Sakai, Dr. Yasuaki Takagi, San Diego—Randy Uyeda
2nd Year: Gardena Valley—Dr. Sumio Taniguchi, Dr. Hideo Yamane, Oakland—Ed M. Yokomizo
3rd Year: Alameda—Shigeo J. Sugiyama (Century Club), West Los Angeles—Mrs. Margaret H. Oshima, Milwaukee—Lawrence J. Ryan

4th Year: Salt Lake City—George J. Sakashita
5th Year: San Francisco—Dr. Lawrence T. Nakamura, New York—Shigeru Tasaka
6th Year: Alameda—Mrs. Betty Akagi, Mrs. Toshiko Katoaka, Seattle—James K. Fukuda, Watsonville—Tom Tao
7th Year: West Los Angeles—Dr. Satoru Kawata, Detroit—George Otsuji

10th Year: New York—Alfred Punakoshi, Placer County—Tom T. Matsuda
11th Year: San Francisco—Albert M. Matsumura
12th Year: Detroit—Kenneth T. Miyoshi

13th Year: Alameda—Heromaru H. Akagi, Oakland—Aakaho-chi, Gresham—Toudale, Masayuki Fujimoto, Puyallup Valley—Yosh Kawabata, Detroit—Wallace K. Kawata, Marysville—Billy T. Manji

14th Year: Berkeley—Mrs. Jean A. Nakamura, St. Louis—George N. Shimamoto
15th Year: San Diego—Shig. Nakashima, Alameda—Archie Uchiyama, Philadelphia—Dr. Warren Watanabe

17th Year: Seattle—Heitaro H. Kida, Sacramento—George I. Matsunaga, Beach Harbor—Dr. David M. Miura, West Los Angeles—George A. Okamoto

18th Year: San Francisco—Marie Kurahara, Orange County—Minoru Nitta, Milpitas Nitta, Downtown L.A.—George K. Sawayama, Contra Costa—Marvin T. Utsu, Alameda—George W. Uchiyama, Seattle—Minoru Yamaguchi

19th Year: St. Louis—George K. Akagi, Oakland—Frank David T. Hironaka, Venice—Culver—Fred Hoshizawa, Stockton—Jack Y. Matsumoto, San Diego—George S. Nakao, Mil-Columbia—Ray Sato
20th Year: Orange County—Hiroshi Nitta

21st Year: Oakland—Dr. Charles M. Ishizu, Mil-Hi—Dr. Tom K. Kobayashi
22nd Year: San Diego—Tom Kida, Philadelphia—S. John Nitta
23rd Year: Detroit—Peter Fujioaka, Clovis—T. Jean Fujita, Eden Township—Glechi Yoshitaka

24th Year: San Diego—Tom Kida, Philadelphia—S. John Nitta
25th Year: Detroit—Peter Fujioaka, Clovis—T. Jean Fujita, Eden Township—Glechi Yoshitaka

Some JACLers have maintained that the organization will not exclude the non-middle Japanese American—that the JACL will have programs for the community rather than with the community. At least on a surface level this sounds very elitist and patronizing to me.

The leadership of JACL is definitely in a position to gather resources to run programs for people. I do not question the leadership's ability to do that. But, I have to go three years back and remember the clarion call of no problems. I believe that the leadership can come up with resources for programs, but I seriously question its ability to deal with a program that they are not familiar with. Of course, the question arises that we could work together one providing resource and the other running programs. However, the issue for the disenfranchised is a decided preference for help over handouts, precisely because beggars can't be choosers.

As I said before the National Council, I am proud to have been working with what has been called the Southern California staff and the many JACLers who have actively demonstrated a broad concern for our community. I have learned a great deal, that I hope can be used by the community. With great regret, I am in good conscience, I cannot continue in my current position with the organization.

It is difficult to accept change, especially among people who once having known pain and suffering find it more comfortable to fill the stagnant mold of conservative conformity. But times are changing, as noted even by the increasing number of intermarriages. To me, it is inconceivable nor inconsistent to see the day when JACL's highest elective and paid positions are filled by the most competent, be they black, brown or white.

Perhaps this too will be a dream unfulfilled. It will be based on the changes of thinking we begin to make today. I am sure that I represent a portion of the JACL which comes of common stock, has survived incarceration, has heard the bugle's sweet sorrow for those who never came home, I am your average member whose hands have tilled in soil, who remembers to vote on election day. I am apathetic, rarely supportive and dissenting only in mumbles, after it is too late. But my anger is aroused when the better future I have not lost

CHAPTER PULSE

August Events

Milwaukee JACL picnic includes two meals

Two meals will be served during the Milwaukee JACL picnic Aug. 6 at Brown Deer Park Area 3. Admission at \$2 per adult, \$1.25 for juniors, 50 cents for children between 6 and 12, tots 5 and under free will provide chicken teriyaki, hot dogs, hamburgers, roast corn, ice cream, watermelon, refreshments as well as prizes for picnic games.

West Valley slates Obon festival Aug. 6

Hakone Garden Society and West Valley JACL co-sponsor the Obon Festival Aug. 6, 5:30-8:30 p.m., at Hakone Gardens with Mme. Mitsusa Bando and her dancers leading. Picnic dinners will be ordered at \$3 by July 31. Refreshments will be served.

July Events

Idaho Falls float wins first place for 4th time

For the fourth time, the Idaho Falls JACL float entry has again won first place and a beautiful trophy in the Civic Division of the annual 4th of July parade. Theme of the float was "Security Through Unity". Float committee consisted of Joe Akiyama, Ron Harada, George Nukaya, Gerald Mitchell, and Fred Ochi.

Omaha JACL-Jr. JACL hold annual picnic

Omaha JACL-Jr. JACL held their annual picnic on July 9 at Two Rivers State Recreation Park. Yukio Ando and Mike Oshima were co-chairmen. The youth staged the programs and games.

Scholarship

Alameda JACL boosts scholarship awards

High school graduates eligible for the annual Alameda JACL scholarship awards were reminded by Hi Akagi, chapter president, to submit their applications on or before the July 31 deadline.

Akagi said an applicant is eligible if he meets the following requirements: that he is a graduate of June 1972 class, that he is a resident of the City of Alameda, or he or his parents are chapter members, that he is of Japanese ancestry, and that he will enter college in the fall.

The awards this year have been increased to \$250 for the first prize, and \$150 for second prize.

For the first time since the competition was started 12 years ago, there were no applicants last year, according to Akagi. The 1970 contest ended in a three-way tie among David Mikami, Lenni Teruo and Gale Uchiyama.

Application forms are available from Haruo Imura, scholarship chairman, 1537 Gibbons Dr., Alameda 94501.

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from Amache. I'm certain she had much more strength and courage than most Nisei have, myself included. And am sure my Mother was no exception; I'm sure most of the Issei contributed far more than we give them credit for. My real regret is that I did not realize this until it was too late.

I sincerely hope that those Nisei who are fortunate to have Issei parents still living will be more sensitive and appreciative while they still have the opportunity.

Rededication

There is little left for one to see Amache. To some it will be a painful memory to recall. I am not ashamed for the time I spent in camp.

Alameda feasibility study to look into Issei garden

ALAMEDA, Calif. — A proposal to build a Japanese garden in a local park to honor pioneer Issei was brought one step closer to reality this week by the Alameda JACL.

According to Hi Akagi, JACL chapter president, city officials are receptive to the idea, and a feasibility study has been ordered, with Shig Imazumi in charge.

In addition, the services of Ki Nomura, well known Alameda landscape architect, have been secured to prepare a preliminary design for the garden.

Fuji pavilion

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Horikawa Restaurant in Little Tokyo opened Fuji Pavilion adjacent to Disneyland Hotel here, offering snacks and room service, dinner and take-outs featuring shrimp tempura, beef and chicken teriyaki. It is open daily from noon to 10:30 p.m.

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At 8:30 p.m. as the Colo-

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clear sky, the NBC crew film-

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Quiet, Action George Takei

Unforgettable Week-1

The impossible dream of a bare six months back when pollsters gave him only three percentage points is now an impressive reality. George McGovern is the Democratic nominee for the President of the United States. And in the process, the Democratic Party itself was reinvigorated. There is now new blood, fresh ideas and a vibrant and visible actuality to the concept of participatory democracy. Instead of the division and acrimony that was feared, a robust and unified Democratic Party came forth to offer the voters a clear and definitive choice for November.

All this emerged from four galvanic, seemingly interminable and absolutely unforgettable days known as the 1972 Democratic National Convention at Miami Beach, Florida.

Caucus Aloft

It began on Sunday, July 9 on the charter flight carrying the California delegation to Miami. It was a flight like no other. Besides the stewardesses to greet you, we had former Governor Edmund G. "Pat" Brown working his way up and down the aisle smiling a disarmingly warm welcome, folksy banter as if he were still running for office. Guess it's in his blood. He was a great and charming example of the so-called Old Politics.

But this didn't last long. Over the loudspeaker came the announcement: "The youth caucus will be meeting in the upper lounge" followed shortly by others for the Chicano caucus, Women's Caucus and Black Caucus. Since some of the Asians qualified for the youth and women's caucus, we had ours later. Even the senior citizens were talking of organizing one of their own.

With the announcements of the caucuses the plane was turned into a milling, jostling horde of people transforming themselves into their new political identity blocks. An upper middle class, middle aged, white man from our district looked so left out and alone that I called a caucus of our Congressional District just so he could feel he belonged. The New Politics does not mean exclusion even if one should be as unfashionable as to be a wealthy WASP.

Credentialed Fight

There was a charged atmosphere of vigorous communion combined with a sense of eager anticipation on the plane. But hanging over it all like an invisible pall was our concern over the Credentials Committee ruling against the California winner-take-all election unseating 151 of our 271 member delegation.

Before we were over Arizona, petitions urging various proposals as the fairest way of paring down the delegation for the first session began to circulate. Some advocated seating all 271 with fractional votes. Others espoused selection by lot with each Congressional District having a specified number of representatives. There were many variations on these basic approaches.

There was active lobbying for the proposals and some

Local Scene

Los Angeles

Conversation around the Rafu Kien Club Goh boards on Tuesday nights on the third floor of the Sun Bldg., 125 Weller St., is in English—not Japanese—as all the players are non-Japanese taking instruction from Dr. Richard Dohlen, 36, a plasma physicist who holds a 4-dan rank from Japan.

Gardena FOR (Friends of Richard) Club will hold a pancake breakfast on Sunday, July 30, 8 a.m. till noon, at the Japanese Cultural Center. Proceeds will help defray cost of the youth athletic program, especially in purchase of uniforms and equipment.

Sacramento

About 175 golfers are expected for the San Joaquin Nisei golf tournament being hosted by Sacramento Nisei Golf Club Oct. 1 at Rancho Murietta. RaRip Nishimi was appointed tournament chairman.

San Francisco

Simulcast of KGO-TV news at 11 p.m. with a Cantonese translation over KALW-FM (91.7) is being tested during the month of July-August. It began July 17. Audience response will determine whether the experimentation is to continue. The project was initiated by the Chinese Media Committee of the Chinese for Affirmative Action (CAA).

Kimochi's Issel Lounge will have a Japanese-speaking social worker, Mrs. Alice Chang, assist with old age assistance and social security matters on Mondays, 9 a.m. till noon for a trial three-month period.

A giant, "people's" mural will be painted by community children and members of Konnyaku House (a Japanese art group) on one of the buildings surrounding the Nihonmachi minipark at the corner of Sutter and Buchanan. The project is under auspices of the Museum of Art.

Gardena Sansei goes berserk, slabs himself 80 times after auto mishap

SAN PEDRO, Calif. — A 21-year-old Gardena man stabbed himself to death minutes after being involved in a San Pedro traffic accident, sheriff's deputies said.

Kenneth Akashi, 1535 W. 187th St., stabbed himself about 80 times in the chest and once in the neck, deputies said. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Investigators gave this account: Akashi was northbound on S. Western Ave. in San Pedro at about 7:15 p.m. July 17 when his car jumped the curb at Park Western Drive and sheared off a fire hydrant, creating a 40-foot water spout.

The vehicle then glanced off a telephone pole and struck the rear of a car driven by Paul V. Brock, 42, 17309 S. Denker Ave., also of Gardena.

Neither Akashi nor Brock was injured.

Akashi was helped out of his car by a passerby. After brushing himself off, he ran across a parking lot and up a

NEWS CAPSULES

Nisei Week

Shigetoshi Fujii, Gardena; Gonsaku Ito, Westminster; Mitsuyori Kawashima, Pasadena; Seikoro Murakami, No. Hollywood; and Shichiro (Sekki) Ogomori, Los Angeles are the five Issei to be honored by Nisei Week at its Pioneer luncheon Monday, Aug. 14, at Kawafuku starting at noon.

Commodore Perry Post and Sadao Munemori Post of the American Legion are taking individual and table reservations for the Nisei Week coronation ball to be held Aug. 12 at Biltmore Hotel, chairman. Cost is \$17.50 per person with valet parking service. Manny Loper and his orchestra will play while David Hartman of TV series, "The Bold Ones", will emcee.

Nisei Week Ondo practices are being held on Tuesdays and Thursdays until Aug. 10, at the Hirohata Parking Lot located on E. 2nd St. near Central Ave., according to Yoshinari Okuma, Ondo Committee Chmn. Sessions start at 7:30 p.m. and refreshments will be served to the participants. Choreographer and head instructor Mme. Mitsusa Bando reminded participants should bring a tengu (Japanese towel), sensu (folding fan) and uchiwa (Japanese fan) to practice.

Ichiro Inumaru, managing director of Imperial Hotel, was the guest speaker at the project with American investors. The old Imperial was virtually the creation of his father, who served as president of the hotel until he retired last year at age 86.

While the lobby area and huge lily pond in front of the old Imperial could be duplicated, Inumaru said the new version would probably have five stories instead of the original three, which was demolished in 1968 to make way for the new 17-story hotel.

Japanese prints on exhibit at L.A. museum

LOS ANGELES — Masterpieces by Japanese artists of the 19th century are now on display through Aug. 13 at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. This exhibition is the second in a three-part series showing the history of printmaking in Japan from the first woodblock prints of the 17th century to the graphic experiments of today.

During the 19th century the greatest achievement in the graphic arts of Japan was the development of the landscape print, according to George Kuryama, senior curator of Far Eastern art at the Museum. The themes changed from the predominant 17th and 18th century portraits of Kabuki actors and of graceful ladies of the evening to scenes of life in the countryside showing peasant folk and the delights of nature.

Hokusai and Hiroshige were two of the great artists of the period. Both turned the inherent Japanese love of nature into a flourishing production of landscapes and bird-and-flower prints.

been selected to fill the 120 unchallenged seats. There were impassioned speeches from the floor arguing that we were submitting ourselves to the same old arbitrary and dictatorial procedures of the Old Politics, that we should maintain our unity and demand the seating of all of us with fractional votes and that there was something fundamentally unfair and evil about it all.

What they were saying was all very true but I also couldn't help but feel that there was a hint of something self-serving as well as a wisp of naivete and a great deal of travel weariness mixed with all the high sounding rhetoric. By 3:30 a.m. the caucus had pretty much recognized the necessity of the decision made and had thinned out. I happened not to be one of the lucky 120. I went to bed thinking on the ironic possibility of having travelled all this distance only to watch the Convention on my hotel television set.

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but will actually emit slightly cleaner air than it takes in. Hydrogen contains no carbon and nitric oxide (a smog ingredient) has been reduced to less than 1 gram per mile or about 1/100th put out by current gasoline-fueled engines, one student designer explained. At least 75 colleges have entered in what was once the Boston-L.A. clean air car race.

Health

Dr. Hiroshi Maki, director of the Atomic Bomb Commission at Hiroshima, will attend a medical convention in Rio de Janeiro and make a brief visit in early August at Los Angeles on his way home. He is scheduled to meet with the Friends of the Atom Bomb Victims group at Los Angeles to estimate the extent of medical assistance which Hiroshima will send to treat local area victims of radiation sickness.

Minority students are gaining a first-hand look on how hospitals operate this summer under an Association of University Programs in Hospital Administration based at UCLA. Robert Narita of Long Beach is among the trainees and assigned to Doctor's Hospital.

Business

Bank of Tokyo of California promoted Venice-Culver JACLER Sam Shimoguchi, manager of the Western L.A. branch as vice-president. He joined the bank in 1964, was named assistant manager in 1967 and manager in 1970. Others promoted vice-president were: Iwao Inouye, Los Angeles; Hiroshi Miyake, Gardena; and Takenobu Nakata, Crenshaw.

Sumitomo Bank of Calif. promoted Downtown L.A. JACLER Kiyoshi Kawai to asst. mgr. and asst. v.p. of the Los Angeles office where he served for the past five years as public relations officer. James Kajloka was promoted asst. mgr. of the Sacramento office. James K. Komatsu was named public relations officer at Los Angeles; Mrs. Junko Yamane, accounting officer; San Francisco head office; and Franz Nagai, loan officer, also at the head office.

Sports

Jesse Kahuula, the Hawaiian sumoist who has been wrestling since 1964 in Japan as Takamiyama, finished with a 13-2 record to win the Nagoya summer grand tournament. His victory July 16 included a congratulatory message from President Nixon.

Ann Kiyomura of San Mateo, winner of the National Girls 18 Hard Court singles championship at Burlingame's Peninsula TC July 9 was named to the defending champion Northern California team for the national sectional tennis championships. The inter-sectionals will be played on the grass courts of the Baltimore (Md.) Country Club, July 31-August 4.

Miss Kiyomura is a hold-over from 1971's team, which defeated Florida (Chris Evert & Co.) in the finals.

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Church hit by fire

LOS ANGELES — Evergreen Baptist Church, built by the Japanese here in 1926, was hit by fire late Sunday, July 2, inflicting much smoke damage. Seven fire units required 15 minutes to check the blaze which started in back of the kitchen. The two-story educational building built after WW2 was not affected.

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Mussolini, still indelibly in the minds of many Americans as "the enemy".

Did Emperor Hirohito plan and direct World War II, as some say? Was he "used" by General MacArthur to ease and help the Occupation, then completely exonerated? Unpunished? Though he visited MacArthur to take the entire responsibility for the war, was the Emperor a "victim" of the Japanese military? Or, its commander-in-chief?

How will the American unemployed, the bankrupt, the starving react to the "symbol" of the State of Japan — the economic competitor? Might the Puerto Ricans and the Jews react? "In revenge" for the Lod Massacre? Far-fetched?

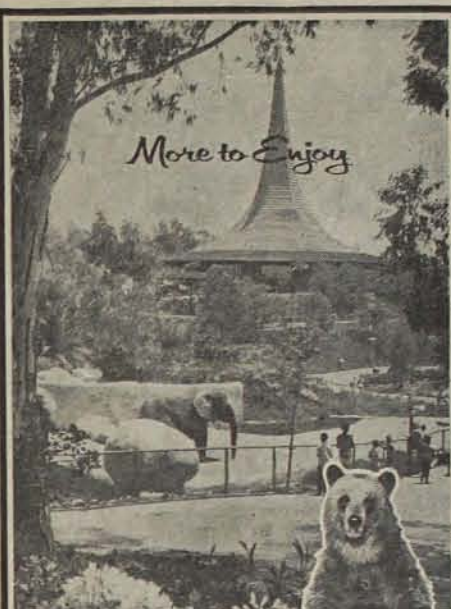
How will the Japanese in America react? Go out and wave the Japanese flag? Will a "bad press" affect Americans of Japanese ancestry? Will old wartime feelings and stereotypes be aroused? Will the press reach-back into history and re-fight World War II? Undo the good PR by the good?

Nisei? What can the Emperor's visit accomplish to improve the present "strained" relations between the U.S. and Japan? What can ceremonies do for economic and political problems? What was accomplished in President Nixon's meeting with the Emperor in Anchorage last October? Is the Emperor's trip necessary? What gains? What risks?

Will President Nixon, if he is re-elected, visit Japan? Can Nixon, the "shokku", safely, and with honor, ever visit Japan? Will Nixon's visit be cancelled like President Eisenhower's in 1960 by anti-American demonstrations?

Will Japan's "fresh, new direction" in foreign policy be better served from a visit to the U.S. by the Crown Prince Akihito and his Princess Michiko?

Is the Crown Prince and Princess a "better" symbol of New Japan? A "better" representative of the future Japan? How much more appealing for Americans to see the Crown Prince and his beautiful commoner Princess? Won't their re-visit do more good?



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