



By Henry T. Tanaka
National JACL President

During the past several months, I have received considerable correspondence about the use of the derogatory term, "Jap". In contrast, some persons

Use of 'Jap'

have conveyed to me that they feel we are being overly sensitive and should disregard such slurs.

As U.S.-Japan trade relations continue to arouse feelings which tend to weaken attempts toward harmonious relationships, there is also increasing evidence of accompanying subtle racist attitudes toward Americans of Japanese ancestry. Many of these incidents are reminiscent of pre-WW2 days when general hysteria, racism and economic exploitation resulted in the mass incarceration of Japanese Americans on the West Coast.

JACL has mounted an aggressive search to forestall similar hysteria by calling attention to the use of the term, "Jap", wherever found.

Last year, Kenzo the Jap ads were successfully eliminated from the Butterick catalogs, thanks to the persistent efforts of many individuals, congressmen, and the concerned Asian American organizations, including JACL, in New York City.

A few months ago, it was called to our attention that the UCLA Brain Information Service uses "Jap" as an abbreviation for Japan. The matter was subsequently brought to the attention of the Bibliographical Service Division, National Library of Medicine, in WDC. At the request of Dr. Min Masuda of Seattle, Washington, serious consideration will be given by the Division to substitute JPN for JAP to denote the language in which an article is published. It was noted, however, that the current usage of abbreviation conforms with the standards established by the American National Standards Institute and the International Standards Organization. Our feelings were communicated to the Institute. It was also noted by the Bibliographical Service Division that Japan does seem to be sensitive to the use of the term, "Jap", as an abbreviation for Japanese periodicals.

An apology from the managing editor of The Sun-Telegram in San Bernardino, California was received by James Urata of the Riverside-San Bernardino JACL chapter for its reference to "Jap Hill". The editor wrote, "I have informed all of our writers and editors that this term (and many others like it) are not to appear in the Sun-Telegram again".

Dr. Harry Hatasaka, Governor of NC-WN, recently called our attention to the fact that the official maps of the U.S. Department of Interior, Geological Survey, identifies a creek in central Oregon as "Jap Creek". Through the Washington JACL office, a request was made to the Oregon representatives and senators to help remove the offensive title from all official U.S. maps. Upon researching the files, the PC revealed that a recommendation was made by the Board of Geographic Names, U.S. Dept. of Interior in December, 1968 to change the name to "Bull Creek". The records noted that at one time the creek was known as "Bull Creek" and was cleared with the District Ranger of the area. The change to "Jap Creek" was made more recently.

Ted Inouye, Supervisory Cartographer, in Fremont, California, who has personally made efforts to remove the term, "Jap" from U.S. maps, reported that the change from "Jap Creek" to "Bull Creek" was made. He noted, also, that the title "Jap Hollow" is still used in Waco County, Oregon. It would appear

Nixon, Tanaka hold second summit talks

WASHINGTON — President Nixon agreed last week to visit Japan and Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka said Japan would like to accept an American invitation to have Emperor Hirohito visit the United States.

It was one of the highlights of the two-day (July 31-Aug. 1) summit meeting that concluded with the Prime Minister visiting New York, Chicago and San Francisco the remainder of the week.

No incumbent U.S. president has ever visited Japan and no invitation has been extended since it was forced to cancel at the last minute a visit scheduled in June, 1960, by then President Eisenhower.

Last April, a trip to the U.S. by the Emperor and Empress was being arranged at the diplomatic level but postponed by the Tanaka government.

Japanese Ambassador Takeshi Yasukawa, who made the announcement to newsmen accompanying Tanaka, said both visits would be planned to occur by the end of 1974.

Tanaka also reported Tanaka and the President reaffirmed their intent to maintain intimate, bilateral relations, including the U.S.-Japan security treaty.

Tanaka told a post-summit news conference.

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Tanaka urges Americans 'learn more about Japan'
NEW YORK — Prime Minister Tanaka Aug. 1 met 22 American businessmen whose total corporate sales amount to \$80 billion and told them, the Americans should learn more about Japan.

Consul General Masao Sawada here briefed newsmen after the dinner for Tanaka hosted by David Rockefeller, chairman of the Chase Manhattan Bank.

Tanaka told the businessmen the \$80 billion worth of aggregate sales their corporations represented was roughly equal to the amount of global trade Japan expected this year. Forty per cent of

that was conducted with the U.S. and American affiliates abroad.

Of his plans to remodel the Japanese archipelago, Tanaka said it would help promote imports from the U.S. but it requires U.S. businessmen to make better surveys of market conditions in Japan. He also noted the imbalance of U.S.-Japan trade, which reached \$4.1 billion last year, has turned around and was heading toward a balance. Custom statistics indicated Japan suffered a \$43 million deficit in June and another \$11 million deficit in July.

Earlier, Mayor John Lindsay gave the premier a key to the city at a Japan House reception attended by more than 300 people.

JACL presents 'Nisei' books to Premier Tanaka

CHICAGO — Prime Minister Tanaka was welcomed to the Midwest Friday (Aug. 2) on his second stop of the American trip, greeted by Mayor Daley at O'Hare International Airport and given military honors in the downtown Civic Center Plaza.

Tanaka addressed a luncheon at the Palmer House where he said the "quiet American" Midwest is of vital importance to Japan in terms of its economic impact on the daily lives of the Japanese people.

Japan imports more than \$15 billion worth of American farm products, he recounted, and that includes over 90 per cent of the soybeans the Japanese consume.

"This explains why we are anxious to see you expand your supply of farm products to us rather than control our exports. We are, in other words, friends who break bread together," Tanaka said.

During the luncheon attended by businessmen and City Council members, the Prime Minister was greeted by Henry T. Tanaka of Cleveland, National JACL president, who presented copies of Bill Hosokawa's book, "Nisei: The Quiet Americans," published in both English and Japanese.

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YWCA GARDEN—Mrs. Clarence Peglow, president of the St. Paul, Minn. YWCA, Mrs. Ruth Tanbara and Mrs. Jerre Logan enjoy the Ruth Tanbara Japanese Garden on its dedication day June 10, 1973. Mrs. Logan and her husband were active volunteers in the creation of the garden.

—St. Paul Dispatch Photo by Mark Morison

RUTH TANBARA St. Paul YWCA dedicates tiny garden in honor of its longtime secretary

By DEAN S. POTTER

(Special to The Pacific Citizen)

In December, 1944, when the ban prohibiting Japanese to live on the west coast was lifted, a young Nisei secretary employed by the St. Paul, Minn. YWCA was interviewed by a local newspaper reporter.

The secretary, Ruth Tanbara, who had come to St. Paul two and one-half years earlier with her husband Earl, told the reporter, "It is wonderful to know you can go home if you want to. We still have our home in Berkeley, Calif., but we will not return there."

She went on to say that Earl and she would be home for Christmas — "home in St. Paul."

Garden Dedicated

Ruth and Earl spent many Christmases home in St. Paul. Through those years, Ruth graduated from a secretary to an executive staff member of the St. Paul YWCA, teaching, supervising and most specifically building understanding between different nationalities and races.

Almost 29 years after that

first newspaper interview and a year after her retirement from the "Y," Ruth Tanbara was honored June 10 by the dedication of the Ruth Tanbara Japanese Garden.

It is but a small garden in front of the new YWCA partially hidden by a lattice wall. Inside the main lounge of the "Y" people can look, contemplate and enjoy the garden through two plate glass windows. Someone said it was like a small piece of Kyoto planted in the "Y."

The garden is decorated by a bonsai tree, purple leaf plum, dogwood, Japanese yew, moss, a Japanese lantern, tree stumps to walk on, a waterfall, a footbridge over water keeps bubbling even in winter and a plaque that proudly proclaims, "The Ruth Tanbara Japanese Garden."

Everything in the garden was donated as was the labor. One of the volunteers was well known St. Paul landscaper, Peter Blomquist.

Ruth's Idea
According to Mrs. Helen Richardson, chairwoman of the Y's building and management committee.

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Japan Embassy gets calls from upset Americans

WASHINGTON — An official of the Japanese Embassy here said Prime Minister Tanaka, who was meeting with President Nixon Aug. 1, was aware of Attorney John J. Wilson's remark of Senator Inouye but had no comment, the Washington Post learned.

The embassy had received at least a dozen telephone calls of apology that day from upset Americans, a secretary said.

An embassy spokesman told CBS News that Wilson's characterization represented the type of remark now "out of date" and added such phrases are by nature "derogatory."

Design sought for '74 National JACL convention theme

PORTLAND, Ore. — "Asian American: Identity and Equality" was announced as the theme of the 1974 national convention of the Japanese American Citizens League being hosted here the last week of June by the Portland and Gresham-Troutdale chapters.

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EEOC to zero in on most biased firms in nation

(The PC Washington Bureau)
WASHINGTON — The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission is devoting about half of its \$40-million budget for fiscal year 1974 that started July 1 on investigating the employment practices of four to six giant national corporations and 20 to 40 somewhat smaller companies that are alleged to be among the nation's most discriminatory employers.

If the cases cannot be settled, the agency hopes to start litigation by the end of the fiscal year, according to William H. Brown III, the commission chairman.

The names of the target companies cannot be legally disclosed by any EEOC official until lawsuits against the firms are filed. But the target companies undoubtedly know by now of their special status, Brown said, because the agency investigators have been talking to them.

Criteria of Target

It was pointed out that companies are being picked on the basis of:

- 1—Total number of individual complaints of discrimination already on file with EEOC.
- 2—History of inability of the commission to conciliate and settle complaints against the company.
- 3—Number of persons employed in the company and its industry.
- 4—Growth potential of the company and its industry.

Chairman Brown explained the consolidated approach was devised to make best possible use of the agency's limited resources, revealing EEOC has a backlog of more than 60,000 complaints now and fear it would rise to 90,000 by June, 1974. The agency has been disposing about 15,000

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First minority named to civil service board

LOS ANGELES — Attorney Ernest E. Sanchez, trustee chairman of Loyola-Marymount University, is the first minority community member ever named to the three-member Civil Service Commission by the Board of Supervisors. Appointment was announced Aug. 1 by Supervisor Ernest Debs.

The commission regulates a civil service system for some

RACIAL SLUR SPIKES WATERGATE

Inouye cool, Wilson heated

MEDIA SCRIPT

Mr. Wilson and Sen. Inouye

HONOLULU — Sen. Daniel K. Inouye here Aug. 3 said that Watergate attorney John J. Wilson had sent him a letter apologizing for referring to Inouye as "that little Jap."

Inouye told a news conference on his arrival here for a weekend visit that Wilson explained in his letter he did not intend the remark to be a racial slur.

WASHINGTON — A sharp-tongued lawyer, John J. Wilson, 72, who helped John D. Ehrlichman and H. R. Haldeman keep Watergate investigators at bay for a week, last week (Aug. 1) referred to Sen. Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hawaii) as "that little Jap."

The offhand remark was made in range of reporters during the Senate investigating committee's noon recess not long after the senator had attempted to question Haldeman on some of his 1962 activities in the California gubernatorial campaign in which Richard M. Nixon was defeated.

As the committee was about to dismiss the former White House chief of staff from the witness chair, an angry Wilson attempted to have Sen. Inouye summoned back to the hearing room so he could complain about the senator's treatment of his two clients.

Clients 'Injured'
Wilson stormed, "Sen. Inouye has injured my client John Ehrlichman on one occasion and this morning he injured this client of mine by what I think was a blow below the belt and I want to discuss both of them."

Committee chairman Sen. Sam J. Ervin Jr. (D-N.C.) refused to let Wilson introduce his motion and tried to pacify him by explaining committee rules.

In the Ehrlichman matter, Wilson had been simmering since Sen. Inouye muttered under his breath, "What a liar," after questioning him and not realizing his microphone was live.

Not Off-the-Record

The two UPI reporters who heard Wilson's "that little Jap" remark said Wilson had not informed them his statements were off-the-record. Wilson was answering a specific question when he responded.

Sen. Inouye, when told of the remark, kept his cool. "Well, it must be the summer heat."

Questioned about the remark later, Wilson explained, "That's just the way I speak. I consider it a description of the man — I wouldn't mind being called a little American."

"I've had at least 50 telegrams from all over the country about his calling my client a liar," Wilson said. "I think he should apologize. I don't care if it was intentional or unintentional."

The Nisei senator first denied he called Ehrlichman a liar but when he was told his remark had been recorded, Inouye said, "I must have been speaking of myself."

Tough Questioner

From the start (July 30), Sen. Inouye was one of Haldeman's toughest questioners. Wilson shouted objections over questions whether Haldeman had ever been involved in illegal campaign activity before the Watergate scandal. And Sen. Ervin sustained him and Sen. Inouye retorted with the complaint that no one had objected when John W. Dean III was questioned on allegations of unethical conduct at a Washington law firm before joining the White House staff.

The 1962 episode involved a postcard mailing to state Democrats by the Committee for the Preservation of the Democratic Party in California, found by a San Francisco judge to be a dummy group set up by the Nixon campaign to disrupt the Democratic campaign. The group was enjoined from using such tactics. Neither Nixon nor Haldeman were defendants in the case but the court said the plan was "approved by Mr. Nixon personally" in the presence of Haldeman.

As Wilson walked out of the room as the hearings recessed for lunch, a United Press International reporter asked him what he felt about the series of blistering questions and remarks from Sen. Lowell P. Weicker Jr. (R-Conn.)

'That Little Jap'

"Oh, I don't mind Sen. Weicker," Wilson said. "What I mind is that little Jap." Wilson told the media later: "I made the remark during the luncheon recess to a UPI man who had been sitting next to me throughout the hearing. I thought it was

76,000 county employees, including some 2,500 Asian Americans.



Sen. Dan Inouye



John J. Wilson

—Cut Courtesy: Kasha Mainichi

an off-the-record remark, the same as a number of my conversations with him. I had no intention to make it public and I had no intention to insult Sen. Inouye.

"I am sorry I said it and will personally apologize to Sen. Inouye when he apologizes for calling my client a liar over the networks."

In wake of the public storm brewed by the racial epithet, Sen. Ervin opened the meeting the next day with a tribute to his colleague.

Sen. Ervin's Remarks

"The events of yesterday make it appropriate for me to make these remarks," he began and then recalled Sen. Inouye's war record, having lost his right arm in battle and won the Distinguished Service Cross (highest Army decoration for heroism) in World War II.

"I don't know a finer American. He showed his devotion to our country by fighting under his flag, not only for the liberty of our country but the liberty of the free world."

He has proved himself in later days as one of the most dedicated Americans this country has ever known."

"I think of him as one of the most gallant Americans in the history of this Republic," Sen. Ervin declared.

Committee vice-chairman Sen. Howard H. Baker (R-Tenn.) added:

"There's no man I think is more loyal and dedicated to his country. I don't know of anyone on this committee who's made a greater contribution to its efforts than Sen. Inouye."

Baker went on to blame the "tension-filled" atmosphere of the hearings and said it was a "mark of Sen. Inouye's greatness" that he would not let the remark interfere with committee matters.

Sen. Inouye's Remarks

Sen. Inouye was not present when these opening remarks were being made. About 20 minutes later, he slipped into his chair and when his time came to question former CIA director Richard Helms, the witness for the day, Sen. Inouye acknowledged his "generous remarks" and said, "Mahalo and Aloha — which in Hawaiian means — Thank you very much and I love you both."

The incident recalled another during the 1968 presidential campaign when Republican vice presidential candidate Gov. Spiro Agnew enroute to Hawaii referred to a Nisei newspaperman Gene Oishi of the Baltimore Sun traveling with the entourage as a "fat Jap." Agnew quickly apologized, saying no offense was intended and declared they both happen to be very good friends.

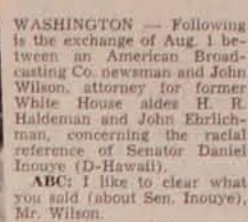
Inouye's Office Swamped

Sen. Inouye's office reported Thursday morning it had received 252 telegrams, all but one sympathetic.

The Asahi Shimbun correspondent here said most of the major Japanese newspapers had carried articles on Wilson's remarks.

On Thursday night the Senate Caucus Room was turned over to ABC's Dick Cavett Show to tape interviews with Senators Inouye, Baker, Weicker and Talmadge.

Cavett asked Sen. Inouye how he pronounced his name and how his arm got shot off. (The show was scheduled to air Aug. 7.)



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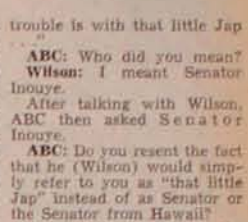
A newspaper editor: "You don't call anyone here a 'Jap' unless you want a smack in the mouth."

Hawaii Hochi's English editor James Brown: "That was an unforgivable remark."

Star-Bulletin editor A. A. Smyser: "I'm sure Mr. Wilson doesn't realize that the term 'Jap' in Hawaii is about as acceptable as 'nigger' on the Mainland."

Gov. John A. Burns: "Calculated ethnic slurs based on emotion do not deserve to be dignified by a comment."

LL Gov. George Ariyoshi: "(While) most Americans will react negatively to Mr. Wilson's statement, I'm glad that I am a citizen of a great country."



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Ye Editor's Desk

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THAT LITTLE JAP

It wasn't the first time that Senator Dan Inouye has been called a "Jap" but this time the entire nation reacted. Such factors contributing to this maelstrom as a distinguished Washington lawyer in a setting attracting unprecedented attention before nationwide radio and television may prove to be the strongest antidote ever administered to the virulence that sustains the usage of "Jap."

JACL's long, uphill campaign to eliminate the racial epithet from the spoken and written language has been advanced by this latest incident. People, especially those who didn't know, certainly know otherwise now. It was about 20 years ago that lexicographers—the men who publish dictionaries—reclassified that three-letter epithet from "slang" to "derogatory or offensive" after a JACL public relations effort that had its origins prewar.

It is now possible to predict the British lexicographer will follow suit. The Britons—the very few I have met—have no sense of guilt in using "Jap." And the coincidence of Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka's presence in Washington at the time of the Wilson-Inouye name-calling may help get the JACL message to the 100-millions in Japan. The Issei and Nisei who know the sting of "Jap" living there are hardly in a position to mount a campaign.

The Congressional Record for August 2 should prove to be interesting reading, if the text rushed to us this past week from Sen. Lloyd Bentsen (D-Texas) is a sample.

Describing Mr. Wilson's remarks as "vicious, ill-tempered," the Texan speech was remarkably devoid of that three-lettered word. "I will not quote Mr. Wilson. He has been abundantly quoted in the newspapers," he began. "Those words are far more damaging to Mr. Wilson than they are to the Senator from Hawaii because they reveal the speaker in all his blarney bigotry and arrogance. He reflected discredit on himself and his client in delivering a contemptuous ethnic slur on a fellow American."

(On this score, Rafu Shimpo English section editor Ellen Endo Kayano urged both Ehrlichman and Haldeman, if they are as smart as they have been credited, to drop Wilson as their counsel and hire someone else...)

Sen. Bentsen, who enlisted in the Army as a private in 1942 (like Sen. Inouye) and discharged as an officer (like Sen. Inouye), asked, "Who is John Wilson? What has he done for this country?"

The Texan offered an answer. "Wilson made the mistake of attacking the man who has earned an unassailable reputation as a citizen, a patriot and a statesman." Sen. Bentsen also took pride in the fact that Sen. Inouye and his buddies of the 442nd RCT are honorary Texans for their heroic deed in helping to rescue the Lost Texas Battalion during World War II.

Noting that both Mr. Wilson and Sen. Inouye are Americans and lawyers, he asked the Senate, "Which one of them brings credit to this country and his profession?"

"Is it John Wilson—who gives vent to his infantile rage and frustration by resorting to racial slurs? No, it is not John Wilson has discredited himself and his profession by his neolithic conduct. He cannot even redeem himself by a public apology. But he owes that apology to Daniel Inouye and the American people. I hope that apology will be forthcoming from Mr. Wilson. He can do no less. And I say we will hear no more such slurs from Mr. Wilson." (It was made.)

Locally, listening to reactions on the Radio KABC talk show, it was evident that Wilson lost on this exchange. After several callers expressed how ugly and unfortunate Wilson's attitude was, the moderator commented, "We've come a long way at the amount of indignation which has been shown."

One sweet-voiced old lady came through, however, pointing out the word could be taken two ways—with a period or without—and she wanted to give Mr. Wilson the benefit of a doubt. The moderator was at his gentlemanly best, restraining himself throughout her explanation, quoting from her dictionary. But he got the final licks, firmly admonishing, "Sen. Inouye is an American, not a subject of Japan, and using the three-letter word without a period betrays a bigoted heart."

It was an interlude that ruined my hopes of working up the half-year PC financial report. Others who stayed up late to hear the same show lost some sleep, I bet.

HEART MOUNTAIN SENTINEL

It was a man I hadn't seen in years—Haruo Imura who pointed out the Heart Mountain Sentinel published its final edition on Saturday, July 28, 1945, to former Sentinel staffers gathered for its first reunion here on Saturday, July 28, 1973. Haruo edited the Sentinel after Bill Hosokawa started the camp newspaper and then relocated to Des Moines. While I have not visited that camp, I still felt at home with them—all of them being members of the Fourth Estate.

25 Years Ago

In the Pacific Citizen, Aug. 14, 1948

Kawakita case goes to jury as defense rests in ninth week of L.A. treason trial... Immigration officer's action threatens court victory in Takahashi fishing test case... JACL official surveys wide range of losses sustained by West coast evacuees... Hawaii-Nisei minister (Harry Komuro) retraces journey of pioneer father... Army department may reduce relief parcel rate to Japan... Hawaii plans tribute as Nisei war dead to be returned... Selective Service director assures JACL of no bias against Nisei in draft... 442nd combat team helps Hawaii statehood resolution... Contraband articles bill (S. 29) dies at special congress session

LETTERS

Use of 'Jap'

Editor:
Wilson's racial comment is an outrage and an affront to decent people everywhere. Its derogatory implications would be shameful in any usage, but seem even more contemptible when aimed at a distinguished United States Senator and decorated hero of World War II.

PHILIP BURTON
Member of Congress
Washington

Editor:
Telegram sent on Aug. 1 as follows:
Hon. Samuel Ervin,
Senate Special Committee on Elections
Washington, D.C.

As an American of Japanese ancestry, I respectfully ask that you request attorney John Wilson, representing John Ehrlichman and H. R. Haldeman, to apologize publicly to Senator Daniel Inouye for a remark made by Mr. Wilson to press Wednesday, August 1, "that little Jap owes him and his clients an apology." Jap is a word of contempt and is insulting to all persons of Japanese ancestry and is derogatory to us as citizens and residents of America. The word is used in the context of hatred and contempt and demands us by its unwarranted use to a fellow member of the legal profession.

FRANK F. CHUMAN
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Books-in-print

Editor:
Currently I am compiling and correcting past "Books-in-Print" Japanese in America." This catalogue is an up-to-date list of currently available books published on the subject of Japanese in America.

As of this date there are 129 titles on Japanese and 58 titles of Japanese and other ethnic groups in America. I was told from various individuals that there are 16 cookbooks produced by local community groups such as Fujin-kai, church, women's club and JACL. The latter information is now being checked.

I have found that some of the publications of local community groups are very well done. Unfortunately most of these publications are known only among the members of the producing group. Thus, I am including the list of these publications in the forthcoming "Books-in-Print."

The San Francisco Center for Japanese American Studies, Publication Committee, would like to hear from anyone or any group with information leading to publications such as cookbooks, history, biography or autobiography by Japanese Americans.

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'Japanese and Jews'

Editor:
Prof. Mamoru Iga wrote (PC, July 28) a detailed "Defense of Ben-Dasan," referring to the popular writer of Nihonjin to Yūdaijin (Japanese and Jews). Prof. Iga indicated effectively that Ben-Dasan is knowledgeable about Japanese, but in replying to Alan Beckman's book review, he overlooked an essential and equally fascinating point—one which Beckman overlooked, too.

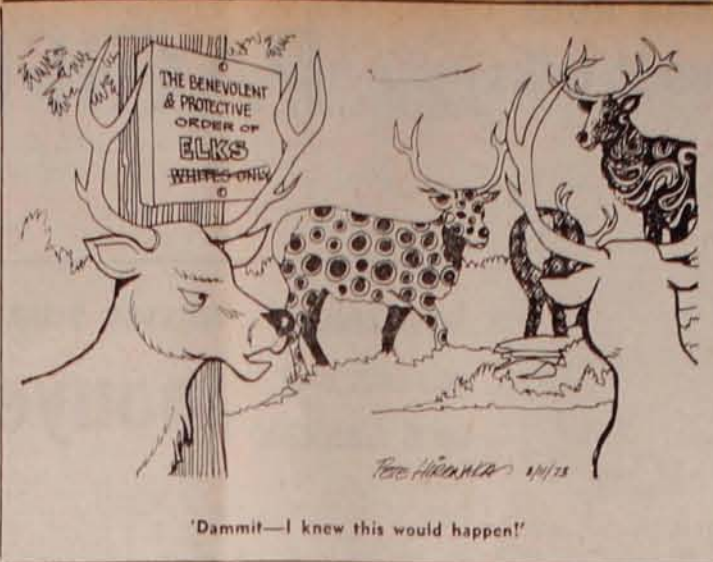
The question is not merely whether or not "Ben-Dasan" knows about Japanese, but whether he knows much about Jews. The question is interesting, because there is a great deal of evidence to show that "Ben-Dasan" is not a Jew at all, but a Japanese.

Fascinating and readable as his book may be, it should be understood in light of the author's credibility. I think that an author, claiming to be a Jew, who writes (in the Japanese edition of the book) that special utensils are used to serve pork (!) in the Israeli Army; who writes using a pseudonym and selects one (Dasan) of the most despicable characters in Biblical history, the name of a man no Jew would ever want associated with his own; and who shows no evidence of having a single Jewish friend has rather shaky credentials, certainly as a Jew and probably as an analyst of Jewish behavior as well. It indeed one can say there is one form of Jewish behavior.

While working as a journalist in Japan, I interviewed several Jews who had read the original version of the book. One, a man who was raised in Japan and had graduated from a Japanese university, replied that the book "reeked of Japanese thinking. The man could not possibly be a Jew, because he uses absurd examples to illustrate his points about Jews. It is merely an entertaining, fascinating book, which cannot fail to be a best seller in Japan, because it tells Japanese so much about themselves."

I think that last sentence is much closer to the purpose of this book than any analysis, no matter how well intentioned.

This technique—using a foreign writer's name as a disguise to say blunt things about Japan and the Japanese—has been used before. The popular weekly magazine, Shicho, has had a columnist for many years named "Jan Denman." In the guise of a foreign journalist, "Denman" says whatever he likes about Japanese politics, individuals or social issues, in a way that few if any Japanese journalists could get away with using their real name. Being outside the tightly structured Japanese social world, in which open, public business is a taboo with severe penalties, "Denman" could therefore say what he liked. There



'Dammit—I knew this would happen!'

To the Point

Shig Sugiyama
Nat'l JACL President-Elect

STAFFING JACL
Washington

By the time this appears in print, Tom Hibino of Portland, Conn., and Craig Shimabukuro of Los Angeles will have been named our new regional directors at Chicago and Los Angeles, respectively. We started recruiting new staff last September, yet it has taken nearly ten months to fill 7 of 8 key staff positions, with the Youth Director's slot still to be filled.

It's always been difficult for JACL to bring in money and material resources needed to keep the organization going. But it has been even tougher to attract the human talent needed to carry out our programs. You can buy material goods, but it takes money and something more to get well-qualified people such as our new staff to serve in an organization such as JACL.

I'm not quite sure what that something more is, but that something seems to be: (1) the challenge of a difficult (but not impossible) job; (2) agreement with the goals and apparent direction of the organization; (3) the opportunity to serve their fellow man and to achieve something worthwhile; and (4) expectations that the organization's members and leaders will provide needed direction and support. In essence, what is needed to build a good staff is the same as what it takes to get volunteers to serve as leaders and doers.

Welcome aboard, Tom and Craig. We hope the organization will live up to your expectations. In the meanwhile, you'll have a hard act to follow after Dave, Barry, Claire, Don, Gail, Gerry, Margie, Pat and Susan, who have been on staff just a little longer than you, and have been doing a tremendous job. You might also take a lesson from Dave and his staff in San Francisco and invest in a strong crash helmet before you start. As they say in Japan, the nail which sticks out is struck.

A PRIMARY JACL GOAL

In a previous article I discussed the need for articulating the goals and objectives of JACL. One of our primary goals has always been the achievement and assurance of justice and equal opportunity for all Americans. By justice, I mean equality of human and civil rights for all people without regard to race, color, religion or national origin. Yet, in view of a number of "happenings" during the recent past, there seems to be prevalent a style of behavior by some JACLers and by people in society that is contrary to the basic concept of justice and fairness. Some of the behavior may be based on the mistaken or shortsighted notion that a person need not demand and secure his own rights without regard to the rights of others. Some is simply a matter of intellectual dishonesty. However, the type of behavior to which I refer seems to reflect the following types of attitude:

"Do as I say do, but not necessarily what I do do."
"Don't confuse me with the facts. My mind is already made up."

"I agree to abide by the rules of the game. But now I don't agree with the decision so I don't have to abide by it."

"We differ philosophically. Therefore whatever you say or do is wrong."

"You are not one of us. Therefore, you can't possibly know or believe as we do."

"We presume you to be guilty. Our interpretation of truth is all that is necessary to prove your guilt to the public."

Fortunately, this style of behavior is not widespread. But it seems that some well-intentioned persons have on occasion followed the lead of others with other motives.

If we are to give meaning and reality to the achievement of justice in and for society, it seems necessary that we assure ourselves our own behavior is consistent with that stated goal.

There has been many, and they all have one thing in common—they are all Japanese. Though many Japanese journalists know this, most Japanese readers do not, and his column continues to be a popular one.

"Ben-Dasan," meanwhile, continues to write monthly articles in another popular magazine, Sungei Shunju. According to the magazine, the articles are written in English and then translated into Japanese. This raises another question: why was it necessary to have an American translate his book into English if "Ben-Dasan" is a Jew, writing in English?

One answer comes from George Yamada, writing in the June 11 Mainichi Daily News. Yamada, who reads both Japanese and English, notes that several strongly negative comments about Jews in the Japanese edition are softened in translation to English. Also omitted, or changed, are several errors, including the one I referred to earlier, errors which no Jewish writer or close observer would make. It seems obvious that not only is "Ben-Dasan" a Japanese, he is a man more intent on selling books than offering a really

meaningful analysis of his subject. Nobody has proved just who "Ben-Dasan" is, but the Yomiuri newspaper seems to have the best evidence. The Yomiuri discovered that a Japanese scholar of Hebrew, a man born in Kobe (like "Ben-Dasan"), who came to America many years ago (like "Ben-Dasan") and dedicated to explaining Jewish culture and history to Japan (like "Ben-Dasan") is living and teaching at a seminary in the United States. It appeared, said the Yomiuri, that this man, a Professor Nakarai, collaborated with the enterprising publisher of the book, Shichiro Yamamoto, with Prof. Nakarai providing the basic theories and Yamamoto fleshing them out with his own observations, including references to contemporary Japan which Prof. Nakarai could not provide at that time (1970-71), since the professor had not visited Japan in many years.

After raising all these uncertainties about the credibility of "Ben-Dasan," I think this much is certain: the book is interesting, financially successful, and more than a little fraudulent.

MICHAEL BERGER
San Francisco

Perspectives

Jerry Enomoto

Tehachapi, Calif.
HILTON HOTEL BOYCOTT—I want to share with you some thoughts about the recent National Board decision not to embark upon a "major" boycott of the Hilton Hotels Corporation.

As the Chairman of the Chicago Ad Hoc Committee, I have some misgivings about the decision, although I understand it. My misgivings come from my consistent position, made clear to the Board, that no low-key, "within the family" type boycott is going to make any impression on the Hilton "corporate giant". The time lapse since 1970, which is seen as an obstacle to a major boycott is even more a block to any lesser effort. A boycott, by its nature, is a "heavy" thing and is designed to hurt somebody. In my mind, there's no such thing as a "friendly fight" or partial pregnancy.

I understand the decision because I believe that people cannot relate on a gut level to what happened in 1970. This doesn't say that the JACL leadership today has no feeling for the Yamada and Okubo families. It just says that the gut type memories that come from people like Mike Masaoka, Bill Marutani, Pat Okura, etc., just don't register with those who weren't there, or were less involved.

I understand the decision because it seems to me that people are reluctant to embark upon a full scale, all-out battle, while feeling uneasy about having enough weapons to win it.

I feel that another factor was the Board didn't feel that there was enough membership backing to justify a major boycott. This was probably an issue that didn't have enough in it to persuade the Board to go, in spite of questionable support. JACL has moved for what was right before, even if the decision was unpopular on the thesis that leadership is supposed to lead.

There were probably people who questioned the sense of investing the staff and money necessary to push a major boycott on a first priority basis. There is merit to that question. However, I would hope that the program priorities that do exist are in fact sound, and are being pushed. The investment of a large sum of money in a building (to share a bias of mine), in the face of substantial program questions and problems, lack of enthusiasm for dues increases, a financial picture showing the proverbial deficit, etc. is not my idea of an example of sound program priority.

In any event, these observations are not meant to criticize the Board's decision, but to inform anybody interested of the outgoing Ad Hoc Committee Chairman's views on this matter. In the final analysis, the real objective will be reached if and when the Okubo and Yamada families are victorious in their suits against Hilton. I will, of course, not patronize Hilton, and I hope you don't.

A 2x4 CLOUT—Let's drink to the surrender of the Elks, since the threat of more liquor license revocations and other legal spectres, obviously caused their white flag to go up.

This is another reason about the realities that nice, reasonable approaches don't always work. Sometimes the two by four (legal) on the head is needed to get attention. When discrimination gets too expensive, bigots usually fold.

National Dialogue

Pat Nakano

In the very simple act of learning to read, textbooks and learning materials used in schools show illustrations of an ideal family with the surname of Jones, all of whom speak English, have blonde hair and blue eyes. Illustrations are supposed to help the child learn by seeing himself in similar situations. However, to the contrary, a Japanese child becomes confused by the apparent differences which he brings with him and somehow feels that he is not as good as the counterparts in the textbooks.

CULTURAL PLURALISM

A recent editorial in the San Francisco Examiner stated that the School District did not have the duty to restore ancestral tongues to minority children. This comment was in support of a statement issued by the San Francisco Unified School District Board Members. The statement was made in reaction to the request of parents of Japanese American children who wanted the school system to start bilingual classes in which the regular school curriculum plus Japanese culture would be taught in both Japanese and English.

In its response to the parents, the Board Members stated that it "... made a mistake back in 1967 when it adopted a resolution stating that ours is a multilingual as well as multicultural country. The American nation is not multilingual. It is English-speaking. That common English language is one of the nation's most powerful tools in foreign national unity out of racial diversity."

They further stated that "... the American system having fulfilled its proper goal of imparting the unifying English language to these children, has no obligation to turn around and restore their ancestral language."

These comments and the January 8, 1973 court decision of Lau vs. Nichols (San Francisco School Board) both affirm the belief of the educational system that English is the "proper" language and that it is incumbent upon the child to correct his own "deficiency" if his primary language is other than English.

Furthermore, the school system does not feel that it must provide instruction in any other language other than English in order to provide equal educational opportunity.

There is a critical concept called PLURALISM, which the school systems have failed to comprehend. Pluralism has been defined as a theory which states that reality is composed of a plurality of entities; it is a state of society in which members of diverse ethnic racial, religious or social groups maintain an autonomous participation in and development of their traditional culture or special interest within the confines of a common civilization.

AT&T Case
The whole climate of enforcement is different now, Brown said, because of the case against American Telephone and Telegraph Co., settled earlier this year that required payment of \$15-million in back wages to women, blacks and others who were found to have been discriminated against. Another result was upgrading of jobs and other wage adjustments that may cost AT&T \$38-million a year.

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complaints a year but the number has jumped after the Commission received statutory authority to file lawsuits—not just to investigate and attempt to conciliate—in March, 1972.

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Bill Hosokawa

From the Frying Pan

OF DAN AND WATERGATE—If the sorry drama of the Watergate hearings had drifted off into a distant and dreary realm of late for Japanese American television viewers, it came back with a jolt last week when John J. Wilson, attorney for deposed White House Aides H. R. Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman, angrily referred to Senator Daniel K. Inouye as "that little Jap."

There was Wilson on national television in living color, face livid, hotly repeating a statement made earlier to a newspaperman. It was no unwitting slip of the tongue, no casual reference; it was only too obviously a racial slur flung out with calculated rancor. The questions of the television reporters crowded around Wilson with their microphones reflected the shock which reverberated around the country.

The word "Jap" carries a special bitterness which is not attached to Jew or Swede or Turk. Sometimes it is used innocently or in ignorance of its historic implications, and the JACL has been in the forefront of a campaign to educate the media and the public. At times some of us have considered the JACL's campaign excessively touchy, for there is a need to distinguish between innocent usage and its use as a hate word. Wilson left no doubt and his explanation—"I consider it a description of the man—I wouldn't mind being called a little American"—was lame. Would he have called Senator Joseph Montoya, another member of the committee, a little Spik?

When Senator Inouye was asked to comment on the slur, he seemed unwilling to speak. Was he fighting down anger? On the tube he appeared overly reluctant to assert himself, perhaps too much the Quiet American when the situation seemed to call for an aggressive if statesmanlike response. "I think his statement speaks for itself," Senator Inouye said, adding a vague reference to the uncomfortable Washington climate which, presumably shortens tempers and leads to indiscretions. I was disappointed.

But as it turned out the Senator knew precisely what he was doing. He did not have to speak out. His colleagues on the Ervin Committee and in the Senate, and his constituents back home in Hawaii, did it for him with far more effectiveness.

As this is being written, it is too early to gauge the reaction around the country but let me tell you what happened here at The Denver Post where I work. I wandered down to the editorial page department to see what the reaction might be. The editor had written a brief editorial suggesting that Mr. Wilson might well be a candidate for disbarment. And our Pulitzer Prize-winning cartoonist, Pat Oliphant, was putting the finishing touches to a powerful cartoon commentary. It showed a tiny Wilson shaking his fist in anger at the feet of a towering Inouye and saying: "... And you can call me a little American any time!" Oliphant's cartoons are syndicated by the Los Angeles Times throughout the nation and presumably this one will get good usage.

It was reassuring, of course, that 30-odd years after the Evacuation experience there should be this sort of abhorrence for a racist remark. Still, there is much of concern when an important man on a national stage callously throws a racial slur at a United States senator.

In a great many respects the Nisei have "made it." But when the chips are down, when U.S.-Japanese relations become strained as they are likely to be in the long run, when political passions run high, when power is at stake, the old animosities can be expected to surface to our detriment.

John J. Wilson, unwittingly, has given us warning.

U.S.-Japan--

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talk news conference that Japan is prepared to give South Vietnam \$30 million in economic aid and wants other nations to join in an international effort to rehabilitate the Indochinese peninsula.

Mr. Nixon, backing up his welcoming statement, offered in an 18-point communique support for Japan's bid to gain a permanent seat in the United Nations Security Council. It was the first time such support was written into a U.S.-Japan communique.

Broad agreements were reached in the area of energy crisis, the communique said, sharing oil in times of emergency and developing new fields.

At the National Press Club, Tanaka did not think U.S. and Japan were "equal partners" as Mr. Nixon alluded to his welcome that "a new relationship of equal partnership with Japan" was at hand.

Tanaka noted U.S. has twice the population of Japan, three times the gross national product of Japan. He announced a new contribution of \$10 million to American universities, which drew the only round of applause for his speech.

The Washington Tanaka visit also included laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery and a visit to the floor of the Senate.

Accompanying the prime ministers were Foreign Minister Masayoshi Ohira and a dozen other aides.

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STRESS ON MULTI-ETHNIC SOCIETY IN U.S. CONTINUES TO EXPAND

50-State Survey Reveals Over Half Prescribe Ethnic Studies as Part of School Curriculum

NEW YORK — The need of children to develop pride in their own ethnic backgrounds, as well as appreciation of the ethnic heritage of others, is claiming increased attention on the part of state legislatures, state and local Boards of Education, and individual schools, according to an expert in ethnic and intergroup relations.

In a "preliminary survey" of recent developments around the nation in school curricula and legislative response to ethnic studies, Nancy Seifer, Director of Community Relations for the American Jewish Committee's National Project on Ethnic America, has stated that "our educational system has come a long way in an extremely short time toward recognizing the reality of our multi-ethnic society and reflecting that reality in the way children are taught."

Ms. Seifer made her comments in a speech to the May 19 annual meeting of the National Coordinating Assembly on Ethnic Studies. The Ethnic Project has published the National Project on Ethnic America, which contains course outlines, suggested teaching methods, and resource listings dealing with virtually all the major ethnic groups in Detroit.

JACL Interest

The Japanese American Citizens League, at its joint Eastern-Midwest district council convention in Detroit Aug. 31-Sept. 3, is also stressing "Education and Ethnicity" with panels and workshops at the Ponchartrain Hotel.

In commenting on the report of Mr. Levine, Director of the National Project on Ethnic America and a leader in developing new strategies to deal with ethnic and minority group tensions, said: "While the debate about studies on group life in America rages, and we have mixed reports as to how students and teachers are receiving this new way of looking at America, there should be no doubt that the importance of these studies has been underestimated. They serve as a vital support for the psychological and educational development of children. Group identity has existed and continues to exist, even though it is often an unconscious factor."

He continued, "We need to move away from viewing the problems of identity only as a black and minority phenomenon. We need to expand the training of teachers to recognize the identity problems of women, Jews, Italians, Chinese, and others, as well as the problems of Blacks, Puerto Ricans, Mexican Americans and American Indians."

Major Emphases

In an introduction to her paper, Ms. Seifer explained that the educational interests of the National Project encompassed three major emphases: (1) devising new curriculum materials, (2) raising the ethnic identity consciousness of teachers and other school personnel, and (3) designing programs that would lead to better intergroup relations.

Ms. Seifer's preliminary survey was based on information requested from the 50 state education agencies on their legislative and policy activities in the ethnic studies area. Most states have replied, she said, adding that an in-depth report on these replies would be published in a few months.

Ms. Seifer said that the importance of state and local activities was heightened when the federal Ethnic Heritage Studies Act, passed by Congress last year, failed to receive funding. For the first time, that Act recognized "the heterogeneous composition of the nation and the fact that in a multi-ethnic society a greater understanding of the contributions of one's own heritage and those of one's fellow citizens can contribute to a more harmonious, patriotic, and committed populace."

The bill generated tremendous enthusiasm and anticipation among educators and ethnic group leaders around the country, according to Ms. Seifer, which should be redirected toward state action even while funding for federal programs is pursued.

Ethnic Studies

The past four years have seen far-reaching changes in ethnic studies across the nation, Ms. Seifer asserted. She quoted a report of the U.S. Office of Education, stating that in 1969 slightly over half of the 50 state education agencies had any materials for teachers that provided guidelines for teaching about Black history, or the history of any other ethnic group. None provided course outlines. Only six states had legislation related to ethnic studies.

Today, she stated, 33 states publish materials, including curriculum guides, teaching supplements, bibliographies, textbook listings and audiovisual aids for distribution to local school boards.

In addition, she said, 26 states have formal policy statements on ethnic studies, and 13 states have laws that mandate the inclusion of ethnic studies in school curricula. Four other states have passed laws requiring bilingual teaching, three of which stipulate or intend the inclusion of bi-cultural studies as well.

In Ms. Seifer's descriptions of the legislation and policies relating to ethnic studies in various states, it was evident that many states and local school boards were trying to adapt these studies to the ethnic groups within their domain.

A parish school board in Louisiana, for example, has developed a multi-disciplinary resource guide that concentrates on the Indians, the French, and the Blacks who originally settled the area.

The state of Hawaii passed a law in 1972, requesting the Department of Education to institute an ethnic studies program that would cover the study of "Hawaiian, Chinese, Japanese, Filipino, Samoan, Portuguese, and Caucasian-Americans as peoples of Hawaii."

A school district in Utah has developed an ethnic studies and language program for Ute Indian children.

Detroit Program

The Detroit public schools developed an experimental teachers' guide for high school courses in ethnic studies which contains course outlines, suggested teaching methods, and resource listings dealing with virtually all the major ethnic groups in Detroit.

Citing the state of Illinois as extremely active in this field, Ms. Seifer pointed to the fact that in 1967 it passed the first state ethnic studies act in the nation, and in 1972 created a special Ethnic Studies Section within the State Office of Public Instruction.

She pointed out that the Illinois Ethnic Studies Act, unlike legislation in some other states, clearly did not lump all whites into a "majority culture" group.

Future Objectives

In the final sections of her paper titled "Targets for Future Concentration" and "Some Specific Next Steps," Ms. Seifer listed the following as logical steps towards the development of ethnic studies programs:

1—Definitions of ethnic studies, cultural pluralism and diversity, and the way they are reflected in textbooks, must be broadened to be fully inclusive of all ethnic groups both white and non-white.

2—Along with highlighting special ethnic studies curricula, and broadening their scope to embrace cross-cultural studies, the ethnic factor should be an integral element in all aspects of curriculum Social Studies, literature, the arts and other curricular and extra-curricular programs should emphasize pluralism and deal with diversity.

3—The tendency for the issues surrounding bi-lingual and bi-cultural education to become politicized must be anticipated and avoided whenever possible.

Public Awareness

In order to accomplish these goals, Ms. Seifer called for action on state, regional, and local levels, to "create a public awareness and understanding of the group identity factor in education, to stimulate a new kind of dialogue in this area, and to build problem-solving and programmatic coalitions on a multi-ethnic and multi-disciplinary basis."

These coalitions may begin with an interest in ethnicity

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EDC-MDC confab details revealed

DETROIT, Mich. — Speakers and group leaders were announced this week for the "Education and Ethnicity" workshops for the 10th biennial Japanese American Citizens League joint Eastern-Midwest District Council convention here Aug. 31-Sept. 2 at Ponchartrain Hotel.

The workshop, scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 2, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., is being chaired by Karen Gersch.

Principal speaker will be David G. Roth, Midwest coordinator of the National Project on Ethnic America, who will present a general overview of the ethnic movement as it relates to education. A panel discussion will follow relating opposing views on the general theme.

Buzz Groups

Buzz groups on specific issues will be scheduled after the panel discussion.

Sadie Yamane, Cleveland JACL education chairman, will share her chapter's resources on training speakers for the Japanese American community to address organizations, classrooms, etc.

Mrs. Gail Nishioka, assistant JACL Washington representative, will discuss in her buzz session Asians American

and education alone, she predicted, but they will inevitably become involved with "ethnic factors" (which) have begun to play a more pronounced role in the broader framework of group identity.

The different life-styles, concerns and needs of the young and the elderly, of the poor, the working-class, the middle class and the rich, and of men and women, are just beginning to be sorted out in our national consciousness."

Ms. Seifer concluded: "As we continue to grope for better comprehension of all groups of Americans, and for clearer understanding of the impact that a variety of group identities has upon us all, we necessarily look to our schools as the instrument for implementation of these new concepts, definitions, and realities."

More than any other institution in our society, our educational system can contribute to building healthy self-images in our children, and consequently a more productive use of individual potential and more healthy inter-group relations amongst adults."

Singles copies of "Education and the New Pluralism" are available without charge from The American Jewish Committee, 145 E. 56 Street, New York, N.Y. 10022.

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Gail Nishioka

studies and curriculum development. Sample course offerings from curricula developed at West Coast universities will be presented along with sources for bibliographic and multi-media materials on curriculum planning.

Patricia J. Nakano, assistant National JACL director on program development, heads the third buzz group and will relate her previous work with the U.S. Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare and how minority children were and are being treated by local school districts.

Booster Activities

Interspersed among the business meetings and workshops will be various booster activities, according to Marilyn Amano, who urged conventioners to visit Detroit over the Labor Day holidays and discover Detroit firsthand.

Planned activities include a boat cruise down the Detroit River to Bob-Lo Island, entertainment at the Elmwood Casino in Canada and a trip into history at Greenfield Village and Henry Ford Museum.

Bob-Lo Island, a 1 1/2-hour boat ride from here, provides a view of both the Detroit and Windsor skylines, industry and ships and those who disembark at the island may enjoy the amusement park, zoo and picnic areas there.

Elmwood Casino in Windsor is regarded as one of Canada's finest supper clubs featuring well-known entertainers. For the registered convention delegate, dinner will be included.

No visit to Detroit can be complete without visiting Greenfield Village, nationally-known panorama of the past with reconstructed buildings from all over the nation, and the Henry Ford Museum.

What to Wear

Detroit JACL Newsletter editor Sally Higashi is suggesting sporty or casual wear

for boosters and delegates during the day when they are shopping or touring. Among the shopping centers of interest include J.L. Hudson downtown, Northland Center in suburban Southfield and Somerset Mall in suburban Troy.

Cruises to Bob-Lo can be either by day or moonlight. International Festival will also be staged on the waterfront behind Cobo Hall. Such events, Mrs. Higashi said, calls

for comfortable footwear and slacks for women. Evenings near the river can be cool, so a light sweater, jacket or wrap is suggested. And don't forget rain gear.

Those visiting Canada are reminded to bring along proof of U.S. residency, birth certificate, alien registration or naturalization papers. Arrived at the Sunday dinner-dance at the hotel, formal or semi-formal wear will prevail.

Expansion of Asian American studies reflects growth of ethnic awareness

By FRANK CHING (New York Times)

to evaluate the present status of the field.

Interest Expanding

NEW YORK — At a time of rising ethnic consciousness, studies in the experience of Asians in America are appearing on campuses throughout the country.

The new Asian American studies, focusing mainly on Japanese, Chinese, Koreans and Filipinos, are akin to black studies, native-American studies and women's studies.

Ranging back to the first waves of migration in the nineteenth century, many of the courses deal with economic exploitation and racial discrimination directed against Asian Americans.

Among topics discussed, for example, are the virtually total exclusion of immigration from China from 1882 to 1943 and the internment of Japanese Americans in concentration camps during World War II.

The first Asian American studies programs resulted directly from the Third World Liberation Front strikes in the late 1960s at the UC-Berkeley, when Third World students, including blacks, Chicanos and Asian Americans, demanded a Third World College.

Department Established

The university ultimately consented to create a Department of Ethnic Studies, with a Contemporary Asian Studies Division for Asian American studies.

Asian American studies spread rapidly in California, then made the jump to the East Coast. Now most universities in the country with a sizable Asian student body have either already experimented with Asian American studies courses or are making plans to do so.

In New York, the City College of New York, with more than 1,000 Asian students, has one of the largest programs in the country.

A nationwide Asian American studies conference was held earlier this past month at San Jose State University

"Students from all over are interested in getting classes started," said Prof. Issa Fujimoto, who teaches on the Davis campus of the University of California and who was one of the pioneers in the field.

"Wherever there are concentrations of Asians, there are attempts to push for Asian American studies classes," Professor Fujimoto said. "It's no longer confined to the East and West Coast. An Arizona State faculty member wanted to start something, and there's an Asian American symposium in Carleton College in Minnesota."

According to Professor Fujimoto, there were 300 people at the conference, "a lot more than expected, and it was geographically well-represented." He and others who attended agreed that "there seemed to be a lot less rhetoric" this time than at a similar conference three years ago.

Curriculum as Link

"Rather than the academic people talking abstractly about the community," said George Kagiwada, coordinator of Asian American studies at UC Davis, "there was a kind of dialogue between the academics and the community people."

Like other ethnic studies programs, Asian American

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JACLer explains grantmanship

WASHINGTON — A listing of private and public funding sources was prepared for the Asian American Studies Conference in San Jose, Calif. July 6-8. Phil Chinn of the federal HEW department compiled sources in the public sector while Gail Nishioka, assistant Washington JACL representative, listed the private sources, including foundations in California.

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Fresno medics plan Nikkei study of heart attack

FRESNO, Calif. — A group of concerned doctors and nurses have banded together to study segments of the Nikkei population here concerning their susceptibility to heart attacks, according to Fresno JACL president Bill M. Tsuji. A pilot study has been proposed for Japanese Americans in the Bowles community.

Tests are to be administered which will include such things as taking the weight and blood pressure and determining through lab tests the cholesterol and triglyceride levels in blood.

Current statistics indicate one million Americans will have heart attacks this year, two-thirds of them will succumb within 10,000 of these deaths occurring in persons under age 65 because of high blood lipids, tobacco and high blood pressure.

Prevention is needed early to alleviate the problems which often lead to heart attack. Over three-fourths of those who have had heart attacks could have done something to prevent the attack 10 years earlier, it was pointed out.

The chapter feels if the initial test is successful, the program will be expanded to cover other areas in the country and city. Persons who wish to volunteer in this program may call Dr. Joseph Nozaki, 544 Fresno St., Fresno (264-5066).

Twin Cities —

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ment committee, it was Ruth herself who suggested the idea for the Japanese garden.

Last year Mrs. Richardson and Ruth were looking at the space the building's architect had designated for a patio garden. There was one thing wrong; it was too shady to grow ordinary flowers.

"You know," Ruth said to Mrs. Richardson, "this would be an ideal spot for a Japanese garden. It's got everything to make a really lovely one."

Ruth had not only solved Mrs. Richardson's problem of what to do with the space but unknowingly she had presented a solution to another problem. The honoring of a lady about to retire who was held in high esteem by her co-workers — herself.

Lot of Help

With a little faith and a lot of help from people like Blomquist, Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Logan, the guys from the parking lot up the street and many more friends, Mrs. Richardson's committee saw the Ruth Tanbara Japanese Garden become a reality.

Mrs. Clarence Peglow, St. Paul's YWCA president participated with Mrs. Richardson in the dedication. Mrs. Peglow said, "Ruth will do anything to make an experience worthwhile for an individual."

Ruth is still making experiences worthwhile for individuals at the "Y" but this time as a volunteer. She is also very active in other organizations. St. Paul Council of Human Relations, Japan America Society, JACL, the Nagasaki-St. Paul Sister City Committee (Nagasaki and St. Paul were the first sister cities between Japan and the United States) and the Unitarian Church.

All these activities don't leave much retirement time for Ruth and Earl but what time they do salvage for themselves they plan to use for a little traveling. Of course wherever the Tanbaras travel you can be sure of one thing — they will be home for Christmas in St. Paul.

CALENDAR

Aug. 10 (Friday)
Philadelphia—Bd Mtg. Hoy Kita res.
Mt. Olympus—Summer outing.
East Mill Creek Park 8:30 p.m.
Cleveland—Gen Mtg. Buddhist Temple, 8 p.m.; Henry Tanaka, spkr.

Aug. 11 (Saturday)
PSWDC—3rd Qtrly. West L.A. JACL hosts: Surtrider Motel, Santa Monica. Barry Matsumoto, dir. spkr.

Aug. 12 (Sunday)
Portland—Comm. picnic, McIver Park Area 11 a.m.
San Mateo—Obon Festival, Palo Alto Buddhist Church.
Bay Area Community—Mtg. San Francisco.

Milwaukee—Picnic, Brown Deer Park Area 2.
Aug. 12 (Monday)
West Los Angeles—Bd Mtg. Portland—Issei Appreciation Dir Comm Mtg. Nickeljinnai Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Aug. 13 (Wednesday)
San Diego—Credit Union Bd Mtg. Aug. 14-19

JAYs—Tri-District Conference, UC Riverside
Aug. 18 (Saturday)
Los Angeles—Nisei Week coronation ball, Hyatt Regency Hotel, 7th and Hope.
IDC—Waikiki North Front JACL hosts: Qtrly Mtg. Dave Ushio, dir. spkr.

Aug. 19 (Sunday)
Wasatch Front North—Golf tournament
Aug. 24 (Friday)
San Diego—Bd Mtg. Ocean View Church, 7:30 p.m.

Aug. 24-28
EDC-MDC—Youth convention, Windsor (Canada)
Aug. 31-Sept. 3
EDC-MDC—Detroit JACL hosts: Biennial convention, Ponchartrain Hotel, Detroit

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Sept. 7 (Friday)
Philadelphia—Bd Mtg. George Higuchi's res.

Sept. 8 (Saturday)
Bay Area Community—Mtg. San Mateo—Comm. picnic, Berkeley Park

Sept. 10 (Sunday)
West Los Angeles—Gen Mtg. Felicia Mahood Center.

Berkeley JACL denies role in recall push

BERKELEY, Calif. — Appearance of the name, "Japanese-American Citizens League" among organizations on a handbill being circulated in Berkeley by the Committee Against the Recall was not the action of the Berkeley JACL, it was announced this past week by Beatrice K. Kono, chapter president.

JACL policy prohibits endorsement of candidates for public office, she added.

Up for recall is City Councilman D'Army Bailey, outspoken black lawyer who was elected in April, 1971.

CHAPTER PULSE

August Events

Cleveland to meet
Aug. 10 to hear Tanaka

Cleveland JACL will meet Friday, Aug. 10, 8 p.m., at the Cleveland Buddhist Church to hear Henry Tanaka, the JACL secretary, speak on the JACL gerontology program and farm labor issue. The local Jr. JACL held its 10th annual bazaar Aug. 4 at the Buddhist Temple with Rick Takiguchi and Wendy Furukawa as co-chairmen. In addition to food, games, bake sale, arts and craft displays, entertainment was also featured in the evening.

Cincinnati JACLers
helping with cookbook

A recipe book on Oriental cooking will be offered by the Cincinnati JACL at the International Folk Festival in November. Members are being asked to supply their favorite dishes. Korean, Chinese, Japanese, etc., to Jane Murata, 3618 Paxton Ave., Cincinnati 45208. Meantime, Leah Staubach said her dance group for the folk festival will rehearse on Sept. 9 and 23 at Sharonville Presbyterian Church.

September Events

Salt Lake 'Big Bazaar'
scheduled Sept. 15

Salt Lake JACL bazaar committee members settled down to hear plans for the coming "Big Bazaar" set for Sept. 15 at the Salt Lake Buddhist Church after enjoying an Oriental dinner hosted by chapter president Tom Sutow and his wife Koiko.

Stellar attractions will include an art show of outstanding Japanese American artists and selection of Miss Salt Lake JACL in a contest being directed by Fred Tamagawa, chapter youth representative. The chapter queen will vie for the Miss International District honors at the IDC convention during the Thanksgiving weekend at Boise, Idaho.

Sutow, bazaar chairman, will be assisted by: John Kikuchi, fin.; Ben Aoyagi, tickets; Rupert Hachisu, dinner; Koiko Sutow, handicraft; Ron Nishijima, art show; Yoshiko Uno, Maize Horieuchi; Fred and Judy Tamagawa, Midori Hamada, food; Susan, baked goods; cracker; Ichiro Doi, games; Mas Yano, legal counsel; Jim Konishi, sound; Ted Nagata, special; Tomoko Yano, pub.

Tax Deductions

Existing Internal Revenue Service regulations permit volunteers to deduct out-of-pocket expenses for services to JACL, such as transportation from home to the place of service, necessary meals and lodging while away from home donating services. Standard rate of 6 cents per mile may be deducted in lieu of out-of-pocket expenses for gas and oil but not a pro rata portion of general repair and maintenance expenses for automobile travel.

Further information for volunteers can be obtained by contacting the local IRS Office.

Bibliographies

HONOLULU — University Press of Hawaii has published two bibliographies, "China and America" (\$4.50) and "Philippine Ethnography" (\$12.50). The latter was compiled by Shiro Salto, social science bibliographer for the UH Library.

Mombusho scholarships

LOS ANGELES — The Japanese Ministry of Education post-graduate scholarship applications for the 1974 awards are now available at the Consulate General of Japan, 250 E. 1st St. Applicant must be a U.S. citizen under age 35 on April 1, 1974, when the grant commences. Priority is given to those with a knowledge of the Japanese language. Grant covers transportation, all tuition, expenses and a monthly stipend.

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Ethnic studies —

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studies emphasize the link between university and community and tries to make curriculum relevant to community needs.

Dr. Kagiwada said that while the field had gained a degree of recognition and legitimacy, the initial momentum spurred by the hectic days of confrontation in 1968 and 1969 had been lost.

"The climate is quite different now than when things started four years ago," he said. "In this country there was this whole upsurge in the sixties, the development of the counterculture and the challenge to the establishment. Now the whole climate is very different. You don't have this kind of open challenge to the system as such. Rather,

Group to oppose rezoning to build Li'l Tokyo hotel

LOS ANGELES — The Little Tokyo Redevelopment Task Force announced Aug. 1 that it will oppose the rezoning of the triangular block bounded by Weller, Los Angeles, and Second Streets in the Little Tokyo area for a hotel development.

The Task Force, based in the Sun Bldg, 125 Weller St., which would be razed, indicated that it will oppose the rezoning until (1) equal replacement housing and room space within the project area are made available for residents, small businessmen, and community organizations, and (2) a full replacement housing and room space be constructed before any eviction, demolition and construction begins on the block.

The Community Redevelopment Agency has designated this block for construction of a 400-unit luxury hotel-motel complex. The CRA must rezone the block to go ahead with their plans. The block includes the Sun Building and several hotels, restaurants, and other businesses.

Task Force Stand

Task Force member Tom Ono explained that "these plans mean the eventual relocation of scores of Little Tokyo residents, businessmen, cultural schools, and community organizations." The Task Force position is that the CRA has not shown good faith in developing the promised alternative housing for the existing tenants on the block.

The construction of much of the promised replacement housing for Little Tokyo tenants, e.g., the proposed senior citizen housing and the cultural community center, is still questionable. The community has been given no guarantees of when or even if these plans will ever get off the ground, Ono said.

On the other hand, the hotel, financed through outside Japanese shosha capital, continues heedless of the increasing danger of local residents having to move out, if no place within Little Tokyo is made available.

CRA Position

The CRA maintains that no resident will have to move until alternative housing is provided and that this is a right by law. "What they don't tell you is that after a year, due to federal budget cuts, they might not even be around to enforce those laws," Ono added.

The CRA seems to be gambling that the planned housing will be available before persons are required to move, he stated. "We are unwilling to take such a callous gamble. We, therefore, oppose the rezoning, and any other work on the hotel until the CRA can guarantee alternative housing for all those who will be displaced by it."

The Little Tokyo Redevelopment Task Force is a group of workers, students, teachers, and community workers, "alarmed over the serious lack of public information regarding the redevelopment of Little Tokyo." It is also circulating a petition.

there has developed a kind of acceptance of the system."

Bibliographies used in Asian American curriculums grow longer year by year, as more and more research is done on Asian minority groups and as scholars publish their findings in books, magazine articles and as monographs.

But only a few universities offer more than one or two introductory courses on Asians in America.

Ethnic Courses

In terms of course offerings, number of faculty members and students and budget size, the largest Asian American programs are at Berkeley, UCLA, the Univ. of Hawaii, San Francisco State, and the City College of New York.

At many universities, Asian American studies are stepchildren of established disciplines and may come under various departments. Columbia University, for example, had an experimental course, provided at student request, under the anthropology department in 1970. Hunter College will be offering introductory courses to Asian American studies under the classics department.

In addition, the economic squeeze that confronts many universities today is forcing cutbacks and some of the largest centers are being affected. "I think we're going to go through some pretty hard times," Dr. Kagiwada said.

CCNY Program

Whatever problems may be present on other campuses the City College of New York is expanding its Asian Studies Department. While there were only four full-time faculty members last semester, there will be six next semester, with the addition of Dr. Winberg Chai, who was with the Univ. of Redlands, as the new chairman, and Dr. Harold Sunoo, who was with Central Methodist College.

"We had 265 students taking courses last semester," said Dennis Torigoe, the department's summer coordinator, "and with the expansion of courses it should top 350. We'll be offering at least three new courses, and have 14 courses a semester."

Mr. Torigoe said City College was unusual in that, while the department is called Asian Studies Department,

"the principal emphasis of the department is Asian American studies."

Because much of the emphasis in Asian American studies has been on identity, there has been a tendency to exclude non-Asians, or at least not to encourage them, from teaching positions.

Chicago Conference

The question of exclusivity came up in Chicago last March at the annual conference of the Association of Asian Studies, the professional organization of Asia specialists. At a panel on Asian American studies — it was the first time that the association had recognized the existence of the field — Caucasian participants emphasized the importance of maintaining high standards of academic excellence, while the predominantly Asian audience was more interested in exploring the Asian identity through consciousness raising.

One graduate student from Pennsylvania summed up the mood of the audience by saying: "At a time when there is such great need for Asian Americans to develop a sense of pride, it is inappropriate for white people to be in positions of authority telling them about their history and how they should think and feel."

Dr. Kagiwada put it a different way: "It's a matter of whether people can have the perspective of developing programs if they haven't had the experience of being Asian in this country. That doesn't necessarily mean that the courses should not attempt to reach a broader public."

Heart Mountain teacher

LOS ANGELES — Dr. Richard Satorius, currently teaching music at Pepperdine University, formerly taught at Heart Mountain WRA Center school. He would appreciate hearing from former students.

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Aloha from Hawaii

by Richard Gima



Education

Honolulu Circuit Judge Benjamin Meador ruled unconstitutional the Univ. of Hawaii and State Dept. of Education mandatory retirement policy for persons 65 years old. He ruled June 6 that the policy is in violation of the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. He then ordered the university to return Hilo College English Prof. Frank Nelson to his job in ruling Nelson's motion for a permanent injunction against the state.

Milton DeMello, 46, former principal of Kailua High School, has been named principal of Mid-Pacific Institute. He will take the post early in 1974.

The State Dept. of Education has renewed the contracts of 442 probationary teachers whose jobs for the coming school year had been in doubt. Contracts were sent June 22 to 392 secondary teachers and 41 special education teachers and four school librarians.

Univ. of Hawaii

Dr. Walter Nunokawa has been appointed dean of the

Univ. of Hawaii's College of Continuing Education, and Dr. Robert K. Sakai has been named dean of the summer session. Nunokawa came to the UH in 1969 from Portland State College. Sakai joined the UH in 1966 after teaching for 15 years at the Univ. of Nebraska.

Leigh-Wai Doo, a 27-year-old attorney, has been appointed assistant director of legal education for the law school at the Univ. of Hawaii. Doo, who holds a law degree from Harvard, has been chief attorney for the Statewide Police Training Program since Jan.

Governor's Office

Gov. John B. Ayala has named 11 persons to state posts. They are Nobuyoshi Tamura of Kailua, Hawaii, Housing Authority; Mrs. Margaret Ramler, Kailua, Hawaii Bicentennial Commission; Warren Teriano, Pahala, 1st District School Advisory Board; Sadamasa Iwasaki, Honolulu, and William Stearns, Hilo, Advisory Committee on Pesticides; George Kanahele, Honolulu, and Mrs. Walter Southward, Hilo, Hawaii Bicentennial International Marine Ex-

hibition Commission; and Janet Kimberly, 40, Milwaukie, Ore., both of Oahu, Commission for Judicial Qualification. Mrs. William Shiner, Honolulu, Commission on the Status of Women; and George Sano, Maui, and Alexander Jamille, Pearl City, Advisory Commission on Manpower and Full Employment.

Courtroom

Circuit Judge Masato Doi has issued an injunction against International Syndications, Inc. It is the land investment firm which has come under fire for allegedly misleading buyers about quick profit deals. International Syndications allegedly misrepresented land sales when it told island investors they could resell Big Island land at much higher prices in the Far East. After a hearing Doi found I.S.'s sales pitch deceptive "in area of selling undeveloped land to real estate interests in the area of the representations that they could be resold at readily available higher prices." Henry Hirai, I.S.'s attorney, said he would move for a speedy trial on a permanent injunction, to determine whether the firm should be shut down for good.

Kenneth A. Akamine, a former Honolulu policeman who said he was fired because of his religious beliefs, filed a \$90,000 lawsuit in circuit court June 6 to get his job back. Akamine, a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, said he was fired because of religious reasons by police chief Francis Keala. Keala and the city have been named defendants in the complaint.

Riven McKinney, 20, has been sentenced to 23 years in prison for the killing death of teacher Harry Brown, 41, of Castle High School, Kaneohe. McKinney killed Brown at the latter's Kakaia cottage on April 13, 1973. Allee Elliott, 22, a teacher at Star of the Sea School, has been charged in the shooting death July 1 of her husband, newsmen James F. Elliott, 34. Her bail has been set at \$20,000. Elliott was director for KUMU radio, was shot after he returned home to his Keeaunua St. apartment.

Names in the News

Jerri Fujioka and Lillian Nakagawa, Univ. of Hawaii students, have been awarded \$4,000 scholarships to allow them to study in Japan for a year. They have been awarded the Crown Prince Akishito Scholarship by a special screening committee. They will leave for Japan in Sept.

Alberta Chen of 301 S. Market St., Walluku, graduated No. 1 in her class and won honors as the outstanding student of Ruston at Manhattanville College, Purchase, N.Y. She holds a 1973 Danforth Foundation Fellowship and will pursue a Ph.D. degree in Slavic linguistics at Columbia Univ. in the fall.

had pitcher Masanori Murakami falling out of their bullpen with great success about eight seasons ago.

There is little doubt that the Japanese take their sports seriously.

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A classic example is the upcoming George Foreman world heavyweight title defense in Tokyo. While many American promoters provided lip service about trying to land Foreman for a title match, it was the Japanese who put their money where their mouth is and wooed the champ to Tokyo.

The next thing you know, the Japanese may outbid U.S. television for the services of Howard Cosell.

That may finally shut Cosell up. He hasn't shown that he can handle Japanese names too well.

In fact, Cosell may not get beyond sashimi if he showed up in Japan.—Kashu Mainichi

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Movies Debased Black Image

TOMS, COONS, MULATTOS, MAMMIES, & BUCKS: An Interpretive History of Blacks in America Films, by Donald Bogie, New York: Viking, 260 pp., \$12.50.

In a scene in "The Little Colonel" (1935), Bill Robinson, the black butler, inveigles his child mistress, Shirley Temple, into going to bed by leading her in a tap dance that takes them farther and farther up the stairs towards her bedroom. As the dance nears a climax, the cantankerous grandfather, Lionel Barrymore, appears with his signature line:

"What's going on around here!"

The intimidated dancers disappear up the stairs.

According to the author of this work, the role of Robinson is that of a tom, one of the five stereotypes identified in the title. The term, tom, derives from the leading character of Harriet Beecher Stowe's novel, "Uncle Tom's Cabin" (1851-1852), and indicates a black dedicated to white values and abjectly deferential towards whites.

Black Stereotypes

The five stereotypes, of which there are also varieties, were first played by white actors made up in blackface. The black stereotypes "sat like square boxes on a shelf. A white actor walked by, selected a box, and used it as a base for a very square, rigidly defined performance."

The Stowe novel also included a coon stereotype. Topsy, the stupid black used for comic effect.

"The Birth of a Nation" (1915) exposed the black stereotypes to an audience of millions. This epic D.W. Griffith film included the female sex-object mulatto agonizing over her exclusion from the white world, the mammy with a heart of gold, and the brutal black buck who menaces civilization and lusts after white women. Glorifying the Ku Klux Klan, the film depicts Southern blacks, emancipated by the Civil War, reverting to animal behavior, disfranchising whites, and running amok.

Libertarians have attacked black actors for portraying demeaning stereotypes. A favorite target has been Stepin Fetchit, the best known black actor of the thirties who was cast as a

ment, he has tried to read of all such films he has been unable to see.

From his labors has come an encyclopedic knowledge of black acting. He brings to his subject a maturity of vision and judgment far beyond his age of 25 years, his manifest talent indicating great things may come from him hereafter.

Though the past has been inauspicious, the improving economic position of the black, by itself, many encourage the assignment to him of more dignified roles. "We know that black actors can transcend even base material... we can only hope..."

Fetchit's Reason

Fetchit himself denied his coon portrayal hurt blacks. "It was Step," he said, "who elevated the Negro to the dignity of a Hollywood star. I made the Negro a first-class citizen all over the world... somebody it was all right to associate with. I opened all the theaters."

The author points out that only demeaning roles were available to black actors in Hollywood, and that some blacks were able to rise above the stereotypes assigned them. Robinson, for example, brought to the role of tom great dancing ability and a dynamic personality. As the devoted slave of Vivien Leigh in "Gone With the Wind," Hattie McDaniel played the mammy role with such elan she won the Academy Award as Best Supporting Actress.

Though portrayed with greater subtlety, these stereotypes persist in the movies of today. According to the author, the modern counterpart of Uncle Tom is Sidney Poitier, educated and well-mannered but still the harmless, sexless black dedicated to white values.

Deploying such stereotypes, blacks have produced movies that portray blacks sympathetically. Primarily directed at black audiences, such movies have failed to achieve the success of the Hollywood productions.

A graduate of Lincoln University who has studied at Indiana, Harvard and Columbia, the black author is a former movie story editor, staff writer and assistant editor of Ebony magazine. He has tried to see every film in which a black has acted; this ambition being impossible of fulfill-

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Mel Durslag of the Herald-Examiner, who springs ahead of the field like Triple Crown winner Secretariat when it comes to sports writing, did a piece (July 26) on the possibility of Japanese interests buying a major sports franchise.

His conclusion came after he learned about a Japanese buyer spending a record sum to purchase a race horse at the Lexington, Kentucky sales. It was the second record amount paid for American stock by Japanese interests which led Durslag to make his comment that the purchase of a major sports franchise may not be too far off.

In recent time, it has been rumored that Japanese interests have had their eyes on the San Francisco Giants franchise.

And, it was not far fetched as it may first appear when one considers that Japanese companies are paying as much for Japanese baseball franchises as, say, the Washington, D.C. group paid for the San Diego Padres.

A month ago, a Japanese group talked with E. J. "Buzie" Bavasi, president of the San Diego Padres, but nothing has developed, he said Aug. 1. The California Supreme Court is now deciding whether the City of San Diego can obtain an injunction against the moving of the Padres to Washington, D.C., or recover damages for failure to fulfill a 20-year lease on the use of the local stadium.

The Japanese reason that if they are capable of paying more for one of their own teams, than the Padres were sold for, why not enter the

bidding market.

Perhaps, the Japanese interests haven't looked at the National League West standings before making such an assumption.

It may be that the Padres are, indeed, worth less than a team in the Japanese professional league.

I would like to see Japanese interests buy up a Major League franchise if for no other reason than to see some Japanese players in the Big Leagues.

While the quality of Japanese teams may not be Major League, there are a number of "big league types" in the Japanese leagues.

As most readers know, the Lodi team in the class A California League is owned by Japanese money.

This year, the Lodi team won the first half

CINCINNATI ECHOES: Joe Oyama
First Impressions

When we first arrived here by brother-in-law, Dr. Yasuo Sasaki, and his wife, Lili (my sister), took us to a downtown Chinese restaurant. Unlike the Chinese restaurants in New York, this one had a mysterious faded air as do some of the other Chinese restaurants in Cincinnati — with old fashioned celestial lanterns with tassels, but the service was good and personalized.

Manhattan has over 3,000 Chinese restaurants of all kinds from Peking to Szech-

uan to Harbin to even Cuban styles, many of them strung along Broadway, competing with one another and trying to attract customers with their plush elegance. Cincinnati has only a handful of Chinese restaurants, scattered around the city and in the suburbs — a bit lonely looking.

One Chinese restaurant downtown has nothing but buxom Caucasian waitresses and a fifteen-year-old Black who wears a black bowtie and a blue jacket serving as a busboy. I had become accustomed to the "arrogant" Chinese waiters in Manhattan, but as hindsight, after leaving Manhattan, I realize that they were not really arrogant, but harassed and overworked. Unlike Japanese restaurants, they do not close between lunch and dinner.

Japanese Restaurants

Manhattan, incidentally, has over 100 Japanese restaurants (mostly operated by Japanese nationals), while Cincinnati has only two authentic Japanese restaurants. The Kabuki, located downtown, boasts a half page advertisement in the newspaper with a large impressive photo of their work crew, all dressed up (some of the men in fancy dinner jackets and the women in kimono), the cooks in their tall chef's caps, ready-to-serve you "Benihana" style.

The ad in the paper reads, "Vas You Effort in the Kabuki!" — appealing to the large population of German descent people in Cincinnati. "Great American food prepared Japanese style by Japanese Chefs."

The other Japanese restaurant, the Nikko Inn, with a man named Nelson S. Knaggs as Chairman of the Board of Nikko Inn, boasts of being "the area's original Japanese restaurant and the tri-state's only authentic Japanese country inn." They are located "in an exotic, picturesque, quaint setting of a century-old reconverted old brick farmhouse, surrounded by an Oriental garden."

The restaurant was founded by the former Anna Tojo of Hollywood, who now resides in St. Louis, Mo.

Manufacturers

Cincinnati has only one Japanese "store" while the Greater Metropolitan area of New York boasts of some fifteen stores. Riverside which is only a short ten minute drive from Manhattan has three Japanese stores all in the same section, while there are over 10 in the Queens, Flushing, Forest Hills, Rego Park area.

The store in Cincinnati is actually more of a manufacturing concern. The plant was started by Yoshio Shimizu and Ben Yamaguchi who had come to this city in 1944 from the Peiton Relocation Center, Arizona.

Manufacturing toji and moyashi, they are the sole distributors of their products in the tri-state area, supplying restaurants. Their bean sprouts are sold in Pittsburgh, Pa. Occupying a modern building built in 1949, the store also caters to local residents.

Further Impressions

Over the Memorial Day weekend traffic was tied up with cars going out of town. In New York it would be people returning to Long Island or over the George Washington Bridge to New Jersey, but here — the exodus is to "Kaintucky."

The scene from Eden Park and Mount Adams across the Ohio River towards Kentucky is breathtaking. In the beginning I was comparing everything with the Hudson River and the Palisades (cliffs on the Jersey side), but this has a spectacular rustic charm — bucolic, tree covered hills, old houses, ferry boats, and bridges over a hundred years old span the Ohio. This is one of the most picturesque cities in the United States.

Going to work one day, I had to wait for a very long freight train pulling mile-after-mile of gondolas full of coal from West Virginia, but I wondered when I had last stopped at a railroad crossing with the guard rails down and the bells ringing.

I knew I was in the Midwest when I read the word "Gotham" in the newspaper, a turn of the century word which had disappeared from the press of New York. I also knew that I was in the Midwest when a homesick young man from Maine said, "It feels so good when you go east and see seagulls and seagulls because then you know you're near the ocean!"

Something Out of the Zoo

One night driving home from work, past midnight, a large grotesque, humped larger-than-a-cat whitish animal slowly lumbered across the street. It had a long rat-like tail. In search of food, it ran underneath a parked car. I thought it was a monstrous rat.

This was right in the heart of the city, ill lighted. The next day when I asked an Ohion about it, she replied, "It's a groundhog," a groundhog? It looked more like something that had escaped out of the Cincinnati Zoo.

Fire watchtowers

TOKYO — The network of fire watchtowers inaugurated in 1887, was finally shut down June 1 by the Metropolitan Fire Dept.

NEWS CAPSULES

Agriculture

George Kato, who used to farm in Fort Morgan, Colo., was elected vice-president of AgriChem, Inc., which was recently formed after purchase of the multi-million dollar Wycon Chemical Co. and its 17 supply centers in Colorado, Wyoming and Nebraska. Kato is general manager of the firm's western division of eight centers and the commercial sales department. Kato, past master of the Oasis (Masonic Lodge 67), is also a member of the El Jebel Shrine in Denver.

Kiwi fruit caught the attention of George, Jim and Mori Tanimoto of Gridley, Calif. (above Marysville), in 1965 when they saw this subtropical fruit sell in San Francisco wholesale for \$1.10 per pound at a time when cellophane peaches were in surplus and disappointing prices. Enlisting horticultural help from the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture stationed at Chico, they experimented and raised their own kiwi vineyard and hope for 10 tons an acre when the Kiwi trees are eight years old. The fruit has a pleasing taste of strawberries and fresh pineapple and has a high content of vitamin C.

Medicine

Dr. Lindy F. Kumagai, professor of medicine at UC Davis and chief of the endocrine section, was commencement speaker at the Univ. of Utah School of Medicine convocation June 2. He had been dean of admissions and student affairs during his last year at the Utah medical school in 1969. He spoke on "Selection of Tomorrow's Physicians," pointing out that usual criteria for accepting students based upon grades and admission test scores tended to select students who were primarily from white, middle-class backgrounds and predominantly male. He also urged medical schools and the profession to recognize the needs of society for adequate health care and enable individuals (ethnic minorities and women) who may possess requisite talents to help meet these needs. Dr. Kumagai is in charge of the minority recruitment program at UC Davis, reporting nearly 25 per cent comprised of ethnic minorities.

Dr. Ben Yamaguchi, Jr., active Cincinnati JACLers, was elected secretary of the Cincinnati-Hamilton County unit of the American Cancer Society. He will also chair the annual dinner meeting Sept. 20 at the Cincinnati Academy of Medicine.

Fine Arts

When the Safeco Insurance Co. dedicated its 22-story corporate headquarters at Seattle on June 12, sculptor George Tsutakawa was there to unveil a fountain he had designed for the Safeco Plaza grounds.

A macramé piece by tenth grader Nina Nomura of Bolinas Grande High, Garden Grove, was selected for the 95-piece touring exhibit, "Discovery '73," produced by the California Arts Commission in recognition of outstanding talent among high school students.

World Print Competition: 73 announced the appointment of Oakland attorney Mas Yone-mura to its Executive Committee. California College of Arts and Crafts, Oakland, is conducting a world-wide competition among printmakers. Winning prints will be exhibited at the San Francisco Museum of Art from Nov. 12 through Jan. 6, 1974.

Entertainment

Christy Ito of Portland, who was competing in ice skating events several years ago, is now a member of Shipstad & Johnson's Ice Follies. The 22-year-old Oregon Nisei girl will be making her third professional appearance in San Francisco when Ice Follies 1974 holds its world premiere Tuesday, Aug. 14. This season's performances will be presented at the Civic auditorium, new home of the Ice Follies, which started at Winterland near Nihonmachi some 40 years ago.

Press Row

Christian Science Monitor correspondent David Holstrom in San Francisco visited the law offices of Ted Tamba last month requesting help on the Tokyo Rose case held in San Francisco 20 years ago. Holstrom was given the recently completed master's thesis on the case by Col. John Hada, (ret.) and back copies of the Hokubei Mainichi in which stories have appeared relating to the Nisei women, one of several voices associated with Radio Japan during World War II broadcasting to U.S. troops in the Pacific theater.

Thought for the Week

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acres of land. Dedication is planned in the late fall. Roy Iketani, ESGV community center president, noted the complex is designed "to meet almost every social, cultural and sports activity needs the community may desire." Of the total commitment of \$300,000 toward the building project, only \$95,000 more needs to be pledged and valley residents are being asked to help meet the goal.

Sports

JERRY ENOMOTO

In Seattle for prison confab

SEATTLE, Wash. — Jerry Enomoto, Superintendent of the California Correctional Institution at Tehachapi, will attend the 103rd Congress of Corrections in Seattle, Aug. 13-15.

The Congress is the annual meeting of the American Cor-

rectional Association (ACA), an organization of about 10,000 individuals and groups in America and Canada, representing all aspects of correctional work. Its purpose is the encouragement of a more enlightened criminal justice system in society. The annual forum critically examines basic crime, delinquency, and correctional problems and issues.

Enomoto, first Japanese American to be appointed head of a prison in the United States, will be a panelist in a session sponsored by the American Association of Warden and Superintendents, which will deal with the issue of "The Handwriting on the Wall for Institutional Change."

The California Department of Corrections has a national reputation for progressive and innovative practices, and the institution which Enomoto heads up is one with a long standing reputation for dealing with change in constructive ways.

Student loan based on need, late changes noted

WASHINGTON — The impact of soaring college education costs can be tempered with student loan programs, as one consumer newsletter reports costs exceed \$3,200 at a private college and about \$2,000 a year, including personal expenses, at a public college.

In 1972, a million and a quarter students combated these costs with \$1.8 billion in guaranteed loans under a program created by the Higher Education Act of 1965.

A new provision in the act now stipulates that loans be made according to actual family need rather than income.

Until the student graduates, the U.S. government pays the 7 per cent interest and insures the loan, said the newsletter. But nine months after graduation or withdrawal from school, the student must begin making payments of at least \$30 per month on the loan's principal plus the 7 per cent interest and a small insurance premium, it added.

'Forgiveness' Feature

Other alternatives include National Direct Student Loans, which replaced the National Defense Student Loan Program for needy students in 1973, the newsletter said. These loans include a "forgiveness" feature, or a reduction for each year the recipient works in a designated field or in a designated depressed area up to five years equalling total repayment of the loan. Forgiveness up to 30 per cent also is granted to the student who serves in the military in a hostilities zone.

College deferred tuition plans permit postponement of payment over a 25-to-35 year period.

Ex-CORE leader founds

'think tank' for blacks

WASHINGTON — James Farmer, once a high-ranking black in the Nixon administration and founder of Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), has organized a black "think tank" aimed at influencing public policy on minority group members.

The new organization, Public Policy Training Institute, is being funded with a \$150,000 grant from the U.S. Office of Education and is associated with Howard University.

Bones found on Iwojima

may be Baron Nishi's

TOKYO — The Japanese mission to collect the remains of war dead found a jawbone near the northern beach monument on Iwojima, believed to be that of Col. Takekichi Nishi, killed in late March 1945 in the siege by U.S. troops. He had won world fame at the 1932 Los Angeles Olympic Games by winning the equestrian event and commanded the tank corps at Iwojima in the final stage of World War II.

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House Rules committee delays vote change rule

WASHINGTON — While the recorded vote on amendments to bills was hailed as the major House reform of this century when it took effect in 1971, the proposal to make it more difficult to get record votes on amendments to bills in the House was held up July 26 for further study by the Rules Committee.

Rep. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii), member of the Rules Committee, said the plan to increase from 20 to 44 the number of members who must stand up to get a recorded vote "would be a step backward from one of the greatest reforms."

The House leadership, Speaker Carl Albert (D-Okla.) and Minority Leader Gerald R. Ford (R-Mich.), who backed the proposal, felt some members were forcing recorded votes on frivolous issues as a delaying tactic, though a study shows no abuse.

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