



Priorities

By HENRY T. TANAKA
National JACL President

A few days ago, I visited the Japanese American Service Committee center in Chicago and was surprised to learn that it is the only center of its kind in the country.

Started as a resettlement center during the relocation days of World War II, the center, with

Chicago JASC

the budget of over half million dollars employs over 20 persons who provide a contract workshop for the elderly and mentally handicapped, a comprehensive Issei program, and a projected service for Asian American children and youth.

Located in the north-side, within access to more than 3,000 Issei who live in the nearby communities, the center is a beehive of work activity and a place for personal counseling. Plans are under way to provide housing for the many single and widowed Issei who find working at the center gives them a sense of independence, self-respect, and belonging.

Issei participants at the center no longer complain of insomnia and loss of appetite. They find the work not only rewarding but a relevant activity which gives purpose and meaning to their lives.

Newly elected president of the Committee's Board is Ms. Lillian Kimura, National Executive Director, Executive Director, Japanese American Service Committee, 4427 N. Clark St., Chicago, Ill. 60640.

JCCA seeks gov't aid to complete history project

TORONTO, Ont. — Japanese Canadians are asking \$47,250 from the Dept. of Health and Welfare's New Horizons program to aid retired Canadians. At the top of the list, given unanimous support by the National Japanese Canadian Citizens Assn., is the Toronto JCCA Issei-bu, is financial aid to transcribe the History of the Japanese Canadians, as it is being completed.

Mrs. Sumiya, representing the National JCCA, reported that some 8 chapters out of a possible 15 have been completed. Many other J.C. groups have held meetings sponsored by the Toronto JCCA since Jan. 30 and have made preparations to submit applications for aid. George Imai, who acted as chairman of the meetings, submitted the applications from the various groups to the New Horizons office in Toronto this past week (Mar. 19).

No racism seen in release of POW

HONOLULU — There is no indication Hanoi is following a racist policy of releasing white U.S. prisoners of war ahead of Japanese ancestry, the U.S. Pacific Command said this past week (Mar. 12).

The question was raised by Honolulu resident Jean Guttersen — sister of Air Force Lt. Col. Laird Guttersen of Tucson, Ariz. Guttersen was among U.S. POWs released March 15.

Miss Guttersen, who is also the Hawaii representative of the National League of Families of POWs, said she fears that the North Vietnamese may be doubly harsh with people of their own race as a way of getting back at persons they feel should not have been fighting for their enemy.

Five of six Issei men listed as POWs are of Japanese ancestry. These men have not been released yet.

A Pacific Command spokesman explained that the relatively shorter period of time the Issei men have been held captive may account for their not being released sooner.

The peace treaty calls for the release of the sick and wounded first, then those in captivity the longest, he said. Some of the Issei men have been prisoner for less than a year.

WELCOME ABOARD, STAFF



Patricia Nakano



Margaret Yamamoto



Claire Sanpei



Gerry Inouye



Susan Okura



Eugene Moriguchi

Nine appointed: six at HQ, three at regional, D.C. offices

SAN FRANCISCO — National Headquarters of the Japanese American Citizens League has added six new staff members, it was announced by David Ushio, National Executive Director. Three positions on the regional level and in the Washington, D.C. office have also been filled.

New members of the JACL National Headquarters staff are: Patricia J. Nakano, Assistant Director for Program Development; Margaret M. Yamamoto, Assistant Director for Public Information and Chapter Development; Eugene T. Moriguchi, Project Director for the JACL Gerontology Program; Claire Sanpei, Business Manager; Gerry Inouye, Administrative Assistant; and Susan S. Okura, Receptionist.

On the regional level, Donald L. Hayashi will be Northwest-Intermountain Regional Director. His secretary is Miyuki Yasui. JACL's Washington Representative, Barry Matsumoto, will be assisted by his new secretary, Gail Anne Chew Nishio.

Wide Range of Talent

"I am very pleased with the quality of the persons hired thus far. Their backgrounds in their respective fields give us a wide range of expertise that will be necessary as we expand the scope and importance of JACL," Ushio said. "Although we haven't completed our staffing here and in some of our regional offices yet, we have already begun developing our plans for the coming year and will be making some announcement regarding them in the near future."

Henry Tanaka, National JACL President, who was in San Francisco recently, enroute to an Executive Committee meeting in Portland, Oregon, expressed his approval of the new staff members and added, "I am particularly impressed with their experience, professionalism, and the general enthusiasm they generate. I'm confident they will be a great asset to Ushio as well as to all of JACL, and I'm looking forward to working with them in the coming year."

Key positions that have yet to be filled are Assistant Director for Youth Development and Chapter Coordination and Regional Directors for the Midwest and Pacific Southwest Offices. Applications are now being accepted for these positions at JACL National Headquarters, 1634 Post St., San Francisco, Calif. 94115.

Patricia J. Nakano, 28, who will be Assistant Director for Program Development, joins the JACL staff from the Federal Department of Health, Education and Welfare in Washington, D.C. She served in a variety of positions in the Office for Civil Rights, including special assistant to the Director for Special Groups, consultant and confidential assistant to the Undersecretary. Her duties encompassed areas of training, policy development and coordination, negotiations, publications and consultation. She was previously employed as director of research and public grants for G. A. Brakely and Co., in Los Angeles.

Margaret Masumi Yamamoto, 31, joins the staff as Assistant Director for Public Information and Chapter Development. She has had ex-

perience in these areas as assistant public information officer and director of publications at the State University of New York, published for Walt Disney Productions, and editor of the San Jose Post-Record. On a free-lance basis, she has also planned and coordinated programs and workshops for the Society of Logistical Engineers and for a Bay Area telephone crisis intervention service. She is also a member of Theta Sigma Phi, a national organization for women in communications.

A graduate of San Pedro High School, Ms. Yamamoto received her B.S. in Journalism from the State University of California, San Jose, in 1963. She is currently completing work on her Master's degree in Mass Communications with a thesis on "Newspaper Treatment of the Japanese in America Prior to the 1942 Evacuation."

Eugene Takeshi Moriguchi, 33, will head the \$85,554 JACL Gerontology Program funded by HEW. Previously, he worked with and advised senior citizens groups in San Mateo County in his capacity as acting director of the Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County, East Bayshore Office. He has also worked for several private law firms in the Redwood City area. His duties as project director will be to plan and coordinate regional programs and act as liaison between educational institutions, agencies, Asian communities and JACL in the study of aging among the Asian Americans.

Admitted to the California State Bar in 1967, Moriguchi is a member of the San Mateo County Bar Association and the California Trial Lawyers Association. He is a graduate of the Univ. of San Francisco and the Hastings College of Law. Additionally, he has been a member of the Board of Trustees of the United Bay Area Crusade, past president of the San Mateo Chapter JACL, and active on the Redwood City Housing Concerns Committee and the San Mateo Human Relations Commission.

Claire Ritsuko Sanpei, 38, will be handling the business and financial matters for JACL. She has had more than seventeen years of business experience in Hawaii and California, with firms such as Crocker National Bank, Dis-

mond National Corporation, ACME Travel Service, MJB Co., and Morton Seidel and Company.

A native of Honolulu, Ms. Sanpei is a graduate of McKinley High School and has attended the University of Hawaii, Honolulu Business College and the American Institute of Banking in San Francisco.

Gerry Inouye, 25, joins the National staff from JACL's office in Washington, D.C. as Administrative Assistant. She began working for JACL in 1971 as secretary to Ushio when he was Assistant Washington Representative. Prior to that, she was supervisor of typing services for the Seminars and Institutes Production Department of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Provo, Utah.

A 1969 graduate of Brigham Young University, Utah, Ms. Inouye received a B.S. in Business Education. She is also a graduate of American Fork High School, Utah. Long active in JACL, she has been a member of the Mt. Olympus Chapter of Junior JACL and JACL in Salt Lake City.

Susan Saeko Okura, 25, will serve as receptionist at JACL Headquarters. She has had previous secretarial and clerical experience at National Braemar, Inc. and the Univ. of Hawaii.

She was graduated from Aiea High School, Honolulu, and received her B.A. in Japanese from the Univ. of Hawaii in 1969. Since coming to California in 1970, Ms. Okura has been an active member of the San Francisco chapter of JACL. She has also done volunteer work with Kimochi, Inc., a group organized by San Francisco Samsel to work with Issei and assist them in areas of social security benefits, housing, and recreation.

Donald Lyle Hayashi, 26, of Portland, Oregon, will fill the post of Northwest-Intermountain Regional Director. A former Portland JACL Chapter president, Hayashi has worked extensively in areas of youth program development. He has been director of the East-Central Church Community Action Program in Portland, Youth Director for the Sunnyside United Methodist Church, and Counselor and Program Developer for the Freshman Orientation

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STUDY IN MINIATURE—John Naka, president of the California Bonsai Society, trims a California Juniper for the 16th annual Bonsai exhibit, "Nature's Echo," this week through April 1 at California Museum of Science and Industry, Exposition Park, Los Angeles. Lectures and demonstrations are offered by society members at 2 p.m. daily. Admission is free.

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(Special to The Pacific Citizen)
SAN FRANCISCO — The National JACL Endowment Fund committee, chaired by Yone Satoda of San Francisco, announced the endowment fund portfolio is being converted from growth stock to income securities to assure \$50,000 for this biennium for JACL general programs.

The committee met Feb. 10 at Los Angeles to review the conversion of accounts, as mandated by the 1972 National JACL Convention, and bring National President Henry Tanaka and National Executive Director David Ushio up-to-date on the activities of

the committee. Other members of the committee present were:

Dr. Roy Nishikawa, George Inagaki, both of Los Angeles; Dr. John Kanda, Puyallup, Valley; Mike Masaka, Washington; and Masao Satow, San Francisco.

The committee met last November to review the conversion of the portfolios being managed by the trust departments of the Bank of Tokyo and the Sumitomo Bank of California.

Present Status

The status at the present time, according to Satoda, indicates \$427,000 in the fund with prospect of realizing

\$21,000 per year at the approximate yield of 5.1%, though the objective is \$25,000.

The committee currently feels with the ultimate goal a ratio of 15% of the total fund in common growth stock and the remainder 85% in bonds with 6-8% yields, the objective of \$25,000 could be assured. The growth and appreciation potentials of common stock would offset any erosive factors of inflation in the meantime, Satoda explained.

The mandate at the 1972 convention called for a shift in the Endowment Fund portfolio to realize \$25,000 income per annum for use by National JACL. It was also clarified the principal of the Fund should be maintained and provided it was approved by the Fund committee and with written consent of three-fourths of all chapters.

At the 1970 national convention, the council voted to use the Fund principal but the necessary three-fourths vote of all the chapters in writing did not materialize. Guidelines for use of the Fund were also drafted by a special committee, then headed by Dr. Kanda, which would have depleted the funds over a period of years, or \$25,000 each year for ten years to a minimum base of \$150,000.

Source of Funds

The fund was raised by contributions from grateful Issei and Nisei who had received payment on their evacuation claims from the government in the 1950s. Nearly \$37,000,000 was paid to 26,552 claimants.

Though a million dollar goal was set for the fund, overall contributions by mid-1962 totaled \$244,386. The net value in account was close to \$300,000. The account was then managed by the Bank of America trust department for high income yield.

In conformance with the 1966 national convention mandate to close the Bank of America account and reinvest the Fund in growth stock, the net amount of \$408,143 was reinvested as follows:

\$100,000	Sumitomo Bank
100,000	Bank of Tokyo
207,893	Mutual Funds

Valuation Varies

Since the conversion to a 100% growth oriented stock portfolio, the net asset value of the Fund has fluctuated with the market — going as high as \$601,931 in 1968-69, and down as low as \$385,000. The report indicates a valuation in 1970-71. The 1972 Convention at that time of \$438,000.

It was stated that the reason the income for 1973 may not quite reach the \$25,000 goal is that the current conversion of the bulk of the Fund to a higher income yield instruments was being accomplished in stages. Consequently the full impact of the changes would not be fully realized until late 1973 or 1974.

HARRY HASHIMOTO

Injustice against Wyoming Nisei fired by railroad in '42 being remedied

By ROBERT THRELKELD
(Rocky Mountain News)

Washington. It had been more than 30 years since America made a mistake which it later became ashamed of following the bombing of Pearl Harbor and launched a campaign of humiliation against Japanese Americans.

Although omitted from most school history texts, the story is widely known: Japanese were fired summarily from jobs, shoved off their property and herded into "relocation camps" erected throughout the Western United States.

Most of those who spearheaded the anti-Japanese campaign now admit the shame and hysteria of it. The total disregard of civil liberties was a disgrace, all but the most embittered jingoist agrees.

Hashimoto Case

America has faced up to a mistake. The episode, it is hoped, won't happen again. But for at least one Japanese American — Harry H. Hashimoto of Laramie, Wyo. — it never has ended.

Hashimoto had worked nine years and one month for the Union Pacific Railroad in Cheyenne when the Japanese air force launched its surprise attack on Pearl Harbor Dec. 7, 1941.

It wasn't long before Union Pacific officials, following the practice of many Western employers, fired all Japanese.

Hashimoto's firing was undisputed on racial grounds alone. Several years later, when anti-Japanese hysteria had subsided, Union Pacific officials gave Hashimoto glowing character references based on his past performance.

442nd Veteran

Within weeks of his dismissal from the railroad, the American — born Hashimoto tried to enlist in the U.S. coast guard. He was told,

however, that Japanese Americans were not allowed to join American military forces. After this restriction was repealed in 1944, Hashimoto joined the army. Following his induction, he served honorably with the much-decorated, all-Japanese 442nd central Postal Directory in Italy. After the war, Hashimoto returned to Wyoming, where his wife, Betty, had been incarcerated in the Heart Mountain relocation camp near Cody.

The unpleasant memories of the 1940s dimmed as the years passed and Hashimoto landed a good job with the Univ. of Wyoming as director of food services.

Railroad Retirement

Last year Hashimoto, now 57, began looking toward retirement. Recalling his years with the Union Pacific, he decided to apply for railroad retirement benefits. Hashimoto wrote the Denver regional office of the Railroad Retirement Board. Following a meeting with a field representative, he received last December the following letter from the board's district manager:

"Our representative has mentioned your situation in that you did not enter military service until July 17, 1945, and that you last worked on the railroad in February 1942."

"I regret to inform you that no exception has been made to the Railroad Retirement Act to any person or group of persons. The law states that credit may be allowed for active service in the armed forces if, before entering such service, the employee performed creditable railroad service in the same year the military service began or in the preceding year. See attached form which goes into detail."

"We regret we were unable to give you a more favorable reply."

Dilemma

He also learned he could have received credit toward the 10-year requirement if he had entered the military within one year after leaving the railroad. But he couldn't join the military immediately after being fired by Union Pacific because the law said he couldn't.

Hashimoto found himself caught in a classic "Catch 22" dilemma: The law says he could have the benefits only if he fulfilled a requirement which another law prohibited him from doing.

At that point, a Laramie friend of Hashimoto, Mrs. Glenna Imit, heard of his plight, became outraged and fired off a letter to Sen. Clifford Hansen, (R-Wyo.). After his staff investigated the case, Hansen lodged an appeal on Hashimoto's behalf with the Railroad Retirement Board's bureau of law in Chicago.

Last week, Hansen received

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FEDERAL CUTBACK AFFECTING JACL GERONTOLOGY PROGRAM

SAN FRANCISCO — Recent cutbacks in federal funds for Health, Education and Welfare sponsored programs have resulted in changes in the newly established JACL-Asian American Gerontology Program, according to Eugene T. Moriguchi, project director.

"The initial grant of \$65,554 annually, from HEW, was renewable every three years, but under present conditions, we don't know if the program will continue to be funded beyond its first year," Moriguchi added.

The original program approved by HEW called for the establishment of an innovative program to recruit and place Asian American graduate students in universities having gerontology programs. It also called for consultation work in helping universities, with the cooperation of agencies, faculties, and the community, to develop seminars specifically on aging among Asians.

"This new development in funding will mean that we must now restructure our goals from long-range to short-term ones," Moriguchi explained. "The major problem we are encountering is the fact that this cutback has also affected the universities and many are discontinuing their gerontology programs as of June of this year. In addition, we had counted on the availability of grants, scholarships, fellowships and other aids to assist those Asian students who were going to enroll into the program, but this avenue of resource has also been blocked," he said.

Three-Point Plan

In order to meet the problems arising from these recent developments, Moriguchi outlined a three point plan of action:

First, he encourages students to continue applying to schools of gerontology and JACL will try to place them in the participating institutions although applications may be late. Students should send copies of their applications to National JACL Headquarters to assure coordination.

JACL will also try to assist in the obtaining of grants and/or stipends.

Secondly, the JACL program will attempt to provide short-term training programs which will emphasize Asian gerontology to the students.

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schools, faculties, and agencies, and will also assist in field placement for training during and after the school year.

Finally those applicants with strong academic standing and a history of involvement in an existing Asian senior citizen program will be given priority over other applicants. "But," Moriguchi said, "this is not to discourage applicants who may have other outstanding qualifications which may more than compensate for non-involvement in this area."

Applications for the Univ. of Southern California and the Univ. of Washington may be obtained through National JACL Headquarters, 1634 Post Street, San Francisco, Calif. 94115.

Other universities with gerontology programs are: Univ. of Arizona, Brandeis Univ., Univ. of California at Berkeley, California State University at San Diego, Univ. of Chicago, Columbia Univ., The Univ. of Michigan, Univ. of Minnesota, Univ. of Nebraska at Omaha, Univ. of Oregon, Portland State Univ., Syracuse Univ., Univ. of Utah, Univ. of Wisconsin and Univ. of Wyoming.

Japan cited prime source of heroin making chemical

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State William Rogers was urged by a group of House Representatives members Mar. 20 to persuade Japan to control export of a chemical used in illegal heroin production.

A letter to Rogers was made public by Robert Nix (D-Pa.), chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Asian and Pacific Affairs.

Nix was joined in his letter by four other House members who have been concerned about the illegal drug traffic. They said efforts should be made to curb Japanese exports of acetic anhydride, a chemical used to convert opium into heroin.

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JAPAN-CHINA ENVOYS AT PEKING, TOKYO

TOKYO — Heishiro Ogawa, Japan's first Ambassador to the People's Republic of China, was scheduled to arrive in Peking Mar. 31, accompanied by Kensuke Yanagita and Hiroshi Hashimoto, recently named counselors of the Japanese Embassy in Peking.

Chen Chu, China's first Ambassador to Japan, was also expected to arrive here about the same time.

Japan and China established diplomatic relations last September.

Blind with dogs

TOKYO — Seeing-eye dogs are new allowed to ride on buses, trains and subways operated by the Tokyo Metropolitan Government along with their masters. The dogs will be the 50 dogs registered either at the Japan Seeing-Eye Dog Association or at the Tokyo Seeing-Eye Association.

Vietnamese in Hawaii organize

HONOLULU — Vietnamese American Assn. of Hawaii was organized Feb. 3 with long-time Hawaiian resident and native of Vietnam, Mrs. David (Jill) Miller as president. Approximately 1,500 resident Vietnamese are in Hawaii.

"We hope to be able to assist another in finding employment, job training, an introduction to the customs of this country, explanations of government functions, directions to appropriate governmental agencies and how to seek legal assistance and citizenship," she said.

Mrs. Miller said that the Association, which now has about 150 members, has some definite goals:

"We want to start English classes for Vietnamese residents here, with a Vietnamese-speaking teacher. Another thing we hope to do is to establish an agency to help in the adoption of children of American servicemen in Vietnam by citizens of this country," she said.

"In the near future, we want to open an office for counseling, learning and meetings. We prefer to be self-sufficient rather than depend on government assistance programs."



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This is one of those weeks we hate to see come—advertising lineage too low to justify publishing six pages. Our policy allows a four-pager whenever ads drop below 250 column inches. Perhaps our readers (who are also our potential advertisers) might appreciate a circulation analysis as of October, 1972, when the paid subscriptions totaled 20,140.

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POTSHOTS

Reaching Out

Don Hayashi



Both Pacific Northwest and Intermountain District Councils have met since the opening of the new Northwest Intermountain JACL regional office. It was pleasant to ride with IDC Gov. Shake Ushio and Nat'l V.P. Jim Murakami to the IDC meeting in Pocatello at their new chapter community center (which has a beautiful view of a neighboring golf course). With every IDC chapter present the meeting was informative.

The Pocatello Chapter and their prez, Masa Tsukamoto treated us that evening to their Community Carnival. Even with a small population, JACL is very visible and active. The IDC is active selling cookbooks and raising funds for the District and Chapters, and it's the hard work of Harriet Kimura (Salt Lake) and her committee that made this project possible.

Returning to Salt Lake, we informally gathered at the Ushios with Salt Lake and MI. Olympus JACLers. We talked well into the night about some of that community's critical needs of Issei, preserving the Asian American community, and attracting more youthful JACLers.

Flying on to Spokane, Ed Tsukakawa, Frank Ohtomo, and Yone Ota chatted with me about their Sr. Citizen Housing project. When completed this summer, the 41 unit project will cost \$225,000. PNWDC Gov. Jim Watanabe, just home from a trip to Hawaii, offered his hope that PNWDC get more involved in the community and an evening with many Spokane leaders brought out concerns which JACL needs to confront and attack.

The Nat'l Bowling Tournament in Portland also drew

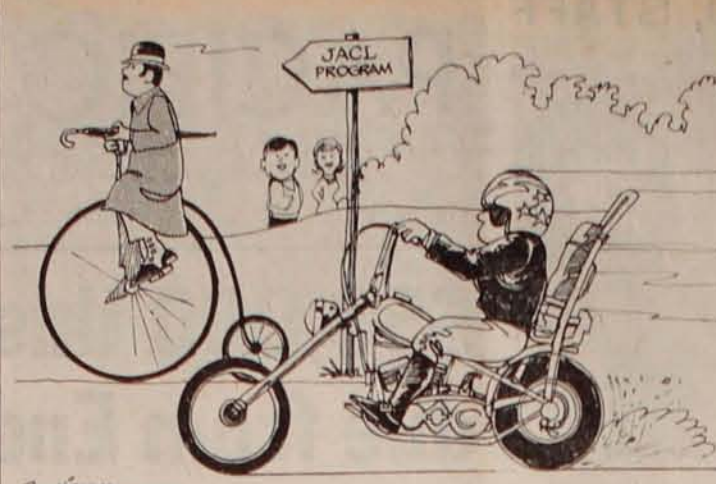
Renew Your Membership

25 Years Ago

In the Pacific Citizen, Mar. 27, 1948

Bodies of first Nisei war dead from France... Nisei girl (Ellen Oda) named 1948 queen by Kansas college students... Two Japanese American GI (T-5 Herbert M. Fukui and Cpl. Tokuro Nita) among eight who perished after army transport crash... Calif. Judge Joe L. Shell sets aside land law verdict... House gets bill to extend

deadline in GI brides act... No danger of Nisei bloc vote in Hawaii, says Sen. Guy Gordon (R-Ore)... Writ to act for Hawaii on Nisei-stranded... U.S. Supreme Court to hear oral arguments in Takahashi case during week of April 19... Eastern JACL seeks to draft Hito Okada for second term... Mother of Nisei hero unable to be citizen, Congress told.



"There goes some elements of our generation."

LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Sister City programs

Editor: "Why aren't more Japanese Americans active in the Sister City programs?"

Because I had already asked myself that question many times, I had no answer when it was posed as I was driving to San Francisco with Mrs. Tess Koch, auditor, and Mrs. Fern Harger, president, of the Berkeley-Sakai Sister City Association. We were on our way to hear an address by William Hosokawa, associate editor of the Denver Post, who has achieved prominence with his book, "Nisei, the Quiet Americans."

Mrs. Koch, a very well-known Bay Area book reviewer, was particularly eager to meet Mr. Hosokawa for she has presented her moving review of his book to audiences which total over a thousand people. The high esteem in which Mrs. Koch holds Mr. Hosokawa's book can be judged by the fact that she chose it to review at a special benefit arranged by the University Women to fund a scholarship in the name of Carrie Tessen Willig—Mrs. Koch's mother. Recalling stories of discrimination suffered by her German immigrant grandparents, she felt that this book was a fitting memorial to her mother. She continues to review the book whenever possible and hopes in this way to help correct false notions and impressions held by many regarding the Japanese Americans.

Mrs. Harger, whose deep interest in Japan and its culture began through high school friendships with Japanese Americans in Danville, Calif., has been extremely active in the Student Exchange program between Berkeley and Sakai since it began in 1962. This month long Summer friendship program follows an alternate pattern—one year Sakai students come to Berkeley, and the following year, Berkeley students visit in Sakai. Students visiting the Sister City enjoy a planned daily program as well as the people-to-people relationship opportunities afforded by living with two host families. Mrs. Harger has guided arrangements for Sakai students during two of their Berkeley visits and for the second time, will lead Berkeley students to Sakai this summer. In her role as leader, she prepares and conducts semi-monthly seminars to prepare the young people for their visit to Japan. A talk on the subject of study for the meeting is presented, and printed copies are given out to make up a reference book for each student. The studies include history, geography, art, language, religion, drama, agriculture, industry, etc. The talk is followed by a film obtained from the Japanese Consulate relating to the subject discussed.

Field trips are arranged to increase the students' knowledge of Japanese culture. Ushering tickets for the recent San Francisco appearance of Bunraku were obtained, and the students were thoroughly prepared for their exciting experience by studying the origins of Japanese drama and seeing an informative film on Bunraku puppet making and the training of the performers. They plan to attend the Ikebana and Japanese Arts show sponsored by the San Francisco-Bay Area Chapter of Ikebana International, April will find them at the Cherry Blossom Festival in Nihonmachi.

This careful preparation of

the students closely parallels her preparation of the 1971 students. The story of that program received a citation in the Awards Contest sponsored by the Reader's Digest Foundation and the Town Affiliation Association (National Sister City organization).

This Student Exchange program is open to all interested students whose parents live or work in Berkeley. There are 15 students in the group this year, only one of which is a Sansei. With the desire on the part of the Nisei to have their children know and see Japan—and with the stress the young are putting on their ethnic backgrounds—why aren't there more Sansei participating?

The Student Exchange is not the only value of the Sister City relationship for the Japanese American. An article in the Pacific Citizen (2/27/73) headlined, "Sister City Program Significant Aid in Improving Japan's Image in World," quotes Japanese Foreign Ministry spokesman Yasuhiro Murayama as saying, "We think the rewards have been significant to both Japan and the countries with which we have Sister City relationships. In mutual understanding, trade, cultural exchanges and the important people-to-people friendships that have been established."

Unfair though it is, it still stands that while America's attitude toward citizens of Japanese extraction seems to blow hot and cold with changes in relations between Japan and the U.S. When there are organizations such as Sister City Associations which are actively working to bring about a better understanding, not only of Japan, but also of the Japanese American, why isn't the opportunity to get to know and work with people who share our goals eagerly seized?

Why aren't more Japanese Americans active in the Sister City programs?

BARBARA TAKAHASHI
Berkeley

High school sports

Editor: Recently the coaches of the Los Angeles Coach System voted to do away with the exponent system in high school sports and to replace it by grade level competition. A few parents and concerned school personnel got wind of the decision and made their protest known to the Board of Education, as this decision would certainly be detrimental to the "small athlete," namely the Oriental and Mexican athlete.

A hearing was held by a committee of the Board for the coaches and school personnel. Dr. Georgianna Hardy, head of this hearing committee, requested the Athletic Committee, composed of high school principals and coaches, to reconsider their decision. I feel many parents are not aware of the ramifications to the Oriental athlete if this decision to do away with "Bee" and "Cee" sports in high school becomes a reality. This would definitely discourage many of our Oriental children from going into high school sports, if they have to compete with children larger in size than they are.

If our Oriental parents are concerned, they should write to their high school principals or to the members of the Board of Education.

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JACL staff—

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Program at Portland State University. In addition, she served as Young Adult Coordinator of the Asian American Caucus of the United Methodist Church.

Miyuki Yasui will be secretary in JACL's Northwest Intermountain Regional Office. An active member of the Portland Chapter of JACL, she has served as historian, treasurer, and this year, she is working on budget and finance. Her previous working experience has been in areas of dress design and department store display in Philadelphia and New York City.

A native of Los Angeles, Mrs. Yasui is a graduate of Belmont High School. She received a B.S. in Home Economics from the Drexel Institute of Technology, Philadelphia. Outside of her JACL activities, she has been active in her local PTA and the Hospital Auxiliary at Dwyer Memorial Hospital, Milwaukie, Oregon.

Gail Ann Chew Nishioka, 25, is the secretary in JACL's Washington Office. A native of Oakland, Calif., she worked previously as a project assistant in the Asian American Studies Division of the Department of Applied Biological Sciences at the University of California at Davis. She also served as administrative assistant to Isao Fujimoto, Rural Sociologist in the same department of the University.

Mrs. Nishioka is a 1971 graduate of Davis, with a major in English Literature. She is currently completing her MA in Philosophy of Education with a thesis on "Cultural Differences and the Implications of Ethnic Studies," at Davis. She has also attended San Francisco State College and Diablo Valley College. Active in areas of Asian American Studies, Mrs. Nishioka has conducted Asian American Studies classes at the Salm Community Services, Sacramento, was a member of the Davis Human Relations Council and participated as a speaker in Asian American conferences. In addition, she was on the Board of Directors of the Legal Aid Society of Sacramento County.

Sen. Hansen Acts

"Hashimoto has been the victim of an injustice but the rules and regulations don't permit consideration of this fact," Hansen declared. "Under the strict interpretation of the rules, he is ineligible for benefits even through racial policies of his own government, which have since been repudiated, are largely the reason for his ineligibility."

Hansen said he would introduce a "private bill" in the senate that would declare Hashimoto eligible for benefits based on his actual service with the railroad.

Once introduced, the bill must be submitted to the Senate Judiciary Committee for review before it can be voted on in the senate. It is a time consuming process, but Hansen feels the measure has a chance of approval.

Principle Involved

So Hashimoto's story may have a happy ending. A shy, reserved man, he is reluctant to have it told at all.

Reflecting back to 1941, Hashimoto said he had been surprised at being fired from the Union Pacific in light of what we were all taught about our basic rights as American citizens.

Mrs. Hashimoto said that if her husband doesn't get the retirement benefits—estimated at about \$80 a month—they won't be thrust into abject poverty.

"It's not so much the money," she said, "as the principle."

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EDC Spring Meeting

Gov. Grayce Uyehara, Eastern District

The Eastern District Council held its quarterly meeting at the beautiful and spacious home of Takashi and Yuri Moriuchi of Moorestown, N.J., on Saturday, March 10. The idyllic setting in the woods, overlooking a large pond, found some of the delegates canoeing during lunch break.

Forty-five delegates were present from the four chapters, including three youths from Washington, D.C. George Higuchi, Philadelphia chapter president, extended greetings.

A thorough discussion was held on the subject of an Eastern Regional Office. At the time of resettlement from the relocation centers, JACL had an Eastern Office for eight years. The delegates decided that New York would be preferable to Washington, D.C. since public relations will have high priority. New York is the communications center for the various media. Ronald Inouye, newly elected president of the New York chapter, will head the New York Office study committee to develop the proposal. Each chapter selected a representative to the committee.

In preparation for the follow-up work which will be necessary after the National Planning Commission meets, each chapter was asked to select its representative to the EDC planning commission chaired by Kaz Oshiki.

National dues were discussed as an unsolved problem in relation to the budget and it was pointed out that during the next four years federal funding of programs may be less possible for some of the JACL programs. If revenue sharing becomes a reality, government funds will go down differently. In the discussion which followed two recommendations were made to have additional funds for JACL: special fund drives and a study committee to develop ideas and methods for raising money.

Anti-Harassment

The following resolution was passed by EDC in response to the Progressive Westside JACL Board action reported in the March 9th issue of Pacific Citizen.

RESOLUTION—EDC SPRING MEETING MARCH 10, 1973

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Bill Hosokawa

From the Frying Pan

WESTWARD HO—Each time we head westward by car from Denver the road becomes just a bit shorter and faster. Link by link, mile by mile, the Interstate Highway system nears completion. Ultimately one will be able to travel from coast to coast without ever encountering a stoplight. The latest segment to be opened is the 1.7-mile length of Eisenhower Tunnel through the Continental Divide just west of Denver. It pierces the granite spine of the Rockies, by-passing the breathtakingly scenic but slow and often dangerous Loveland Pass. It is an eerie feeling to enter the tunnel on the east side of the Rockies and, two minutes later, emerge on the west side.

The Interstate also has its disadvantages. We traveled on Interstate 70 to Grand Junction, Colo., then northwestward via Provo and Salt Lake, then westward again through the desert into Nevada. But the interstate skirts these cities so that the tourist passes by without ever seeing them unless he takes the time and makes the effort to tackle an off-ramp and cope with city traffic.

A couple of things haven't changed since the last trip west. One is the horribly rutted section at the west end of Salt Lake City where the freeway ends. The road then winds through the warehouse district and past the airport before it becomes once again a smooth, divided, blacktop highway. Why is this small section allowed to remain uncompleted? Local politics? Is this a studied effort to keep visitors from fleeing westward? Or slowing them down to the leisurely Salt Lake City pace after racing eastward across the salt flats at 85 m.p.h.? Raymond Uno, please look into it.

The other matter remaining unchanged is the incomplete sections of Interstate 70 a mile or two on each side of the tiny, weatherbeaten Nevada communities with names like Winnemucca and Wendover and Lovelock. It is still necessary to drive through each of them. It takes no great amount of wisdom to figure out that the authorities, whoever they may be, are delaying completion of the Interstate around these towns as long as possible, a temporary reprieve from an inevitable death sentence. Not that these communities will dry up and blow away like the ghost towns in the hills. But fewer and fewer tourists will be stopping for a bite to eat or to stay overnight at one of the many motels. (The service stations just off the Interstate won't have to worry; the way American cars guzzle down the gas these days, a stop every couple of hundred miles or so is necessary, even with 25 gallon tanks.)

Another amazing thing to the infrequent traveler through Nevada are the "casinos" in virtually every town of any consequence, offering slot machines and games of chance around the clock. We stopped overnight in Elko, a pleasant little community, and at 6 o'clock the next morning, en route to the coffee shop we walked through the casino where a game of blackjack was in progress. It might have been going on all night, but the pretty blonde dealer and her customers looked too fresh and pert for that. The lady dealers seem to be all of a kind—not too young but not old either, dyed blonde, slim almost to the point of fragility. How can such delicate-looking women survive the harsh winters and the rugged frontier life? Perhaps one good reason is that they probably venture outside but seldom.

Finally the Nevada snow and sagebrush are past, and we climb the gentle rises of Donner Pass. Yonder is California, green and verdant even in March. On the west, the orchards, many tended by Nisei farmers, are beginning to blossom. It has been a long, cold winter in Colorado, and a long, cold westward trek. The sunshine and gentle rains of California will be a welcome change.



Aloha from Hawaii

by Richard Gima

Hawaii Today

Honolulu
Tourists from Japan are harder to please than those from the mainland and other countries, the Hawaii Visitors Bureau has announced. Based on 273 replies to a questionnaire sent to recent Japanese visitors, the HVB has compiled the following data:

(1) Japanese tourists average 33.8 years of age, 151 Male, 126 Female. (2) More than 80 percent of the Japanese surveyed had never visited Hawaii before. (3) About 80 percent of the Japanese rated the various components of Hawaii's tourist industry as a generally lower level than other tourists. (4) Many faulted the food and poor quality of souvenir items. (5) A majority praised the friendliness of Hawaii people. (6) About 86 percent said they would like to return to Hawaii.

Higher telephone rates went into effect Mar. 9, which was the effective date of a State Public Utilities Commission order releasing \$2.1 million which had been withheld from a rate increase granted in 1971. The monthly charge for a residential private line in Oahu is \$9.25, up from \$8.20. Oahu businesses will pay \$2.15 for a one-party line, up from \$20.10. Increases are less on the neighbor islands.

Names in the News

Alden C. Barber, the national Boy Scouts of America scout executive, has announced that the annual meeting of the BSA with an estimated 5,000 delegates will be held in Honolulu in May, 1974. The Aloha Council recently recognized outstanding scouters at its annual dinner. Silver Beaver awards were presented to Owen Aspinall, Norman Gates, Doris Y. Goto, Robert Ellis, William Ernestburg, Mabel Haas, Shigeru Inouye, Robert Hashimoto, Ralph Kauri, Eleanor Mason, Howard Nakanishi, James Okada, Jr., James Olliges and Ann Rosskopf.

The Rev. Earl Kernahan will return to the Islands to become district superintendent of the United Methodist Church effective Apr. 1. The Rev. Charles Butterfield, outgoing superintendent, will

receive another appointment. Kernahan was pastor of the First Methodist Church here between 1949 and 1955.

Governor's Office

Gov. John Burns has asked the state legislature to approve a \$143 package of tax increases, with sizeable cuts in education and welfare programs. Some features of the program: (1) Immediate increase from 4 to 5 per cent in the state's general excise tax; (2) Higher excise tax rates of 6 per cent on hotel rooms and restaurant meals; (3) A 10 per cent surcharge to be added on to the personal income tax bills of island families who earn more than \$10,500; (4) Doubling the Univ. of Hawaii tuition by July, 1974; (5) A \$46 million slash in the welfare budget and 5 to 7 1/2 per cent cuts in education, health and UH programs.

Sports Scene

Oahu high school basketball teams may be in for some big problems with a visiting basketball team from Japan. Kakuhi High School found out the hard way. Norihiko Kitahara, a 6-foot-7 pivot, netted 23 points and pulled down 17 rebounds to pace Chuo High School of Tokyo to an 89-80 win over the Red Raiders Mar. 13 at Kailua Gym. Kitahara had plenty of support as 6-5 Yugi Ohtake and 6-2 Takahiko Yamada contributed 22 and 18 points, respectively, for the visitors. Pasa Final was high for Kakuhi with 31 points. Visiting Chuo defeated Farrington, 67-54, Mar. 14 at the Farrington Governor Gym.

Courtroom

City prosecutor Barry Chung has dropped indictment of perjury and election fraud against state Rep. Mitsuo Uechi after inspecting the campaign financial records he had turned in voluntarily. Said Chung, "Based upon an examination of Uechi's records which he submitted to us voluntarily we have now determined that there was no violation of the state's election law."

Former Kauai Mayor Antone Vidinha, Jr., may be



SAKURA MATSURI—Cherry Blossom Festival! Booming out the tidings are one of the many teams of drummers who will take part in spring festivities April 13-15 and 19-22 at San Francisco's Japan Center. Various types of traditional drumming ranging from the thunderous o-daiko (big drum) to oke-do (cylindrical drum seen here) will be demonstrated during the Japanese community's colorful, seven-day celebration.

MANZANAR PLAQUE TEXT APPROVED APRIL 14 DEDICATION PLANS SET

SACRAMENTO — After a top-level meeting with state officials and legislators last week (Mar. 19), the Manzanar Committee with the National Japanese American Citizens League announced the wording of the state historical plaque to be placed at Manzanar has been approved.

"After five re-writings of the text, three meetings with the State Department of Parks and Recreation and two years of struggle, the state has finally agreed to a wording which we consider acceptable and historically accurate," a committee spokesman said.

As agreed, the plaque will read:

Plaque placed by the State Department of Parks and Recreation in cooperation with the Manzanar Committee and the Japanese American Citizens League—April 14, 1973

The meeting, which was arranged through Dennis Nishikawa, Administrative Consultant to Assemblyman Alex Garcia of the 40th Assembly District (covering Little Tokyo and Chinatown) was well-attended. Representatives of the National JACL and administrative staff of Assemblyman Bob Moretti of San Francisco, Sen. Moriyama of Los Angeles and Sen. Ralph Dills from Gardena gave their support to the Manzanar Committee in negotiations with William Penn Mott, Director of the State Department of Parks and Recreation.

Assemblyman Garcia, who chaired this crucial meeting, stated: "This united effort is a giant step forward toward educating the state of California in the history of Asian Americans."

Previously, Mott had nullified agreements made by the State Historical Advisory Committee, the Manzanar Committee, and the National JACL. "Only through understanding and communication with the minority communities can the state act in a meaningful way," Garcia said.

For the past two years, the Manzanar Committee conducted meetings and teach-ins to

disseminate information about the camps to interested persons, published a Syllabus titled, "The Lost Years: 1942-1946," and conducted several pilgrimages to Manzanar for clean-up and memorial services.

Emerging from the meeting, the committee noted: "We are extremely happy to have arrived at an agreement so that the bronze plaque will be ready for the dedication ceremony at Manzanar on April 14, the day of the Pilgrimage."

Maps and bus schedules may be obtained by calling:

In the early part of World War II, 110,000 persons of Japanese ancestry were interned in relocation centers by Executive Order No. 9066, issued on February 19, 1942.

Manzanar, the first of ten such concentration camps, was a guarded fortress, containing 10,000 prisoners, the majority being American citizens.

Starving, ill, and suffering from the effects of a severe winter, the internees suffered here as a result of hysteria, racism and economic exploitation never emerge again.

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LOS ANGELES — As a prelude to the April 14 Manzanar Pilgrimage, footage shot privately by internees during WW2 will be shown in the various Japanese American communities.

The most spectacular of these are color films of Heart Mountain and Topaz taken respectively by Eichi Sakuyae and Dave Tatsuno of San Jose.

"Almost 45 minutes of the daily lives of the internees will come alive again as these men will provide a narrative and commentary on the films at the Gardena showing," a spokesman said.

Of special interest are the Topaz films which were taken by a camera smuggled into camp by Caucasian friends despite strict restriction on the use of cameras, shortwave radios and other communication items in the Western Command Zone.

Reaction of most people who have seen the films is one of amazement over the sense of reality achieved due to the quality of the color after so many years.

Sue Embrey, co-founder of the Manzanar Committee, notes: "If you have friends who want to see what a camp looked like or if you have children who have no idea about what a camp was like, this is a program that you may want to bring them to."

The program will also feature films taken at Amache.

The following schedule has been announced:

Seminah Buddhist Church—April 8, 2:30 p.m. Union Church—April 7, 2 p.m. Gardens Youth and Community Services Building—April 8, 2 p.m. and 2 p.m. 1700 W. Gardena Blvd. Cal State Univ. at Long Beach—April 10 at 7:30 p.m.; Little Theater of the Student Union.

Tritia Toyota to host

TV panel on drug abuse

LOS ANGELES KNBC news reporter Tritia Toyota hosts a discussion of the drug problems in the Asian-American community in the third of Channel 4's "Expression: East-West" series, set to air on Sat., March 31 at 2:30 p.m.

The program concentrates on the work of the Asian Women's Center in its fight against drug abuse.

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CHAPTER PULSE

Installation

Asian Americans must work together: Sparky
By Thomas Song

"Now it is up to us to make common cause with all Americans of Asian ancestry," declared Sparky M. Matsunaga, U.S. Congressman from the First District of Hawaii, at the Philadelphia JACL installation dinner held on Mar. 10.

Two hundred two JACLers and friends filled the Bunquet Room of Chinnell's Country House, Cherry Hill, N.J., to celebrate the 1973 installation and to listen to their favorite Congressman. The large attendance of 202 was remarkable in view of the fact that Philadelphia Chapter has 221 registered members.

After the MC of the night, Tom Tamaki, called the dinner to order. Rev. William R. McElwee of the Old Orchard United Methodist Church, Cherry Hill, delivered the invocation. Gladys Kamihira introduced the attending high school and college graduates. Following the greetings by the Rep. Edwin B. Forsythe (N.J. 6th Dist.), and remarks by Wesley Marantak, past Junior JACL president, Marchiko Simmons performed the Japanese dance.

In his address, Matsunaga spoke of the heritage of Philadelphia and of the history of Japanese Americans, and of the JACL's unrelenting struggle against discrimination. He urged the audience to work toward equality of all, and especially to ally with all Americans of Asian ancestry. When he finished, he received standing ovation.

The new board of governors consists of: George K. Huguichi, chairman; George F. Harada, Vice Chairman; Russell Mead, Atsushi Sugiyama, Kose Suto, and Akira Yoshida.

George K. Huguichi, the 1972 and 1973 chairman, spoke in his response that the 10th Park Fair was a tremendous success. The chapter set a record for chapter membership this year with 221 members. The attendance was excellent in all the chapter events: Wintertown trip in May, 1972; July picnic and August outing; the Issei Appreciation dinner in October; jointly sponsored movie at Seabrook in November; Christmas party; the panel discussion on Sansei at Bryn Mawr College in February, 1973; and finally the installation dinner dance.

The chapter is now working through the Ethnic Council Nationalities Service Center, the Asian Council of Greater Philadelphia, participating in the YWCA's recent convocation on racial justice.

The chairman noted with regret the recent suspension of Philadelphia's Japanese American Youth (JAY) group. He said the chapter must become more aware of

our senior citizens and maintain an on-going Japanese cultural program so that the members and their children can better appreciate their Japanese heritage.

Huguichi mentioned his desire to work closer with the sister chapters in the Eastern District Council. A get-together program for the youngsters—6 to 10 years old—has been initiated. Hopefully, through this approach, this pre-JAY group will become the JAY's and later the senior JACL members.

The door prizes for the event were donated by: Russell Mead, Haruko's Oriental Bazaar, Oriental Food Market, Gladys Kamihira, Ryki and George Huguichi, Mary Murakami, Hatsumi Harada, Tok Morikuchi, and Chinnell's Country House.

On the installation dinner Dance Committee were: George K. Huguichi, Ruth K. Huguichi, co-chairman; R. Bini Endo, Edith Honda, A. Buntz Ikeda, N. Fumie Ikeda, Gladys Kamihira, Roy K. Kida, Yuri Kida, Karen Kurada, Betty Mesi, Russell Mead, Ray Masters, Mery Murakami, Tom Murakami, Jack Simmons, Machiko Simmons, Tom Tanaka.

March Events

West Valley to welcome new members at potluck

Santa Clara County's West Valley JACL will welcome new members at a "Get Acquainted" potluck dinner on Saturday, March 31 at 6:30 in the hall of Grace Methodist Church.

Following the dinner will be small group discussion centering on the identity, purpose, and direction of the West Valley JACL. The group will then entertain itself by participating in folk dancing. General chairman is John Murphy.

April Events

Easter egg hunt set by Orange County JACL

The Pioneer Project and Orange County JACL are co-sponsoring the annual Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 21, 10 a.m., at Fountain Valley's Mill Square Park—a new locale from previous hunts at Irvine Park.

The So-Phi are preparing the Easter baskets for children. Others willing to help should call Kaz Mayemura (340-3449).

Scholarship

Cindy Kadonaga wins Alameda scholarship

Cynthia Ann (Cindy) Kadonaga, daughter of the Roland Kadonagas of Oakland, was presented the \$250 Alameda JACL scholarship, while runner-up David A. Nakagaki, son of the George Nakagakis of San Francisco, was presented the \$100 scholarship. A third award of \$100 was awarded to Mitzel Lynn Ikeda, daughter of the Mitsuru Ikedas of Alameda.

The scholarships were presented during the installation dinner held Feb. 3.

On the judging committee were: Donald J. Bello, Mrs. Kay Yoshimura, Albert Koshiyama.

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