



Priorities

Santa Maria Elks face boycott of parade

SAN FRANCISCO—The Santa Maria Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League is urging all ethnic groups not to participate in the June 13 Santa Maria Elks Rodeo and Parade...

This action is in support of the resolution adopted at the National JACL biennial meeting in Washington, D.C., last year.

In protest of the Elks Club discriminatory membership practices, the resolution called for JACL chapters to refrain from using Elks Club facilities...

Despite efforts by groups such as JACL, the Elks Club, at their convention in San Francisco in 1970, reaffirmed their discriminatory membership practice by a vote of 1,600 to 22.

Shriners' exclusive membership rules defended; race, creed not factors

HONOLULU — Imperial Potentate Henry B. Struby, here to help celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, spent his first morning in the Islands defending the highly selective membership policies of the Shrine organization.

At a press conference, the head of the Shrine organization was asked about reports that the Shriners discriminate against members of racial and religious minority groups.

"We have Shriners who are Roman Catholics, blacks and Orientals," Struby explained. "There are no restrictions nationally as to race, creed or color."

Unanimous Vote However, Struby said all potential Shriners first must be voted in to the Masonic order — first as a third-degree Mason and then as a 32nd-degree Mason — a balloting process which requires a unanimous vote by the chapter.

"One blackball will keep you out," Struby said. "We're a pretty exclusive group but we have no restrictions."

360 peach trees on Parlier Nisei orchard cut down

FRESNO, Calif. — The Sheriff's Department reported that more than 190 peach trees and four acres of grape vines were cut down by vandals in Fresno County May 10.

Hard hit was the Ito Packing Co. near Parlier. Three hundred and sixty peach trees were cut down. JACLers attending the Tri-District Meeting last March at Fresno will recall the Ito Packing Co. was the luncheon stop of the farm tour.

Two of the victims were Sanger area packing companies that had labor contracts with the United Farm Workers Union which expired April 14 and have not been renewed.

Now, Eu Sakamoto's stories in the Daily Breeze call attention to the Nisei for their poor attendance at the Manzanar dedication.

Sansei called more 'ethnic' than Nisei

HONOLULU — "What the immigrant's son wishes to forget, the grandson wishes to remember." That rule of ethnic identification holds true for Japanese Americans, the American Psychiatric Assn. was told during its annual meeting here May 7-12.

Colleen Johnson, asst. prof. in child and family studies at Syracuse University, found in her study of Japanese Americans in Hawaii that the Sansei feel more secure to be Japanese and express their Japanese qualities than the Nisei.

Rather than increased assimilation into the dominant Caucasian culture, she found the Sansei in Hawaii continue to show a preference for Japanese friends and extended family relations.

Apologies

We have apologized to Dr. Edward I. Hashimoto of Salt Lake City for the error in the headline appearing last week. And while we're at it, we apologize to Sam Nakagawa for misspelling his name in the New York JACL-EdC story appearing in the May 11 issue.—Ed.

Parade officials have added an "international division," offering cash awards for float entries and specifically hoping for marching units or musicians. Several years ago, the famed St. Mary's Chinese drum and bugle corps of San Francisco's Chinatown withdrew at the last minute.

Under Fire

In other states, the Elks Clubs have come under fire for their "white only" practices. Idaho has stripped the organization of its property tax exemptions. In Maine, 15 Elks Clubs had their liquor licenses revoked on grounds that they discriminated against blacks.

In California, an assembly bill that will prevent the use of a state alcoholic beverage license by any organization which discriminates by restricting membership or use of facilities on the basis of race, religion, sex or national origin is under study.

New Mexico to ban liquor at clubs with bias

SANTA FE, N.M. — New Mexico's Attorney General, David Norvell, has ruled that the State Liquor Director has authority and responsibility to suspend or revoke liquor licenses of private clubs that restrict membership on racial lines.

He urged this past week that enforcement of the Liquor Control Act be carried out "with dispatch."

After Norvell issued his opinion, the State Liquor Director Carlos Jaramillo sent letters to the holders of 210 private club liquor licenses in New Mexico, directing them to submit club bylaws to his office by May 30 so that he could determine if any withheld membership because of race.

Liquor Control Act The Attorney General told Jaramillo, "It should be your decided purpose to enforce the Liquor Control Act and to formulate public policy geared to avoid the image appearance, acquiescence or encouragement of practices which discriminate arbitrarily and indiscriminately on the basis of racial origin. Your course of action is clear and compelling. I encourage you to move with dispatch."

Jaramillo later announced that the Attorney General would be asked to rule on whether the state could suspend the liquor licenses of private clubs that prohibited membership on the basis of sex.

But he said that he would not seek a formal opinion until after July 1 when the Equal Rights Amendment to the state constitution becomes effective.

Mayor Mineta boycotts luncheon at Elks Club

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — The League of California Cities held its luncheon last week (May 15) at the Elks Club downtown but Assembly Speaker Bob Moretti, San Jose Mayor Norman Mineta and Berkeley Mayor Warren Widener boycotted the event because of the national Elks restrictive membership clause.

"For the League to hold that luncheon in a club that has discrimination as its policy is inexplicable to me," the Van Nuys House Speaker said.

LCC executive director Don Benninghoven explained the Elks Club was the only downtown facility that had the capacity to serve the group. The club would not be used in the future, he added.

Moretti's prepared speech announced his plans to introduce a \$138 million legislative program, in conjunction with the League of Calif. Cities, to continue federally financed job programs being terminated by the Nixon administration.

A major effort of the program is to find jobs for members of racial minorities. Redrafted officials shifted the next-day's luncheon program featuring an address by Gov. Reagan to the nearby Senator Hotel. Delegates were attending the league's annual legislative institute.

Next year the Sacramento Convention Center will be completed so "this will not be an issue because we would not meet here at the Elks Club," Benninghoven added.

Earlier in the day at a panel session held at Senator Hotel, Mineta warned cities to strengthen existing regional agencies or forfeit to the state the power to make "fundamental environmental decisions."

Irrigation dam breaks, Nikkei property damaged

KERSEY, Colo. — As many as a half dozen Nikkei families suffered damages to their property in the flood April 12 resulting from the break in a local irrigation dam, it was reported.

Among those who suffered property damages were Simon Yago, Jack Yago, Sam Yamashita, Tokuyuki Nishi and Mrs. Merijane Arakawa. Congressman James Johnson (R-Colo.) inspected the flood site and stated that Kersey should be declared a national disaster area to qualify for low-interest loans.

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NEW MEXICO TO BAN LIQUOR AT CLUBS WITH BIAS 'Outraged' seek change

State Official Asks for Club By Laws in by May 30

GARDENA, Calif. — An open plea has been issued to Mayor Ken Nakaoka and the City Council to join with others who are "outraged" by the wording on the state historical landmark plaque just dedicated at Manzanar to have it changed.

It came from Mrs. Roscoe A. (Lillian) Baker, better known here as conductor of the "Party Line—by Miss Elise," a column which has been appearing in the Gardena Valley News, a suburban semi-weekly publication.

Mrs. Baker asked the Manzanar plaque truthfully represent the tragic event and asserting the text was not determined at a public hearing.

To the contrary, the final meeting held March 19 in Sacramento to decide the text of the plaque was a special legislative committee hearing chaired by Assemblyman Alex Garcia (D-Los Angeles). It was attended by William Penn Mott, director of the State Dept. of Parks and Recreation, under whose jurisdiction historical sites are dedicated with suitable plaques prepared and placed.

Text of the plaque was originally rejected by the State Historical Landmark Advisory Committee at its regular open meeting at Truckee last October. The same committee had recommended approval of the Inyo County site in early 1971.

The main views causing rejection by the advisory group dealt with "America's concentration camps." The Manzanar Committee and JACL declared the term was a poor description for the World War II detention center.

Manzanar housed some 10,000 Japanese American evacuees at its peak during World War II on a 6,200-acre desert tract which amounts to a population density of about 1,000 persons per square mile.

Mrs. Baker was equally concerned that the controversial issue was "settled behind closed doors." There is more at stake than Manzanar when controversy is silenced by fear, she added.

The mayor was also asked whether the fear of an "Asian Watts" — as one prominent businessman in Gardena put it — dictating to our community and whether "outside agitators" were in Gardena? Apparently, she was referring to the predominance of Asians (99.9%) in the city of 41,000. They comprise the largest ethnic minority in the city.

Another letter was enclosed in the open plea to Mayor Nakaoka, reiterating her contentions expressed in the previous letter. Systematically rounding up Japanese only on the West Coast and not throughout the country, she pointed to her, to be more selective than racist. Gross and economic exploitation did not produce Executive Order 9066, she contended, noting that monies impounded were never spent by the government and that some has since been returned by court order.

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Ken Kawa-Mrs. Baker exchange of letters Dear Mrs. Baker, I can just imagine how many Nisei were sitting in their living rooms, kitchens, etc., reading your article in the Kashi Mainichi (of Wednesday May 9, 1973) and having a "cow" over it.

Mrs. Baker, please let me put things straight. I'm a "middle-aged" businessman, probably your "man in the street."

I was born in America, raised in America and have never left its shores. I am as "American" as you will ever hope to be. I am also a product of what you choose to call "a relocation camp."

Your flip remark about "Germany had its concentration camps; Russia had its Siberian 'labor' camps and America had its 'relocation camps' literally turns my stomach, not to mention the other parts of my anatomy that

PSWDC calls them 'concentration camps'

LA MIRADA, Calif. — The Pacific Southwest JACL District Council at its second quarterly session here May 29, after listening to Mrs. Lillian Baker's statement on why she did not think WRA centers should be called "concentration camps," reaffirmed the National JACL executive committee stand and the Manzanar Committee position that detention facilities for persons of Japanese ancestry during World War II were "American concentration camps," as stated on the state historical landmark at Manzanar.

The PSWDC also endorsed the cause of Native Americans as symbolized at Wounded Knee and allocated financial support to the Japanese Welfare Rights Organization for \$1,000 and the Samsel-Yoshida oriented Creative Workshop for \$500.

Over 60 members and boosters were present at the Selma-JACL-hosted event at Saddleback Inn. Gov. Helen Kawagoe presided.

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Rep. Matsunaga appeals to President to aid Filipino immigrants in U.S.

WASHINGTON — Rep. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) has appealed to President Nixon to aid Filipino residents of the United States who are being forced to pay extraterritorial income taxes imposed by the Government of the Philippines.

There are some 32,000 Filipino resident aliens in the State of Hawaii alone, Matsunaga said in his letter to the President. Many of them are aged, longtime residents or have fairly recent emigrants who live in conditions bordering on poverty.

"Apparently, the Philippine income tax is being imposed on funds such as social security payments, welfare benefits and unemployment compensation received by Filipino resident aliens," Matsunaga said, adding that such funds are not taxable under U.S. law.

The foreign taxation of such governmental payments is an indirect tax on the U.S. Government if it is not halted at once, other nations may impose similar taxes on their citizens who have emigrated to the United States," Matsunaga warned.

The Hawaii lawmaker said some Filipino residents of Hawaii who visited the Philippines were not permitted to return to this country until they had paid the Filipino income tax.

"Undoubtedly, the government of the Philippines will devise additional ways to compel payment of this tax unless it is prevented from doing so by the formal intervention of the U.S. government," he said.

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Premier Tanaka Visit to U.S. Set July 31 WASHINGTON — Japanese Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka will meet with President Nixon in Washington July 31 and Aug. 1, the White House announced May 16.

Press Secretary Ronald Ziegler gave no details in the brief announcement.

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JACL Booth—Japanese-type art and craft items, food and origami demonstrations were part of the JACL booth at the Cleveland Home and Flower Show. Helping to staff the booth are (from left) Mrs. Ken Green, Mrs. Joe Kadawaki, Mrs. Harry Kikuchi, Mrs. William Sadataki, Cleveland JACL chairman.—Tibor Gasparik Photo.

COST OF LABOR IN JAPAN RISING; 35% IN ONE FIRM

NEW YORK — The strikes and labor wage demands sweeping Japan will slow Tokyo's sharp competition in world markets — "and it is obvious that Japanese wages are going to keep on soaring," this commentary April 27 headed the international business section of Business Week magazine as American newspapers and television headlines of the labor strife in Japan, whose lower wages have given it an advantage over some foreign competitors.

The Business Week report said, in part: "Japanese labor's shunto, or spring bargaining offensive which grows more aggressive each year, is in full swing and is costing companies a pretty yen. Scullb Japan, Inc., is giving its employees a 35 percent pay raise that averages 100 dollars a month."

Says Japan's Squibb manager: "Anybody who doesn't realize that wages will continue going up had better get out of Japan!"

NIH Grant Made To Study Acupuncture WASHINGTON — National Institute of Health announced a one-year grant of about \$50,000 to the Missouri Institute of Psychiatry, St. Louis, for research into acupuncture — first award by the federal government into study of the Chinese method of medical treatment with needles.

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Seek civil service retirement credit for WRA time

Bill introduced by Sen. Fong of Hawaii WASHINGTON — Sen. Hiram L. Fong introduced legislation May 10 to give those of Japanese ancestry credit for time spent in relocation centers during World War II for civil service retirement benefits.

Fong noted also that the Social Security Amendments last year provided non-contributory social security wage credits for those who were 18 years or older during time spent in the camps.

He said that his bill is "designed to give the same type of wage credits for civil service retirement purposes to those Americans of Japanese ancestry who were interned during World War II."

"In other words," he said, "my bill will give the same treatment to those covered by civil service retirement as presently extended to those covered by social security. "It asks no more."

Credit Mores The amount of credit to be extended will be based on the federal minimum wage at the time of "internment" or the individual's prior earnings, whichever is larger.

In cases where the credits established insured status for Social Security benefits, or increases in benefits, the credits are applicable to benefits payable after December, 1972.

Fong also noted that the Social Security provision dealing with those who were in the camps has been interpreted to apply only to U.S. citizens of Japanese ancestry.

But, Fong added, "I have been informed by Acting Commissioner Arthur E. Hess that the Social Security Administration is presently re-examining the interpretation of the provision to determine if non-citizens of Japanese ancestry, who were interned during World War II may also qualify to receive the wage credits."

Social Security Credit Fong, in March of this year, also introduced legislation to grant social security benefit credits to all persons in the relocation centers, not just those who were U.S. citizens at the time.

Fong said, however, that Hess has informed him that so far less than 100 individuals have applied for these credits.

In an article regarding the public petition for the Death Penalty, I was stumped to find that no person who could not drop the pellet in the gas chamber has the right to vote yet. In other words, the State should not act as my executioner. I believe in prison without parole for premeditated murder and certain other crimes. Wish you could have seen my mail on that one.

So I'm used to slurs from all sides. But I have always tried to argue ISSUES and not PERSONALITIES.

Open Debate When I sought an open debate on the Manzanar issue, it was denied me. After my first article (last June), pressure was brought upon my editor and publisher so that no further articles were permitted to be printed (including letters in my favor), in the name of "peace." Is that the free press everybody talks about? Is it really government censorship we have to fear, or the national press media itself? Are threats to myself, my home, etc. — is that the "liberal" way?

I'm neither conservative nor liberal. I look both left and right, although this is hard to believe by many because it's a unique trait in this day and age when everybody seems blindly committed to every cause but that which is best for America.

I've never carried a bitterness or hatred toward anyone I've based my relationships on individual encounter. My frailties are typically human but are tempered with a principle to fight for a forward movement in America. In that sense I am nationalistic and have confidence in the basic structure of what America is and can be. And I'm convinced that nowhere in progress shall wartime activities be in-

School Prayer Issue A few years ago I was raked over the coals for writing an article applauding the Supreme Court ruling banning prayer in public schools. Although I'm a religious "bibletoting" Methodist, I still have never felt that other denominations should be forced to say my prayers, especially in such a religiously-mixed community as Gardena.

Almost 2 years ago I organized a committee for "Equality for All Draftees," which is currently drafting the honorable discharge and benefits for conscientious objectors who were drafted and served 2 years in alternate service under the Military Selective Service Act of 1967. This is in violation of our XIII Amendment which prohibits "involuntary servitude." Because this is not a vote-getter, most politicians won't commit themselves; and because Amnesty is more "newsworthy," the liberal

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Day workshop for Asian elderly seeks local aid

Oriental Service Center's Sheltered Workshop is an attempt to meet a community need, which has been depicted in the report published below. In operation about a year under the direction of Sachio Kano, its progress is such that OSC Workshop advisory committee and Council of Oriental Organizations executive board wants the community to know the Workshop has every thrust and the capacity to carry on, despite the Federal government cutbacks.

Los Angeles Facts have been somewhat altered and the name has been changed to protect the individual.

Re: P—G— 63-year-old Chinese male, born in Canton, hospitalized at Camarillo and Metropolitan State Hospitals for mental illness 38 of the last 40 years. No living relatives, his parents died in 1931. Generally isolated, does not have many friends on ward, language handicap.

This was the picture of P—G—, 18 months ago. At that time he was released to Mr. and Mrs. Chee at the House of Happiness, a board and care home for the emotionally disabled. Since then his life is very much changed.

Twelve months ago, he became involved with the Sheltered Workshop at the Oriental Service Center, 1215 South Flower St., Los Angeles. At that time, he was working at less than 30% of the normal standard of a normal, non-handicapped worker. According to Sachio Kano, the workshop director, he is now producing at over 70%. More important, though, is the fact that he now takes the bus to work, he smiles more often, and he has more social interaction with his co-workers.

Because of his age and history, P—G— may never be able to be employed in the general labor market. But through his activity at the workshop, he has apparently been able to derive a measure of self-worth and independence, and therefore is able to live a more meaningful life.

P—G— is an example of the crying need for a rehabilitation facility, equipped to meet the needs of the Asian community. If language is a barrier, the outlook for mentally ill Asians is very poor. How can you describe mental anguish and pain in an unfamiliar language? Government agencies and facilities are not equipped to meet the specific therapeutic needs of the Asian communities. The result of this is significantly longer periods of hospitalization, perhaps up to 40 years as in the case shown here.

Oriental Service Center Sheltered Workshop is an attempt to meet some of these needs. Because of recent government cutbacks, the time is coming when it will be necessary to ask for the community's support. Will it be there?

OAKLAND, Calif. — Determined efforts of an Asian mother has resulted in the cancellation of a children's cartoon series by Oakland's KTVU television station.

Mrs. Etsuko Steinmetz, of Berkeley, an officer of the Bay Area Community Chapter of the JACL, discovered over a year ago that the "Fearless Fly" cartoon series her children were watching portrayed Asian characters in negative fashion.

Mrs. Steinmetz watched the series over a nine-month period, documenting many instances in which Asians were characterized in offensive ways.

She wrote to officials of the television station, protesting the "implied racism and very poor taste" shown in the series. Her chapter lent support and letters were sent to the station from other chapter members.

In response to the Bay Area Community Chapter chairman, KTVU vice-president-general manager Roger D. Rice recently said, "In answering Mrs. Steinmetz, we explained that we had, upon receiving her letter, reviewed the 26 episodes of the Fearless Fly series and have removed this series from being shown on KTVU." The final episode was aired last Dec. 6.

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25 Years Ago
 In the Pacific Citizen, May 29, 1948

Two Nisei Privates, Fumitake Nagato and Saburo Tanamachi, who volunteered for combat service in Europe in World War 2 will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery, the shrine of national heroes. Eugene Hickman, sailor whose mother has asked the Navy to transfer him from Hawaii because he has a Japanese American sweetheart in Honolulu, said last week that the girls of the islands are "a lot more understanding" than those back

home. Interior Department officials ask Senate to pass bill for payment of evacuee losses. Government lines up fifty witnesses as Kawakita trial set to open in L.A. June 15. John J. McCloy, Head of World Bank, supports compensation bill. Property losses of evacuees noted by Dillon S. Myer, former WRA head, in urging claims bill. Effects of discrimination on Nisei told by Senator Dennis Chavez.

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'The Watergate mess is like the time Tsutomu manned our watergate during irrigation.'

Manzanar—

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cluded in the quest for peace. War and its demands are no criteria for judgment of any people — neither the victor nor the enemy. Wartime necessities are certainly not the essential necessities of life — but of death. War never teaches us what we won, only what we lost.

Right to Speak
 Some friends tell me I'm wasting my time in writing to you and to others who have labeled me without, even knowing my "contents," so to speak. This letter certainly isn't meant to justify my position on the Manzanar issue, but rather to restore something that seems to be disappearing all too fast in America — the right of another to his opinion, and the right to express it freely and openly without fear or censorship by the national media or local press.

(MRS.) R.A. BAKER

Carousel Exchange with Miss Elbee
 By KATS KUNITSUGU (Kashu Mainichi)

Los Angeles Bravo to Ken Kawa for getting angry enough to take pencil in hand and help set Mrs. E. Baker (columnist "Miss Elbee" of Gardena Valley News) straight.

If I agree with Mrs. Baker on one point, it is that the Japanese are still pretty much an "alien minority." I get pretty tired of arguing by myself with such an uninformed person as Mrs. Baker on the constitutionality of the Japanese evacuation and internment during World War II, since she is obviously of the "Don't confuse me with facts, my mind is already made up" school of thinking.

She is completely out in left field when she states, "Relocation had nothing to do with racism or greed, but all to do with a war time necessity. Wartime necessities are seldom pleasant or profitable," and cites a Los Angeles Times article reporting a submarine attack on Goleta on Feb. 23, 1942, to buttress her argument for wartime necessity.

For Mrs. Baker's information, President Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066 authorizing the Japanese evacuation on Feb. 19, 1942, four days before the submarine attack.

FBI Record
 Mrs. Baker is also going against the word of the FBI and the Justice Department records in stating that "Japanese were implicated in the attempted sabotage of our oil tanks at Santa Barbara."

Calm and thorough investigation by these agencies show not one case of sabotage by Japanese Americans or long-resident Japanese aliens during World War II. Newspaper accounts of that period are notorious for unsound sources for what actually happened, since they were happily abetting and abetting in the popular hysteria about a possible "Japanese invasion."

(What's) one Japanese submarine popping up offshore at Goleta as compared to a large number of German submarines menacing shipping off the Atlantic Coast?

More Nazi Subs
 Yet there were no cries of a "German invasion" imminent on the East Coast, Germany and Italian aliens interned during World War II were interned on an individual basis, not in wholesale lots as with the Japanese on the West Coast.

As for citizens of German or Italian ancestry, the government had better have pretty good proof that they performed treason before putting them into internment camps — and yet, citizens of Ja-

panese ancestry were thrown into internment camps solely on the basis of their ancestry. If that isn't racism, I don't know what is.

Mrs. Baker's other argument about internment "for their own safety" is also full of holes. From my own experience and from painstaking research done by Morton Grodzins for his book, "Americans Betrayed," there was very little danger from "vigilante" type activities against the Japanese. Grodzins points out that seven Japanese were murdered during the four-month period from December 7, 1941, to March 31, 1942. Seven out of 110,000.

Being Evacuated
 I think most of us would have been happy to take our chances against the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune outside the internment camps during the war. In fact, the very fact that we were herded together into easily identifiable concentration camps would have made it that much easier for the government or vigilantes to exterminate us, if things were to come to that sorry state of affairs.

The fact that good-hearted people aided close to 4,000 Japanese Americans in getting to colleges during World War II (and we were not "put through college," as Mrs. Baker so bilkily assumes. The majority of us worked our way through, with partial scholarships.) The aid of the Japanese American Student Relocation Council gave us in counseling and in talking some scores of us into uniformed college administrators and town officials into admitting Japanese Americans into their schools at all) does not automatically make evacuation "right."

'Asian Watts'
 As for her quote of "several prominent Asian-American businessmen" who told her that "We don't want an Asian Watts in Gardena," she is welcome to them. The blacks call those of similar persuasion among them "Uncle Toms" and "handkerchief heads." U.S. POWs in Vietnam who observed similar tendencies among a few of them who carried favor with their captors in exchange for favored treatment also had as colorful an epitaph for those scum, I'm sure. In the Asian American community, we call such traitors to their race "bananas" yellow on the outside, white inside.

The wording on the Manzanar plaque may not have been a unanimous decision on the part of the JACL, but it was the majority decision, an important point in a democracy.

I don't consider myself an authority on the history of the American Indian, but the sympathy I feel for their cause is a gut reaction based on my own experiences. Until Mrs. Baker can show me that she has ever been in a minority position in these United States on the basis of factors over which she has no control (her ancestry), I will put more faith in my gut reaction than in her opinions.

Dear Kats Kunitsugu,
 Taking sentences out of context in a letter is usually reserved for those on the defensive. Why not print my ENTIRE letter in which I cite the instances of submarine attack in Goleta? Or are you of the school of journalism

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LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Manzanar Pilgrimage
 Editor: I'll concede to Ellen Matsu-moto of Highland Park, Ill. (P.C. May 18), that my statements about Manzanar may have sounded stupid and that I may not know anything. But I think she's in a class all by herself when she tries to equate Watergate to the Evacuation.

Early in the morning on April 14, South Bay Daily Breeze writer Ed Sakamoto and I stood by the front guardhouse at Manzanar watching over thousand people arriving. It quickly became apparent that the Nisei would not be participating, and Ed asked me to offer an explanation as to why a generation was missing. My position from the start was that anything I would say would be nothing more than a generalization, and that since any statement would be accurate only in a specific context, numerous qualifications would be necessary. Ed, being a very perceptive and skilled newsmen, hoisted his understanding.

South Bay Residents
 Ed interviewed many South Bay residents over a four-hour period; my interviews took place in bits and pieces mixed in with the others. We discussed numerous reasons why the Nisei might not attend such an event. Among other topics, we discussed the historic significance of the real estate called Manzanar in relation to the case of Korematsu vs. U.S.

We noted that many of the Sansei were dressed in old U.S. Army fatigues and were using chopsticks to eat elaborately prepared obentos taken from shiny, colorfully painted, van-type automobiles, some decorated with flags of the Japanese Imperial Navy. We noticed that some of the youngsters dressed in the most austere manner were lashed down with the most expensive Japanese cameras. Due to limitation of space, Ed had to cut much of what was said. However, he did an excellent job in preserving the mood of the day and in educating over a quarter million WASP-type readers who get a full front page dosage of Manzanar on two successive days.

TOM SHIGEKUNI
 Torrance, Calif.

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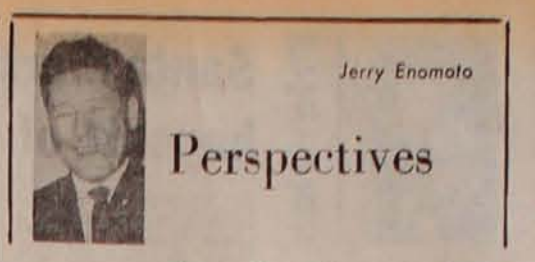
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Jerry Enomoto

Perspectives

WATERGATE MESS—The average American by this time is probably sick of hearing and reading about Watergate. The really concerned citizen is undoubtedly sick about the dirtying up of a sacred American Institution (the White House) generally, and the image of the Presidency specifically. As Americans of Japanese ancestry increasingly interested in, and involved with, our political system, we cannot afford not to be concerned.

If we view this mess objectively, we should avoid the trap of partisanship, because the implications of Watergate transcend party politics. A Democrat may privately snicker and be smug about the hot water the Republicans are in. What is real is that criminal involvement today of high-level people in government isn't unfortunately something either party has a patent on. The problem should focus our attention on values, and what has happened to them.

Evidently we are in an era when the old cliché about "ends justifying means" looms larger than ever, when people in high places can kid themselves that noble goals should be attained by whatever means are available, including criminal acts. The average American sometimes hears about the tremendous cost to us of "white collar crime" (often never prosecuted), but there is no big concern about it.

The known facts of Watergate, and the yet unknown aspects of it, certainly suggest the kind of white collar crime that offends the dignity of government, as well as breaking the law.

Perhaps we should consider the extent to which expediency has become an ingrained part of how we behave and make decisions. When we gradually slide into the attitude that winks at rules and regulations in favor of the easy way, we shouldn't be surprised when that escalates into actual law violation.

This sad spectacle also illustrates the all too frequent presence of arrogance among people in authority. The kind of arrogance that leads people to believe that they can get away with anything. Similarly from a philosophical viewpoint, Watergate re-teaches the old adage that our laws are applicable to all who live under them. Reasons for breaking them are no more noble or justified, when committed for political rather than personal gain. A man doing time for a burglary committed to meet his own needs will not be convinced that he is more culpable than one who commits the same act for "less selfish" ends.

Finally, it would be my hope that whoever is named an "independent prosecutor" will pursue the entire matter to an open and complete conclusion. Only such an end will heal the wounds of Watergate. Meanwhile it might also be hoped that we will not prejudice anyone unfairly, that we collectively might consider the "moral climate" (if you will) in which this kind of situation develops, and that compassion, which is often so lacking be a part of whatever evaluation we make of this entire tragedy.



David Ushio

National Dialogue

MANZANAR PILGRIMAGE
 San Francisco

This is to clarify the statements made by Mrs. Baker in her series of Manzanar letters regarding the feelings of the "responsible members of the Japanese American Citizens League" about the wording on the plaque placed at Manzanar, California.

In September of 1972, the JACL National Executive Committee met in San Francisco to confirm JACL's support of the original proposed wording for the Manzanar plaque. The original text included the words, "concentration camp," "racism," "hysteria," and "greed."

The Manzanar Committee should be commended for its tireless work with the Historical Monument Division of the California State Department of Parks and Recreation in developing a text which they felt would be acceptable to all parties as well as being historically correct.

At the final meeting with William Penn Mott, Director of the State Department of Parks and Recreation on March 19, 1973, two representatives of National JACL staff and one of National JACL Board were present. In addition, several Manzanar Committee members who were present were also members of local JACL chapters. All agreed to the wording which included "concentration camps," "racism," and "economic exploitation."

The words that were debated at that meeting were "racism" and "greed." "Racism" was finally agreed to, after substantial documentation from newspaper articles, history books and War Relocation Authority records (the agency which handled the Evacuation). After further documentation, the words "economic exploitation" were agreed to as a substitute for "greed." In fact, "economic exploitation" was suggested by one of the National JACL representatives.

(If Mrs. Baker would like copies of these references we would gladly provide her with them.)

These words were not created in the heat of emotional passion, but were carefully thought out and well documented in order to present as honest a picture as possible in the limited space allotted for wording on such a plaque.

The three persons who were officially representing JACL at the meeting were all interned in camps during World War II. They feel, as I'm sure most of us in JACL feel, that although Evacuation was a regrettable incident in American history, by educating the American public to the facts, we may be able to prevent a similar occurrence in the future.

There are many other points made by Mrs. Baker with which we disagree, but we feel there has already been adequate response made to them. Unfortunately, there are probably many others who feel as Mrs. Baker does. It is hoped that an official plaque, such as the one placed at Manzanar, will cause some of them to re-examine their thinking, and perhaps look further into the historical facts surrounding the incident.

The name of the Japanese American Citizens League, along with that of the Manzanar Committee, is engraved into the Manzanar plaque. It signifies our support and total agreement with the words engraved thereon.



From the Frying Pan

Bill Hosokawa

Powell, Wyo.

FORGOTTEN CHAPTER—For better or worse, the town of Cody, Wyo., became closely associated with the Heart Mountain War Relocation Center. It was about a dozen miles southwest of the camp and much WRA business was transacted there. About the same distance in the opposite direction—northeast of the camp—was Powell, virtually the same size as Cody. Cody was the cowboy town, its outlook directed toward ranching, oil and big game hunting in the mountains to the west. Powell was a farming center and seemed to have relatively little to do with the camp. But Powell now has a two-year school called Northwest Community College, and I've been there twice in recent years at their invitation to talk about the Heart Mountain camp. The most recent time was a couple of weeks ago. Students and townspeople have heard vague stories about camp. It was 30 years ago that almost overnight a concentration camp mushroomed on the sagebrush flats and quickly became the third largest city in Wyoming with a population of 10,000. So now they want to hear the story first-hand. What whets their interest is that the oldtimers, the ones who knew about the camp from personal experience, are reluctant to talk about it.

"Maybe it's a sense of guilt," said Jeanne Adams, the town librarian. "But these people had nothing to do with the Evacuation," I said. "They shouldn't feel any personal guilt."

"I think they may feel guilty that they didn't do more for the evacuees," Mrs. Adams said, and we let it go at that.

Mrs. Adams is taping a series of interviews with pioneer residents of the area to record its history. We taped an interview about the camp, but how can you tell that story in 45 minutes? It is just impossible. Still, the interview will give those who ask about the camp a bit of background. The library, Mrs. Adams said, gets numerous inquiries about Heart Mountain and she is frustrated by her inability to provide information. The library has incomplete files of the Heart Mountain Sentinel, the weekly newspaper published by the residents, and she is anxious to fill in the missing numbers.

Later, at the college, I met a number of the men and women who as homesteaders were given some of the land cleared by the evacuees or land which was made feasible for farms by the irrigation ditches the evacuees completed. They told me that about all that remains of the camp is the tall brick chimney of the boiler that served the camp hospital. One said there had been talk some time ago about tearing down the stack, but the homesteaders wanted to retain it as a landmark.

There is one other remnant, the framework of the community honor roll that once listed the men and women from Heart Mountain who had gone into military service. About all that remains is the framework. The names, painted on asbestos wallboard, were obliterated by win and sun and rain long ago. "We should have taken care of that honor roll," one woman told me sadly. Perhaps it is not too late to save what is left.

Several of the homesteaders said that each summer a few Japanese Americans with out-of-state cars drive into the area. They seem to be looking for the barracks where they lived, but the townsite is long gone, replaced by neatly tilled fields. Some stop to talk with the homesteaders, and there is a certain rapport among them. The homesteaders are aware of the work the evacuees did, and they know from their own experience what it was like to live in the area before the fields could be sowed and substantial homes built.

One homesteading couple showed me a handful of small white stones, about the size of a half dollar, each with a Japanese character written on it. They were found in a 55-gallon drum buried full of white stones, thousands of them, all bearing Japanese characters, presumably written with an ink brush. What were they? What was their significance? They gave me some, and I promised to find out and let them know. Can anyone help me?

AS IT WAS: Mas Satow
This Memorial Day

"Come to the Ad Building. There's a call for you from Washington," read the message delivered to my barracks at Amache. It was the first part of February, 1943, following the War Department's announcement that Nisei would be accepted as volunteers for military service. A registration was going on for those who wished to volunteer and to sign up evacuees for leave clearance.

Administration sponsored mass meetings of all the males in camp had been held several days previous. Fortunately our camp Administration had the foresight not to call in the Issei, for the registration would have required them to forswear allegiance to any other country than the United States, which of course they could not do. Much confusion resulted from unanswered questions as to the interpretation of Questions No. 27 and No. 28. The result of the informal sign up indicated few volunteers for the Army and a substantial number of "no-no's" to No. 27 and No. 28.

My first reaction to the message was "I don't know anyone in Washington, but I hid down to the Ad building and found my caller was Col. William Scobey, Executive Assistant to John J. McCloy, Assistant Secretary of the Army.

SAN DIEGO ASIAN GROUPS IN PLEA TO COUNTY B'RD

Union of Pan-Asian Communities Urge Fair Hiring Plan

SAN DIEGO, Calif.—A newly formed union of local Asian community groups have asked the county Board of Supervisors to take steps toward adopting hiring, funding and anti-discriminatory policies relating to their ethnic communities.

Vernon T. Yoshioka, acting chairman of the Union of Pan-Asian Communities of San Diego County (UPAC), told the board. "We became increasingly aware of the fact that the local government of San Diego did not appear to be cognizant of the needs of our individual ethnic communities."

UPAC, which was formed in February, has representatives from the Chinese, Japanese, Guamanian, Korean, Filipino and Samoan communities and represents about 40,000 persons in San Diego County, Yoshioka said.

He asked the board to take steps to assure a proper percentage of Asians were employed by county agencies; consider funding Asian programs with revenue-sharing funds; guarantee Asians employed under the Public Employment Program (PEP) would be given permanent county positions, and elimination of discriminatory personnel practices and rules dealing with Asian persons.

In referring the group's request to the county chief administrative officer for review, board chairman Jack Walsh said he did not know of any personnel practices which would discriminate against Asians but said he would not discount the possibility that some county regulations adversely affect particular ethnic groups.

He asked Yoshioka to document any instances of such policies to the CAO for his review.

List Underway
Yoshioka said later that the UPAC was compiling a list of such practices which included requiring Asians to undergo reevaluation when applying for county accounting or nursing positions after they had already passed state qualifying boards. Yoshioka said this policy was not applied to Caucasians applying for similar positions.

FROM HAPPY VALLEY: Sachi Seko

When It's Springtime

When the last drift of snow melted from the ground, it revealed the bright yellow protrusion of crocus clumps. Their thrust of early color from the winter frozen earth is a harbinger of spring. Dawn glides the mountains earlier, accompanied by the music of birchings. I feel in my hands a restless tingling. It is the annual malady of wanting to touch and probe the earth.

Pregnant boughs begin to stir with grass and green: hills of wild grass spot the tuffs. When we are at mid-point, spring has a new significance. It is not only that we are glad to be rid of a cold and confining winter.

We feel a new relationship to earth and nature as we grow older. There is a distinct pleasure in the smell and feel of the soil. We appreciate a new value in the simple acts of planting and tending and growing.

In this commitment to the earth, there is a fusion between body and mind, man and nature. It is an excitement which cannot be expressed in words. It is a condition which I refer to as my yearly bout of spring madness.

Foothill Views
There are two vistas from the living area of our home. One faces westward where the valley and the ribbon of Great Salt Lake can be seen. The other looks eastward toward the magnificent mountains. Since we live at the foothills, the landscaping blends with the natural wildness of the canyons.

It is interesting that whenever someone enters this room, the view of city lights does not command the attention of nature's panorama. Even those who have never touched a hoe or planted a seed have been known to gaze in a hypnotic trance.

Someone once asked how we could bear to awaken each morning to a sight so splendid. It is not the eyes which cannot bear the sight. It is something which stirs within that explodes in its upward leap. But very few can exist totally dependent on mountains or the sea, for brief encounters with ecstasy.

Even less, we are learning, can we be fulfilled by the grand grab for things. I can remember a time when the exchange of the scrub for an automatic washer was a real event. Now, switching from a white machine to a colored model with more buttons and gadgets elicits only the concern that it operates and that it fits an allocated space.

Ache of Spring
I sense an awakening. From the decay of leaves, rotting and wet on the ground pro-

Denver dedicates Sakura Square

DENVER, Colo.—Dedication of the \$4 million Sakura Square 12 marked major milestones in the 6-year history of the Buddhist Church here, in redevelopment of the Skyline Urban Renewal Project, and the quality of cultural attractions in downtown Denver.

Sakura Square was developed by Tri-State Buddhist Church Apartments, Inc. James Kanemoto, president of the non-profit corporation, dedicated the building complex "in memory of the men and women of Japanese ancestry who brought Oriental art, religion and culture to the Rocky Mountains and to those who continue to sustain and cherish this heritage."

The dedication ceremony also launched the grand opening of Sakura Square and the start of the Square's first annual Cherry Blossom Festival which continued through May 20.

Dedication Rites
Scheduled speakers at the dedication ceremony, in addition to Kanemoto and Master of Ceremonies John Fujimori, were:

Colorado Lt. Gov. Ken Vandenhoof; Denver Mayor Bill McNichols; Bishop Kenryo Tsuji of Buddhist Churches of America, San Francisco; and Frank Totsuzawa, president of the Sakura Square Merchants Assn.

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Denver Urban Renewal Authority (DURA) Denver Regional Office of the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development, Denver Regional Office of the Federal Housing Administration, Bertson A. Bruen and Associates, architects for the development; and Sid Grant, Tri-State Construction Co., general contractor.

Sakura Square is part of the \$121 million worth of redevelopment completed or under contract in the 37-block Skyline Renewal project.

Also dedicated was Tamal Tower, the Square's apartment building named after the Tri-State Buddhist Church's Minister Emeritus, the Rev. Yoshihiko Tamai, who has been with the church for more than 40 years. Albert Watada is president of the Tri-State Church.

Cherry Blossom Festival through the week included Japanese arts and crafts shows, bonsai and Ikebana, Japanese songs and dances,

exhibitions of karate and Japanese fencing, tea ceremonies and Buddhist religious rites.

Sakura Square
Sakura Square is on a block bounded by 19th, 20th, Lawrence and Larimer Streets. It includes the 20-story Tamal Tower (155,000 sq. ft. of residential building space) built under the FHA's Section 236 subsidy program for low-to-moderate income tenants, 39,000 sq. ft. of commercial space devoted to shops and restaurants with Oriental themes, Japanese gardens, 130 off-street auto parking spaces and related facilities.

In addition, the existing 18,500 sq. ft. Denver Buddhist Churches on the block is being extensively remodeled and expanded with 13,500 sq. ft. of new building space at a cost of \$75,000. President of the Denver church is Edward Nozawa. Ground breaking for that project was held April 8. The work is to be completed by Dec. 1, 1973. Architect for the church expansion project is the ABR Partnership of Denver. The general contractor is Newstrom-Davis Construction Co. of Denver.

The church is one of eight branches of the Tri-State Buddhist Church covering the Denver region and serving as the spiritual and cultural center for almost 1,000 families of Japanese ancestry in Colorado. Wyoming and Western Nebraska.

Churches, too, regardless of faith, by preparing to respond to the new challenge, can be a vital force in developing and sustaining this new awakening.

Life without vision is one without a future. Once I had a beautiful friend, who wrote me occasional notes. They had an almost mystical way of arriving just when I needed them. One in particular, I shall always remember.

The last note I received from Larry Tajiri read, "Hang on to your dreams. They're nice things to have."

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SAKURA SQUARE—Bishop Kenryo Tsuji of the Buddhist Churches of America addresses dedication of the \$4-million Sakura Square in Denver, May 12. Part of the 27-block downtown urban renewal project, Sakura Square is bounded by 19th, 20th, Lawrence and Larimer Sts. It includes a 204-unit 20-story Tamal Tower apartment, commercial space, gardens, parking and the Tri-State Buddhist Church complex. — Tom Masamori Photo.

Financing for Sakura Square was arranged by Robert G. Boucher, president, First Denver Mortgage Co. The construction loan was provided by the First National Bank of Denver and the long term mortgage loan is being provided by Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.

Among the tenants for commercial space in Sakura Square are restaurant Kyoto, International restaurant chain based in Kyoto, Japan; Nakai Gift Shop; Sawada Beauty Salon; Haws and Co. art and jewelry store; Akebono Restaurant; Granada Supermarket; and Pacific Mercantile Co., an Oriental foods firm. Akebono, Granada and Pacific Mercantile have been in operation in the area for many years.

Renewal Project
In 1968 when the Skyline Urban Renewal Project began, the church's non-profit development corporation was formed to consider creating church-sponsored housing, particularly for elderly Japanese.

Approved sale of land on the block to the development corporation. The church continued to own its property including land area of 13,500 sq. ft. On March 3, 1971, Tri-State Buddhist Church Apartments, Inc. completed its development plans and purchased 93,100 sq. ft. of land from DURA for \$188,800. Ground breaking for the Sakura Square development was held March 19, 1971.

The apartments, commercial space and parking area are managed by Sakura Square Management Corp. with Kenzo Fujimori and Floyd Koehle as co-managers.

Tamal Tower's 204 apartments include 85 efficiency units renting at \$101 per month, 102 one-bedroom units at \$115, 17 two-bedroom units at \$135. Twenty per cent of the units are covered by the FHA's rent supplement program which provides a direct subsidy for low income tenants. The apartment building has a penthouse which includes a lounge, recreation area, kitchen and laundry facilities.

Open Space
Forty per cent of the complex is in open space including a second story pedestrian plaza and sections of Japanese gardens. A pedestrian bridge is under construction at the second story level to link the pedestrian plaza of Sakura Square with the plaza level of the Volunteers of America commercial complex and apartment house to the west across 19th Street.

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picture, maybe what we need now is for some Nisei parent to analyze the Sansei. I wonder what game the Nisei parent would be playing?

In brief, the authors seem to have been carried away by their own notions and views. They have missed the basic intent of the Manzanar dedication; namely, to symbolically convey the fact that a group of American citizens were, indeed, denied their constitutional rights and summarily detained in concentration camps by their own government. That is the message.

Constitutionally speaking, a vital issue requires a 2/3 vote and not a majority vote. Our Constitution protects us in this regard so that 51 people can't tell 49 people what's good for all of us. So why wasn't there a public hearing regarding Manzanar? And why was public debate denied?

More importantly, when are people going to learn to discuss ISSUES and not personalities? Why character assassination?

By the way, the FBI and the Justice Department are not the best sources (and sometimes are no source whatever) regarding the Executive Order. Try the Department of the Interior and the Military and The Library of Congress.

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that feels news must first be interpreted and analyzed before being fed to readers? And that letters to the editor must have suitable deletions to fit in with editorial policy?

Quoting from your own column of May 14th, in which you refer to portions of my unprinted letter, you state there was "very little danger from 'vigilante' type activities against the Japanese." Would you therefore explain exactly what "vigilante" acts you accuse the white citizenry against Japanese? And please limit it to Japanese, since other Orientals were not interned. Japanese aliens became enemy aliens with Pearl Harbor, but we did not systematically round up all Japanese (alien or American), but only those on the endangered West Coast.

Montebello JWC Cited for decade of aid to Keiro

LOS ANGELES—The Montebello Japanese Womens Club, CFWC, was presented a certificate of appreciation from the Keiro Nursing Home for its decade of service to the facility at a recent meeting.

The club has contributed more than \$12,000 as well as donated many knitted and hand-sewn items for the patients at Keiro through the years. The club name will go on the Community Organization Honor Roll plaque hung in the nursing home, according to Edwin Hiroto, administrator. The recognition plaque was donated by the Westside Optimist Club, which also donated more than \$5,000 to the facility and contributed volunteer man hours to it.

Hiroto, in making the presentation of the certificate to Ritsuko Kawakami, president of the Montebello club, declared, "Montebello support is much more than a 'one-time' contribution. Rather, as recognized by the 37 members of your club, there is a continuing need for support, because Keiro Nursing Home has a continuing commitment to meet the needs of our issei patients."

'No Shame'
And I felt no shame then nor now. I was grateful for the opportunity. I've been self-supporting since 1939 and have known what it's like to be hungry — damn hungry but what's so unique about that? Lots of us were. But my own experience in being hungry hasn't been the prime factor in contributing to CARE. Sympathy, love and understanding isn't a "gut" reaction. It occurs higher up in the human anatomy.

Constitutionally speaking, a vital issue requires a 2/3 vote and not a majority vote. Our Constitution protects us in this regard so that 51 people can't tell 49 people what's good for all of us. So why wasn't there a public hearing regarding Manzanar? And why was public debate denied?

More importantly, when are people going to learn to discuss ISSUES and not personalities? Why character assassination?

By the way, the FBI and the Justice Department are not the best sources (and sometimes are no source whatever) regarding the Executive Order. Try the Department of the Interior and the Military and The Library of Congress.

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CHAPTER PULSE

CHINESE IN U.S.
TO FORM GROUP
SIMILAR TO JACL

Inaugural Convention
Scheduled June 8-10
at Washington, D.C.

WASHINGTON — The Organization of Chinese-Americans, Inc. (OCA), will stage its inaugural convention here June 8-10 to organize a draft central committee, create a constitution and discuss program priorities.

Its structure and policies are similar to the Japanese American Citizens League, which has been cooperative in the past explaining to Chinese American leaders how the JACL was organized nationally.

OCA is expected to be a non-racial, apolitical coalition of Chinese-Americans with no collective interest in the politics of any foreign country (including China) and be primarily concerned with problems as they relate to Chinese Americans.

Convention

Prof. Jim and Anchen Lin, of 8 Schindler Court, Silver Spring, Md., will host an open house at his residence for OCA delegates on Friday evening, June 8. The business session will be held at George Washington University Center, Room 402, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

An inaugural reception at 7:30 p.m. in the same building will be open to the public to honor U.S. Sen. Hiram L. Fong of Hawaii for his distinguished service. Cultural displays and Chinese dances, nightclub entertainers from Hawaii and Paul Dawson's band round out the evening.

The OCA convention will close with luncheon Sunday, June 10, at Golden Palace restaurant, 726-7th St. NW near H St.

Five Local Groups

The convention invitation was signed by presidents of five local groups: Kung-Lee Wang, Washington, D.C.; Alex Mark, Michigan; Shin-Yuan Chen, Los Angeles; David F. Chen, Pittsburgh; and William Chang, St. Louis, Mo.

With the Chinese population in U.S. at the half-million mark, a need was expressed by them for a strong national organization and a unified voice to improve opportunities, combat prejudice, enhance the public image and speak out for rights inherent as American citizens and permanent residents.

Presentation of Chinese American views before public agencies, they said, had been often represented by JACL in view of common objectives "but there is no question that we Chinese Americans need our own organization to work and speak for us."

To help set basic policy, an advisory board of distinguished Americans has been established. Among them are Rep. Lloyd Meeds (D-Wash.), Mrs. Anna C. Chennault, v.p., Flying Tiger Airline; Andrew T. F. Ing, financial v.p. and treasurer, Hawaiian Electric Co. and former lieutenant-governor, Hawaii; Liem E. Tuni, Seattle city councilman; and Harry Lee, U.S. magistrate, New Orleans, and president of the U.S. Magistrates Council.

Inquiries concerning the OCA convention may be addressed to Kung-Lee Wang, 1940 Dundee Rd., Rockville, Md. 20850 (301-349-8323).

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CALENDAR

May 27 (Sunday)

Natl JACL-Student Aid comm. Mtg. Cincinnati, Gordon Yoshikawa's res.

May 28 (Monday)

Chicago-Mutual Aid Society Memorial Day service, Montrose Cemetery.

Salt Lake-Mt. Olympus-Memorial Day service, New WW Monument, Salt Lake City Cemetery.

Seattle-Colum Memorial Day service, Lakeview Cemetery, 10 a.m.

San Mateo-Movie benefit.

Milwaukee-Graduates dnr. Lime House, 1 p.m.; Dave Ushio, spkr.

Salt Lake City-Graduates dinner-dance, Buddhist Church, 7 p.m.

Portland-Gen Mtg. George Takel, spkr.

Gardena Valley-Chapter coronation ball, Queen Mary, Long Beach, dinner, 7:30 p.m.; coronation, 9 p.m.

Riverside-Graduates potluck luncheon, Jesse Halvorsen Ranch, 6 p.m.

June 3 (Sunday)

West Los Angeles-Miss WLA queen's tea.

Sacramento-Comm Picnic, Elk Grove Park.

PSWDC-Nisei Relays, Francis Polytechnic High, San Valley, June 9 (Saturday)

Alameda-Sansei bus excursion to Carmel, 8 a.m. - ret. 6 p.m.

Washington, D.C.-A Society bazaar, St. Alban's school, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Puyallup Valley-Graduates dnr. Poodle Dog, Fife.

Sequoia-Optimist League awards banquet.

June 10 (Sunday)

Bay Area Comm-Mtg. San Francisco.

Cincinnati-Isselick picnic, Gordon Yoshikawa's residence.

June 11 (Monday)

West Los Angeles-Bd Mtg. Mahood Center, 7:30 p.m.

Riverside-Sendai Festival ondo practice, Adam School, 7 p.m.

June 12-13 (Tue-Wed)

Seattle-Mtg. JACL Office, 7:43 p.m.

June 21-24

Natl JACL-Interim Bd Mtg. Miyako Hotel, San Francisco.

June 22-23

Riverside-Sendai Festival.

June 23 (Saturday)

Seabrook-Installation dinner.

Cleveland-Graduate Scholarship dnr. Astorhurst Restaurant, Bedford, 6 p.m.

May Events

Downtown's 'Mother of Year' fete attracts 200

An overflow crowd of 280 persons gathered last week (May 12) to honor Mrs. Shige Nishizu of Buena Park as the Issei Mother of the Year at the annual Mother's Day banquet sponsored by the Downtown Los Angeles JACL at Man Jen Low.

The 85-year-old Orange County pioneer and mother of seven was lauded for her courage in the face of many adversities and her perseverance and wisdom in raising her family through the trying early half of this century.

Tributes were paid by the Rev. Kenko Yamashita of Zenshujii; Takito Yamaguma, chairman and emcee of the banquet who narrated Mrs. Nishizu's biography; Mrs. Hitoko Ando, representing the consular general of Japan; Mrs. Yoneko Kato, president of the Southern California Japanese Women's Society; and George Sakai, administrative assistant to Mayor Sam Yorty.

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DOWNTOWN HONOREE—Mrs. Shige Nishizu (seated center), honored as Issei Mother of the Year at the annual Downtown Los Angeles JACL banquet last week at Man Jen Low. Standing in back are (l to r) Joe Hazama, George Sakai and Takito Yamaguma. The 85-year-old Orange County pioneer is the mother of seven. —Kashu Mainichi Photo

'Racism in Media' subject of Takei's talk at Portland Community College

PORTLAND, Ore. — The Portland JACL Chapter announced actor and TV star George Takei, (Mr. Sulu of "Star Trek"), will speak on the subject of "Racism in the Media" Saturday, June 2, 8 p.m., in room A7-ST at the Portland Community College, 12000 SW 49th Ave.

To quote Takei, "The media, perhaps, has played the definitive role in molding our public image in the American psyche. Because we were absent in the molding process, the image is what it is." He refers to the role of the newspaper and radio in creating and propagating the "Yellow Peril" threat in the early 1900s and the major fear on the West Coast shortly after Pearl Harbor. The media, therefore, significantly influences the government in its misguided decisions to force-

fully evacuate 110,000 Nikkei to wartime relocation camps. Following World War II, overt prejudices gradually diminished and the Nikkei found increasing acceptance by the majority community. Some Nikkei began to feel total acceptance and that "there's no more prejudice." However, in the past several years, as a result of an "economic warfare" between Japan and the United States, there has been a resurfacing of subtle and not-so-subtle racism directed against the Nikkei. If diplomatic relations between the two countries worsen, it is quite possible that old wounds will be reopened and the Nikkei will again be "Guilty by Reason of Race," Takei continues.

Today, the media continues to have a profound impact on the shaping of attitudes and biases toward ethnic and minority groups. These groups must remain on guard against presentations in the media which have the potential to harm the group's public image and acceptance. Takei will discuss the past, current and future role of the media in influencing the Nikkei image, and offer advice on how to best deal with "Racism in the Media."

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CHINATOWN FIRES SPUR COMPLAINT FROM TENANTS, CALL RENT STRIKE

By FRANK CHING (New York Times)

NEW YORK — Some ten weeks ago, the usually passive and uncomplaining residents of a dilapidated Chinatown building, who for years accepted defective electrical wiring, faulty plumbing, falling plaster and boiler breakdowns, declared a rent strike. They did so after fire swept through the six-story structure, causing severe damage.

The New Year's Eve fire made uninhabitable a quarter of the apartments in the 36-unit building at 28 Market St. One woman was injured. After the fire, city inspectors recommended extensive emergency repairs to the building. However, on Jan. 20, another fire broke out, and the 19 remaining tenants called a rent strike, submitting their rent to a community organization instead of the landlord.

Tenants say the landlord had promised to make many repairs but had failed to do so. The dispute is between tenants aided by neighborhood community organizations and the Three Bridges Management Corporation, represented by Norman Lau Kee, one of Chinatown's leading lawyers.

Cites 'Beneficial Effects' "Many of the tenants' gripes are legitimate," Kee said. "This fire has several beneficial effects. It galvanized the tenants into action, which is admirable. But I don't go along with the rent strike."

The tenants submitted Kee a list of demands, including repair of the fire escape, which city Buildings Department inspectors found to be corroded, holes in ceilings and walls, and leaking toilets. After this work is done, the tenants said in a letter March 16, they will pay the rent for January and February.

Kee said he was trying to meet all the tenant demands, and was trying to make repairs as quickly as possible. However, major structural demands, such as rewiring the building, will have to wait an insurance settlement, he said. "The major structural thing can't be settled until the insurance thing is settled," he said. "The building was underinsured. The owners stand to lose \$12,000 to \$15,000."

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Aloha from Hawaii

by Richard Gima

Hawaii Today

Honolulu. The State said it would go another \$75 million in debt to meet its summer payroll. This will be the first time since the mid-1950s that Hawaii has had to borrow just to keep normal government operations going. Possible layoffs loom for State employees in the Neighborhood Youth Corps, Manpower Development Training Act program, On-The-Job Training program, Operation Mainstream, the Concentrated Employment Program and other projects originally designed to alleviate the plight of underprivileged persons. And there was one more dire fiscal note: Some 300 families on welfare also will lose State money under a belt-tightening program announced last week.

Mauli's first health and rehabilitation center was opened April 23 at Waiuku. The center, built at a cost of \$2 million, is named for J. Walter Cameron, publisher of Maui News. The facility centralizes health and rehabilitation care for Maui's handicapped residents.

McInerney, one of Hawaii's elite stores, would be — or may already have been — sold to the Seibu Group of Japan, the local press has reported. For one thing, Seibu long has been interested in expanding to the United States and Europe. A formal announcement concerning the sale is expected in the near future.

There were strong indications April 23 that Makaha Inn had been sold to Japanese interests. Reliable sources said that the sale was made to Japanese family hui and an announcement was to be expected in early May.

Mrs. Clifford Lee of 3736 Kumulani Place, has been appointed national chairman for the American Legion Auxiliary National Convention to be held here Aug. 18-23. Other committee members locally are Mrs. Henry Medeiros and Mrs. Beatrice Gomes. Mrs. David Kealoha of Hilo is the national and local chairman in charge of special guests.

Courtroom
Charles and Thomas Furumoto and the Mitsuba Kamaboko Factory have filed a \$2-250,000 circuit court suit against Univ. of Hawaii researchers and two newspapers — The Advertiser and the Star-Bulletin — for allegedly false statements made about mercury content in their product. The plaintiffs maintain that the newspapers ran "untrue, false and defamatory" articles in April, 1971, which said the mercury content in the factory's fishcake was "much higher than federal standards." The suit was filed by attorneys Wallace Fujiyama, James Duffy and Richard Mosher.

Federal Judge Martin Pence on April 23 sentenced Melvin Hoffacker, 41, former Bank of Hawaii executive, to 2½ years in prison for embezzling about \$60,000 from the bank. Brock Hart Hoffacker's attorney, asked that Hoffacker be permitted to support his family and sent to jail only overnight and on weekends. Hoffacker had been a bank employee for 22 years and was an assistant cashier.

Names in the News

Genji Ono received a federal award April 25. He is a 20-year veteran in airline mechanics and a lead radio shop man at Aloha Airlines. His improvement of cockpit voice recorder equipment has earned him the Federal Aviation Administration's 1972 regional aviation mechanic's award. Dr. Y. Barton Goto, vice chancellor emeritus of the East-West Center, has been elected president of the West Honolulu Rotary Club. Some 50 island singers, dancers and musicians look part in a tribute to the late Alfred Apaka April 29 at the Waikiki Shell. The show, produced by Tony Todaro, was sponsored by the Hawaiian Professional Song-writers' Society.

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society as a benefit for the Hawaii Heart Assn.
Chair and the Ladies Home Journal have nominated Rep. Patsy Mink for a "Women of the Year-1971" award, a new national achievement program. She is one of 10 nominated. Others include Bella Abzug, Betty Friedan, Fannie Lou Hamer, La Donna Harris, Aileen Hernandez, Coretta King, Elizabeth Duncanson Koomr, Marguerite Rawalt and Gloria Steinem.

The Star-Bulletin on April 24 announced that five persons were winners of the first annual George Awards. These are given to persons in Hawaii who have given unstintingly of their time and energy in the service of others. The 1973 winners: Mrs. Marion X. Miller, 47, of Honolulu; Hideojiro Mura, 68, of Honolulu; Mrs. Roland Oliveira, 49, of Aiea; Francis K.P. Pulea, 39, of Waiawa; and Mrs. Lucille K. Rapone, 52, of Kailua-Oahu.

LT. Gov. George R. Ariyoshi had his arm in a sling last week; he broke his left arm while playing basketball with his two teenaged sons.

Business Ticker

Edward M. Yamazaki has joined American Security Bank as vice president in business development. He had been with Central Pacific Bank. Jiro Adachi has been promoted to vice president of Occidental Underwriters of Hawaii. He will continue as general insurance department manager. Robert M. Fujimoto, a life insurance agent, has been elected to the 13-man board of directors of C. Brewer & Co., one of Hawaii's Big Five organizations. He is the first Big Islander to serve on the Brewer board since the death of State Sen. William (Doc) Hill in 1970. Fujimoto is president and general manager of Hawaii Planning Mill.

City Hall

Roland D. Sagum, who was dismissed by Mayor Frank Fae three years ago from the police commission, was commissioned to another four-year term on the Criminal Injuries Compensation Commission April 28 by Gov. John Burns. Sagum was dismissed from the police commission in Nov. 1970, for his alleged campaign activities in the re-election of Burns. Others commissioned were Tom T. Kato, board of accountants; Adolf Sampela, boxing commission; Melvin J. Padedo and Nelson Marler, Collection Agency Board; Dr. Norman

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CRIME FILE

George Joll (Fat George) Ekita, 37, has been identified as the ex-convict who gave the federal government much of the information which in March led to the arrests of crime-syndicate leaders on income tax evasion charges. Ekita in December was paroled from a federal prison after serving only 11 months of two five-year sentences. He went to prison for possession of millions of dollars worth of stolen securities and for international gun smuggling. Reputed crime boss Wilford Pulawa and other alleged syndicate figures, according to the Honolulu Advertiser, already know Ekita is one of the informers against them.

Anti-Orientalism

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Political Scene

A 22-member political committee to back Thomas Gill for governor of Hawaii has been organized. It's called "Let's Support Tom Gill for Governor Committee" and is headed by State Sen. Sakae Takahashi. Gill has not formally announced as a candidate. A Gill fund-raising dinner will be held May 30 at the Pagoda Hotel.

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BOOK REVIEW: Allan Beekman

Black Author Exposes Racial Policy

RACISM IN U.S. IMPERIALISM: The Influence of Racial Assumptions on American Foreign Policy, 1893-1946, by Rubin Francis Weston. Univ. of South Carolina Press, 291 pp., \$8.95.

In this doctorate thesis, the author attempts to determine the extent that racism influenced U.S. policy in acquiring and governing noncontiguous territory.

Before the period of imperialistic expansion, which began in 1898 and ended in 1916, the struggle against the Indian had conditioned Americans to consider it proper, in the name of progress, to wrest territory from indigenous peoples. The struggle also resulted "in the development of a race consciousness which made all Europeans forget their differences and unite against a common enemy, the Indian."

In the South, an ideology of white superiority had evolved as a justification for keeping the blacks enslaved. After the abolition of slavery, when Federal troops were withdrawn from the South, the prevailing ideology decreed that blacks had no rights a white must respect.

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1917 Jones Act

Under the Jones Act, effective March 2, 1917, U.S. citizenship was conferred on Puerto Ricans desiring it. Since 1948, Puerto Ricans have elected their own governor. Puerto Rico became a commonwealth in 1952, a status they appear to prefer to statehood, as shown by the 69 per cent vote for commonwealth status over statehood, in the 1967 election.

Hawaii was admitted to statehood in 1959.

The author establishes racism as a major influence in the making of policy toward the noncontiguous areas mentioned, but his explanation seems an oversimplification. The areas had one point in common — an abundance of nonwhite residents — but they also had many points of dissimilarity, overlooked.

Also, the author conceives of racism as a single virus directed towards all nonwhites. He fails to discriminate the racism directed toward blacks, originating in class prejudice, from the xenophobia directed at the Nikkei. And though, in general, he writes well and strives to be objective, he sometimes weakens his case by using racist terms himself — the "mixture of Anglo-Saxon" and "blood" for lineage, with its "disreputable offspring" "mixed-blood."

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AREA CODE 206: Joe Hamanaka

Japan's 'Back-Shock'

The Emperor will stay home—as he should. Japanese Government's decline of the "goodwill" visit by Emperor Hirohito to the U.S. at the invitation of President Nixon was called, editorially, by a local daily as a "diplomatic slap" at the United States.

Some call it a retaliatory "Emperor Shock." It had been said by the Japanese Government that October, 1973, might be an "opportune" time for the visit. But, abruptly, the Tanaka Government called off the visit, explaining awkwardly—... circumstances, including the Imperial Household schedule.

Generally speaking, Japan was (is) disturbed by (with) the Nixon Administration—as perhaps are many individual Americans these days. Sensitive Japan felt some real (some imagined) slights from the "Nixon Shocks."

But then up popped Watergate! In full glowing color. And in 120 point type. And, as the Gate opened wider, the Emperor's trip became, as the Japanese say, "mizu ni natta" — washed away by a flood.

Haji on Nixon
Like a letter from Japan opines: Watergate is a big "haji" (shame) on Nixon, the "sek'in-in-sha" (responsible person).

Opposition political parties, the Imperial Household Agency and "ooku" (many), the letter says, wanted the Government — quickly — to "disassociate" their Emperor from Nixon.

Pressures mounted on Tanaka's Government. Reasons like the Emperor's dizzy spell on a recent trip to Kyushu, critical economic negotiations between the U.S. and Japan, political overtones connected with the trip, and Household schedule.

But the "real" reason, though diplomatically kimonooed, the letterwriter thinks, was Watergate. With public opinion not wholeheartedly supporting the thought of their Emperor accepting an invitation from an "irresponsible" Administration.

They reason that in a parliamentary system, as in Japan, such a no-confidence Government would fall on a scandal like Watergate.

'No Shinjo'
"Shinjo dekinai... kao ga tatanai yoni natta," the letter goes on to say of Nixon—he has lost face!
Tanaka, too, is embarrassed. And his popularity, too, is waning.

While the Emperor "would like" still to visit the United States, do Americans still feel that Hirohito is a name that is remembered, along with Hitler and Mussolini, as a war criminal?

That he just might not be welcomed as a "symbol of state" and as a smiling "tourist" into the heartland of America? Moreover, what about the business and employment "losses" Japan, Inc.?

Might they not take kindly to the visit and express themselves overtly and vociferously to the embarrassment (safety) of the Imperial couple?

Are the risks worth the trip? Does the Emperor think that visiting America would be like his 1971 trip to Europe? Visiting with "otona-shi" European royalties?

It now is reported in Japan that some Government officials doubt the Imperial couple will be given another opportunity.

Also, President Nixon's visit to Japan may not happen, some feel, and the cancellation of the Emperor's visit here may even have adverse effects on Japan-U.S. relations.

Crown Prince
Meanwhile—a brighter side—the Crown Prince and Princess are touring Australia and New Zealand for 18 days in May. And all reports are that they are being received with considerable warmth.

So, while the future ruler and his lady cannot solve economic problems for Japan, we still feel that these two can do far more "good" for U.S.-Japan relations than the present ruler.

The Crown Prince and Princess Michiko should come visit the United States again if an invitation is possible.

But then, will Japan be able to restrain herself and welcome Mr. Nixon (in return) to Japan? Without some "samurai" getting out of hand?

More Japan-based banks get OK to open in L.A.
TOKYO — Japan's Finance Ministry said it has given 18 Japanese banks tentative approval to open 18 branches and 24 representative offices abroad during fiscal 1973, which began April 1. Five of the offices are proposed for Los Angeles.

Mitsui Bank Ltd. plans to open an office as a local corporation in L.A. as well as representative offices in Toronto and Jakarta.

Tokai Bank Ltd. also wants to establish an L.A. branch as a local corporation.

Saitama Bank Ltd. is eyeing L.A. for a representative office, as is Hokkaido Takushoku Bank Ltd.

Industrial Bank of Japan Ltd. hopes to open a branch in L.A., too.

NEWS CAPSULES

Redevelopment

Tad Ikemoto, president of Auto-Ready, Inc., of Little Tokyo and an active leader in the Southern California Japanese community, has been elected chairman of the Little Tokyo Community Development Advisory Committee (LTC-DAC), succeeding **Kazuo Sei**, director of planning for Jennings Engineering Co. Other officers elected were: **Takito Yamagata**, vice president of the Bank of Tokyo, vice chairman; **Ethel Kobashi**, active in many organizations, including the Montebello Women's Club, secretary; **Kiyoshi Kawai**, assistant vice president of Sumitomo Bank, treasurer; and **Spencer Auzias**, property owner and attorney, member-at-large. LTC-DAC is the official citizens advisory group to the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) on the redevelopment of Little Tokyo.

Appointed by the Mayor, the group is composed of tenants, property owners, community leaders, and others. There are currently 56 members.

Awards
Dr. Kinichi Iwamoto, a pioneer Issei New Yorker until his retirement and move to his present home in Ho Ho Kus, N.J., a few years ago, was among overseas Japanese named to receive the Order of the Sacred Treasure from the Japanese government. Dr. Iwamoto was born Sept. 19, 1895 in Okayama prefecture, and he came to the United States following his graduation from Aichi Medical College. After studying at Columbia, he interned at Lutheran Hospital, opening his private practice in 1923. Dr. and Mrs. Iwamoto, the former Florence Takayama, are currently on a visit to Japan. He was presented with his Fifth Class Order of the Sacred Treasure in a ceremony at the Foreign Office in Tokyo May 9.

Health
Toshio Kurokawa of Tokyo, is an international editor of The Modern Medicine Journal. **Dr. Toya Shimizu** of the U.S. Public Health Service was keynote speaker on "Current Concepts of Dental Practice" given for new dental public health workers serving in the Indian Health Service. The seminar was held recently at the Indian Health Service Training Center in Tucson, Arizona.

Dr. Masaharu Sakurai lectured on his research on the relationship of bone marrow chromosomal studies to acute myeloblastic leukemia at the American Society for Hematologists convening at Hollywood, Florida.

The hypothermia technique in open heart surgery was introduced into medicine by **Dr. Y. Hikasa** and associates of Kyoto University, when they augmented surface cooling with limited cardiopulmonary bypass during the last phase of hypothermia induction and utilizing the bypass pump again for rewarming. This approach in open heart surgery is now used with modifications by cardiovascular teams around the world. Since 1965, the Univ. of Washington

School of Medicine has used a technique developed by the Univ. of Sendai, Japan; **Dr. Hiroshi Mohri** and others devised the surface cooling and rewarming technique, used in the open heart surgery procedures at this medical school.

Dr. Teruo Masukawa, associate professor of pathology at the Medical College of Wisconsin, is the Director of the School of Cytotechnology, Milwaukee (Wis.) General Hospital.

Dr. K. George Shimoda of Marshalltown, Iowa, is president of the Iowa Society of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons.

Dr. Misao Takasugi, formerly of Stockholm, Sweden has developed a new test to determine the potential activity of a recipient's immune system. This test pits the lymphocytes of the host, in vitro, against a panel of target cells for immunological studies. He is now a trainee of a prominent UCLA researcher, **Dr. Paul Terasaki**.

Dr. Satoh Howard Temin and **Dr. Satoshi Mizutani** discovered the enzyme catalyzing the RNA-DNA transcription and called this enzyme "reverse transcriptase." The researchers are associated with the Univ. of Wisconsin McArdle Memorial Laboratory.

Radio-TV
Japanese television producer **Yuzo Takagai**, filming a television commercial here featuring the Osmond Brothers, was arrested and fined for ordering his helicopter and seaplane to land on Bass Lake (near Yosemite). According to Madera County sheriff's officers, an ordinance prohibits aircraft from landing on the lake. Takagai was fined \$125 and released. The Osmonds were not arrested. Takagai had been filming a milk commercial for a movie company to be shown on TV in Japan.

Crime
Michiko Zermeno, 41-year-old divorcee, was bludgeoned to death in her Long Beach home May 11 while her terrified 5-year-old daughter remained hidden inside a closet throughout the night. Police were told "a tall man did it" by the young girl. No motive was evident and the victim, apparently, did not know her assailant, police added.

Cashier **Nan Tekachi** reported the discovery of bogus money May 1, while making out bank deposits for Naha's Department Store. She found an altered \$10 bill. The suspect had cut the ends off a \$10 bill and a \$1 bill. Using Scotch tape, the numerals "10" were attached to the ends of the \$1 bill.

Deaths
Miyoko Kawamoto, 56, died April 25 at Kaiser Hospital, Honolulu. Known for her translations of Japanese immigrant materials, Mrs. Kawamoto was born at Makawao, Maui, in May 1917. After education in the public schools of Kyushu Women's College, Japan. Among her translations are "A History of Japanese in Hawaii" and the "Life of Kinzaburo Makino," a leader and newspaperman among the Nikkel in immigrant times.

Organizations
The Optimist International Respect for Law Medallion and a Commemorative Plaque were presented to **Tom Yanai** by the Crown City Optimist Club of Pasadena at a banquet in observance of National Respect for Law Week. In making the presentation, **Bill Fincke**, a lieutenant on the Pasadena police force and chairman of the Optimist program, described the recipient's heroism in overpowering a suspected bank robber in the act of holding up a local savings and loan company. Yanai, a fifth degree black belt judo expert from Monterey Park, was negotiating a loan with the manager when the suspect

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