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Sansei Are Not Afraid to Speak Out if Necessary

By FRED NITTA, Watsonville JACL. Recently a prominent middle-aged Japanese American lady of Watsonville went to one of the oldest and largest stores in the Monterey Bay area to shop.



THE JACL BELIEVES... The JACL believes in promoting active participation by the individual in civic and national life securing justice and equal opportunities for persons of Japanese ancestry in America as well as for all Americans regardless of their race, creed, color or national origin.

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Ye Editor's Desk

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(1) That there was bias and self-interest on your part in recommending Kajima because you had been offered employment by Kajima upon your near retirement from the Community Redevelopment Agency.

(2) That although the consensus of opinion by the hotel review panel of the Community Redevelopment Agency supported the proposal of Asiamerica, you arbitrarily overruled their opinions and recommended Kajima.

(3) That you violated your own rule that where one group in Little Tokyo had rejected a project such group would not be approved for other projects on the principle that other groups be given an opportunity to participate in the redevelopment of the area.

Reaction was swift enough as Katsuma Mukaeda and Alfred Hatate of the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center board and Akira Kawasaki, representing the Little Tokyo Development Corp., denied the allegations made in point 3.

'First Action Area'... Kawasaki reminded that Kajima was not involved in the First Action Area as claimed and that its project architect was Cashion and Horie and Kajima Associates.

(1) In the third allegation of your letter you claimed that the CRA had violated their rule that one group could not participate in more than one project in the Little Tokyo Redevelopment Area.

Naturally the Kibel lady was hurt. She went home and told this unpleasant incident to her family. One of her sons, who is a probation officer in Monterey County, immediately sent a letter to the general manager of the store and demanded an apology for the saleslady's bigotry.

The general manager who is well-known among the local Japanese community wrote back and said that the saleslady told him the remark was meant to be a joke and did not mean to insult his mother. But his mother knew that it was not a joke and the family was very unhappy about it.

Then the eldest son who is a high school counselor in San Jose heard about this incident and he took a stronger step. He wrote to the general manager, accusing him of covering his employee's racial slur as a joke. He demanded the store to relieve the saleslady from her duties so her attitude would not reflect on the store or both the general manager and saleslady drive to his parents' farm and apologize in person.

Upon receiving this serious letter, the general manager of the store called up the eldest son in San Jose and offered his profound apology. Then he went to his mother's home and apologized in person and matter is now closed.

The store has at least six Nisei employees and has been one of the most popular stores among the Japanese residents in this area since early Japanese immigrants settled in Pajaro Valley more than 80 years ago.

Ageing grant—

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JACL Proposal. In recognizing the manpower shortage of trained Asians and the urgent demand for qualified people to effectively assist our elderly, JACL submitted a proposal to the Administration on Aging, HEW, SRS for a national project to help recruit Asian Americans for education at the graduate level (master's degree) in existing gerontology training programs.

The Administration on Aging through Title V of the Older Americans Act currently supports 33 university training programs in gerontology at:

Challenge Ahead. It may also reflect the fact that only until recently with increasing numbers of elderly have their problems become evident. Whatever the reasons, JACL as part of its commitment to the elderly is launching a national program to recruit interested Asians for graduate education and training in gerontology. This is indeed a challenging task.

Sharon Fujii of Seattle JACL is a graduate student in gerontology at Brandeis University. -Ed.

A NISEI VIEW OF JAPAN: by Dr. Roy Doi

Part IX. One wintry day in December we caught a limited express train to visit our relatives in Hiroshima. Although this was going to be my third visit to Hiroshima, it was the first for my wife and children who didn't know what to expect from Japanese relatives who didn't speak any English.

Children's Reaction. My daughter who was 11 at the time was particularly sensitive to the scenes and didn't 'enjoy' the museum. In fact there were children just of her age who perished in great numbers during that bombing since the junior high school students were clearing firebreaks before going to school that fateful morning.

Relatives as Hosts. Our sets of relatives were very efficient in organizing our daily activities for the next seven days by assigning one relative to take care of each day and the sights to be seen on that particular day.

Forgive and Forget

ing with the others on that fateful day. 'Must See' I would advise everyone who visits Hiroshima to see the displays in the Peace Museum. Here, in one of the most well-organized and impressive museums I have ever seen, is displayed the horrors of an atom bombing of a city. There are unusual photographs and items which were recovered immediately after the bombing which illustrate the devastating power of the bomb.

Personal Tragedies. My wife's aunt and her family were also touched directly by the bomb, because their daughter was in the city that day. She had a college age girl who was very active in school and was actively feeling weak and ill from her poor diet which consisted of some plain grass by that time.

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LETTERS Photo Caption

Editor: The caption to the photo (PC, Jan. 5-12) over the story of Mrs. Mary Kochiya should be corrected. Picture is of Zulu, (age 3 at time of photo, now 4). Parents are Audee and Terry Williams. Thanks for the placing the story on the front page. SAMMY KAWACHI, New York

Building Fund. Two considerations should be adopted under the approval of the majority of the chapters of the JACL at the next biennial national convention. Both must be considered at the same time. One, the support to finance such a project must come from the entire memberships of the JACL with an assessment of ONE DOLLAR per member until the full payment is made as to the cost of building and furnishings; meanwhile, two, the Endowment Fund shall be used to make the total payment of the building cost and the cost of furnishings and equipments and this fund is to be paid back through this special assessment as stated.

Staff Personnel. One critical concern for JACL is our staffing needs. We had hoped that we would have new regional and national staff on board by this time to help get National Council mandated programs on the move. But the number of applications received has been disappointing, even though the credentials of those few who have applied are impressive.

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To the Point

WHERE IS THE ACTION?—"Culture Shock" is said to result from a drastic change of environment. Despite efforts to help us get adjusted and acclimated by many friends in the Washington area, notably Claire Minami, Mike and Etsu Masaoka, Kaz and Jean Oshiki, Harry and Helen Takagi, Joe and Susie Ichiuji, and of course our able Washington staff, Barry Matsumoto and Gail Nishioka, we still seem to be in a state of minor "culture shock".

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25 Years Ago. In the Pacific Citizen, Jan. 24, 1948. Oyama case decision by the U.S. Supreme Court upholds Nisei rights. Fresno authorities believe Oyama verdict may result in voiding 15 restrictions upon minorities, esthetic cases. Masaoka discusses program of ADC Masaoka notes anti-Nisei action on coast in testimony sel... Nisei killed in action supporting anti-lynching law.







