

# Oregon tax exemption for Elks held unconstitutional

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Fresno, California, will be the site of the California Tri-District JACL Conference on March 3-4, 1973.

Fresno was also the site of the recently held Central California District Council Convention. I was impressed with the variety of relevant topics discussed, ranging from the farm workers issue, JACL operational problems, to a

At Fresno, Calif.

panel discussion on the question of whether Nisei and Sansei face discrimination in big business.

The farm issue is still that; an issue. The defeat of proposition 22 (which I felt was destined to fail because of some basic union rights it would have denied farm workers) has now perpetuated an unsettling condition personally and economically destructive to farm workers and employers alike.

The Fresno Bee in its editorial on November 13 suggested a solution: bring farm workers and employers under the National Labor Relations Act, "thereby giving them the same rights and putting them under the same restraints as other workers."

I would like to know why such a measure proposed by California congressmen failed to get through Congress. Such a measure would eliminate secondary boycotting which is not permitted under the NLRA as well as guarantee farm workers the right to join any union under secret and fair election procedures.

The issue of employment discrimination in big business elicited many individual viewpoints about setting career goals early, personal values about the meaning of work, politicking in the business world (and being at the right place at the right time), personal and social qualities associated with top management positions, and the philosophy of risk-taking.

The general tone, in my opinion, seemed to reflect the impression that Nisei and Sansei may lack the 'additional intangible qualities' associated with employment in top management. They have the highly technical skills required but may need to acquire greater sophistication and skill in dealing with the political, economical and social systems affecting big business operations.

In many ways, it might be inferred that we need to become more personally involved in community organization problems that affect all persons in our communities.

What proportion of Japanese Americans aspire to top management positions?

A small survey of JA students at Fresno State University revealed a very small percentage had such goals compared with the overwhelming choice for a professional career. Comparing these results with non-JA students may give further clues as to whether Japanese Americans are less interested in top management careers. In fact, the study should be conducted in urban universities as well.

Like other district meetings that I've attended, I was impressed with the turnout and sincere concerns of delegates. But, with few exceptions, I was also distressed by the small attendance of women and Sansei who should have as much, or more, to say and contribute to these meetings.

Hopefully, the Tri-District Conference in March, 1973, will include on the agenda topics which are of particular interest to women and young people.

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## San Diego city code on jobs held illegal

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — The city attorney's office told the San Diego civil service commission its requirement that city employees must be citizens is unconstitutional for it violates the rights of resident aliens to equal protection of the laws.

Deputy city attorney Jack Katz noted the court has affirmed the rights of noncitizens to receive welfare and disability compensations and to become members of the State Bar. The opinion was rendered in response to a FEPC complaint that an alien had been turned down for work with the city.

## Chicago group supports Manzanar Comm. stand

LOS ANGELES — A petition signed by 45 Chicagoans of the newly-formed Asian American Studies Group at Roosevelt University supporting use of "concentration camp" in the Manzanar camp plaque was received this past week by Manzanar Committee, which forwarded it to the State Dept. of Parks and Recreation.

The petition was initiated after the State Historical Landmarks advisory committee rejected "concentration camp" as part of the plaque text.

PORTLAND, Ore. — A three-judge federal panel ruled Nov. 20 that Oregon state tax exemptions to the Elks lodge are unconstitutional because of their racially exclusive membership policies.

The opinion, written by senior U.S. District Judge Gus J. Solomon, was on a suit filed Nov. 17, 1971 by Clifford McGlotten, a black 26-year-old who was a teacher intern at Reed College at that time, and Michael Falkenstein, 33, a white taxpayer and real property owner.

It charged that statutory exemptions for organizations which discriminate on the basis of race or color amount to violations of the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment.

**Statutory Exemptions**

The Elks are specifically mentioned in Oregon laws as one of the fraternal groups to get exemption from property taxes. Others include:

Masonic orders, the Knights of Pythias, Knights of Columbus, Eagles, Moose, Odd Fellows, Grange, American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The judicial panel agreed. The decision is the second blow in a year to the tax

**Elk Leaders Mum**

Francis Smith, the Elks grand exalted ruler for America, of Sioux Falls, S.D., was unavailable for comment when the ruling was announced.

Martin Karant, a spokesman for the national Grand Lodge in Chicago, told The Oregonian that only Smith is authorized to officially discuss the case.

According to the Oregon Department of Revenue, the decision could obligate the Elks to pay between \$600,000 and \$800,000 annually in Oregon property taxes.

While dealing specifically with the Elks organization in Oregon, the effect of a federal court finding a state stat-

ute unconstitutional would have impact as a precedent nationally.

**Plaintiff 'Very Glad'**

Falkenstein, Clackamas County juvenile court counselor, said "I feel very good" about the opinion and suggested that it "should hold up in the appellate courts and U.S. Supreme Court."

Falkenstein thinks most persons do not understand the issue and some public education on it is badly needed.

"The issue is tax exemption in this case," he said.

"We're not attempting to tell the Elks what their policies should be. If they want to be segregationists, that's their business. But the state should not subsidize this type of philosophy in today's America."

**Ph.D. Student**

McGlotten retains his Oregon residency but lives in Oakland while studying for his doctorate in sociology at UC Berkeley. He said the three-judge panel's decision "is really wonderful, it's tremendous."

"I think it's time the federal government stopped subsidizing racism and time that powerful associations and leaders of society take an active stance against racism instead of standing by the status quo," he said.

"Oregon and the people of Portland have a better chance to do something serious about racism than people in, say, Los Angeles, where the problems of racism have gone too long," McGlotten said.

**State Is Defendant**

The defendant in the Oregon suit was the state's Department of Revenue and its director, Charles Mack. The action was filed on behalf of the plaintiffs by the American Civil Liberties Union.

In briefs, the Oregon attorney general argued that its property tax and corporate excise tax exemptions to fraternal organizations had no relationship to the organization's membership policies and therefore could not be construed as encouraging or fostering racial discrimination, as in the case of the Elks.

Property tax exemption for fraternal groups which are involved in charitable activities has been a part of Oregon law since territorial days.

The argument has been that since they practice charitable activities they shouldn't be forced to pay property taxes.

Solomon, however, held that a "symbiotic relationship" exists between the state and fraternal organizations.

"... Tax exemptions for fraternal organizations benefit both the state and the organizations. Oregon relieves fraternal organizations from the burden of property and corporate excise taxes and, in return, the public benefits from the charitable and benevolent activities of these organizations," Solomon said.

**Moose Lodge Case**

He said the tax exemption issue presents a different situation than that which existed when a U.S. Supreme Court ruling upheld the right of Pennsylvania to grant a liquor license to a Moose lodge which practiced discrimination.

Solomon said the basis for exempting fraternal organizations from paying taxes is to provide support of an activity in its own interests.

"These mutual benefits constitute a degree of state involvement in discriminatory activity that the 14th Amendment prohibits," Solomon said.

Other judges sitting on the panel were Senior Circuit Judges Fred J. Hamley of San Francisco and Fred M. Taylor of Boise, Idaho.

—The Oregonian

**Dec. 26 Deadline**

The chapters have until Dec. 26 to respond to whether the original resolution presented by the Northern California-Western Nevada District Council at the last national convention shall be ratified.

How JACL can raise the funds has been a major contention in the current bid to have the resolution adopted.

Frank A. Iwama, national vice-president (general operations), who heads the Headquarters Site Committee, reported his committee members had mixed reactions to the proposal. The majority favored San Francisco as the site and for the construction of a JACL office building. They were Ross Harano (MDC), Tomio Moriguchi (PNWDC), George Yamasaki Jr. (NC-WNDC) and Fred Hirasuna (CCDC).

**Question Moot**

The PSWDC member, Dr. Roy Nishikawa, felt the issue of "where" headquarters site resolution, determined that leasing about 3,000 square feet would cost nearly \$200,000 during the first ten years; whereas construction of a building (4,200 gross sq. ft.), lot and related costs amounted to about \$153,000. And as a form of capital investment, its value is likely to appreciate in time.

Shig Sugiyama, who headed the Headquarters Site committee during the plan-

ning stage, spearheaded the activity to have Headquarters retained in San Francisco after it appeared Los Angeles had been recommended by the National Board at the 1970 national convention as site — specifically in the Little Tokyo Community and Cultural Center, which is still in the planning stage.

For lack of a national council action, Sugiyama and the NC-WNDC raised the question at the 1972 national convention to settle the issue.

**DC Governors**

PNWDC Gov. Dr. James Watanabe said his chapters were in favor of the office building at San Francisco, though some reservations were expressed as to cost, suggesting JACL get out of the "high rent" district.

Sugiyama noted that his committee was considering a 34 x 87½ ft. lot on Sutter St. in the Nihonmachi Redevelopment Project, which could be acquired at about \$100,000 though the actual market value of the property is four times more.

EDC Gov. Grace Ueyehara remarked her chapters felt the permanent site should be selected in terms of future purposes and goals of JACL, explaining that if national were to stress the federal aspects their site preference was for Washington, D.C. But the Washington, D.C. chapter recommended headquarters be kept at San Francisco until a more thorough study were made.

ICC Gov. Shake Ushio said his district would support whatever project that would benefit JACL as a whole. Earlier, some IDC chapters urged NC-WNDC take on the project as a district and then lease space to National if such were feasible.

**Tap Endowment Fund**

CCDC Gov. Fred Hirasuna said his district favored the NC-WNDC resolution and further proposed the Endowment Fund be tapped and JACL reimburse the fund as rental a net sum equivalent to a 6% return on its investment. CCDC sees the building as a proper investment.

PSWDC Gov. Helen Kawana feared the task of raising funds, noting that when the National Council failed to raise dues to meet the budget, and that asking the membership to pay for a new office building was unrealistic.

Since these comments, however, separate actions have been taken by the district councils. The Pacific Northwest has approved the resolution at its October session. But the Eastern District has not — being against the idea of a "fixed headquarters site."

**Chapters being asked: Do you like it?**

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**Ground Floor**

Library & Conference room  
Lobby  
Display  
Entry Court  
Office  
Sutter St.

**Second Floor**

Mail, File, Machine, and Storage room  
Pantry  
Office  
Clerical Staff

**Third Floor**

Professional Staff  
Secretary  
Waiting  
Asst. Director  
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By HARRY K. HONDA  
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## 200 Asians, blacks, Chicanos, Indians, whites march for low-cost housing

By DICK CLEVER  
Post-Intelligencer

SEATTLE — A contingent of Asians and their multi-racial backers was told Nov. 14 by federal officials that the government has no money at the present for low-income housing in the International District.

"Let me explain how the system works," Marshall Majors kept saying. He's Seattle director for the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

"Runaround!" a youth shouted.

The group of nearly 200 Asians, blacks, Chicanos, Indians and whites marched from Chinatown, past the King Street Station, where they paused to hear the proposed, domed stadium denounced, and on to the HUD offices at the Arcade Plaza Building.

**Stall Construction**

They were trying to track down money. They had been told by the city that HUD had refused to release funds for rent subsidies, new construction or rehabilitation within the International District boundaries.

Young Asian activists, with the support of older members of the community, have fought to stall construction of the domed stadium at the edge of Chinatown until some plans emerge for the protection of lifestyles there.

They felt HUD gave them the "runaround." But they did agree to Major's offer of a meeting including himself, regional HUD officials and Mayor Wes Uhlman, "if the mayor is willing."

The discussions seemed to evolve into a kind of shell game, with money being the pea. What the Asians were told was essentially this:

There is no money right now for subsidized housing projects. But, even if there were, we have no application before us making a formal request for Chinatown projects. These things should be processed through the city.

Asian spokesmen: But the city tells us that funds are frozen and that there's no point in filing an application unless the money is there in the first place.

The HUD officials, including Majors, Regional Director Oscar Pederson, Operations Director Andrew Hess and others were grim-faced but attentive as the small hearings room filled to overflowing with sign-carrying marchers.

**'Highly Desirable'**

"Forty years ago, people were segregated into the International District and forgotten," said Bob Santos, of the International District Improvement Association (INDIRA). "Now that the land has become highly desirable, they want to turn us out."

**'GUILTY' DOCUMENTARY AVAILABLE AS RENTAL**

NEW YORK — The 55-minute NBC Reports on Evacuation, "Guilty by Reason of Race," which takes a hard look back at the views and emotions surrounding the wartime Japanese American experience, is now available to the community from various rental libraries.

For rental information, call on the following university film libraries:

Albany, Arizona State, Arizona, Colorado, Florida State, South Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kent State, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Oregon State, Pennsylvania State, South Carolina, South Dakota State, Utah, Central Washington State, Wisconsin.

The NBC Educational Enterprise purchase price is \$500.

The essence of education is overcoming difficulty.—Alain

## Hawaii AJAs and people in Japan hold similar attitudes, differ in others

HONOLULU — Japanese Americans in Hawaii hold many similar attitudes and values in comparison to people in Japan, but differ significantly in their views on religion, democracy and the importance of money.

Authors of the study note, however, that the survey was taken three years earlier in Japan than in Honolulu, and that the time lag between the two surveys probably influenced some of the responses.

The survey was conducted by Dr. Yasumasa Kuroda, associate professor of political science at the Univ. of Hawaii; Kikuo Nomoto of the National Institute of Japanese Language in Tokyo; and Tatsuhiro Suzuki of the Institute of Statistical Mathematics in Tokyo.

**Character Survey**

The survey questions were drawn from the 1968 Japanese National Character Study, a survey taken in Japan every five years since 1953. This made it possible to compare the attitudes and values of the people of Japan with those of Japanese Americans in Hawaii.

A systematic random sample of 477 respondents in Honolulu completed the questionnaire used in the survey last year. Names were drawn from the list of registered voters. More than 40 questions in five general categories

were included in the questionnaire.

The researchers reported earlier this year that two-thirds of the Japanese Americans indicated they were religious, stating a preference for Buddhism or Christianity. The percentage was reversed when the same question was asked in Japan in 1968.

**Not Money-Minded**

The researchers also indicate that the results seem to deny the popular conception that Americans are money-minded and materialistic, or at least that the concept cannot be applied to Japanese Americans.

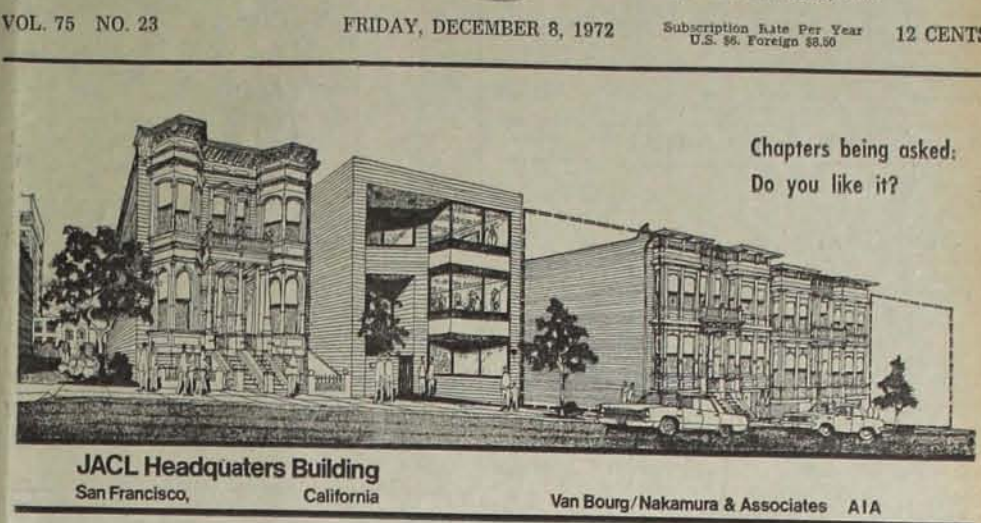
In 1968, 57 per cent of the Japanese believed in teaching their children of elementary school age that money is the most important thing. But in 1971, only 13 per cent of the Japanese Americans supported this view, and 84 per cent disagreed with it.

Kuroda suggests that the affluent condition of Japanese Americans is responsible for the difference in attitudes between the two groups.

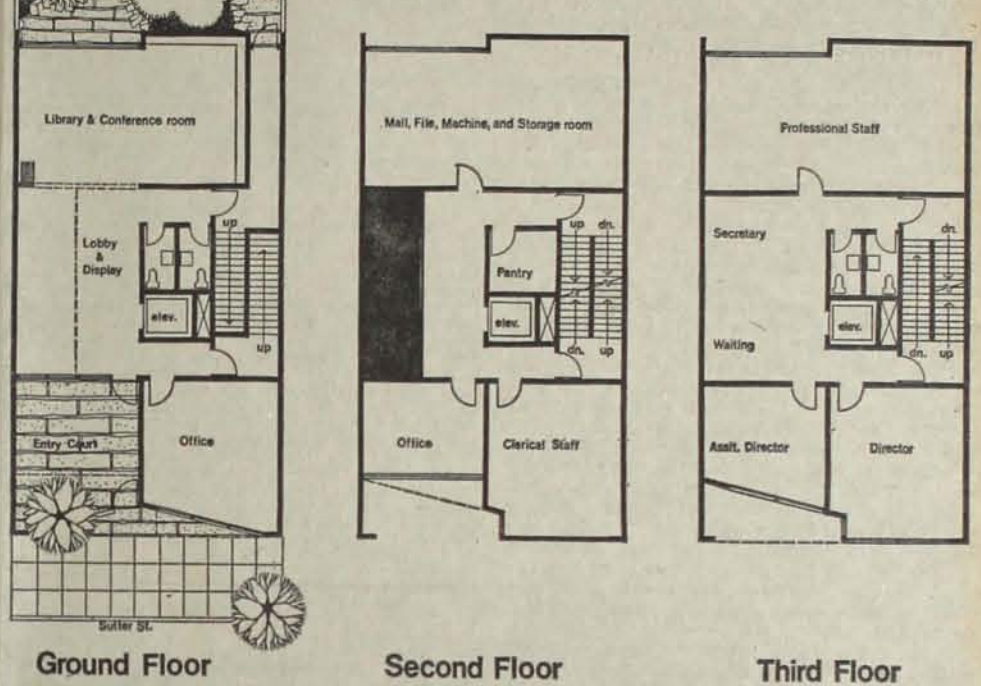
**Politics**

When asked what they thought of democracy, 75 per cent of the Japanese Americans responded favorably to the political concept, but only 38 per cent of the people in Japan reacted favorably.

Attitudes on capitalism, liberalism and socialism were similar for both groups.



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San Francisco, California  
Van Bourg/Nakamura & Associates AIA



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**HOLIDAY ISSUE 1972 BOXSCORE**

Display Ads  
1971 Total: 6,028\*

As of Dec. 31, 4,722\*

Alameda ... 160 Salinas ... 320  
Arizona ... 5 San Benito ... 3  
Berkeley ... 240 San Diego ... 240  
Chicago ... 1120 San Fran ... 240  
Col-Bus ... 6 S. Fern V ... 60  
Contra Costa ... 8 S. Gab V ... 57  
Delano ... 80 Seabrook ... 160  
Detroit ... 30 Seaside ... 48  
DTLA ... 160 Salinas ... 6  
East L.A. ... 320 Sonoma Cty ... 9  
Fr Camp ... 160 Stockton ... 160  
Fresno ... 160 Twin Cities ... 6  
Gardena ... 220 Wash. DC ... 160  
Gr. Pas ... 4 Watsonville ... 160  
Liv-Merced ... 2 West L.A. ... 160  
Marysville ... 4  
Monterey P ... 160 Eastern DC ... 4  
Mt. Olymp ... 11 IDC ... 6  
Omaha ... 3 S. Sub ... 4  
Pasadena ... 11 NC-WNDC ... 20  
Phila ... 31 PSWDC ... 20  
Puyallup V ... 30 "Bulk-Rate"  
Reno ... 6  
Riverside ... 6 EC Ad Dp 30%  
Sacramento ... 160 PC Office ... 81

**One Liners**

1971 Total: 513 Names  
As of Dec. 31: 444 Names

Arizona ... 20 Phila ... 20  
Cleveland ... 40 Puyallup V ... 45  
Cortez ... 15 Riverside ... 48  
Dayton ... 15 St. Louis ... 14  
Gr-Trent ... 43 San Benito ... 20  
Liv-Merced ... 3 Spokane ... 19  
Marquette ... 14 Twin Cities ... 22  
Mt. Olymp ... 24 Van-Cul ... 24  
Omaha ... 17 White River ... 4  
Pasadena ... 21









Bill Hosokawa

## From the Frying Pan

Honolulu, Hawaii

**LOVE OF THE ISLANDS**—There is a passage in Senator Dan Inouye's biography, "Journey to Washington," in which he describes his growing interest in politics. He and Capt. Sakae Takahashi were among wounded soldiers convalescing, and they spent long hours talking about their future as Nisei and as Americans. It was as a result of these talks that Inouye came to believe the time had come for the Nisei to step forward, to put aside any sense of inferiority. "We wanted to take our full place in society," he writes, "to make the greatest contribution of which we were capable, not for Hawaii's Japanese Americans, but for Hawaii."

These words came to mind again as we made a quick tour of the State Capitol here in the company of Sohei Yamate, an investment broker who stands tall in Nisei veterans circles. Many of the names on the doors of the offices of state senators and representatives bespeak of Japanese ancestry. On the top floor, directly across the open court from Gov. John A. Burns' quarters, is the office of his lieutenant governor, George Ariyoshi.

Yamate's peculiar brand of magic opened doors even on a few minute's notice. Ariyoshi joined us in his conference room. He is a tall man, well over six feet, with dark brooding brows. Lincolnesque is the apt word that has been used to describe him. Ariyoshi told how his father was so attracted to Hawaii that he jumped ship and found a job as a stevedore. He insisted that his son George get an education. When George came back to Hawaii with a law degree from Michigan, he complained to his friend John Burns of the inequities facing minorities, and Burns urged him to run for public office as the best way to right these wrongs. Ariyoshi served in both the state house of representatives and the senate before Governor Burns tapped him for his running mate two years ago. There is much conjecture that if Burns chooses not to run again for governor, Ariyoshi will be his choice as his successor.

"We grew up in these islands," Ariyoshi says. "We helped develop them. We love these islands. We won't stand by and see them exploited by selfish interests."

Earlier, Governor Burns had stopped by his press secretary's office to say howdy to us, recalling a previous meeting in Denver. Inouye relates in his book that Burns stuck his neck out for the Nisei in World War II when he was a police captain, and calls him "my political godfather." The book also tells how Prof. Seishiro Okazaki worked for hours at a time massaging Mrs. Burns' polio-paralyzed legs when she was expecting a baby. The son was named James Seishiro Burns.

Before visiting the Capitol Yamate took me by the Iolani Sportswear plant where Keiji Kawakami holds forth. He is the new breed of entrepreneur, smart, sharp, progressive and acutely aware of a businessman's responsibilities to society. Some time ago, Yamate said, Kawakami gave his employees the downtown building that houses his plant, and now he leases it from them. Men and women of some 15 ethnic backgrounds work for his firm. Kawakami's designer, the person he gives much credit for the firm's success, is Kiyomi Hirose, wife of Halo Hirose, the famous swimmer.

Yamate tells how Kawakami was elected to the board of the austere Bank of Hawaii. As the docile "house Jap" he was expected to be seen but not heard, but before long he was stirring up that conservative old firm with progressive ideas, not the least of which was that aloha shirts would be acceptable dress at board meetings. Only recently Kawakami returned from Bucharest where he represented the U.S. in a conference to study the future of man in the 20th century.

There are, Yamate assured us, many, many other Nisei in Hawaii who, working through the Establishment, have attained places of influence and power which they are using to better the lives of all those who live in the Islands. Some day we'd like to come back and get to know more of them.

## CHARGE ABC-TV FIRED NISEI DUE TO RACE AND AGE

Art Director Wins  
Initial Round at  
State Hearing

By JOE OYAMA

(Special to The Pacific Citizen)  
NEW YORK — Byron Goto, former ABC-TV art director of the Howard K. Smith News Analysis program and the Winston Churchill series with Richard Burton, won his first rounds with the New York State Human Rights Commission last week (Nov. 28) against ABC-TV on charges of having lost his job on the basis of race and age.

A native of Hawaii and a 17-year employee of ABC-TV, Goto started his career at ABC-TV doing designs for U.S. Steel and Elgin Playhouse. He had also designed the ABC International logo and the majority of ABC's album covers.

He lost his job in the economy shuffle of last January 1971 and was the only one in his department to lose a job. He had only eleven months to go before qualifying for a full pension.

'Felt Insulted'

Said Goto, "I was the only creative one (in the department). Eliminating me in terms of economy I felt insulted." He said that he felt insulted because of "all those non-creative people laying me off." In the confrontation with ABC officials at the Human Rights hearing he was told that his job was terminated because he was an illustrator when all along he had been doing design and even film work.

Goto continued, "I would like to see it through in a bigger sense... If it's morally wrong, there should be remedial legislation. Something more positive to come from it."

The government should legislate "higher severance pay if they are going to lay you off. Then they (the company) will think twice before laying you off. This would be protection for the workers—like teachers have tenure. The guys not in the unions get ripped off!"

Two-Year Back Pay

The Human Rights Commission has directed a letter to ABC-TV to reimburse Goto for 2 years back pay and pension.

When Goto lost his job, Goto said, "ABC-TV gave me a severance pay and such a good resume that I said, 'If my resume is so good, why don't you hire me back?'"

Gifted with a flair for originality, and dramatics, Goto appeared before the Human Rights Commission with placards with his pen and ink cartoons on them accusing ABC-TV of racism like the ILGWU "Made in Japan" posters.

Paintings Sold

This summer Goto has successfully sold his oils in Hawaii and is working with videotape. He said that he had to sell his paintings to supplement his living.

Goto has previously written to the former Congressman from his district (now deceased) William S. Ryan, current Congressman who replaced Ryan — Bella Abzug, and to the Congressional delegate from Hawaii—Hiram Fong, Daniel Inouye, Spark Matsunaga and Patsy Mink to enlist their support.

If ABC-TV rejects the Human Rights Commission's proposal for reconciliation, the charges may be taken into court.



**CENTRAL CAL**—Appearance of elder statesmen in JACL at the recent Central California District Convention in Fresno was auspicious in that three JACL founders, George Togasaki (at left), Saburo Kido and Dr. Tom T. Yatabe, met for the first time together in years. George Inagaki

(at right), wartime JACL staff and later national president, and Kido were special convention guests. Togasaki, active with the Rotary Foundation and visiting the west coast that weekend, has returned to his home in Tokyo.

## 'American' Nisei lived pre-WW2 in Davao

By J. E. CUNNINGHAM  
Honolulu Advertiser

**DAVAO, Philippines** — The Japanese are coming back these days to what was known in the 1930s as "Davaokuo," or "Little Tokyo of the Philippines."

Now they come as buyers of bananas, logs and cement—or, increasingly, in the uniform of the tourist.

When they made up a major ethnic collectivity here before World War II, they were plantation operators, fishermen, technicians, workers, shopkeepers, hotel operators and even professional men.

Prewar Picture

A Japanese community of more than 25,000 ran or supported the inns, barber shops and general stores lining the major commercial avenues of San Pedro Street and Santa Ana Street (now Ramon Mag-saysay Boulevard, after the late Philippines president).

These rows of enterprises are busier than ever today because the population of this principal "Deep South" port city has mushroomed to 750,000.

But the businesses now bear no Japanese names. Most of them carry Chinese identifications or those of Filipinos. Some have come to be Indian, Syrian and Lebanese.

Liberation Day

The Japanese, of course, went out when American forces liberated Davao on May 5, 1945.

Actually, some of the civilian Japanese residents went back to the homeland after their country's military took over here on Dec. 20, 1941.

Most, however, are reported to have behaved very differently from the Nisei in Hawaii. Filipino historians say the Japanese in Davao knew what was coming and were ready to be incorporated into the Imperial Army as soon as Admiral Shiroya arrived to take command in this part of the Philippines.

Postwar Picture

While the structures themselves no longer bear Japanese names, many of the warehouses, residences and store buildings built by the prewar Japanese still stand. The houses, elevated from traditional single-story dwellings

nel 2 are looking for Asian American contestants. Ap- of the CBS-TV game show, "The Joker's Wild", airing weekdays at 9 a.m. on Chan-

to two-story homes by officers of the Japanese occupation, are now occupied by middle-income Filipino families.

Old-time Davao residents are still bitter about the Japanese occupation. Besides the humiliations which went with it, they seem to have resented particularly the prompt opening by the Japanese of a red-light district along Tomas Claudio Street.

But the current generation, born during or after the war, accept the Japanese and American tourist alike.

Present Economy

Davao is a melting pot where 80 per cent of the present residents are migrants from other parts of the Philippines or abroad. They speak a dozen dialects and a half-dozen foreign languages. The cornerstone of the

economy is growing bananas for the Japanese market. Owned by Hawaii's Castle & Cooke, the Standard (Phil) Fruit Corp. set things in motion only four years ago when it landed the first shipment of green giant Cavendish bananas in Yokohama.

Already bananas have taken over from falling abaca and ramie fiber as Davao's prime cash crop. These three provinces of Mindanao now supply 30 per cent of Japan's total banana imports and hope to achieve 70 per cent when Taiwan is cut out of the market by Tokyo's accord with Peking.

'Filipino' Samsel

An interesting sidelight on prewar Davao is that it was a place where Japanese and Chinese intermarried. That comes from a good authority, 27-year-old Vita Sachico Tan

## Evaluation system on job promotions in L.A. Water & Power under scrutiny

**LOS ANGELES** — To prevent possible racial bias in job evaluations, the Los Angeles City Employees Asian American Association executive board unanimously approved Nov. 8 a resolution that the City's Water and Power Department "shall have an objective evaluation standard which shall be publicized and applied equally in promotions of personnel." It was revealed by Les Hamasaki, president.

The immediate background involves the high percentage of Asian American senior electrical engineering draftsmen appointed through civil service examinations contrasted with the low numbers of "checkers," filled by supervisory assignment rather than examination.

The method of checkers selection is "subjective," the Executive Board concluded and its resolution asks for an evaluation process by which the merits of candidates can be observably compared.

Roy Fong and Hiroshi Yoshida had been appointed senior electrical engineering draftsmen at Water and Power through civil service examinations in 1957. They are now in the electrical group of power drafting in design and construction at Water and Power. They have since June of 1970 occasionally acted as temporary checkers, and had been ranked No. 3 and No. 4 on the length of service list for checker. Yet on two occasions they have been bypassed by men who ranked below them.

"It is not knowing evaluation standards applied to us which leaves in doubt the selection process," Fong and Yoshida declared to the Asian American Association. In agreeing with them, the Executive Board's action called for "objective evaluation standards which shall be publicized... to remove the possibility of racial or other unreasonable discrimination in arbitrary selections by supervisors."

## Nonprofit group seeks stay of Oregon Elk ruling

**PORTLAND, Ore.**—The Oregon Non-Profit Organizations, Inc. (ONPO) said it would ask the U.S. Supreme Court to stay the lower court ruling which declared tax exemptions for Elk lodges in Oregon unconstitutional.

The motion is based on an appeal which seeks to give the Elks "intervenor status" in the case and presently pending before the high court. Although the state, defendant in the McGlotten-Falkenstein case, had asked the Portland Elk Lodge 142 to act as intervenor in the case before it began, the lodge refused to do so at the time but later decided to seek intervenor status and was turned down by the federal court.

The Elks have appealed that decision to the U.S. Supreme Court ONPO executive secretary Charles Maylender said his group represents a large number of nonprofit organizations, including the Elks, Moose, Eagles, Knights of Columbus, Masonic orders, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign War, athletic clubs, city and country clubs.

While the Oregon legislature will be asked in January to determine the interpretation given the tax exemption ruling, Maylender fears the court opinion may include all forms of discrimination.

"Every one of those nonprofit groups restricts its membership in one way or another, whether race, sex, national origin or whatever. The Legislature might place all of them on the tax roll, from boys' camps to women's clubs," he said.

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## CHAPTER PULSE

### Installation



Robert Matsui

### Florin JACL installation dinner set for Dec. 9

Florin JACL will install its 1973 chapter officers on Saturday, Dec. 9, 6:30 p.m., at the Gold Medallion Restaurant in the State Fairgrounds. Sacramento City Councilman Robert Matsui was announced as the guest speaker.

### December Events

#### Eden Township set for Yule treat

The 24th annual Christmas party, sponsored by the Eden Township JACL, will be held Dec. 9, 7:30 p.m., at the Eden Japanese Community Center, 710 Elgin St., San Lorenzo. Mrs. George Minami, chairman, will be assisted by Mesdames Sam Kawahara, Masao Yokota, George Nomura, John Grabanski and Harry Kurotori. The children will present a talent show for the evening's entertainment, highlighted by the arrival of Santa Claus with distribution of gifts.

#### San Jose to sponsor New Year's Eve fete

San Jose JACL will celebrate New Year's Eve with a dinner-dance, Dec. 31, 6:30 p.m., at the Hyatt House Mediterranean Room. Dinner will be served from 7:30 with dancing following from 9. Tickets are \$10 per person for the dinner-dance, \$10 per couple or single for the dance only. Reservations are being accepted by Dale Sasaki (734-2360), Phil Matsumura (258-4400) and Grant Shimizu (297-2088).

#### Long Beach to continue Japan film series

The "100 Flowers Movement" of the Long Beach Harbor JACL is planning a continuing Japanese film series for 1973 in the Long Beach community. By securing and screening recent and quality Japanese films, it hopes to create a regular, year-long activity for the benefit of a larger segment of the community. The series began Dec. 2, with Yasunari Ozu's "Tokyo Story" at the Stephens Junior High School auditorium. An added feature on the program was a unique slide showing, "Takata Story: A Long Beach Girl," which honors this year's Miss Harbor, Patty Takata. The presentation was filmed and produced by the "100 Flowers Film Collective" — friends and members of the JACL board, with the assistance of family and friends of Miss Takata. "The ultimate aim of the group was to attempt to capture — on film — the essence of the Takata family and its role in the development of one of the Long Beach Harbor area's most lovely and warm community representatives," collective spokesmen said. A regular schedule of films will be appearing in the shops of local merchants in the Westside Long Beach area as well as in local community publications.

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## CALENDAR

Dec. 9 (Saturday)  
Florin—Inst. dnr, Gold Medallion Restaurant, State Fairgrounds, 6:30 p.m.; Sacramento City Councilman Robert Matsui, speaker. Eden Township—Christmas party, Eden Japanese Community Ctr., 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 10 (Sunday)  
Bismarck—Christmas Party at Ice, Redwood Empire Ice Arena, 3-6:30 p.m. Sequoia—Golf tournament, Palo Alto course. Philadelphia—Christmas party, Cherry Hill Mall Comm Rm., 2-7 p.m. Milwaukee—Christmas party. Dec. 11 (Monday)  
Alameda—Bd Mtg., Buena Vista United Methodist Church, 7:30 p.m. West Los Angeles—Bd Mtg. (Old & New). Dec. 12 (Tuesday)  
San Mateo—Bd Mtg., Sturge Presbyterian Church, 8 p.m. Dec. 13 (Wednesday)  
San Diego—Credit Union bd. dnr, Shanghai Restaurant, La Jolla, 7 p.m. Dec. 14 (Saturday)  
Arizona—Christmas party, 81. Louisville—Christmas party. Dec. 15 (Sunday)  
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## L.A. PLANNING COMMISSION DELAY VOTE ON SAWTELLE BLVD. WIDENING

By REED MCCLURE  
(Evening Outlook)

LOS ANGELES — A delegation of West Los Angeles residents recently (Nov. 16) protested plans to widen a portion of Sawtelle Blvd. through the neighborhood, claiming it would destroy the Japanese community living there.

They asked the Los Angeles City Planning Commission to eliminate the "secondary highway" designation on a segment of Sawtelle and thus kill a pending project to widen the street to four lanes between Olympic Blvd. and Mississippi Ave. within the next five years.

Commissioners, holding another session on the proposed West Los Angeles Community Plan before more than 200 persons, postponed a vote on the proposal until Jan. 4—at the earliest.

Only four of the five commissioners were present. The voting strength was reduced to three members when Commissioner Elizabeth K. Armstrong abstained because her husband has a building materials business on Sawtelle.

Meanwhile, the commission was told by staff planner Nancy Leathers that the controversial plan is being watered down because of the state Supreme Court's Sept. 22 decision in the "Klopping vs. Whittier" case.

### Watered Down

The court held in Klopping that a city may be liable for damages if "precondemnation publicity" devalues private property.

As a result of the decision, a number of proposed future streets in the Century City area are being eliminated from the plan's map.

The Sawtelle issue was not discussed during formal hearings on the plan earlier this year. The hearing technically was ended July 27.

District Councilman Marvin Braude asked the commission to reconsider the Sawtelle

protest at the request of the Sawtelle Businessmen's and Property Owners Association. Protecting the widening of Sawtelle was Mrs. Toy Kane-gai, past president of the West Los Angeles JACL.

### Japanese Gains

She said widening of the street would destroy gains made by members of the Japanese American community since they returned to West Los Angeles after being incarcerated in World War II relocation camps.

Mrs. Kane-gai also charged at the Van Nuys meeting that "Century City" is trying to take all the business away from West Los Angeles-Sawtelle.

A fully improved secondary highway has 66 feet of pavement within an 86-foot-wide dedication.

Planner Thomas Stemnock said Sawtelle between Ohio Ave. and Olympic is about 40 feet wide within a dedication ranging in width from 60 to 73 feet. The roadway and dedication is wider to the south.

### Widening Questioned

Stemnock said added capacity is needed to handle increasing traffic on Sawtelle.

But Commissioner David S. Moir questioned the need for widening Sawtelle. "It runs parallel to Sepulveda Blvd. and the San Diego Freeway. I don't think it would carry many vehicles," he said.

Also appearing before the commission was Councilman Edmund D. Edelman. He said residents in the Cheviot Hills area were concerned that commissioners may reverse themselves and revive some previously rejected street widening plans.

Edelman said he will insist that the city "preserve the residential character of the community just to the south of Century City."

Moir and Commissioner President Stanley Diller assured Edelman they don't plan to reverse themselves.

## Yukiko Irwin—

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There were marital difficulties and a Japanese divorce. She came back to New York in 1961, working for a time for a Japanese investment firm.

### Research on Grandfather

She has spent much time and travel doing research on her grandfather's life.

With University of Pennsylvania professor Hilary Conroy, she has produced one essay in a new book called "East Across the Pacific," a series of essays about Japanese immigrants. It details her grandfather's pivotal role in the movement of Japanese to Hawaii at the end of the 19th century.

"My grandfather did more for Japan than Townsend Harris or Commodore Perry," she says, "but his name is very obscure. I want to put his name in its place in Japanese-American history."

### East and West Linkage

"I am in the process of writing a sort of autobiography," she says, "telling how I have come to terms with myself, especially now that East and West are so much closer. My families are sort of pioneers in this area, and I want to write it down for people who might go through this in the future."

As part of her instinctive bridging of two cultures, Yukiko Irwin practices Shinto. She has a Shinto license from the Japanese government and a massage license from the state of New York.

Several Manhattan doctors refer patients to her, and she won't treat anyone without a referral.

Shinto was originated about 40 years ago. Pressure is put on the same points as in acupuncture, but needles are never used.

Yukiko learned Shinto in Japan from a man who was treating her aunt for migraine headaches.

"I never thought I would do it as a profession," she says. "It's so tiring."

### Healing Art of Shinto

Doctors send her people suffering from rheumatism, muscle spasms, migraine headaches and nervous tension. For a while, she worked

## Dr. Kieler—

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The need is to help communities not to use them for scholarly articles which directly benefits the author and indirectly the subjects themselves. A study that can directly help ethnic groups requires a change in the scholar's personal perspective. But such a changed perspective is least likely to be funded for grants are given through judgments made by traditional scholars who are intent upon continuing the traditional perspective.

So the door is not as open as one thinks, Hirabayashi concluded.

The discussion portion of the evening went on for over 2 hours. A fair report would be very lengthy. If anyone is interested in learning more about what went on, a 3-hour long tape (cassette) was made and is available by writing to: SPJAS, Post Office Box 99445, San Francisco, 94109.



**FUKUSHIMA SCHOLARSHIP**—Kiyoshi Nishimura (center) of Tokyo and James West (currently attending Colgate Rochester School of Divinity in New York) were recipients of the first annual Joseph K. Fukushima Memorial Scholarship of \$300 each. At left is Mrs. J. K. Fukushima. At right is Terry T. Hino, Montebello Plymouth Congregational Church board of trustees chairman, who announced the awards reserved for students in the Christian ministry. Mr. Nishimura, who will enroll at Claremont School of Theology in February, is interim Issei minister at the Montebello church.

## CLIFF & GEORGE NAKAMURA

### Past presidents pen pact to propagate new strain of Red Delicious apple

HOOD RIVER, Ore. — Cliff and George Nakamura, brothers who are both past presidents of the Mid-Columbia JACL Chapter, signed agreements in November with two large northwest nurseries, Carlton Nursery of Forest Grove, Ore., and Columbia and Okanagan Nursery of Wenatchee, Wash., to propagate and sell a newly patented Red Delicious apple strain.

The discovery of the new apple strain was made over nine years ago on July 12, 1963 by Cliff Nakamura and his mother on one of three orchards owned by Cliff and George.

After many years of propagating and testing the new strain, a patent was applied for and it was issued on May 23, 1972. The patent is good for 17 years.

The brothers are partners in growing apples, pears and cherries which are marketed through Diamond Fruit Growers, a multi-million dollar fruit cooperative. Although Cliff and George are primarily

fruit growers and have been for over twenty years, they have also been nursery representatives since 1956.

Since Cliff sells for Carlton Nursery and George for Columbia and Okanagan Nursery, the rights to propagate and sell the newly patented apple called the "Classic" were given to the two nurseries which will collect royalties on each tree sold for the two brothers.

The first trees will be available in 1974 and hopefully, the tree sales will increase each succeeding year and the income from royalties will partly or fully finance college educations for the three children of each brother.

**'Tokeki' doomed for new high-rise**

TOKYO — Tokyo Gekijo, one of Tokyo's most popular theaters where kabuki plays and western movies, such as "Shame" and "The Alamo" made record long runs, will soon close, due to a business slump.

Built in Tsukiji in 1930, it was remodeled in 1951 into one of the leading road show houses for foreign movies.

Shochiku Co., which owns the theater complex, is planning to construct a 16-story building at the site. It plans to close the theater at the end of this month.

Nisei military personnel and civilian employees of the U.S. government who were stationed in Tokyo during the Occupation days may recall the "Tokeki" as the place where the "pan pan girls" held sway at night.

They may also recall the theater as being the place where the Japanese military was said to have had hundreds of workers making giant balloons which were to have carried incendiary bombs to the west coast of the United States in the waning days of World War II.

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By CROCKER SNOW JR.

The writer is chief of the Boston Globe's Asia Bureau.

NAOETSU, Japan — Getting in an auto accident in Japan may tell almost as much about the character and customs of this remarkable island country as Ruth Benedict's standard reference work, "The Chrysanthemum and the Sword."

It reveals Japan's peculiar mode of efficiency, bureaucracy, a social responsibility and sense of grace. At least that's what it revealed to me and my family following a near tragic accident outside a little shipping port of 40,000 some 150 miles northwest of Tokyo (in Niigata-ken).

The fault — to make it perfectly clear — lay in this corner alone, without qualification. In this case, on a family sightseeing excursion along the Sea of Japan coastline, we missed a hard-to-see stop sign on a back country road at the edge of a village and were creamed broadside by an oncoming truck.

The upshot was a nearly totally wrecked car, three screaming and bleeding young sons who, by the grace of God, needed a total of just seven stitches between them to close some mean looking head wounds, a terrified cat who had just come through the enervating (for her) experience of a climb up Mt. Fuji, a rattled farmer whose old house was the final backstop for our careening car, and a distraught but uninjured teenage truck driver.

### All Under Control

All was under control, literally, in a matter of minutes. Villagers materialized instantly to help wrench open the car doors and carry the children to a village health clinic just around the corner. There a doctor-nurse team stemmed the spouts of blood, checked for major injuries and otherwise overcame the initial medical panic.

Within five minutes of the collision, police were on the scene, taking pictures, chalk-ing the accident outline, exchanging papers and clearing up the debris. A minute behind them came an ambulance to whisk the two worst wounded boys away to the larger Naoetsu hospital for the necessary stitches and repairs.

Though the fault was all our own, the initial helpfulness and solicitude of both officials and onlookers suggested that the Japanese, far from being angry or scornful at our negligence, were almost embarrassed for us that the accident had happened.

### Police Station

The accident occurred at mid-morning. Fully seven hours of that day were spent at the Naoetsu police station filling out forms, passing papers, being interviewed and struggling manfully with the language problem.

Finally, Chief Inspector

Saito advised that it was time for my wife (since she was the driver) to compose her formal "gomennasai" (I'm sorry) letter to all concerned, which serves as our version of events.

But the good inspector was bothered by one thing in the final draft — my wife Robin's explanation that she ran the stop sign quite simply because she didn't see it.

### Deadlock

Ah, so, he puzzled, she has driven for 14 years without an accident. She has at one time or another driven for three years in Japan and is familiar with our rules and road signs. Then she must have been distracted by the children in the back seat, or the cat, or you? Gazing at the scenery?

No, in fact she just missed it.

The apparent deadlock was broken only with the sudden news of a second accident, which, it turned out, had occurred in just the same place and in the same way. The same stop sign had been missed and the same farm house hit. Tragically, a far more serious injury was suffered by the driver this time around.

A hasty return to the scene showed what most of us by this time suspected: the stop sign was truly difficult to see. Coming off a freshly paved road at unaccustomed speed (the road had been a rutty, dirt job until a few weeks earlier), the driver was faced with a triangular red sign partly hidden behind a roof and almost invisible against the backdrop of a larger red roof behind it.

### Japanese View

Inspector Saito opined that perhaps a stop light would be necessary. The shell-shocked farmer whose old house had been hit twice now in the same day could only agree.

Still, the most revealing part of the whole episode was yet to occur. Back at the police station, estimates had come in on the damage to car, truck and house, as well as the doctor's bills. These costs were to any American view, fully ours to assume.

But the Japanese don't see it this way. In their carefully constructed, face-saving society, full guilt is to be avoided.

"The way I see it, your blame is about this much," said Saito, motioning to a gallon bottle in the corner. "The truck driver's blame is about that much (pointing to a Coke bottle)."

### Insurance Costs

Protestations notwithstanding, all that remained was the formal negotiations for financing the necessary repairs.

The insurance man first offered to pay 20 per cent of all costs "because you are a foreigner and unfamiliar with the road." When we reached an amicable settlement, with me paying for damages to children, car and farmhouse, and he for his truck, a beam-

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# Aloha from Hawaii

by Richard Gima

## Hawaii Today

### Honolulu

The Dole pineapple stand near Wahiawa is back in business again. It has been re-built at a cost of more than \$100,000, and it is identical to the one which was burned to the ground in May, 1971. Police believe the 1971 fire was deliberately set by one or more persons.

A survey of children of Maunaloa, Molokai, who have drunk fluoridated water since birth, shows those children with a 45.8 per cent reduction in tooth decay, compared with children who drank water without fluorides. Dr. Manuel Kau, head of the dentistry division of the State Dept. of Health, told the Hawaii State P.T.A. convention Nov. 17 that the lower decay rates were found among 63 children born and reared in Maunaloa since the plantation town's water supply was fluoridated in 1961.

Venerable disease is Hawaii's No. 1 health problem, according to the State Comprehensive Health Planning Advisory Council. Five other top health problems, in order, are drug abuse, heart disease, mental and emotional disturbances, and cancer. Next in line is alcoholism, the study shows.

Hawaii's Korean community will celebrate its 70th anniversary in mid-January. At that time the government of the Republic of Korea will honor survivors of the first Korean immigrants to Hawaii and present awards to persons of Korean ancestry who have achieved personal distinction.

State Sen. Kenneth P. Brown, speaking before the Hawaii Planned Parenthood meeting Nov. 21, urged a ban on migration to Hawaii. "We probably won't be able to keep those hordes from coming here to see and enjoy Hawaii, but we must keep them from settling here. Otherwise, there will be nothing here for them or us."

The world's largest short wave radio station may soon be constructed near Kahului, Maui, by the Billy Graham Evangelist Assn. Graham said here Nov. 10 that the projected station will be able to broadcast to every part of the world in some 20 to 30 languages. About \$2 million to \$3 million must be raised to finance the station, Graham said.

## Education

Two Neighbor Islanders were elected Nov. 16 to lead the Hawaii State Board of Education. They were Hiroshi Yamashita of the Big Island who became chairman of the board and Ronald Harker of Kauai, who was elected vice chairman. An anticipated contest between Yamashita and Dr. Richard Ando, retiring chairman, did not come about. Ando earlier had announced that he would not seek reelection as board chairman.

Shiro Amloka, superintendent of education in Hawaii, recently challenged Calif. Sen. Alan Cranston when the latter said racial integration by busing is "no longer acceptable to a majority of the American people." Amloka was the only one of 50 state school superintendents meeting in a convention in San Francisco to challenge Cranston's statement. "I told the senator," Amloka said, "that helping social change, hopefully for the better, is one of the basic functions of schools. If we don't use schools for that purpose, we are abdicating."

## The Spartan Beat

## Mas Manbo

## Pacific League

TOKYO—Japanese pro baseball won't be the same next year in more ways than one. The most important change is that while the Central League will be playing one season as usual the other loop, the Pacific, will have a split season.

The year's opening season for the Pacific League, starting in April, will end up just before the midsummer break for the All-Star games. They play three All-Star games in Japan annually.

The second season will start in late July and end in October, before the Japan Series. If there are two different winners for the two Pacific League seasons, a playoff, a best-of-seven affair, it seems, will be held to determine the team to face the Central League champion.

The innovation is expected to boost fan interest in the Pacific League, which is a poor relation to the Central. For a while after the baseball season ended this year it appeared that the deficit ridden Pacific loop would collapse.

Two of the hard-hit clubs of the six-team league, the Nishitetsu Lions and Toei Flyers, were offered for sale but there were no immediate buyers. And there were moves toward having just one Japanese league.

The crisis was averted when the Taiheyo Club came to the rescue by taking over the Lions. After the Lions were saved, the Toei Flyers were elected to continue operations. The Taiheyo Club, a sports and leisure enterprise with assets of money, had broken into the limelight in October when it sponsored the world's richest golf tournament in Japan. The meet was the Taiheyo Club Masters Tournament, won by Gay Brewer,

ing one of our most important responsibilities." State Sen. Francis Wong has made a strong pitch for a system of tax credits on income for parents of children who attend non-public schools. Wong told the Holy Family School's parent-teacher guild, "A system of tax credits should be devised" so parents of students in non-public schools could be given a credit toward income tax for the year based on the number of children they have attending these schools.

## Honolulu Scene

Mayor Frank Fasi said on Nov. 16 there is a possibility that all school students will ride on city buses free next year, another step toward a fare-free system. Fasi said "the chances are better than good that Honolulu will be chosen as a demonstration area by the federal government for a fare-free bus system."

## Courtroom

Kaula Mayor Antone Vidinha, Jr., was indicted Nov. 21 on two counts of willful failure to file federal income tax returns (1969 and 1970). The indictment, which gave Vidinha his mayoral salary for charity was charged after the IRS noted he failed to file "when he well knew he had gross income of \$72,906.31" in 1969 and a "gross income of \$68,305.82" in 1970. Vidinha said he would plead innocent to the federal charges, asserting he had filed those returns and had paid some \$91,000 in taxes over the past four years. Vidinha, mayor since 1968, was defeated in the Democratic primary by Ralph S. Hirota, who lost the race in the November general to Francis Chung.

Masaru Akahoshi of Honolulu has charged he was defrauded by his brother and sister-in-law when a partnership was converted into a corporation in a pair of related suits he filed in the Hilo circuit court. Akahoshi filed the two suits asking that A&A Machine Works, Inc., of 318 East Kailash St., Hilo, be dissolved and he be awarded \$200,000 in general and punitive damages. Among charges against Masashi and Ayako Akahoshi of Hilo are that they manipulated the creation of the corporation to issue themselves 55 per cent of the stock, that they paid themselves a salary triple what he received and that they used the corporation's funds for personal travel and to refurbish their private residence.

A circuit court jury on Nov. 16 upheld a will signed by the late De Dupeste that gave her property to her ex-husband, former state representative Harold Dupeste, some two months before she shot herself in 1958. The will was contested by Mrs. Dupeste's niece and nephew through attorney David Schuster. Schuster argued that Dupeste used undue influence in getting his former wife to sign on Sept. 5, 1958, promising to marry her. Dupeste married Mrs. Dorothy Walker four days before Mrs. Dupeste shot herself in the head on Nov. 20, 1958.

## Names in the News

Mrs. Nancy Foon Young, acting director of the Univ. of Hawaii's ethnic studies program, has been named Hawaii's outstanding young woman of the year by the National Outstanding Young Women of America organization. Mrs. Young, author of a forthcoming book about the Chinese in Hawaii, is chairman of the membership committee for the China-Hawaii Peoples Friendship Assn. The Outstanding Young Women program is sponsored by numerous women's organizations.

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## Business Ticker

A recent convention of realtors was the largest convention ever held in Hawaii, according to Robert Niehoff of the Hawaii Visitors Bureau. Some 19,490 delegates to the National Assn. of Real Estate Boards met at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Nov. 10 to 16. The 1969 Rotary Intern'l convention, previously the largest conference in Hawaii, attracted 15,000 delegates.

## Entertainment Scene

Elvis Presley will appear in another concert scheduled for Jan. 14 at the Honolulu International Center. This is the special concert that will be beamed worldwide via satellite to about 35 countries. Presley sang at three shows here over the Nov. 17-18 week end and attracted a total of 26,000 fans.

## Gambling

Underworld gambling may allow the underworld to infiltrate island police departments, says U.S. Attorney Robert Fukuoka. Gambling becomes legal in Hawaii on Jan. 2, Fukuoka, an outspoken foe of social gambling, said in recent speeches here that the law will permit policemen to gamble even during their lunch hours. He said some officers may pile up heavy gambling debts, which he said will be legally collectable under the new law, forcing them to compromise with the underworld. At present, gambling is illegal and thus a loser cannot be forced by law to pay such debts.

## Traffic Fatality

Mrs. Ethel W. Michioka, 22, wife of Stanley Michioka, 40, was killed Nov. 8 on Kaula. Police said Mrs. Michioka tried to get out of the way, but she crashed into the other car, driven by Earl T. P. Chung, 35, of Kaula. Chung was in serious condition with injuries to the right knee and possible internal injuries.

## Deaths

Henry C. Halloway, 44, board chairman of Fisher Corp., more than 30 years, died Nov. 8. He made Honolulu business history in 1936 when he sold the printing division of the Kanaohe Fish Co. to the employees of this division.

HAWAII STATE Rep. Jean Sadako King typifies the product of mixed marriages beginning to assume positions of leadership in Hawaii.

## Nikkei gain in 1972 Hawaii state elections

By ALLAN BECKMAN

(Special to The Pacific Citizen) HONOLULU — Hawaii State election results show the Nikkei have increased the number of elective offices they hold to 51 per cent — a gain of 1 1/2 per cent over the percentage held two years ago.

As a result of the 1970 elections, the Nikkei held 492 per cent of the 132 elective offices of Hawaii. Of these 132 elective offices, 84 were open for election this year. Of the 84 offices filled this year, the Nikkei won 45, or 5 per cent. Of the 48 offices not up for election this year, the Nikkei occupy 22.

Therefore, the Nikkei hold 67 of the 132 elective offices — or 507 per cent; in 1970, they held 492 per cent. Thus they have gained 1 1/2 per cent.

## Political Influence

In less tangible ways, the great political influence of the Nikkei in Hawaii is apparent. For example, many non-Nikkei office holders are married to Nikkei. Honolulu Mayor Frank F. Fasi being a prime example.

Nikkei women office holders with non-Japanese surnames are also in evidence, the best-known being U.S. Rep. Patsy T. Mink. On the State level there are those such as State Rep. Patsy Kikue Young. These, of course, are included among the 51 per cent of Nikkei office holders shown above.

The product of such Nikkei outmarriages are also beginning to gain political leadership in Hawaii. There are some with Japanese surnames, such as Honolulu City Councilman George G. Akahane, and some with non-Japanese surnames, such as State Rep. Richard Garcia, born in Japan of a Japanese mother.

## Rep. Jean King

A product of such a marriage, who made a point of it in an original and highly successful campaign, is State Rep. Jean Sadako King.

She was born on Hawaii, the Big Island, of a mother whose parents had come from Japan and a father whose parents had come from Scotland. Since World War II, such Nikkei-Caucasian marriages have become common among all classes, but at that time they were still unusual.

Jean attended Japanese language school and studied Japanese at the University of Hawaii. While at the University, her exotic beauty attracted the attention of an author-photographer who included her photograph in a book showing new types in the racial evolution of the Neo-Hawaiians.

## Two-Day's Pay

After leaving the university, among other things, she worked as a free-lance writer, and as a legal secretary. She did research with the Speaker.

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## BOOK REVIEW: Allan Beekman

## Unsuccessful Analysis of Evacuation

PREJUDICE: Japanese-Americans Symbol of Racial Intolerance, by Carey McWilliams, Archon Books, 337 pp, \$10.

When the national voice has risen in shrill cries of hysteria, there have come the soothing tones of Carey McWilliams counseling a return to reason. During World War II, when the nation had made the Nikkei the scapegoat for the debacle of Pearl Harbor and the military reverses that followed, brave Mr. McWilliams sought to persuade America from the irrational course that was working so much harm.

The result was the present volume, first issued in 1944. The author sought to identify and analyze the phenomena from which the hysteria sprang and thus show the falseness of the premise. Like many another well-meaning intellectual, he adduced that misty misconception "racial prejudice," and identified the Nikkei as a symbol of racial intolerance.

The path to rationalizing hatred of the Nikkei as racial intolerance, however, was strewn with obstacles. While the government was evacuating the Nikkei willy-nilly from the West Coast, it was according an honored place in the defense of America to those of Korean and Chinese ancestry.

Consideration of this point modified his thinking. He had begun by saying the government had discriminated against the Nikkei "solely on racial grounds." Then he quotes Dr. John Rademaker to the effect that "there is no evidence that racial characteristics in themselves are responsible for prejudicial attitudes."

While decrying the "myth of race," the author pleads for "racial tolerance." With a flash of insight and clarity, he says, "The danger to the future peace of the Pacific arises not by reason of the fact of cultural difference, but as a result of the tendency to rationalize this difference in terms of race."

Though the title of the book is allowed to stand, such musings lead to a modification of view. "We (the government) . . . premised the discrimination explicitly and solely upon the fact of race or ancestry; more particularly 'ancestry' since the Koreans and the Chinese belong to the same 'race' as the Japanese." So it appears that the Nikkei were less a symbol of racial intolerance than of ancestral intolerance.

The author struggles mightily to pierce the welter of fraud with which sociologists and others have surrounded the subject. His struggles are in vain. In his foreword to this volume, written in 1971, he is still referring to the Nikkei as Japanese.

In the climate of World War II, when the nation was straining every nerve to beat the Japanese, when wartime propaganda represented the Japanese as monsters, such a book could persuade few, if any, that the Japanese were entitled to sympathetic treatment. Only a specialist could pierce to the truth behind the verbiage. The general reader would find in it a confirmation of his fears.

The book contains at least one error of fact pardonable under wartime censorship conditions, but unpardonable in the reissue. "More Japanese civilians were killed by the bombs which fell on and around Honolulu on December 7 than civilians of other ancestry." No one was killed or injured by bombs falling on or around Honolulu because, with one exception, no bombs fell there. Rattled defenders forgot to crank in fuses to anti-aircraft shells; instead of exploding among the attacking planes, 89 such shells fell and exploded in Honolulu, killing and maiming civilians.

Despite the misleading nomenclature and failure to identify the causes of anti-Nikkei hysteria, there is much of interest in the book. The

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# Retirement credit sought for Nisei teacher evacuated from California

LOS ANGELES — The California Teachers Assn. representative assembly adopted a resolution at its second session Nov. 17-18 here to provide retirement credit lost by Nisei teachers due to Evacuation (1942-46).

## Local Scene

### Los Angeles

East-West Players will present the Mandarin Chorale in two evenings of Asian folk songs, chorale masterworks and Christmas music Dec. 16-17, 8:30 p.m., at E-W Theatre, 4424 Santa Monica Blvd. Tickets are \$3.50, reservations via 680-0366. Dr. Noni Espina is chorale director. Dorothy Huang the accompanist, of the 25-member group organized two years ago.

Radio Li'l Tokyo celebrates its 20th anniversary "on the air" Dec. 16 with a dinner-dance at the Biltmore Bowl. Included in the program will be an hour show, with a surprise appearance of a geisha as the main attraction, according to emcee Matao Uwate. Shig Maeda's group will provide dance music from 10 p.m. Tickets are \$12.50. Reservations may be made by writing to Uwate, 110 N. San Pedro St., Los Angeles 90012. A number of Southland organizations have pledged their support also.

Over 110 persons, including 80 senior citizens, enjoyed the Thanksgiving Day dinner at the Pioneer Center. Three turkeys, candied yams, salad, dressing, dessert and other goodies were provided by the Jeunes and Les Espirites, who got up at 2 a.m. to prepare the feast. Assisting were Carl Miya, coordinator; Terry Kusumoto, Janie Miyakawa of the Jeunes; and Linda Nishitani, Kathy Yoshida of Les Espirites.

Koyasan Troop 379 drum and bugle corps will march in the Downtown Festival of Lights parade Dec. 9, 6 p.m., down Broadway from First St. to Seventh and Fifth St. It is downtown L.A.'s first parade in more than 25 years.

Two high school students, Julie Stout and Jo Anne Mitchell, won the Montebello-Ashiya Sister City-sponsored Haiku contest. Shisel Tsuneshi, Haiku writer, was judge. Four Samsel were among those conferred honorable mentions.

Over 650 persons took advantage of the annual Flu Vaccination program held recently at the Japanese Community Pioneer Center in Little Tokyo.

A minimal charge of 50-cent per vaccination was made to defray expenses.

### S.F.—East Bay

East Bay Japanese for Action Health Day on Nov. 12 provided multiphasic screening for approximately 250 participants. The screening included blood tests, urine tests, Glaucoma test, vision screening, dental examination, pap smear for women, electrocardiogram, hearing test, tuberculosis test, and podiatric screening. Results should be known by mid-December. Participants in need of fur-

The resolution for the CTA State Council of Education was written in behalf of Inez Nagai, then employed in the Fresno school system at the time of the unjust incarceration.

It was passed after floor discussion struck the word, "unconstitutional," from the resolution as it referred to the Evacuation. It was pointed out that in the Korematsu and Hirabayashi cases, the Evacuation was declared "constitutional" by the U.S. Supreme Court.

The state council consists of nearly 500 members, including the so-called visible minorities who are to be represented in proportion to the number of CTA members. (Mrs. Grace Kimoto of Winston, Calif., was among those named to the council this year).

The unanimously adopted resolution is as follows:

Whereas, Inez Nagai is an American of Japanese ancestry and

Whereas, Inez Nagai was deprived of her teaching position because she was detained in a War Relocation Camp from 1942 to 1946 and

Whereas, this detention deprived Mrs. Nagai of her inalienable rights under the laws governing American citizenship and

Whereas, detention deprived Mrs. Nagai from pursuing her career and profession as well as termination her well-deserved tenure and

Whereas, Mrs. Nagai lost retirement credit from 1942 through 1946

Therefore be it resolved: That the California Teachers Association support needed legislation and/or legal remedy with necessary costs to provide retirement credit for the years in question, 1942 to 1946, in the same manner as credit was given teachers entering the military from California during the same period of time.

## Hawaii—

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of the State House of Representatives. Last year, while on the staff of State Sen. Mason Altieri, she broke into the news when she refused to give the two-day pay, then considered obligatory, to a fund for the election of Democratic senators.

Her opposition brought about abolition of the rule. Running for the State House from the 14th District, Ala Moana-Kakaako, she cast her campaign ads in the form of a chatty newspaper column. In this column, she discussed the various problems of the day, including overcrowding and pollution; she spoke nostalgically of her childhood, when "Honolulu had been like a big park."

Appearing with her mother on TV, Jean spoke fluent Japanese as she appealed for audience support.

In both Primary and General, she led the ticket.

her care are to be called. Those participants who have not heard from EBJA were reminded that in order for any diagnosis to be made, further examination is necessary. More than 150 volunteers helped to make Health Day available to the Japanese Community.

### JAL calendar

SAN FRANCISCO — Japan Air Lines' 1973 art calendar (\$3) may be ordered from JAL, P.O. Box 777, Burlingame, Calif. 94010. Five weeks should be allowed for delivery via first-class.



'SPOOS' SPOOFS—Comedian Pat Morita, playing the role of a college president in the current East-West Player production of Bill Shinkai's play, "SPOOS", hangs on to his security blanket as a suburban housewife (Susie I. Hoshi, left) and student activist (Beverly Kushida) try to take it away. The play which spoofs the Hollywood Oriental stereotypes is being staged one weekend only, Dec. 8-10, at the E-W Theater, 4424 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles. \$10 admission includes buffet supper at 10:30.

## America's first motel still beckons, Two Asian employees share in bequest

### SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif.

The world's first motel here on US 101 has been assigned in the will of the late owner Marge Calkins who died recently to a brother, daughter and two 20-year employees, Sam Chin and Angel Liwanag, the Chinese and Filipino cooks whose wizardry with steaks have been long celebrated.

A North Carolina historian, Dr. Doris E. King, in her book, "The Palaces of the Public, a History of American Hotels" (Harvard) noted the word "motel" was first used in 1925 in connection with Motel Inn here. An obscure architect is credited with

coining the word for a set of plans that were to become Motel Inn — a cluster of cottages with a garage attached, all nestled behind a tower and Spanish mission architecture on the main building.

It still looks the same way except that a swimming pool has been added and the newer cottages don't have garages.

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### semi-annual dividend

SAN FRANCISCO — The Sumitomo Bank of California announced an increase in its semi-annual dividend from 35 cents to 40 cents per share, payable Jan. 15, 1973 to stockholders of record Nov. 30, 1972.

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LOS ANGELES — Many Japanese American citizens who were interned during World War II will now be eligible for increased Social Security wage credits through an amendment signed into law by President Nixon on Oct. 30.

During the period between Dec. 7, 1941 and Dec. 31, 1946, 110,000 individuals were interned in United States government camps, according to a Social Security Administration spokesman.

The new law provides deemed social security credit for citizens of Japanese ancestry for any period after they attained age 18 while interned.

### Must Apply

These additional wage credits can mean higher retirement or survivor monthly benefits, and in some cases, will make some people eligible for monthly social security checks and Medicare who otherwise would not qualify.

Possible increases will begin in January 1973. However, the spokesman cautioned that the increases are not automatic and those who feel they may qualify under the new law must apply at any social security district office in the United States or its territories.

## NEWS CAPSULES

### Science

Dr. Michael Hoshiko, Professor, School of Communication and Fine Arts, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Ill., was awarded a Certificate in Voiceprint Identification on Nov. 10 from Voiceprint Laboratories Corp., Somerville, N.J. He is one of fifty trained Voiceprint Identification experts in the world.

### Military

Rep. Charles H. Wilson (D-Calif.) appointed a committee of 23, including Gardens Mayor Ken Nakakawa, to his Academy Selection Committee to interview and make recommendations of appointees to the U.S. service academies at West Point, Annapolis and Colorado Springs.

### Vital Statistics

A boy, 6 lb. 13 1/2 oz., was born Nov. 29 to Barbara and Jeffrey Matsui, of 430 Ridgely St., Monterey Park. The father was one time JACL associate national director.

### Flower-Garden

Tom Matsuoka of Pasadena became the landscape industry's all-time winner with his 25th award Nov. 18 from the California Landscape Contractors Assn. He has been recognized for his craft annually since the awards program was instituted in 1963. This year, Matsuoka won three awards in the renovation and achievement categories.

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## Education



Heading the Plymouth-Whitmarsh High School marching band of Plymouth Meeting, Pa., is Karen Tamaki (above), daughter of Tom and Marion Tamaki of Norristown, Pa., who rated No. 2 in a recent national drum major championship competition. The band was among the 14 selected out of 265 bands throughout the country appearing in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade in New York and viewed before NBC and CBS television cameras.

Dr. Charles E. Tatum, who lived and worked in the Far East for 8 1/2 years, recently read a paper at the Southwest Social Science meeting in San Antonio, Texas. His paper was entitled, "Japanese Settlements in the Coastal Plain of Texas." He is presently serving as Professor and Chairman of the Department of Geography and Economics at Prairie View A&M College. He is involved in further study in settlement geography with emphasis on Japanese in Texas and other parts of the South.

### Government

The Japanese government appointed former ambassador to Ecuador, Seiichi Shima, 57, as Ambassador to Iraq. Before he was named to the Ecuadorian post, he was consul general in Tokyo.

### Deaths

Mrs. Kuwa Umeda, 81, Los Angeles, died Nov. 29. The San Francisco-born matron is survived by three sons, Buichi, Richard, Henry, daughter Cecelia Wakiji and 10 gc and 2 ggc.

Mrs. Matsui Yamamoto, Columbia Basin JACL 1000 Club member, died Nov. 26 in Seattle. Surviving are h Tom, three sons, Floyd, Edward, Richard, 5 gc.

Heisaku Yasuda, 93, prewar Wapato, Wash., and postwar Payette, Idaho resident died Nov. 20. Surviving are w Ichi, six sons and five daughters, 28 grandchildren and 2 ggc.

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eral at San Francisco. The Moses Lake (Wash.) City Council confirmed the appointment of Edward M. Yamamoto, Columbia Basin JACL president, to the Inter-racial Commission for Human Rights, which meets every fourth Thursday.

## Business

Florist Echo Goto of Los Angeles was re-elected vice-president of the Florence Firestone Chamber of Commerce and cited for outstanding achievement by the chamber. She is the lone woman on the board of directors, active with Nisei Republicans, DAV Auxiliary, Toastmasters Club and Japanese community groups.

Shareholders of the Bank of Tokyo of California approved a two-for-one split of the bank's common stock. Subject to final approval by state regulatory authorities, the split will become effective on or about Dec. 11, 1972 for shareholders of record as of that date. Shareholders also approved an increase in the total authorized capital of the bank from \$20 million to \$40 million, and the addition of two directors, bringing the total to 17.

Koebig & Koebig, 62-year-old Los Angeles architectural firm, announced two of its members, Roy Toshio Tanabe, 35, and Dick T. Sakamoto, 31, received licenses; Tanabe, already licensed in California qualified for an additional license in Hawaii, and Sakamoto, designer with the firm, has become a full-fledged architect. Among projects Tanabe helped design are Redondo Plaza Redevelopment Project, Whittier Narrows Equestrian Center and many other company projects. Sakamoto assisted with the interior to Laguna Hills Bank of America branch, L.A.-Glen-dale Water Reclamation Plant and water treatment plant at Goleta, Calif. Both are USC graduates in architecture. Sakamoto was an officer in the Army Corps of Engineers.

## Courtroom

Among the 17 Japanese Americans who successfully passed the California State Bar examination last summer were three women, including Susan I. Tamura, daughter of Justice and Mrs. Stephen K. Tamura of Santa Ana. Others were Rose Matsui Ochi of Monterey Park and Joyce Ogawa Yoshioka of West Los Angeles.

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