

# JACLER ENTERS RACE FOR MAYOR OF SEATTLE

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As a partisan mayor in a nonpartisan office, Tui said, Uhlman has failed to obtain from a Republican national administration all the federal funds that are available to Seattle.

Slap at Mayor In addition, Tui said, Uhlman has not consulted adequately with the City Council.

"I could provide leadership and work with the City Council so Seattle could achieve its potential," said Tui, a council member for nearly four years and president for more than one.

Tui said he expects his campaign to cost \$70,000 to \$100,000.

"Mostly it will be based on the people's desire for a change," he added.

Support

Tui said he expects to get his share of support from downtown business.

"It won't be as much as I would like," he said, "because the mayor has made sure the downtown businessmen are on his team."

He added that his strength lies in the neighborhoods.

Seattle, a city of nearly 600,000, is the largest metropolis in the Pacific Northwest.

REP. JEROME WALDIE

## Two retirement credit bills introduced for Japanese American evacuees

WASHINGTON — Two bills to provide retirement credits for Japanese Americans interned in camps during World War II were introduced in March by Rep. Jerome Waldie (D-Calif.), chairman of the House subcommittee on retirement and employee benefits of the Post Office and Civil Service Committee.

HR 5555 would give Japanese who are federal employees and who were interned in the WW2 camps retirement credit for the time spent in confinement.

HR 5183 would give Social Security retirement credit to those Japanese Americans who voluntarily evacuated

### To Rectify Bias

Rep. Waldie said the provisions of his bill would help rectify the discrimination and hardship endured by Japanese Americans as a result of U.S. policy during WW2.

"The Federal Government, the employers of these American citizens was responsible for the unjust tragedy of their internment," Waldie declared upon introduction of HR 5555.

"Though little can be done to substantially repair the lives thus broken and interrupted, this major atonement on the part of the Federal Government for the great wrong done these loyal Americans is a small step in that direction."

With reference to his bill on Social Security, Waldie was aware that the 1972 amendments moved to correct a longstanding injustice by providing credit to those Japanese Americans who were interned during World War II but noted an important segment was omitted from receiving these benefits — those Japanese Americans who voluntarily evacuated restricted areas.

### Omission Noted

"Like those who were interned, these people were forced on extremely short notice to give up their personal possessions, leave their friends and start life again in a totally different and often-times hostile environment," Waldie declared.

"It might be argued that these people who voluntarily evacuated had an opportunity to work and therefore earn social security credits. However, if relying upon this argument, it would be good to remind oneself of the atmosphere and general social attitude toward Japanese Americans and then picture the discrimination they, in all probability, faced in attempting to obtain good, steady employment."

Waldie's bills in brief:

HR 5183 — To amend Title II of the Social Security Act to provide coverage extended to individuals of Japanese ancestry who were interned in the United States during World War II.

HR 5555 — To amend Title II of the Social Security Act to provide coverage extended to individuals of Japanese ancestry who voluntarily left the areas of their residence in order to avoid such internment.

Period of time for exclusion is designated as from Dec. 7, 1941, through Dec. 31, 1946.

As for wages deemed to have been paid during this period, it will be reduced by the amount of any wages or self-employment income with which credit has been made.

Benefits are to apply with respect to monthly insurance payable under Title II of the Social Security Act after December 1972, with respect to lump-sum death payments in case of deaths occurring after such month.

HR 5555 — To amend Title 5, U.S. Code, allow credit for civil service retirement purposes for time spent by Japanese Americans in World War II internment camps.

Bill includes those who departed voluntarily from the West Coast in anticipation of evacuation. Period for World War II is designated as from Sept. 1, 1940, to July 24, 1947.



NEW MAYOR — Carson (Calif.) city council last week (April 24) elected Sak Yamamoto as its mayor.

The Tacoma-born Nisei businessman has served on the city council since the city was incorporated in 1971-72. A city of 65,000, Carson is sandwiched between Long Beach and Gardena. He is married to the former Greta Tahimura of Vashon Island, Washington, (both Gardena Valley JACLers) and they have four children.

—Cut Courtesy: Kashi Meimichi

## PLIGHT OF AINU IN JAPAN SIMILAR TO AMERICAN INDIAN EXPERIENCE

By GEORGE ARAKI

San Francisco In a cluster of towns in Northern Japan, a small number of people have started a fight for psychological survival of their race. They are Ainu-aboriginal, mistreated, and now vanishing.

Yoshimi Hiramara, a young attractive Ainu girl from Hokkaido, and leader of the Ainu Undo (movement), related the Ainu story to over a hundred engrossed listeners at the December meeting of the S.F. Center for Japanese American Studies.

Today, the Ainu live mainly in Hokkaido. The population is reportedly close to 15,000, but intermarriage makes it difficult to determine accurately. Before intrusion by the Japanese, the aboriginal Ainu lived as hunters, in peace and harmony with their surroundings in a land called "Ainomoshir" (Ainu Country), the present day Hokkaido. Culture and values were transmitted from generation to generation through "Yukara" (legends of valor), "Yaisamu" (songs of lament), and "Uebekere" (folk tales). There is no written language.

Since the 8th century, the Ainu history has been one of steady and sometimes violent loss to Japanese encroachers. At first, Japanese visitors and settlers were welcomed and helped, but soon, hostilities developed as the Japanese began to dominate the Ainu.

### Ainu Wars

In 1457, a brief Ainu war erupted over the waning slaying of an Ainu by a Japanese shopkeeper. Chief Koshima, Ainu leader of the Hakodate area at that time, and his outnumbered army suffered a crushing defeat.

Again in 1669, another war, the Shakushain War of Independence, ensued. This time, meeting tremendous resistance, the Japanese sued for peace. After making peace agreements during the negotiation banquet, the Matsushima clan cruelly assassinated Shakushain, the courageous 64-year-old Ainu leader. This enunciated the Ainu and shortly afterward, they were completely subjugated and dominated by the Japanese. Ainu men were hunted and captured for compulsory manual labor, while Ainu women fell victim to the sexual needs of the Japanese army. Agonizing hardships ensued.

### Ainu 'Nationalized'

A last effort "Kunashiri Rebellion" was harshly squelched by execution of 37 Ainu men. Conquest was total and in 1869, Hokkaido was proclaimed uninhabited land.

### 'Grains of Rice'

CINCINNATI — The Cincinnati JACL newsletter has been christened "Grains of Rice" with Frances Tui cited for suggesting the name from a Japanese proverb: "Minoru hodo atama no sagaru ina ho kana" — The rice stalk which bears the most grains hangs the lowest. (The more advanced one becomes, the more humble he becomes).

and the property of the Japanese Emperor.

In the more enlightened Meiji Era, the Japanese government, in 1889, enacted a Native Protection Law, which made Ainu Japanese, provided some land for cultivation, and established schools for Ainu children. Spiritless, the Ainu could not supplant their hunting tradition with farming, which gave all the more ammunition to critics, labeling Ainu as shiftless and irresponsible.

Ainu were forbidden to speak the Ainu language. They were openly discriminated upon, and at every moment, the insidious message: IT IS BAD TO BE AINU — was cast, and its shadow of self-hatred became very dark.

Today, Ainu identity and pride are all but crushed. And remaining Ainu, hiding their Ainu heredity, try to cross the

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## 'Americanization' claimed no answer to world problems, says newsman

HONOLULU — The outgoing director of the East-West Communication Institute urged Hawaii's East-West Center to keep its goals separate from United States foreign policy so the center can work for true internationalization, rather than "Americanization."

"Dr. Michio Nagai, institute director for the past year, made the statements in a farewell address April 12 at the East-West Center. He has returned to his position as editorial writer at the Asahi Shimbun, Tokyo.

Nagai said too many Americans equate "internationalization" with "Americanization." He noted, "Many Americans are eager to teach English to peoples in Asia and expect them to converse in English."

### Role of Languages

"I think that it is good for people in Asia to learn such Western foreign languages as English, Spanish, Russian, French, etc. But obviously for every nation in Asia to strike out (towards) nationhood, the priority is to refine and diffuse a national language of its own."

Nagai also said too many Western institutions fail to provide any scholarly emphasis on the language or culture of Asian countries.

"For even at the East-West Center where the mutuality of cultural interchange is so much emphasized, during one year of my stay here I have not been approached by even one Caucasian staff member who would speak to me in Japanese."

### Rep. Mink Quoted

Nagai several times quoted Rep. Patsy Mink's warnings about the East-West Center's "becoming an institution to give a one-way American message to countries in Asia." He quoted Mrs. Mink as stating, "The basis for this fault is our intermingling for-



JACL ARCHIVES — To signify completion of one major phase of the Japanese American Research Project, National JACL President Henry Tanaka, UCLA-JACL director Dr. Robert Wilson and Dean John Burke of the UCLA Dept. of Social Sciences hold a volume known as the Registry, which lists the personal papers from the JARP archives now housed in the UCLA Research Library Dept. of Special Collections. At left are Steve Lin and Everett Moore of the UCLA Library. At right is Shig Wakamatsu, JACL-JARP chairman.

## Bilingual federal court proposed

WASHINGTON — A movement to require simultaneous translation in all Federal courts that serve communities with significant numbers of non-English-speaking residents is taking shape in court reform and Congressional circles.

If it wins the approval of Congress and the White House, the new program would provide a broadened

system of justice for Asian Americans on the West Coast and in Hawaii, Mexican-Americans in California and the Southwest, and French-speaking residents of Maine and Louisiana.

Sen. John V. Tunney (D-Calif.), is drafting a bilingual courts act that would mandate translation personnel and equipment in every Federal district with 50,000 or more residents whose primary language is in some language other than English.

The Tunney legislation is being circulated among leaders of the bench and bar for comment and criticism, and the threshold population figure and definition of what constitutes a "non-English-speaking" resident are still subject to adjustment.

### Fairer Trials Sought

Basic objective to a bilingual Federal court is to guarantee a full and fair trial to those who are so unfamiliar with ordinary courtroom English that they are unable to follow the proceedings and understand the bulk of the testimony.

A secondary goal of many judges and lawyers who back the concept is to put the reform into effect voluntarily before the Supreme Court gets a case in which it might rule that anything less than a simultaneous translation system is an unconstitutional denial of defendants' rights.

Some supporters believe that bilingual court proceedings are essential only in criminal cases, but Senator Tunney is convinced the system should be extended to civil cases as well, where the resolution of personal and property rights issues can have a major impact on litigants.

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### Expo '74 pavilion

SPOKANE, Wash. — Preliminary work on the Japan pavilion at Expo '74 here in mid-April began with arrival of three representatives of the Japan External Trade Organization.

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### Never on Sunday

TOKYO — Japanese in the future may be able to enjoy an extra day off on a Monday if a national holiday should fall on a Sunday under a plan proposed by Kenzaburo Hara, a liberal-Democrat Diet member.

## UCLA LIBRARY HOUSES RARE JAPANESE AMERICAN DOCUMENTS

By HARRY K. HONDA

LOS ANGELES — Scholars from around the country and serious students engaged in the study of Japanese in America are beginning to visit the UCLA Research Library, now that the documents and materials collected by JACLers have been transferred from the Japanese American Research Project to the Library's Dept. of Special Collections.

Chief Librarian Robert Vosper, who accepted the JARP archives last week (April 27) in the presence of JACL and UCLA officials, congratulated the JACL efforts and assured that professional care of the valuable material will enable researchers to study these sources for generations to come.

Shig Wakamatsu of Chicago, chairman of the JACL-JARP committee, said it marked the completion of one of the three major objectives of the research project, the other two being the publication of the definitive history of the Japanese in America and the three generation sociological survey.

### Value to Enhance

Wakamatsu predicted the value of the JARP archives will be enhanced as the years and decades pass. He acknowledged the work of preparing the priceless records into usable forms was done by the Asian American Studies Center staff on campus.

On display this month at the UCLA Library are some of the rare items — such as the Vol. 1, No. 1 of the "Nikkei Shimin" (renamed the Pacific Citizen) published in October, 1929, by the Japanese American Citizens League; a passport of an Issei who came to America at the turn of this century, old scrapbooks, letters from a WRA camp resident, minutes of Issei organizations — that are truly museum pieces.

### PREWAR SAN DIEGO RECORDS DESTROYED

SAN DIEGO — Records of the San Diego Japanese Assn., believed to be dated from 1913-1941, seized by the FBI at the outbreak of World War II were destroyed by the Dept. of Justice in a program which began in 1950 and completed in 1969, historian Don Estes was informed.

The past San Diego JACL chapter president is currently wrangling on research methods in connection with the local history of Japanese in San Diego.

"The idea that the federal government would destroy such records (seized on search warrants) without attempting to return them or at least permit the owners is just beyond comprehension," Estes said. The Japanese Association became defunct after Pearl Harbor.

### No Foreign Tax Credit

LeClair said the aliens cannot claim a foreign-tax credit on their U.S. taxes for the Philippines' tax because they earned the taxable U.S. income in Hawaii and not in a foreign country.

Plaintiffs in the suit are Victoria Domingo, Angel Palisbo, Domingo Baguio, Mariano Luquinan and Josefina Duya. Defendants are Vincente Romero, Philippine Consul General in Hawaii, Honorio Carampan, a consul under Romero, Fernan Villar, legal officer at the consulate and Justo Ortiz, a consulate revenue officer.

A hearing on an injunction against the tax was scheduled for May 2 in Federal Judge Martin Pence's court.

### Nisei appointed customs director

BELLINGHAM, Wash. — Masao Watanabe, 49, of Tacoma was recently appointed U.S. Customs port director at nearby Blaine, said to be one of the top five on the West Coast. Some \$26 million is collected annually from some 45,000 entries which pass through Vancouver, B.C.

An 18-year veteran in the Customs Bureau, he previously was port director at Tacoma for 4 1/2 years. A native of Seattle, he is a 442nd RCT veteran, attended Univ. of Washington majoring in foreign trade and accounting.

The staff at Blaine numbers 60, considered a large complement by Customs Bureau standards.

### Togin at Oakland

OAKLAND — The Oakland branch of the Bank of California, 1750 Broadway, was open for business April 30, according to vice president and manager Ben N. Matsui. The branch becomes the bank's eighth office in Northern California and the 18th in its network.

### 38,000 watch S.F. Sakura parade

SAN FRANCISCO — A different sort of Easter Parade wound through the streets of San Francisco April 22 — a Japanese-style pageant to climax the week-long Cherry Blossom Festival.

Police estimated in excess of 38,000 spectators turned out to watch the two and a half hour parade, which featured more than 1,500 colorful costumed participants paced by grand marshal Mayor Yasushi Oshima of Osaka.

A San Francisco cable car carried two Miss Sister City beauties from Osaka, Noriko Makabe and Mayuki Nakamori. The Cherry Blossom Festival Queen, Rhoda Kay Umamano, also took part.



MISS SAKURA MATSURI — Rhoda Kay Umamano, 19 (left), is crowned queen of San Francisco's 6th annual Cherry Blossom Festival by 1972 Queen Sharon Hagiya. Miss Umamano, a 5'-2", 105-pound beauty from Saratoga, Calif., was picked from a field of eleven candidates and was sponsored by the West Valley JACL. As queen, Miss Umamano reigned over the seven-day, two-weekend festival which ended April 22, and also won a trip to Japan courtesy of Japan Air Lines. Miss Hagiya was also sponsored by West Valley JACL.



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**ASIAN GERONTOLOGY PROJECT**

It is evident the administrators (National JACL) of the Asian Gerontology Project are not buying the adage of "eye for eye, tooth for tooth".

When the position statement on the (JACL) Gerontology Project was issued by the East Bay Japanese for Action and Kimochi, Inc., two groups involved in direct services to Issei in the San Francisco Bay Area, it was a prominent front-page item in the April 18 Hokubei Mainichi. The charges must have grieved the JACL administrators but the detail answers were reserved in a memorandum to the National JACL Board and Northern California JACL chapter presidents—though we believe had JACL responded in kind via the press, equal play would have been provided.

When the project was funded by the U.S. government to the tune of some \$65,000, it was not to provide funds for direct services but, in accordance with the Administration on Aging guidelines, to influence change by educating and sensitizing agencies, institutions and decision-makers engaged in the delivery of services to the elderly.

Since recent federal cutbacks have modified the original JACL project intent to provide training opportunities for graduate students in gerontology, project director Eugene Moriguchi last week proposed the problems of aging be explored through videotapes by documenting the plight of Asian elderly and expose the reality that Asian families are not always able to take care of their own.

Recognition of such grassroots groups as EBAJ and Kimochi dealing directly with the Issei needs elderly merely proves the current failure of social services to provide for the Asian elderly. As Moriguchi explained, "The first step in solving problems . . . is to make those organizations and individuals who are able to institute change aware that the problems exist." The videotapes, then, are expected to offer some answers by documenting visually and with a study guide to show community-developed programs have been developed and can be a model for others to consider.

The criticism expressed in the EBAJ-Kimochi position statement would be valid were National JACL in the same ball park—dispensing direct services. But as National President Henry Tanaka and others have often reiterated, "JACL is not a direct service organization" nor "a foundation" to fund outside groups (Mar. 23 PC). However, this stand does not prevent a local chapter from dealing with the Issei needy aged directly—and the record shows chapters have implemented programs along these lines. Issei multi-service centers have been started by chapters. Recreational activities for Issei have been conducted. Issei health fairs where JACL-member doctors, dentists and other medical specialists donate their time and talent have flourished for the Issei indigent.

National JACL has always been concerned with the immigrant generation of Japanese. Alien land laws have been assaulted successfully through the courts and Japanese have secured immigration and naturalization privileges—thanks to a nation-wide legislative campaign. This is the ball park National JACL is best adapted to in which to play. Subsequently, JACL-sponsored Americanization classes for Issei bloomed profusely in the 1950s.

National JACL has determined its own level to assist the Asian elderly. Grassroot groups have their style. There is no one way or system to resolve human problems and needs—if there were, the atmosphere most certainly would be totalitarian.

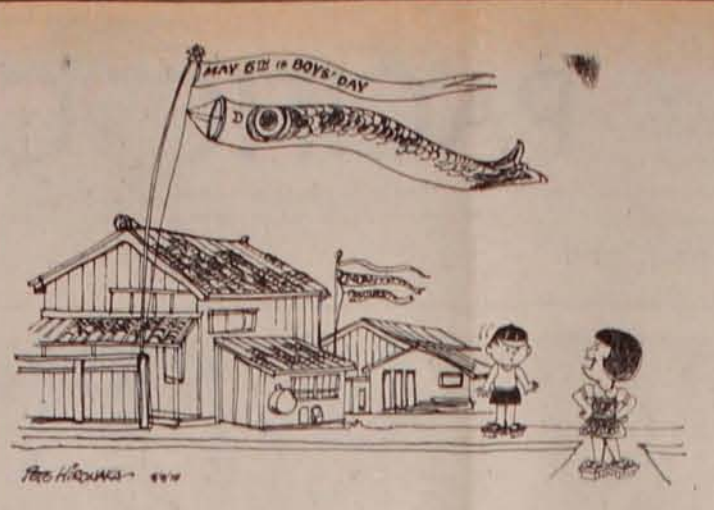
JACL has been charged with "exploiting the aged Issei for purposes of funding" but the pursuit of funds to quash the myth that "Asians have no problems" or that "Asians take care of their own" is the JACL purpose, girded with programs to that end. Bickering over methods only perpetuates an inequitable policy.

**25 Years Ago**  
In the Pacific Citizen, May 1, 1948

The United States citizen-dreads of Japanese aliens was ship which 2,300 Americans of reported out favorably by Japanese ancestry renounced the Senate Judiciary Committee while interned at the Tule Lake camp on April 29. The late Lake segregation center in California's alien fishing 1945 was reinstated on April 29, the second major piece 28 by Federal District Judge of anti-Japanese legislation in Louis E. Goodman. Memoranda of the House Judiciary subcommittee on immigration and naturalization will meet in executive session May 3 in Washington, D.C., to consider amendments and other necessary provisions to the Judd bill. A House-passed bill which will give the Attorney General discretionary power to recommend the suspension of the deportation of Japanese-Americans, was reported April 23.

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**Male Chauvinist!**

Columnist tells own Evacuation story to students

By KATS KUNITSUGU (Kashu Mainichi)

On Tuesday, through the generosity of bossman Hiro Hishiki (as Horse would put it), we became a college lecturer for the day.

Mrs. Mary Karasawa, sister-in-law of travel agent Yae Karasawa, arranged for me to talk to a group of history students at Rio Hondo College in Whittier in the morning, and in the evening, I completed my commitment to the

**GUEST COLUMN**

extension class series on the Japanese American Evacuation at the University of California at Irvine.

Both are interesting experiences for me. I would still rather write than speak, but it was gratifying to realize that I have enough chutzpah now to get up in front of a roomful of people and say my piece without my knees turning jelly.

Rio Hondo is a two-year college nestled in the Whittier hills above Freeway 605. The rolling green hills which form such a beautiful backdrop for the campus are part of Rose Hills Cemetery. I'm told Mrs. Phyllis Pearce, the instructor of one of the three classes I addressed, laughingly commented, "We have very quiet neighbors."

The campus buildings are new, and very pleasing architecturally. Students there come from the surrounding areas of Whittier, Pico-Rivera, Montebello, El Monte, etc., with the result that most of them are white with a large minority of Mexican American students.

The latter asked the most germane and penetrating questions of me in the session that followed my short talk. They zeroed in on the constitutional questions raised by the Evacuation, the draft status of the young Issei boys during World War II, the loyalty questionnaire and the sociological impact of the Evacuation on Japanese Americans.

They weren't too curious about details of concentration camp life, which is the way I wanted them to see the whole sorry episode. It wasn't how or how much we suffered in the process which is important—the important point was that the Evacuation and concentration camps should have happened in America, of all places, at all.

I was rather surprised that the question-and-answer session to which I looked forward was more lively at Rio Hondo College than at the Irvine session. Perhaps it was because mine was only one of a series of classes at the latter and previous speakers which included Togo Tanaka, prewar English section editor of the Rafu Shimpo, and Amy Ishii, Holbrook JACL president and older sister of Edison Uno, who figures prominently in activist Japanese American causes these days, had answered many of the questions the Irvine students had already.

I perceive a tendency in many consciousness-raising Asian American sessions recently to emphasize the suffering of the Japanese from the concentration camp episode.

While this is a reaction against the white establishment attitude of "Oops, sorry the Evacuation happened, but we certainly admire the Japanese people for the splendid way in which they took it," a constant barrage of "Oh, how we suffered" from the Japanese Americans, especially from those who weren't even born then, does tend to raise the hackles of us Nisei who went through the Evacuation, who have digested the experience as best we could and now feel that we have better things to do than to continually beat a dead horse.

Of course the racism which prompted the Evacuation is still very much alive and we have to be on the constant alert to combat it; what I am saying is that the Nisei know this. The message should be hitting the Archie Bunker out there in Suburbia Land, not us.

That is why a television program (produced by an Asian American, by the way)

**To the Point**

Shig Sugiyama  
Nat'l JACL President-Elect

**THE 'WHY' AND 'WHAT' OF IT ALL**

When you ask someone for directions, you are normally asking how to get somewhere. You may not know where you are (and that may be the reason you're asking), but you do know where you want to go and you know why. Also, in answer, you're likely to be given a number of possible ways of getting to your destination, some better or easier than others.

In response to similar questioning within JACL ("What is the direction of JACL?", the typical response, if any, appears to be in terms of what JACL's chapters, district councils and national organization ought to do. Rarely, if ever, is what we want to achieve and why clearly articulated. The emphasis is on the doing of something, anything.

How often we hear the cliché: "We have to get the members involved," or "Our programs have to be relevant." Why and to what? As proposals for action are considered and discussed, projects are approved and initiated on the basis of a gut feeling that it's a "good idea." "It's in keeping with the times," or perhaps "because someone else has done it."

Little or no consideration is given to why or what needs to be accomplished, what we expect to achieve by following the course of action proposed or decided, or the possible consequences if we do or don't do something. If someone questions the why, likely as not, he'll be sneered at for not knowing better. What better defense against a question for which you have no adequate answer?

Perhaps if we paid more attention to the why of a course of action and what we expect to achieve, we would be able to muster more substantial support for our programs, from our members as well as from people outside the organization.

It seems essential then that at the National level we should more clearly articulate the goals and objectives of the National JACL organization. We could say that our goals and objectives are enunciated in the National JACL Constitution: "... to foster American democracy, promote active participation in civic and national life, and secure justice and equal opportunities for Americans of Japanese ancestry."

**CRA to survey tenants in west Little Tokyo**

LOS ANGELES—Tenants occupying the western edge of Little Tokyo Redevelopment Project area along E. 2nd St. between Los Angeles and San Pedro and on Weller St. will be surveyed by the Community Redevelopment Agency by CRA Little Tokyo Project staff.

Approximately 18 businesses and 59 residents will be interviewed with respect to future housing and relocation needs. Sachiro Hirotsu, assistant project director, assures responses will be kept in strict confidence. The survey is required by the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development prior to acquisition of properties by the CRA for the proposed hotel site.

**Japanese Proverb**  
Hinatake Jura, hamaguri, uo torenu. Clams are not obtainable from the field. — "One cannot get blood from a stone."

**LETTERS**

**Evacuee reparations**

Editor:  
As stated in the April 6 PC, a reparations bill is being considered . . . to compensate evacuees on an individual daily basis, equal to the current sum paid to American POWs.

Personally, I find it difficult to equate an evacuee with a POW. Servicemen get killed, injured, or become POWs in the process of preserving our freedoms. This very freedom is what was taken away from the evacuees. The proposed bill seems to place a fixed monetary value on that loss of freedom which, to me, is almost impossible. The value of freedom varies from person to person.

Right now we should be working on reparations such as pensions given to military veterans.

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## From the Frying Pan

### NEW JACL CHAPTER

## Metropolitan L.A. compares life on Indian reservation with Evacuation

By ELLEN ENDO KAYANO  
(The Ratu Shimpoo)

LOS ANGELES — "It gives me chills when I think about it now," said the Nisei man, recalling a recent visit to an Indian reservation. "When I saw the place (reservation), it reminded me so much of the World War II internment camps, I began to shake."

At a forum-type meeting April 20 of the newly formed Metropolitan Los Angeles chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League, members and non-members listened and responded to the statements of two Native Americans who recently took part in the repositioning of Wounded Knee, South Dakota.

The Nisei man told the group of how he visited Indian reservations while working with the Head Start program. He had been interned during the war and noted that, in his opinion, there is a "definite, close relationship between Americans of Japanese ancestry and Native Americans."

### Camp Life

A few of the WW2 camps were situated on Indian land, and many of the War Relocation Authority officials were formerly employed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA).

"If we Japanese American internees had been given television sets, a few dollars to spend, furniture, and some of the comforts of life, and were never released from the WW2 camps, I sincerely believe we would be in the same predicament as the Indians today," he concluded.

Guest speakers for the meeting, which was held at the Lou Costello Jr. Recreation Center, were Black Dog and Arching Fire, both members of the American Indian Movement (AIM) organization, who had been invited to discuss their experiences regarding the current situation at Wounded Knee and related topics concerning Native Americans.

Representatives of the BIA were also invited to take part but failed to appear.

### AIM Goals

The two AIM spokesmen said their basic goal, in calling attention to Wounded Knee, is to force the United States government to honor the treaties it has signed with Native American peoples and to expose the corruption within the BIA, which they would

like to see eliminated entirely.

Black Dog pointed out that the U.S. government, through its treaties, in effect recognizes Native American lands and peoples as a sovereign nation, yet will not deal with them as a sovereign people.

Furthermore, an Arching Fire stated, "A law was passed in 1924, making the Indians citizens of the United States... but if you study the law closely, Indians are not U.S. citizens as you would expect."

He said, for instance, Indians living in Los Angeles or other urban areas aren't allowed to vote in public elections unless they are registered at a reservation.

"All we want," said Arching Fire, "is to be able to have some control over our own lives. We're tired of handouts that make us fat and lazy."

### L.A. Asian Americans head for Wounded Knee

LOS ANGELES — An Asian American contingent was reported as having arrived Easter Sunday at Rapid City, S.D., to join the April 23-28 pilgrimage to break the blockade of Wounded Knee.

Made up primarily of persons of Japanese and Chinese descent, it is one of many groups gathering in South Dakota to show support for the Indians who have been holding Wounded Knee since Feb. 28.

The support groups are participating in a peaceful march from Rosebud Reservation into Wounded Knee to take food and medical supplies into the area.

Approximately one-third of the 400-500 people inside

Wounded Knee is reported to be affected by pneumonia, colds and other illnesses. Food and medical supplies have been virtually blocked by U.S. government officials who "hope to starve out the Indians and force settlement," according to the Asian Caucus in Support of Wounded Knee.

### Show of Concern

In spite of the fact that at least 50 persons have reportedly been arrested while trying to reach Rapid City, the group of Asian Americans said they decided to make the five-day journey "to show the Indian people physically the solidarity and concern of the Asian people in America."

A caucus member said, "You can see that news of Wounded Knee is hardly being covered by TV and is pushed to page 16 in the L.A. Times — that is, if they cover it at all. We feel this is a deliberate blackout to curb the interest and sympathy of the public."

"Therefore, it's important for us to go and see first-hand what is happening at Wounded Knee and bring the news back to our communities. That's the only way we'll get the truth."

### Fuji Bank official ends American speaking tour

LOS ANGELES — Japan's trade imbalance with the United States can only be solved by more energetic American exports to Japan and by Japanese capital investments and joint ventures in American business and industry.

That was the opinion of Isao Saito of The Fuji Bank, Ltd., as he completed a four-week speaking tour of the United States this week. He addressed business groups in Georgia, Michigan, Oklahoma, and Texas, purposely seeking areas which have had little business contact with Japan.

### Be a Registered Voter

### BOOK REVIEW: Allan Beekman

## Sober Account of Flamboyant Era

MEIJI 1868: Revolution and Counter-Revolution in Japan by Paul Akamatsu, tr. from the French by Miriam Kochan. Harper & Row, 336 pp., \$8.95.

At 9 a.m., March 23, 1868, Ii Naomuke, with his retinue, approached the Sakurada Gate of the shogunal palace at Edo. Waiting in the falling snow were 18 ronin masterless samurai.

The shogunal palace was the seat of political power in Japan. Under the title shogun, a contraction of an earlier title meaning "barbarian-subduer," the Tokugawa family had ruled Japan since 1603. During most of this period, the Emperor had held court in Kyoto, reduced to a religious symbol, divorced from temporal power, and politically impotent.

In a rare departure from this tradition of Imperial dependence, Emperor Komei (1831-66) had begun to try to participate in the rule of the country.

A xenophobe, Komei had "barbarian" foreigners, the shogun, through his chief minister, had signed treaties making concessions to them.

### Anti-Foreign Policy

It had ruthlessly suppressed opposition to his foreign policy, even putting under house arrest Tokugawa Nariaki, of Mito, head of a minor branch of the great Tokugawa family. The waiting ronin were from Mito and Satsuma, the men of Mito thirsting for revenge for the humiliation dealt their former lord.

The retinue arrived at the gate. As if to present a petition, a ronin approached the palanquin in which he was borne.

A member of the Ii retinue stepped forward to meet the petitioned petitioner. The ronin drew his sword and cut him down.

A shot rang out; 18 ronin charged the Ii group. Hampered in drawing their swords, impeded by their cloaks, the Ii guards fought back ineffectively. While losing only one man, the ronin killed 20 guards.

The ronin dragged Ii from his palanquin. He may have been mortally wounded by the shot that had signalled the attack. Now they beheaded him.

Five ronin fled; four, seriously wounded, killed themselves. Eight surrendered to a government official to whom they presented a manifesto.

They were not rebelling against the shogunate government, they declared; they

### Author's Style

Information about the era is here, but set down in a way that fails to capture interest. The strong personalities of those colorful times become only names affixed to bloodless shadows devoid of life.

Whether through the fault of author or translator, the writing, too, fails to meet the requirements of the epic sweep of the theme. Passive constructions are too much evident; unnecessarily often verbs are separated from nouns they should modify.

Information about the author would have been helpful. Maps, glossary, a chronology of events, and an index are included.

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### Executive secretary

SEATTLE—The State Human Rights Commission, 1411 4th Ave. Bldg., Seattle 98101 announced applications for executive secretary (noncivil service; \$20,000-24,000) should be filed in writing at once. Selection will be made as soon as a sufficient number of qualified applications are received to assure an adequate basis for selection.

### Deaths

Walter C.K. Victor, 61, a retired Hilo police captain and a long-time basketball coach at St. Joseph High School in Hilo, died April 10 in Hilo Hospital following a stroke at his home.

### Sports Scene

Yoshi Oyakawa, gold medalist in the 100-meter backstroke at Helsinki in 1952, has been unanimously elected into the International Swimming Hall of Fame. The former Hilo High School swimmer currently is teaching and coaching swimming at a high school

ho, where the smorgasbord was more notable for quantity than quality. The Vikings would have been dismayed. It's best to stick to standard American fare — steak and baked potatoes — when driving across country.

Burley, ah Burley of blessed memory. During the war, that big one in the Forties, the bus route from Salt Lake City led northwest to Burley. There the route forked, one heading west to Twin Falls and the Minidoka WRA camp.

The other continued on north to Pocatello and Idaho Falls, and on into Montana where it bent eastward to Red Lodge and Billings. There you would change buses again and head south for Denver, which was about as desolate as it sounds, for another bus to Heart Mountain WRA camp.

How do I know all this? Because I made that trip a couple of times and who could forget it!

### ORIENTAL CHARACTERS

The Chinese restaurants have quit using Oriental characters in their neon signs and billboards. The only way to distinguish them is their promise of "Chinese and American" dishes. But we noticed that Iberia Travel Service in Ontario, Ore., and a fruitstand (closed for the season) just outside Ogden, Utah, both displayed Japanese characters on their signs.

What is that a sign of?

HOME AGAIN — For Denverites traveling, it is a routine thing to have to explain to friends and acquaintances that it really doesn't snow all that much in Denver and that our winters are quite mild.

Well, on our return home, one and all asked enviously about our California vacation, complaining it had snowed just about every other day while we were gone. And it moved three times the first week we were back home.

### EGG FOO YONG

Mike had recommended a place in Ogden, Utah, for breakfast, so we tried it. My mistake was in ordering pancakes. They tasted a bit like egg foo yong, which is disconcerting at breakfast time. We also made an error in Burley, Ida-



Hawaii Today

### Honolulu

The first statewide convention of ALOHA (Aboriginal Lands of Hawaiian Ancestry) attended by more than 600 persons of Hawaiian ancestry met April 7 at Kaunakakai School on Molokai. Members are those Hawaiians who believe their lands were unjustly taken from them by white men in the 19th century. They planned legal moves to recoup their losses. They represent an estimated membership of 10,000 persons of Hawaiian ancestry.

Papaya prices are expected to be down before long. The Hawaii Crop and Livestock Reporting Service says an increase of papaya production is indicated for April because of warmer weather.

A second infant porpoise has been born at Sea Life Park, according to animal curator Ingrid Kang. Sea Life Park is one of Hawaii's top tourist attractions. The next time you're in Hawaii, be sure to include this attraction in your itinerary.

### Names in the News

Albert Oda, a state health dept. microbiologist since 1956, has been named head of the laboratory branch of the State Dept. of Health. His appointment became effective April 1. Oda succeeds Ralph Tanimoto, who has retired.

Dr. Ralph Sachs, a Univ. of Hawaii professor from 1968 to 1970, has been named Los Angeles County health officer.

James W.K. Ing, assistant chief of the sanitation branch, State Dept. of Health, has been named chief of that division by Dr. Walter B. Quisenberry, department director. Ing will fill the post vacated by the recent retirement of George Zane. He has been with the health department since 1957.

Janice Kubota and Rosemary Kawahara, Area High School students, will fly to the West Coast in May to show their exhibits at the 24th International Science and Engineering Fair in San Diego.

### Courtroom

Star-Bulletin attorneys are preparing to file assault and battery charges against Rep. Kenneth Lee for physically attacking political reporter Gregg Kakesako at the state capitol April 10. Kakesako said he was punched several times and kicked by Lee in the capitol's second floor hallway.

Speaker Tadao Beppu said he could not say immediately whether the House would take any action in the matter.

Circuit Judge Yasutaka Fukushima on April 6 denied the city's motion to set aside a \$240,000 jury award to Mrs. Charlene Onishi, 25, for injuries suffered

## Aloha from Hawaii

by Richard Gima

from a police shotgun blast. Fukushima said he might have doubled the award if he had decided the case.

Five women were among 40 persons who passed the recent bar examination. They received their licenses to practice law on April 16. Successful applicants were Audrey Anderson, Roy Anderson, James Basage, Stephen Brandt, Gordon Brunsen, Annette Chock, Jack Christy, Kathleen Dashiell, Richard Ford, Russell Fukumoto, Thomas Galt, Martin Gendel, Carl Hong, Kevin Hughes, William Hunt, Clayton Irel, Richard Jones, George Lee, Matthew Kato, Louis La Bella, Michael Lee, Norman Lewis, Edward Mason, Gordy Mau, Theodore Meeker, William Miles, John Merial, Thomas Monaghan, Douglas McDonald, Douglas McNish, Barbara Rutledge, Donald Reed, Jerry Rutledge, Leo Sandau, Harold Sommer, Clifton Spencer, James Stanton, Alan Van Ethen, Edwin Watson and Frank Williams.

Stiff penalties are in store for drunken drivers in Honolulu. The average penalty for a drunk-driving conviction is costing the motorist a \$150 fine and a two-month suspension of his license. Recently, the penalties were costlier with fines of \$200 and a license suspension for 15 months.

Circuit Judge Allen Hawkins has sentenced Joseph Murray, 25, to 60 days in jail for driving while intoxicated in the killing of Jack Keith, 55, of Ewa Beach Rd. Keith was shot to death Dec. 24 at his home.

Former circuit judge Takashi Kitaoke has been appointed director of a statewide Comprehensive Criminal Justice Data System, which will function under the Judiciary Department. Since his retirement from the Second Circuit Court bench on Maui in 1968, Kitaoke has been engaged in private practice, with emphasis on criminal law.

### Business Ticker

Arthur Rutledge, president of Unity House, led the list of Hawaii's highest paid labor leaders in 1972. Rutledge, it is reported, received a total of \$39,600 from the Hotel Workers and Hawaii Teamsters Unions. Other labor leaders: Stanley Sakuma, Yagahi, financial secretary of the Carpenters Union, \$30,166; Walter Kupan, the Carpenters' administrative assistant, \$21,131; Richard Dumanias, Sheet Metal Workers, \$20,538; Akito Fukukawa, Electrical Workers, \$20,447; James Yoshida, Local 1126, Electrical Workers, \$20,920; Carl Damaso, ILWU, \$18,836; Constantine Samson, ILWU, \$18,866; Newton Miyagi, ILWU, \$18,816; Joe Corpey, ILWU, \$19,217; Fleures for Henry Epstein, David Trask and others were not obtainable.

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### CHAPTER PULSE

### May Events

## East Los Angeles set for Emerald Ball

On Saturday night, May 10, East Los Angeles JACL will sponsor its 15th annual Emerald Ball to raise money for scholarships. The ball will be held at the new Montebello Country Club, 901 Via San Clemente, Montebello. Tickets are \$9 for a prime rib dinner or \$3 for the dance only. A no-host cocktail hour will be held from 6:30, dinner from 7 and the dance with the Melo Meca from 8 p.m. Tickets to the Emerald Ball can be purchased from either Mattie Furuta (262-8580) or Marie Ito (263-8920).

The Nisei Week Queen candidate from East Los Angeles will be chosen. There is still time for girls of Japanese ancestry who are 18 years of age or older to enter the contest. They can contact either Mrs. Junko Tanikawa (505-5499) or Tak Endo (268-9595).

Christine Sumi, Miss Tomodachi in the 1972 Nisei Week court from the East Los Angeles Chapter, will be on hand to crown the new Miss East Los Angeles.

### Cultural arts day planned by Milwaukee

Milwaukee JACL will stage Japanese Cultural Arts Day this Sunday, May 6, at International Institute beginning with dinner at 4 (\$2.25 adults) and program featuring kite-making, bonsai, games, crafts, Japanese language and children's literature. Home-movies of JACL events will be shown by Sat Nakahira. Jennett Tada is program chairman.

### Two events in May planned by Contra Costa

Contra Costa JACL will have a family bowling night on Saturday, May 12, at Albany Bowl and a chapter golf tournament on Sunday, May 20, at the Alameda South Course.

Reservations are being handled by: Bowling—Ed Nakano (525-9698) and Nob Inouye (234-1414); Golf—Walter Asato (223-9846) by May 13.

### April Events

## Cincinnati JACL forms education committee

To assist social studies teachers in the first and fourth grades with their presentation on Japan and Japanese, the Cincinnati JACL organized an Education Committee with Nita Yamaguchi as chairman.

Those who can assist her in this community venture should call her at 481-2903.

## San Jose JACL honors local high school graduates

Outstanding Nisei graduating seniors from high schools throughout Santa Clara valley who are candidates for seven San Jose JACL scholarships, were introduced during the annual scholarship dinner held April 28 at the Buddhist church annex.

Thought for the Week

Think wrongly, if you please, but in all cases think for yourself.—Gottfried Lessing, German dramatist (1729-1781).

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Mental Health of Children

By K. Patrick Okura  
Executive Assistant to the Director, NIMH

A severely disturbed child is one who seems to suffer deeply and to be handicapped in every area of living. He does not have one or two symptoms of distress such as nightmares or bedwetting, which by themselves can be normal behavior, but has fears which influence all of his behavior at home and at school. He is unable to understand and respond to the simple realities of everyday life and to the parent or teacher it may appear that he cannot comprehend what they say.

But often the seriously disturbed child is unable to pay attention to what he sees and hears around him because he is totally absorbed in the inner world of his own special fantasies.

Artistic Child

The autistic child is one example of this kind of generalized severe disturbance. Autism is a diagnostic label given to the child whose emotional distress may be expressed in the form of not speaking or in speaking only to convey his own symbolic use of language. Other symptoms make up the total picture of a child suffering from autism, and the features of autism are seen in other emotional illnesses.

The "atypical" child and childhood schizophrenia are frequently used as diagnostic terms. They imply characteristics to those of the autistic child, but they are distinguished by factors such as variations in symptoms and age of onset.

Little is known about what causes these disturbances. One hypothesis is that there are predisposing inherited factors which are reinforced by environmental pressures. In many parts of the United States there are institutions studying the problems of autism and childhood schizophrenia.



Sakura Script

By JIM HENRY

Quality beef prices in Tokyo are the highest in the world, two to three times higher than in most cities around the globe. Sirloin cost six times more than in Jakarta and Bangkok and more than twice as much in San Francisco. Milk prices in Tokyo are the third highest after Hong Kong and Accra. The prices of farm and livestock products and processed

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foods are higher than the average. The Welfare Ministry will prohibit the sale of milk containing nutritive additives such as vitamins and minerals under the name of milk. The regulation will go into effect beginning October 1.

A Dietman had told the upper house that Nichimen Company, one of Japan's six biggest trading houses, has earned huge profits by selling soybeans imported from China in falsified bags labeled "Soybeans Produced in the U.S." Illegal practice such as this by Japan's leading trading firms had a great deal to do with the recent sudden rise in the price of soybean products such as soy sauce, miso or tofu in this country, stated the Dietman.

Prices of land in major cities and their environs rose by 30.9 percent during 1972, on the basis of checks at 5,490 points in the three major city spheres in other cities each with a population of over 500,000.

Though columnist Jim Henry is back in Los Angeles as a P.C. editorial assistant, he will continue to scribble on things Japanese from time to time. —Editor.

CALENDAR

May 5 (Saturday)  
San Mateo—Japanese movies.  
Sequoia—Children's Day. Aldersgate Methodist Church, 2-3:30 p.m.  
May 5-6  
KCWDC—Qtrly Session. Reno JACL hosts. Maple Hotel. Sat banquet 8:30 p.m. Sen. Howard Cannon.  
May 6 (Sunday)  
Reno—Benevolent demonstration.  
May 9 (Wednesday)  
Orange County—Bd Mtg. French Camp—Community picnic. Mistle Grove, 10 a.m.  
May 11 (Friday)  
Downtown L.A.—Mother's Day banquet. Man Jen Low, 6:30 p.m.  
May 12 (Saturday)  
Alameda—Chapter bowling tournament. Mel's Bowl.  
Contra Costa—Family bowling night. Albany Bowl.  
May 14 (Monday)  
West Los Angeles—Gen. dir. mtg. Puyallup Valley—Gen. Mtg.  
May 19-20  
EDC—Qtrly session. New York JACL hosts.  
May 20-21  
JACL—Qtrly session. Mt. Olympus JACL hosts.  
East Los Angeles—Emerald Ball. Montebello Country Club. 9 p.m. dance 9 p.m.  
Contra Costa—Chapter golf tournament. Alameda South Course.  
May 20 (Sunday)  
West Los Angeles—Miss WLA queen's coronation.  
Detroit—JACL Bowling Lg. dnr. Topinka's Country House. 3:30 p.m.  
Bay Area Community—Mtg. Eastbay.  
PSWDC—Qtrly session. Selanoco JACL hosts. Saddleback Inn, Norwalk.  
June 2 (Saturday)  
San Mateo—Movie benefit.  
Milwaukee—Graduates dnr. Lince House, 1 p.m.; Dave Uehio, 8 p.m.

NEWS CAPSULES

Elections

Many Japanese Americans in Central California were successful in their bids for public offices in the April 17 elections. **Les Yoshida** was elected to the Merced City Council with 1,720 votes. Mayor Edwin Dewhurst collected 1,976 votes. **Mrs. Fukiko Morita** was elected to the Biola School Trustees with top 187 votes; **Masatoshi Kimura** collected 306 votes for the Parlier Unified School District board; **Robert Okamoto** was top with 1,082 votes in the Selma Unified School District office; **Hajime Hamada**, 555 votes, in the Selma Rural Area School Board office. **Peter Yamamoto** was elected to the school board in Ballisto; **Vincent Hirohata**, in Dos Palos; **Frank Kishi**, in Livingston.

Fine Arts

"Little Joe with Cow" by **Yasuo Kuniyoshi**, Issei artist who studied in Los Angeles and exhibited widely prewar, was sold in March for a record-breaking auction bid of \$220,000 in New York's Sotheby Parke Bernet gallery. The bid was a new high for early-20th Century American art. Kuniyoshi was a contributor to the Pacific Citizen during the war years. He died at age 59 in May, 1953.

Press Row

Former staff members of the San Francisco Asian American monthly *Rodan* have resumed publication under a new name, **Taishu**, P.O. Box 99478, San Francisco 94109, with its April 1973 issue. *Rodan* had ceased publication in December 1971 after making its bow July 1970.

Entertainment

Japan pop singer **Frankie Nagai** will be presented in a Los Angeles concert May 19 at 3 and 7:30 p.m. at the Scottish Rite Auditorium, Wilshire west of Crenshaw.

Awards

**George M. Nishinaka** of Los Angeles was one of two recipients of the Koshland Award April 16 during a luncheon of the United Way of California at the Airport Hilton Inn in San Francisco. He is the first Nisei to be so honored. Nishinaka was honored with a certificate and a cash award of \$1,000 accompanying the administrator's award.

**Mrs. Sadako Kiyasu** of San Francisco and **Mrs. Marue Ando** of San Jose were named Mother of the Year April 14 during the Sakura Festival Queen Pageant and Coronation Ball at Kabuki theatre in San Francisco. Both received a plaque and a commemorative gift.

Four Sanece winners of four-year National Merit scholarships announced April 11 were **Cathy J. Kodama**, 17, of Alamo, Contra Costa County; **Howard S. Tamahana** of Los Angeles; **Jean Uwale** of Whittier; and **Curtis G. Fujii** of Reno.

Architect

San Francisco architect **George Matsumoto** was among five Californians elected to the College of Fellows of the American Institute of Architects. Investiture will occur during the AIA national convention May 7-10 at San Francisco. Much of his design work has been in the field of small, low-cost housing — an area that has received scant attention from the profession. He also designed the Mountain View Buddhist Church recreation-education building.

Theater

In response to its enthusiastic reception by numerous full-house audiences, the current East-West Players' production of **Conrad Bromberg's "Transfers"** starring **Nobu McCarthy** and **Mako** has been extended through May 13. The evening of two one-act plays, providing provocative, bitter-sweet looks at contemporary life, opened March 21.

Sports

**Bob Goto** of Lowell High, Walnut, Calif., cleared 14 ft. 10 in. at the Chaffee Invitational April 8 to claim the honors as the "greatest Japanese American pole vaulter of all time." He later cleared 15-3 but brushed the bar with his body. Only five preps in the country have cleared 15 ft. and Goto is determined to be the sixth. (The PC files in-

dicte **Mark Mondachon** of Haverford High, Pa., cleared 13 ft. 10 in. in the 1970 state meet for the title that year. Father Irving was 1948 Olympic decathlon winner and mother Monice is Japanese).

**Tiny Debbie Kitashima**, 9, won the preliminary Girls championship in the All Year Club's invitational figure skating competitions in Culver City. Competing against a field of 11 skaters, the Sanece sensation was second in compulsory figures, first in free skating and awarded the first place medal and title in the final standing. Debbie's sister Deanna, 15, didn't fair quite as well in a higher Juvenile Girls class where she tied for third. Both were singled out for particular praise by **Zuzsa Almasy**, visiting Hungarian and former European champion, and a Korad and Olympic competitor. Another fine Sanece skater and a winner in these recent championships was **Tracy Yokoi** of Santa Monica, who teamed with **Audrey Welch** to win the special Ladies Pairs title.

Courtroom

**Brian Hirai**, 19, of Nyssa, Ore., changed his plea of innocent to a negotiated plea of guilty to a charge of selling LSD in January to an undercover narcotics agent. Upon pleading guilty to one indictment, other indictments against Hirai involving drug activity were dismissed. Trial opened April 17 in the Malheur county circuit court at Baker.

Welfare

**Mrs. Jackie Yamahiro** of Lakewood, Colo., of the Asian for the Education of Young Children, refuted claims that not enough trained personnel is available to staff child care centers. Her association alone has a list of 949 qualified applicants, the Colorado Senate Committee on Health, Education, Welfare and Institutions, was told during hearings on revising the state Child Care Act.

**Florence Boesler**, now of California, was special guest at the first Asia-Oceania Conference of International Social Service held recently in Tokyo. She recalled her work in Japan when American law permitted foreign-born children to be taken in adoption in the 1950s.

Education

Well over 800 attended the farewell luncheon honoring **CSU-San Francisco president Dr. S. I. Hayakawa** held at the St. Francis Hotel April 17. He is retiring this summer from the position he assumed in November 1968, and said he would continue his speaking engagements and oversee the special chair established this past year on U.S.-Japan affairs.

**Antioch College senior Carl Asakawa** of Dayton, Ohio, is receiving a \$5,000 Thomas J. Watson fellowship for continuing research on the evacuation. His survey thus far has included trips to the Library of Congress and the Hoover library at Stanford.

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Los Angeles

An education series, sponsored by the Show Tokyo Pioneer Project, began April 19, with a presentation by speaker from the Japanese Welfare Rights Organization, discussing the needs of the Japanese American elderly, at the Japanese Community Pioneer Center, 125 Weller St., 7:30 p.m.

**Christ Presbyterian Church** of Hollywood will honor its founders at a gala Golden Anniversary banquet June 3 at the Golden Dragon in Chinatown.

Courtroom

**Brian Hirai**, 19, of Nyssa, Ore., changed his plea of innocent to a negotiated plea of guilty to a charge of selling LSD in January to an undercover narcotics agent. Upon pleading guilty to one indictment, other indictments against Hirai involving drug activity were dismissed. Trial opened April 17 in the Malheur county circuit court at Baker.

Crime

**Nobuyoshi Ando**, 35, a messenger for the Bank of Tokyo, was robbed of \$6,800 in cash April 23 in Ghirardelli Square in San Francisco. Ando was escorted by two bandits who had a gun after he had picked up a cash from two restaurants in the area. He said the two men were wearing black and yellow ski masks and spoke with a "heavy Chinese accent."

Government

**Los Angeles County Supervisor Kenneth Rahn** has appointed **Susan Yoshibara**, Gardena High senior and Girls League president, to the County Commission on Youth.

**Renton, Wash. City Council** established a human rights and affairs commission April 16 to help erase prejudice and discrimination in various areas of city life. **Seattle JACLer Martin M. Matsudaira**, who is also director of the Washington State Asian American Advisory Council, chaired the ad hoc committee for the new Renton group.

Agriculture

**Tom Murata** was elected president of the Payette County Labor Association at a recent meeting in Oregon. Also to serve with him on the board of directors during the coming year are **Tad Inouye** and **Jim Shigeno**.

Denver

**Construction of the Sedgewick (Colo.) Bukkyokai Bldg.** was completed after a year's effort and dedicated April 28. **Kyuichi Inouye**, local Issei leader, chaired the dedication while **Harry Shimamoto** was in charge of construction. The church will replace the Kyudokai Bldg. which served as a gakuken in the 1920-30s.

Seattle

A new counseling-referral service for Asians opened April 1 at Blaine Memorial Methodist Church. It will be available every Monday from 3-8 p.m. A volunteer staff including bilingual and bicultural Japanese, Chinese and Filipino Americans with professional backgrounds in counseling is being directed by **Susan Tomita**, coordinator, Asian Counseling and Referral Service. Telephone is 723-1539.

S.F.—East Bay

A Food Fair will be sponsored by the Berkeley United Methodist Church May 27 with proceeds marked for the church's youth program and activities. **Wat Mura** is chairman. Their chicken teriyaki features a marinade mastered after more than 15 years of experience.

A "Victory Party" for newly elected Berkeley City Councilwoman **Ying Lee Kelley** will be held on May 6.

Buddhist art

**LOS ANGELES**—Paintings and sculpture created during the evolution of Japanese Buddhism are now showing at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art until June 17. Fifty masterpieces, representative of the finest artistic works executed for the major sects of Buddhism, are exhibited on the first level of the Ahmanson Gallery.

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San Francisco

The June 8-9-10 weekend has been set for the annual **Ginza Bazaar** of the San Francisco Buddhist Church. New games and more variety of food has been promised. **Jorn Yamamoto** and **Jits Hishashi**, co-chairmen of the event.

Our efforts to squeeze in as much of the Asian American community news will be acknowledged in "Local Scene." We ask that items be received early enough to be timely if time is a factor.—Ed.

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