

Membership procedures revamped, new card made

By Henry T. Tanaka
National JACL President

For someone who has spent all his life in the big city, except for one year as a farm hand in Indiana, the brief weekend in the farm land of Placer County, Calif., was truly a new experience.

Admittedly, I would find it a tremendous adjustment if I were to spend the rest of my life in the country. But the down-to-earth, straight forward, friendly people I met is something I often miss in the big city. Speaking to a high-

Weekends West

ly diversified and mixed audience at the goodwill dinner, which I am told is one of the "biggy" events of the year, was both challenging and stimulating. Afterwards, I wondered if I was straight talking or smooth talking.

Later an informal gathering of Placer County JACL leaders steered us into such concerns as membership apathy, the plight of Nisei approaching retirement, and the role of JACL in view of the strained trade relations between Japan and the United States.

A beautiful community college in Gilroy (another country town) was the setting for the NC-WNDC meeting the following day (Nov. 4). Live discussion on a multitude of topics was capped by a perceptive and entertaining slide presentation by Chuck Kubokawa on "The Other Side of Japan". It pointed out very vividly the need for JACL to engage in some serious discussion and planning in terms of the organization's role with respect to U.S.-Japan relations. It is not enough for a national organization, concerned about the welfare of all Japanese Americans, to take a "wait and see" attitude. JACL must act affirmatively and positively.

On the same day, the JACL Public Relations Commission met in Denver to address itself to the same needs. For the first time, a PR Commission

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By BARRY MATSUMOTO
Washington JACL Representative

As I See It

On Saturday, Nov. 10, Gail Nishioka and I attended the First Annual Conference of the Asian American Council of Greater Philadelphia (AACGP). The theme of the conference was "Career and Employment Opportunities for Asian Americans: A Time for Change". The conference was divided into several different workshops each dealing with a different area of employ-

Philadelphia Meeting

ment. I attended the workshop on "Professional Employment".

Other JACLers attending that workshop were Florence Sato from Washington, D.C., and Grace Uyehara and Arthur Low from Philadelphia. William Marutani served as one of the co-leaders of the workshop.

The workshop, discussion covered a broad range of issues including the difficulties in gaining entrance to professional and graduate schools, the problems of obtaining financial assistance for professional education and the barriers to professional employment and advancement.

While no solutions were offered to any of the problems which were discussed, none were expected. The value of the conference and the workshop sessions was that it provided an opportunity for the various ethnic groups in the area to come together to discuss their concerns and share their experiences and perspectives.

What did emerge from the "Professional Employment Workshop" was a general feeling that an organized effort must be developed to handle many of the problems which were discussed.

The keynote address for the conference was delivered by Betty Lee Sung. Her topic "When is a Minority not a Minority?" raised a number of contradictions which constantly confronts the community.

For example, in terms of population count, there can be no doubt that the ethnic groups that comprise the Asian American community are a racial minority. In spite of that fact, however, the institutions, that deal with minority concerns, (e.g. government, educational institutions, foundations, etc.) generally fail to accord minority status to Asian Americans.

The effect of that exclusion is that Asian Americans are denied access to many programs that are especially designed to assist minorities in

SAN FRANCISCO—Not only has the National JACL membership card from 1974 been restyled but also the application form as a four-way set, which are being distributed to the 96 chapters which comprise the national organization.

With nearly 30,000 members expected to renew in the coming months, new procedures were established by JACL Headquarters and the Pacific Citizen to reduce the time between submission of membership for processing and the starting copy of subscription.

There have been instances where the PC reached the member after as much as a half-year delay to the embarrassment of all concerned. To remedy this situation, the

USE OF 'JPN' ASSURED BY U.S. GOV'T PRINTERS

SAN FRANCISCO—The use of the racial epithet "Jap" as an abbreviation for Japan and Japanese by U.S. governmental agencies has come under the scrutiny of Congress-

woman Patsy Mink (D-Hawaii) and Dr. Clifford Uyeda of the San Francisco Center for Japanese American Studies.

Mrs. Mink discovered recently that the State Department uses the term "Jap" in its official "Biographic Register" as an abbreviation for Japan and Japanese.

Mrs. Mink told the State Department: "Japanese Americans find this term derogatory particularly after its use during World War II as a term of hatred and contempt. I do not believe it is proper for an agency of the United States government to use a racial epithet termed derogatory in an official publication and vehemently protest its inclusion. Your continued use of the term implies that it has official sanction in government publications, which I know not to be the case."

Marshall Wright, assistant secretary for congressional relations, answered Mrs. Mink's letter, stating that his department regarded "Jap" as an abbreviation for Japanese as "applied to the language only."

"No identification of personnel by ethnic origin is made in the (Biographic) Register," he wrote. "The language qualification of each officer are listed in abbreviation form e.g. Fr. for French, Ger. for German and similarly Jap. for Japanese."

Uyeda Rebutts

Dr. Uyeda replied to Wright's letter, pointing out the derogatory nature of the epithet "Jap".

"In this instance because the abbreviation happens to be identical to the derogatory noun, we ask that agencies of the United States government help avoid the use of this abbreviation which is considered derogatory and offensive by Japanese and Japanese Americans," Dr. Uyeda wrote.

It was pointed out the correct abbreviation for Japan or Japanese, according to the United Nations and International Olympic Committee, is "Jpn."

Gov't Printing Office

Besides the State Department, Mrs. Mink also wrote to the Government Printing Office and discovered that it does not use the epithet "Jap" as an abbreviation for Japan.

T. F. McCormick, public printer for the Government Printing Office, wrote Mrs. Mink that his agency's regulations specify that it not list abbreviations for countries other than the United States and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

The only exception to this rule would be in the printing of a legal or historical document where space limitations force the shortening of words not otherwise abbreviated, said McCormick. In the case of Japan, the word would be abbreviated "Jpn."

"The Government Printing Office Style Manual is the product of many years of public printing experience," added McCormick. "Its rules are based on principles of good usage in the printing trade. The Style Board maintains an emphatic stance in areas of race and nationality. It is agreed that the term 'Jap' is uncomplimentary and you may be assured it does not have the sanction of this Office—Hokubel Mainichi."

participating in the various aspects of society. The reason for the exclusion is the general impression that society has that Asian Americans are a "silver spoon" minority with few problems.

As members of the Asian American communities have become aware that the discriminatory aspects of society directly affects them and that society's denial of their minority status has substantial detrimental consequences, they have begun to organize and to address themselves to the problems and issues.

The AACGP meeting provided a valuable and hopeful first step on the question of employment in the Philadelphia area.

Chapter Campaign

Wherever possible, the new application forms, cards and instructions of the new procedures are being taken to district council meetings. The amount for distribution will be based on current enrollment in the chapter and if more forms are needed, a limited number is available at National Headquarters or at regional offices in Los Angeles, Portland, Chicago and Washington.

After the chapter membership chairman is appointed and the chapter dues established, the new membership procedures should be reviewed. Each step is described with samples attached. A glossary of terms is also included.

The various classifications of membership rates are shown. The membership transmittal slip is simplified to expedite accounting of funds.

Application Form

Both Headquarters and Pacific Citizen urge the application forms by TYPED or legibly printed if handwritten. One PC subscription per household is included with membership.

Tiny boxes are provided to check off types of membership: regular, 1000 Club, 50 Club, Century Club, Corporate Club, Supporting, Student or Conversion to 1000 Club.

The single application form also accommodate Mr. and Mrs. (couple) memberships and two boxes would be checked if one member is a 1000 Clubber and the spouse is a regular member.

(The PC address shown on the application form should be corrected to read: 125 Weller

St.)

Membership Benefits

A regular member in JACL is entitled to charter flights, 1000 Club charter flights if one member of family is a 1000 Club member, health plan, local and national JACL credit unions, chapter activities, PC (one per household) and bowling tournaments.

A student membership (full time high school or college) does not qualify for PC subscription or charter flights. (Student members may subscribe to the PC upon payment of \$3.50 per year.)

Where a regular member has already paid his \$9 national dues, he may convert to 1000 Club by remitting at least \$16 additional to National Headquarters and the effective date of 1000 Club membership would be the same as the effective date of regular membership.

Membership Rates

The dues structure below signifies the amount remitted to National Headquarters. The chapters would set whatever additional amounts for their own programs. In case of the 1000 Club member, the chapter may want to assess an additional amount as chapter dues.

The membership rates:

Class	Dues	To HQ
Regular	\$9.00	\$9.00
Student	\$3.50	\$3.50
1000 Club (a)	\$25.00	\$25.00
50 Club	\$5.00	\$5.00
Century Club	\$10.00	\$10.00
Corporate Club	\$20.00	\$20.00
Conversion TC (a)	\$25.00	\$25.00
Supporting (b)	\$16.00 & up	\$16.00 & up

a—Set by Chapter.
b—May add chapter dues.
c—Chapter may retain portion.

Boxscore

Starting the first week of December, the PC will publish a weekly boxscore of membership forms as received during the week from the chapters. This will serve as an acknowledgment of receipt to the membership chairman.

Ten working days should be allowed before an address plate is made for a new PC subscriber when membership returns are at their peak.

A 30-day "grace" period is allowed current members to renew before their PC subscription is subject to expiration.

1973 CHRISTMAS CHEER

Call issued for \$10,000 to be able to give 1,000 needy \$10 for holidays

LOS ANGELES — The 1973 Christmas Cheer was launched this past week with the announcement of a \$10,000 goal — enough to provide a \$10 gift to 1,000 less fortunate members of the local Asian American community, according to Deni Y. Uejima, chairman.

The program, which began in 1948 to assist some 300 needy Japanese American families and individuals was expanded to cover the Asian American communities in 1971, nearly tripling the total number of recipients. A Los Angeles JACL coordinating council project until 1964, the Pacific Southwest JACL District Council assumed sponsorship the following year, appointing a chairman to serve for two years.

Beneficiaries have included persons in homes for the aged, on the social service rolls such as wives with dependent children, widowed mothers, children in foster homes, referrals from the churches and Japanese American Community Services.

"We never cease to be amazed at the number of individuals in our community who are in great need, despite the general prosperity of the Japanese American community," Uejima said in his kickoff appeal.

At the same time, he was uplifted by the response of recipients.

Recipients Grateful

One had written: "It does make the Holiday season a great deal happier for it is not only a material gain; it's a comfort for me to know that you care enough to send it."

Another official acknowledged: "Thanks for remembering the men in prison. It was a thoughtful gesture and gives us hope."

A mother of five said: "Words cannot begin to tell you my appreciation. I feel it was an answer to prayer. It was such a large amount, it surprised us. Our children all need shoes and the sales are on after Christmas so it was just perfect."

And a parent wrote: "We accept your gracious gift for our daughter. Although she can neither read nor write, we are sure you made her Christmas brighter. This is the first instance in which we have received anything for her."

Contributions (which will be acknowledged in the PC regularly as reports are released) should be sent to Christmas Cheer, care of JACL - PSWDC, 125 Weller St., Room 308, Los Angeles 90012.

NC-WNDC QUARTERLY

New convention format, membership procedures explained by Gilroy meel

GILROY, Calif. — Hosted by the Gilroy JACL, the Northern California-Western Nevada district council held its fourth Quarterly meeting at Gavilan College on Sunday, Nov. 4.

Among items covered were the 1974 National Convention. Don Hayashi, Regional Director of PNW-IDC, explained the planned changes in the format and the timetable for the submission of all ideas, business matters and budget items.

New membership procedures were explained by Gerry Inouye from the National Staff. Printed material was handed out to each delegate explaining the procedures for processing applications. Membership cards were given to each chapter.

Marshall Sumida of San Francisco presented a short resume of current Japanese American relations and its implications to the Japanese American and to the JACL. He stated that JACL should be aware of the problem, get involved, as well as take action when necessary.

Dr. Charles Kubokawa, Sequoia Chapter, presented a slide show on "The Other Side of Japan." Insights of Japan, which were different from scenes usually witnessed by

tourists, were presented. Chuck spent nine months in Japan on assignment.

The Headquarters Building Fund drive was explained by NC-WNDC chairman, Chuck Kubokawa. Steve Doi, George Yamashita, Jr. and Noby Nakamura went over the architectural plans. Plans are to start demolition and construction late March or early April.

Executive Board members elected for a two-year term are: Mrs. Fumiko Suyenaga, Ted Inouye, Chuck Kubokawa and Tom Konno. Re-elected for another two-year term was Bob Ohki. Remaining board members with one-year remaining are: George Yamashita, Jr., Seichi Otow, Tak Shirasawa, Stan Tanaka, Harry Hatasaka and Tony Boch (1000 Club chairman).

Officers for NC-WNDC for 1974 are Dr. Harry H. Hatasaka, Gov.; George Yamashita, Jr., vice-Gov.; Tak Shirasawa, sec.; Bob Ohki, treas.

The Executive Board was installed into office by Henry Tanaka, National President.

The first 1974 Quarterly DC meeting will be hosted by Livingston-Merced chapter, Feb. 3. Pre-convention DC meeting will be hosted by the San Francisco chapter and the National Convention will be held in Portland, Ore., on July 22-28.

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FRESNO JACL HONORS—When the Fresno JACL celebrated its 50th anniversary as the American Loyalty League Sept. 29, Fred Hirasuna (at right) and his wife Setsu were honored for their longtime, dedicated service to the chapter and community. At left is Dr. Kikuo Taira who had just recounted Fred's history of service in introducing the honoree.

JACL-BLUE SHIELD GROUP

Health Plan Rates Going Up in 1974

SAN FRANCISCO — Higher hospital costs and medical fees coupled with very high claim payments during the past year has resulted in an increase in rates for 1974, according to John Yasumoto, Chairman of the JACL California Blue Shield Group Health Plan, following a negotiation session by the Administrative Committee of the plan with Blue Shield Officials.

An added benefit is an increase from the \$30,000 maximum major medical to \$300,000 maximum major medical coverage which became effective Nov. 1, 1973.

During the fiscal year from Sept. 1, 1972 to Oct. 1, 1973, a total of more than \$1.1 million was paid to the subscribers and their dependents. The NCWDC JACL-CBS Plan has approximately 5,000 member subscribers plus dependents.

In addition to JACLers in Northern California-Western Nevada District, it serves members of Central California, Pacific Southwest, Pacific Northwest and Intermountain Districts by official adoption of the plan by their respective Districts.

Yasumoto announced the following new quarterly rates beginning Jan. 1, 1974:

Male	\$38.20	2 party	\$64.75
Female	\$47.10	2/more	\$105.45

Current rates have been in force since Jan. 1, 1972 were: male, \$30.15; female, \$37.15; couple, \$66.70; and 3/more, \$82.95.

Absentee ballots counted, Tuai short by 5,400

By JOE HAMANAKA

(Special to The Pacific Citizen)

SEATTLE, Wash.—Some 10,000 absentee ballots in the mayoral race of Nov. 6 were tabulated a week later and Liem Eng Tuai, challenger to incumbent Wes Uhlman, narrowed the margin but not enough to upset. The count was:

	Nov. 6	Absentee	Total
Uhlman	30,629	3,568	34,197
Tuai	24,202	8,960	33,162

Interestingly, Tuai claimed 55 pct. of the absentee ballots which could have been the "representative feeling" of the public at the time as they may have been mailed before the bars were tossed by the Tuai camp the final week of the campaign.

Statewide, the three largest cities here—Seattle, Tacoma and Spokane—saw their incumbent mayors elected.

So New York has its first Jewish mayor. In the Pacific Northwest, a brash, young Jewish "kid" of 33 years, Mayor Neil Goldschmidt, has been busy-busy there for the past nine months. An attorney who has encircled himself with many young appointees, Mayor Goldschmidt's office has been referred to as Boys Town.

Portland is changing, but not as jarring as downtown businessmen feared or had predicted. The planning commission has been replaced and innovative and the transition modest.

Many say Goldschmidt is destined to leave his mark and monuments there. After 20 years of "uninspired" city government, Portland is expecting good things from him.



ELECTION NIGHT—Liem Tuai chats with supporter at his campaign headquarters on election night. —Photo by Joe Hamanaka.

EAST COAST—JARP STRIVING FOR WRAP-UP ON \$45,200 BUDGET

Dr. Miyakawa Relates Progress on Study of East Coast Issei at New York Meeting

NEW YORK — Dr. T. Scott Miyakawa of Boston University, who launched the Japanese history research project at UCLA as director in 1962, was guest speaker at the Oct. 29 meeting of the New York JACL, relating the progress of a separate study underway of the Japanese who settled on the East Coast since the late 1860s.

Known as the "East Coast JARP," the Eastern District Council chapters are striving to raise a \$45,200 budget for the project.

As of now, a third of the minimum budget has been raised. The New York JACL board met this week (Nov. 20) to discuss ways and means of raising the balance.

Touching on the highlights of Issei immigration to the United States, Dr. Miyakawa said, "My suggestion is: ignore the immigration figures; the census is more accurate." Inasmuch as many immigrants returned to Japan for visits and were recounted each time they did so, he said, immigration figures were inevitably inflated.

Issei Immigration

The bulk of Issei immigration occurred during the years from 1896 to 1907, and by 1920 there were some 80,000 Japanese in the United States, and of these, 29,000 were Nisei. By 1940, there were about 2,500 Japanese in New York. Although the 1970 census figures puts the total for Japanese in New York at around 20,000 Dr. Miyakawa reminded his listeners that this figure includes the large, transient *kaisha* community (businessmen from Japan and their families).

The influx of Japanese students began in the late 1860s, and they were warmly received, said Miyakawa. However, when the Issei immigrants began arriving in any numbers around 1876, they suffered severe discrimination. It is Miyakawa's judgment that because anti-Chinese sentiment was extremely strong at that time, the Japanese were regarded as "just more Chinese" and therefore suffered the same abusive treatment being meted out to their fellow Asians. He said that the students suffered less in that respect because they were identifiable as Japanese within the more isolated academic community.

He recalled that members of the Japanese Consulate staff were in the early years quartered in boarding houses, and that one such residence was located at 55 W. 9 Street.

N.Y. Issei Credited

It was the Issei here, not Japanese temporarily here from Japan, he stressed, who established trade links with Japan. "I want to make that very clear," he said, pointing out that early in the Meiji period 94% of the export and 95% of the import trade was controlled by Westerners in Japan — the English, French and American. He credited such men as Ryochiro Arai, Momotaro Sato, and Toyoy Momimura with being the fathers of what was to become a thriving trade in silk, ceramics and other wares.

Another area in which the East Coast Issei made a greater impact than did those on the West Coast was in the cultural, he said, mentioning pioneers as Kuniyoshi, Hachida, Noguchi, and Matsu.

On the question of acculturation, he noted that on the West Coast Issei tended to be achievement-oriented and were encouraged to go out into the larger society to make their mark.

East Coast Nisei

On the East Coast, because there was no cohesive Japanese community, the Nisei assumed the social attitudes of the particular communities into which they were absorbed.

The longtime Potomac-Blackfoot JACLer noted the commission's role has been expanding as "people are beginning to realize there is a commission they can go to when they have problems relating to Idaho's anti-discrimination act."

HERO SHIOSAKI HEADS

IDAHO HR COMMISSION

BOISE, Idaho — Hero Shiosaki of Blackfoot was unanimously elected chairman of the Idaho Commission on Human Rights at its weekend meeting here Nov. 8-9.

The longtime Potomac-Blackfoot JACLer noted the commission's role has been expanding as "people are beginning to realize there is a commission they can go to when they have problems relating to Idaho's anti-discrimination act."

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ed. Those who made the best adjustment, he said, were those who did not reject their cultural heritage, and this could be said to be more the case on the East Coast than on the West, where Nisei strived to be "200% Americans."

He told the perhaps apocryphal story of one such Nisei who had previously rejected anything that smacked of his heritage whose home suddenly bloomed with *ikebana* displays. The reason, it had become 100% American to be interested in *ikebana*!

The Nisei, he went on, are "having a different problem" brought on by a "zero" cultural orientation.

Social Note

Dr. Alfred Akamatsu commented that when he first came to New York, in the 1930s Japanese families regarded as most — desirable mates for their daughters (1) Japanese diplomats, (2) Japanese businessmen and (3) Nisei, in that order.

Whereupon Dr. Miyakawa revealed that from responses to the JARP questionnaires sent to Issei in the 1960s, the majority sentiment with regard to the same subject was that "the last person they'd want as spouses for their daughters would be Issei or Japanese from Japan."

Responding to a question, he stated that the average age of the original Japanese immigrants ranged from 16 to 22, and their reasons for coming to the U.S. depended on their background. Often, he said, those who came were younger sons or non-inheriting older sons of families with just enough land to get by on, but not enough to divide among the sons.

Issei 'Not Scum'

Pointing out that the Issei averaged eight years of formal education, Dr. Miyakawa declared, "Don't let any of the *kaisha* people tell you that the Issei were the scum of Japanese society," noting that many Issei came to have an inferiority complex because of this fallacious attitude which prevailed in Japan. "It simply isn't true that they were inferior," he went on. Besides, he said, "the poorest couldn't afford to come."

In connection with that point, he said that one reason that Japanese domestic workers were so highly regarded was that they were better educated than their European counterparts. Because they were unable to obtain jobs for which they were qualified because of an inadequate language proficiency or the lack of naturalization papers where they were required, many immigrants were forced to take domestic jobs.

One body of Issei who have not yet undergone study, he said, were those intellectuals — writers, artists, et al — who are difficult to classify because of their transient status. "Were they Issei who visited Japan often or were they Japanese who often visited the U.S.?"

Delinquency Note

During a discussion of the concurrent rise in acculturation and youth delinquency, Dr. Miyakawa acknowledged that while there seemed to exist a causal relationship, delinquency rates for Japanese continue lower than for non-Asians.

Letting the irony speak for itself, he said, "Some Nisei were saved (from straying) because prejudice against them prevented their being accepted by gangs."

—N.Y. Nichibei

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JACL AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

A frank expression of views on "public relations" in wake of PC contributing columnist Joe Hamanaka's piece of Oct. 26 has been ours to share in recent weeks—the highlights of which we'd like to air here.

Satoshi Sugita, now with the New York firm of Burson-Marsteller (the world's second largest public relations agency) and who served as p.r. man for the Cincinnati JACL for a while, agrees with Hamanaka (engaged in advertising with the Seattle firm of Ricks-Ehrig) on the importance of PR for the Nikkei community. Since the Japanese nationals in Japan (hereinafter tagged as "Nihonjin") and the Japanese in the U.S. ("Nikkei") for purposes of this column) constitute the overall image of "the Japanese," the PR program should be envisaged in both countries, both Hamanaka and Sugita preface.

Whether JACL's nine-member public relations commission, which met in Denver Nov. 2-4, began with this premise—we haven't heard—but it's a realistic basis.

Sugita, who's worked on the Asahi staff in Tokyo before attending Ohio State's graduate school of journalism several years back, recalls the image of the Nisei in Japan is not the brightest—a point the late Tamotsu Murayama of Tokyo had often pointed out in his PC columns. "Often they are regarded as the by-product of all shortcomings of Japanese and American cultures," Sugita explains. "In many cases, Nisei in Japan are unsure whether to behave as Japanese or Americans, but what is most annoying to many is that they appear to have neither the deep sense of responsibility the Japanese usually have nor the strong vitality of the Americans."

The social scientist has a word for this phenomenon—"identity crisis." The anthropologist, on the other hand, might see things as they are and regard the Nisei in Japan (or in America) as a "chameleon," trying to survive in his particular environment—an instinct hard to quell. The cynic might regard the Nisei as "ambivalent."

Sugita says, "Terms like 'Nisei' and 'han-Japa' are sometimes applied in a derogatory sense to native Japanese (Nihonjin) who are superficially American in their outlook and lack fine Japanese qualities." He also believes that "Nisei in Japan carried a negative connotation right after the war but their image has never truly improved over the years." (We should not discount the many compassionate Nisei of the postwar era in Japan whose efforts may have been overlooked by a nation trying to regain its economic and political feet).

In the brief two years here, Sugita was glad to find the Nikkei to be fine and proud American citizens who, nevertheless, retained characteristics that were very Japanese. Honesty and hard work were two virtues mentioned—but which are not exclusively Japanese traits, we hasten to add. We took a tally of stories breaking during the week of Oct. 21 from the Tokyo Mainichi and the five major cases mentioned involved 1.2-billion yen (nearly \$45-million)—



Another Missed Conversion

Acupuncture vs. drugs

SPECIAL REPORT

(For the past three weeks, stories by Sacramento Union writer K. W. Lee covered the drug scene this past summer in the Asian American community there. This story, perhaps, is a fitting sequel—greater detail than what appeared over the wire services.—Ed.)

By PAT HUNTER
(Honolulu Advertiser)

HONOLULU—Does the idea that acupuncture can cure opium and heroin addiction sound far-fetched?

It did to Dr. Hsiang-lai Wen, a Hong Kong neurosurgeon, when he stumbled over the technique in November 1972.

Since then, Dr. Wen has used acupuncture treatments on more than 100 addicts, with 80 per cent success, he said. He spoke on the subject Oct. 1 to a pharmacology seminar at the University of Hawaii School of Medicine, during which he showed movies and slides of numerous patients during their treatment.

Dr. Wen was in Honolulu for the 23rd annual meeting of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons (Oct. 1-6). He described the first case he worked with in an interview with this reporter.

"A patient was brought into the Kwong Wah Hospital with a cerebral concussion, needing brain surgery," said Dr. Wen, who heads the hospital's neuro-surgical unit.

"We have been using acupuncture anesthesia for brain surgery on an experimental basis here and I asked this patient if he wished to undergo his surgery by that technique. He agreed and we began to prepare him for surgery, initiating the acupuncture anesthesia."

"The patient was an opium addict, and while we were beginning anesthesia, he was undergoing withdrawal symptoms. Suddenly, he told us that his withdrawal symptoms were disappearing. We could hardly believe it. But he insisted."

"So we waited until later that day, when the patient began to experience the withdrawal symptoms again, and tried acupuncture again. Again, it eliminated the symptoms."

"Then I began looking for patients willing to volunteer for this kind of research." Dr. Wen said the acupuncture treatment not only cures

withdrawal symptoms in both opium and heroin addicts, but also removes their desire for the drugs.

He said the length of treatment depends on how much of a drug the patient has been taking, for how long, and by what route.

Treatment Depends

"It depends on whether he smokes it, snorts it or injects it—how much of a dose he takes each day, and how long he had had the habit," Dr. Wen said.

"Those patients who have been on a drug for a relatively short time, take low dosages and don't inject it, are easier to handle than the long-time, hard-core addict with an expensive habit."

"One man, who had a seven-to-eight-year habit of injecting 98 per cent pure heroin, took us 31 days to cure. That was our longest treatment."

A paper Dr. Wen published in the April 1973 issue of the Asian Journal of Medicine described the treatment of his first 40 cases.

Method Described

Each patient was hospitalized in the neurosurgery unit of the hospital for about eight to 10 days, during which he was treated with acupuncture and electrical stimulation. A single needle was placed in the concha of each ear. The concha is the largest and deepest cavity of the ear.

Then electrical stimulation, with the current strong enough for the patient to feel it, but without discomfort, was administered for a half-hour per treatment.

Treatments were given two or three times a day for the first three days, then once a day for the next five. Once withdrawal symptoms had ceased altogether, the patient was treated on an out-patient basis, returning for more treatments if he developed an urge for the drug.

Within 15 Minutes

"Within 10 to 15 minutes of starting treatment, watering eyes and running noses were dry, aching and shivering and abdominal pain gradually began to disappear," the paper stated. "Breathing became regular, and the patient was warm and relaxed."

The paper also said patients reported they experienced the same satisfaction and euphoria from the acupuncture treatment they received from a "full dose" of their drug.

Asked how the acupuncture affects these cures, Dr. Wen said: "We believe that acupuncture inhibits the hyperactivity of the central nervous system that occurs when an addict is deprived of his drug."

Acetylcholine

"When drugs are withdrawn, the synaptic areas of the nervous system become hyperactive. Acetylcholine is excreted—we think from the hypothalamus—into the system, causing the unpleasant withdrawal symptoms."

"The electrical stimulation with the acupuncture needles must inhibit this excretion. We also think the stimulation increases secretion of neurotransmitters—chemicals like serotonin; this increase also helps stop the acetylcholine excretion—hence, the withdrawal symptoms stop."

He said he also is convinced hypnosis has no more part in acupuncture's success than the giving of an aspirin by a Western doctor.

No Hypnosis

"One must take this view when one realizes that in the People's Republic of China, veterinarians are using acupuncture on animals—cows, pigs, horses, dogs and cats. And mules. If you could hypnotize a mule you'd be a pretty good doctor," he said with a laugh.

Dr. Wen said he also thought the acupuncture technique for curing heroin and opium addicts could be used on alcoholics. "I have done a few, but the numbers are so small I have no statistics," he said. However, it seemed just as successful—even easier perhaps—as with hard drug addicts. It should work with them, because it is the same kind of addiction, and alcoholics are not as compulsive and demanding as heroin addicts."

The neurosurgeon stressed, however, that he was doing his research purely on the physical side of addiction. "I haven't the personnel nor the funding to follow up the social aspects," he said.

Dr. Wen said that although he had discharged most of his early addict—patients at the end of two months as cured, the later ones are being followed by the Society for Rehabilitation of Drug Addicts, a government-supported social agency in Hong Kong.

Dr. Wen is the only neurosurgeon outside mainland China to use this technique, which is legal only on an experimental basis in Hong Kong. He practices at the 1,500-bed Kwong Wah charity hospital there, where he is head of the neurosurgical unit.

LETTERS

Pill-popping perplexity

Editor: The cartoon by Pete Hironaka depicting the PC staff being delivered the super-giant size "No-Doz" bottle of pills clearly illustrates the contradiction among Asians caught in the drug culture.

On the front page of the same issue (PC, Nov. 2) K.W. Lee of the Sacramento Union asks some pertinent questions about that city's drug problem.

The message conveyed in the cartoon clearly gives approval and sanction to the use of drugs by adult leaders. No wonder the Samsel generation is caught in a bind, seeing this type of "pill pushing" among the adults. Surely it occurs at the offices, homes, schools and wherever one can find two people.

Many will argue that these are safe drugs and don't lead to the hard stuff like marijuana has been "proven" to be. Who says so?—the drug industry? I don't believe we have to educate the youngsters. We need to educate the leaders, the parents and the legislators about the drug culture and especially the news media.

PHIL CHIKAHISA

(We told the Speedy Delivery man he had the wrong office. What keeps us awake—besides black coffee—is an avalanche of insertion orders for Holiday Issue advertising and greetings.—Ed.)

EAST WIND: Bill Marutani

Diogenes: Put Down Thy Lamp

PHILADELPHIA I'D HEARD THAT Japanese merchants are meticulous about meeting promised commitments, be it delivery dates or observing warranties. In my own limited experiences of minor purchases in stores in Japan, I had indeed found that merchants kept their promises. The one exception perhaps was the time that the Tamaki's (Dr. Tom and Marion) Vicki and I boated the Hori River rapids in Kyoto, and the promised photo of that trip failed to arrive at our hotel in Tokyo. But none of us were out any money because the photographic entrepreneur had declined our money in advance, trusting that we'd pay on receipt.

Moreover, I had somehow chalked that one off to a hitch in the mail systems, something that can happen anywhere.

NEVERTHELESS I'D WONDER about the folks who were putting down cold cash for Hakata "ningyos" which the shopkeeper promised to ship to the U.S. with assurances of intact delivery or guaranteed replacement. My cynical doubts might be understandable when viewed in the perspective of hassles over warranties with vendors right in my own bailiwick here in Philadelphia. And I think probably aren't that much different where you are either.

LET IT BE now heralded that there is a mercantile establishment in Gift City by name of "Ozeki & Co. Ltd." whose word is as good as its bond. Nay, better. Ozeki is one of those lantern crafts people whose products are the "mei-butai" of Gift.

And in the course of rambling around Japan this summer, Vicki and the two girls came upon Ozeki's where they ordered as a gift, a somewhat ornate bamboo-and-paper lantern. Delicate. When it arrived, there was a slight crack in the parchment shade which I dismissed as minor, especially after seeing my masterful patch-up job with some glue. But the girls would have none of it, and Vicki wrote Ozeki asking that a replacement shade be sent. The lamp stand had come through intact.

IN THE JAPANESE mails failed us on that Hori River deal, they made it upon this go around. Not only did Ozeki replace the slightly damaged shade with a brand new one, but they sent an entire new lamp outfit: shade, stand and all. And the mail service was better than some of the post-lings I get from L.A. or Chicago, for Ozeki's response was immediate with a shipment by air-mail. My quick calculation of all those yens that appeared on the stamps (stamps I'd never seen before) showed that Ozeki spent about \$19 U.S. in postage alone!

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: Bon Marche, Macy's and Gimbel's. We've some catching up to do.

On the Margin

By Kats Kunitzugu

FREE, FAT AND FORTY-EIGHT

Time Magazine noted this week that carousels are on their way out, a bittersweet coincidence for me, since I had just gotten off my own particular "Carrousel." "Carrousel" was the title of the column I wrote for the Kashu Mainichi, the Los Angeles vernacular newspaper from which I resigned recently in an editorial disagreement with my boss.

To find oneself free, fat and 48 after some five years of more-or-less gainful employment is to get a new perspective on life.

For one thing, one appreciates having a husband, which enables one to have Principles. Telling the boss to go fly a kite is a luxury. The most saddening advice I got during the whole brouhaha came from a colleague who said, "Principles are nice, but if it's a choice between my principles and \$200, I'd say, forget the principles." I couldn't sneer, because with enough zeroes after the 200, I would agree, too. The figure doesn't matter. Being poor isn't beautiful.

For another thing, I found out that the classified ads are good for something more than putting under Arabella's feeding tray. (Arabella is our dog who eats Alpo, which is one of the many reasons why I had to look for another job pronto.) At first you saunter through the ads, type type and conclude that you should have been an accountant, an engineer or a salesman. Then you learn to look in the right areas for something more up your alley and after calling up one or two employment agencies, conclude that 75 per cent of them are "come ons" for these agencies.

I did find something right up my alley, paying quite well and located in Little Tokyo, too, from the Yamato Employment Agency. It was also out of the question because it would put my husband in a conflict-of-interest situation. I quit appreciating having a husband.

I did appreciate having friends, though, who kept up my morale by treating me to the Horikawa sushi bar.

Finding unexpected time on my hands enabled me to do

three things I've been putting off for the past five years—cleaning out the closets, calling in servicemen to repair various leaks, shorts and cracks and sewing.

In cleaning out closets, one is faced anew with the inexorable passage of time. There were all those stacks that my husband had grown too paunchy to fit into, there were all those dresses left behind by my daughter when she left for college with a pair of jeans and some T-shirts, there were all those hats I used to wear once a year (nobody wears hats anymore, not even to weddings, funerals and the Nisei Week Fashion Show.)

Sewing was part of my cleaning-out-the-closet routine. In cleaning out some drawers, I came across all those yardage goods I had bought through the years with more optimism than time. When one is 4 feet 8 inches tall and weighs 130 pounds (well, okay, Doc, 130 pounds), one isn't likely to find something right off the rack. I have to sew.

Calling in the servicemen led me to conclude I needn't have been an accountant, an engineer or a salesman. I should have been a plumber.

With this issue, the PC welcomes aboard former Kashu Mainichi English editor Kats Kunitzugu as a new weekly contributor. She will cover the Los Angeles beat primarily but her sorties into the horizons beyond undoubtedly will appear as the weeks pass.—Ed.

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From the Frying Pan

THE ART OF GEORGE NAKASHIMA

Tokyo

For nearly two weeks late in September and early in October the Odakyu Department Store in Tokyo's bustling Shinjuku area featured an exhibition of furniture created by George Nakashima of New Hope, Pa. The store announced the show with a quarter page advertisement in the Asahi Evening News, which also published a story about Nakashima, a Seattle-born Nisei. The Asahi Evening News story said in part:

"Mr. Nakashima's works, unlike other contemporary furniture pieces, represent a unique combination of traditional beauty of Japanese hand-made craftsmanship and rationality of Western counter-tries in design. Utterly different in taste from furniture pieces mass-produced by a series of machines and tools, his furniture is featured in most cases by a number of 'defects,' such as knots, cracks and complex grains, some shimmering and some others of particular colors."

Unfortunately we couldn't work a visit to the exhibit into our crowded schedule, but from all reports it was an outstanding artistic success. "Through the craftsmanship of George Nakashima, fallen trees continue to live," Odakyu's ad said. "His philosophy is based on a deep affection for the fallen trees, and respect for nature." Such a philosophy stirs a responsive chord among the Japanese who, despite what their industrialists have done to the environment, revere natural beauty.

George Nakashima, now 68, is of the older group of Nisei who, early in his life, left the West Coast to make his career away from the pressures and hostilities that Japanese Americans faced. He earned a graduate degree in architecture from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1929, continued his studies in Europe and visited Japan for the first time in 1934. Among his works there was the Union Church in Karuizawa. After returning home for a while, Nakashima spent two years working on a monastery project in Pondicherry, a tiny French colony in India. He went home to Seattle shortly before the outbreak of war and opened a hand-crafted furniture shop.

When World War II came along, he moved to New Hope where his workshop continues

to draw clients who treasure his respect for fine wood, exceptional design and old-style painstaking workmanship. Nakashima is one of the original Nisei "quiet Americans," soft-spoken, shy and completely dedicated to his profession, who has won widespread recognition on sheer ability.

Not long ago he designed a monastery building for an order of Catholic priests in the New Mexico desert, taking time from his busy schedule to make this contribution to a cause he supports.

(Another church designed in the early 1960s by Nakashima stands in Kyoto near Katsura Imperial Villa when the late Father Tibesar of Maryknoll was there—Ed). It is noteworthy that in the Asahi Evening News's story, Nakashima was never identified as a "Nisei." He was referred to as "an American of Japanese parentage," which of course is proper and, perhaps, puts the matter into a better perspective than to refer to him as Nisei. As a matter of fact, the word Nisei is seldom heard anywhere in Japan in connection with Japanese Americans. "Americans of Japanese parentage" are looked upon as *gaijin*, or foreigners, and never mind the fact of their Japanese blood. It seems to be widely assumed that when Japanese immigrants (the Issei) left their home land to move to America, they cut their ties with Japan. My favorite story to illustrate this point has to do with a group of Issei who went to Japan on a sightseeing tour a few years ago and visited a temple. One of the priests of the temple had been asked to lecture on its history. But since he had been told the visitors were from America, he spoke to the aged Issei entirely in English to their complete bewilderment and frustration.

In George Nakashima's case, however, his artistry speaks an international language quietly but in completely understandable terms.



Hawaii Today

Honolulu
Hawaii hotels charge the lowest average room rates of all resort areas in the nation, but they also show above the average profits per dollar of income. A study by a public accounting firm, quoted in First Hawaiian Bank's "Economic Indicators" publication, showed the average room rate for Hawaii resorts surveyed in 1972 was \$21.83 a day — 15.1 per cent below the U.S. average.

With all the talk about saving energy in government buildings, Hamilton Library on the Univ. of Hawaii campus may be a right place to start. Library officials report that the air conditioning is so cold that some employees bring portable electric heaters to warm themselves during the day. And to think that the rest of the nation is simply

freezing!
Standard Oil Co. of California reported on Oct. 31 it is limiting its dealers 95 per cent of the gasoline they purchased a year ago, effective immediately. This allocation is more stringent than the one imposed by Standard in May. It allowed 10 per cent of year-earlier purchases. That program lasted about a month. Standard's Hawaiian refinery gets 25 per cent of its crude oil from Saudi Arabia, which is curtailing oil sales to the United States.

Political Scene
The City Ethics Commission has started its investigation of Mayor Frank Fasi's 1972 campaign fund-raising practices. The state is trying to prove that Fasi's organization violated the state campaign law 12 times last year by not reporting contributions of more than \$500. The state attorney general's office has made public bank records and statements which it believes prove Mayor Fasi illegally concealed contributions to his 1972 mayoral campaign. The records were contained in a brief filed before U.S. Judge Samuel King Oct. 3 as part of a complicated legal battle between the attorney general and Fasi's campaign organi-

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LANDSCAPE CONTRACT—With help of the Asian American National Business Alliance at Los Angeles, Aka-Tani Landscape Co. of Culver City received a \$110,000 landscape contract from Shell Oil to beautify its Signal Hill production facilities. Pictured are (from left) Hector Sotelo, Shell Oil buyer;

West L.A. JACLe David Akashi, Aka-Tani Landscape president; and Toot Uchida, director, AANBA. Shell Oil intends to purchase \$4.6 million in products and services from minority businesses in 1973, and called on AANBA for assistance.

FBI probes minority business aid

WASHINGTON — On the heels of a congressional study that slightly more than half the minority-owned businesses that have received federal aid have failed or are likely to fail, the Dept. of Justice this past week (Nov. 10) said FBI agents have been looking into charges of political and criminal activity of the program.

The charges, mainly involving the Office of Minority Business Enterprise which administers the bulk of the program, have been turned over to the office of the special Watergate prosecutor.

The Senate Watergate hearing has also heard testimony, including William Marumoto's, concerning the minority capitalism program and that it was being used to reward supporters and punish non-supporters of the administration.

The criminal investigation centers on allegations that applicants for federal funds and recipients of aid under the program were targets of persons seeking illegal payoffs. The New York Times said it found evidence suggesting attempted extortion and fraud in the program and applicants and recipients of aid who said they had been approached with direct solicitations for money.

Congressional Study
The congressional study by the General Accounting Of-

fice indicated the combined average rate of failure or probable failure of minority-owned businesses was 52.7 per cent in three areas — Washington, Chicago and Los Angeles. The "probable success" rate was 30.7 per cent, and "undeterminable" rate, 16.6 per cent.

The survey is the first by a government agency on how minority businesses have fared since federal aid was provided in a big way in 1969.

Thomas S. Kleppe, administrator for the Small Business Administration, which has been another prime federal stimulant of entrepreneurship by blacks and other minorities, assured attempts will be made to reduce the failure rate, as suggested in the GAO report, "but we will also continue our efforts to provide minorities with the opportunity to enter the mainstream of American business."

A number of Asian Amer-

Eden Township JACL re-elects Kitayama

SAN LORENZO, Calif.—Eden Township JACL re-elected Ted Kitayama president as the chapter held its installation dinner Nov. 10.

National JACL executive director Dave Ushio was the main speaker and installing officer. About 125 members and friends attended. Harry Tanabe was emcee and Ich Nishida, dinner chairman.

Lisa Momono, JACL's president, and her cabinet was also installed. George "Sonny" Minami, his dancers and the musical sketches by Fox & Co. were entertainment features.

CHAPTER PULSE

Installation

UW law school dean to address Seattle fete

Charles Z. Smith, dean of the School of Law at the Univ. of Washington and past King County Superior Court Judge, will be the speaker at the annual Seattle JACL installation to be held Feb. 1 in the Bush Garden Restaurant. Dean Smith is a member of the JACL board. Pat Sado is chairperson.

December Events

West Valley potluck dinner with Yule theme

West Valley JACL will get into the Christmas spirit early this year with its family potluck dinner on Saturday, Dec. 8, 6 p.m., at Grace Methodist Church.

Rhoda Umamo, 1973 Cherry Blossom Queen from the chapter, will share her experiences and travel to Japan. And gifts will be distributed to the youngsters.

John Murphy, chairman, is being assisted by: Mary Shishido, food; Eureka Shirohara, decorations.

January Events

East Los Angeles plans scholarship benefit

East Los Angeles JACL will sponsor its first annual Scholarship Benefit Ball on Saturday, Jan. 26, 9 p.m., at Inglewood's Mayflower Ballroom, 234 Hindry Ave., with Tony Trovato and His Music. Tickets are \$3.50 per person. Sam Furuta, chairman, is being assisted by:

Mrs. Juniko Tanikawa (665-4055), Mrs. Marie Ito (263-8020), tickets; Mrs. Mabel Yoshizaki, ticket printing (courtesy of Mitsumine Travel Service); Mrs. Michi Ohi, door; Min Yoshizaki, Tak Endo, door prizes; Roy Yamadera, Mrs. Barbara Matsui, pub.; Ken Kato, gen. arr.

Proceeds from the dance, including 10% of the total sales at the bar will go toward the chapter scholarship fund.

October Events

Portland JACLers guests of 'People' TV program

Four Portland JACLers, Haru Ninomiya, Don Hayashi, Barbara Yasui and Dr. Fred Nomura, were guests on the KGW-TV program, "People," aired Oct. 14 and repeated Oct. 18. Theme of the show was the history of the Japanese American in Oregon from 1834 to the present with emphasis on the contributions of the Issei.

BOOK REVIEW: Allan Beekman

Volume Illuminates Historic Art

JAPANESE GARDENS REVISITED, photographs by Ki-ichi Asano, commentary by Gisei Takakura, English adaptation by Frank Davies and Hirokuni Kobatake, Tuttle, 165 pp., \$17.50.

This deluxe 7 x 10 inch book carries 112 color photographs, full page, of famous Japanese gardens. The latter half of the book carries a commentary on the photographs with additional small photographs in black-and-white to illustrate some of the points.

Color photograph two shows Osawa Pond near Daikoku-ji, Kyoto. The suffix ji following Daikoku, and similar names, denotes a temple. "Osawa Pond was first constructed by Emperor Saga in the ninth century as part of the garden of an imperial villa."

According to the author, the Nihongi (PC, Dec. 1, 1972) records that the first Japanese pond-gardens were constructed at the end of the sixth century. The art of garden making was probably imported to Japan from China or Korea, the chief characteristic being a pond with an islet connected to the shore by a bridge.

Grand Style

Time, nature and the evolving art of garden making may have changed the appearance of the extant pond-gardens and their surroundings. But as one studies the photograph of Osawa Pond, his gaze traveling over the blue waters on which float myriads of lily pads, as he looks beyond the far shore, bordered by trees, to distant green hills, and far beyond the hills to misty-blue mountains, he gains an impression of a garden constructed on a grand scale.

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INSIDE AND STRAIGHT—
The number of crimes committed by women in Japan increased by 1.1 times in the last 10 years while the number of crimes committed by men decreased by 20 to 30 per cent in the same period. It is also noteworthy that these criminals, more often than not, are ordinary housewives. Especially, cases of murder and arson by women

are rising. . . Among the approximately 20,000 loan companies in Tokyo about 20 per cent are connected with gangsterism in one way or another. A case in point is the Chunchi Stadium scandal which involved bribery, murder and corruption to frightening proportions. . . On the average, a patrol car is on the spot within three minutes in Tokyo, and arrest of culprits is made 80 per cent.

EASY JAPANESE IN A MINUTE

Kono ue ni arimasuka? (Is it above here?)
Kono shita ni arimasuka? (Is it below here?)

WHAT I NEVER KNEW ABOUT JAPAN— There are more than 40 live volcanoes in Japan today, among which more than 10, including Mt. Asama, Mt. Aso and Mt. Sakurajima, require considerable caution. Many have erupted in the past 20 years. . . Japan has more than 70,000 native-style inns. . . You can get anything you want to eat in Tokyo. They've got the lot there. Even snake if you fancy it. They cut the head off first and drink the blood. It's a hard picture to sell. But they've got it. . . More than half the world's population depends on rice as a major food. . . Trash containers in Japan are painted blue because the rate research

laboratory at Kyoto University has found that rate don't like that color.

JAPAN TODAY— Japan's amazing economic rehabilitation has been viewed in recent years more with fear than admiration, but on the other hand, the Japanese people themselves, aware that national prosperity has not brought them much to be happy about, are suffering from a sense of insecurity and disillusionment. Having lost all sense of self-identity, they are now entering into a period of self-reflection. . . Moreover, some Japanese residing abroad who criticize the Japanese of the home land as taking material wealth too much for granted.

PURELY PERSONAL OPINIONS

What most people call "love" is simply an accounting system of the emotions, in which we total up what we get, and feel satisfied if the balance is in our favor and disgruntled if it is not.

A Minority of One

By EDISON UNO

COMMEMORATIVE DATES

San Francisco
As an active proponent for multicultural curriculum in our public school system, I am often asked in workshops and panel discussions about the Japanese American experience. One question which is often asked is, "what special dates do Japanese Americans celebrate?" Naturally, if one is a Buddhist or Christian, religious holidays are observed and celebrated.

However, as an ethnic group, I don't know of any special holiday or date that is unique to our heritage, perhaps with the exception of the traditional Japanese New Year, which like most other Americans, is usually a festive and happy day. As a child, I look forward to the Japanese custom of greeting old friends, sharing some of the traditional foods prepared for this special holiday, and perhaps like most other Americans I celebrate the New Year by watching the colorful Rose Parade and the annual Rose Bowl game. . . a blending of two different cultures, some would say.

In recent years, Blacks have received official recognition of Martin Luther King day as a holiday by some institutions. I understand that some of the Jewish holy days are sanctioned by some schools and employers as holidays. . . When I responded to a school teacher who asked about special dates observed by Japanese Americans, her question was well intended since she was in the process of making a multi-ethnic calendar for her children and

wanted to be sure every ethnic holiday was included in her project. I don't recall the various dates and their significance but she must have rattled off at least two dozen such dates.

If I were asked to recommend one commemorative date, I would suggest the date Feb. 19—the date in 1942 when President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued his Executive Order 9066 which ultimately resulted in the historic episode known as the Evacuation. In my opinion, the Evacuation of 110,000 persons of Japanese descent from the West Coast in the Spring of 1942 is the most important aspect of my Japanese American heritage.

Authors of "Prejudice, War, and the Constitution" describe it thusly, ". . . the Japanese American episode of World War II looms as a great and evil blot upon our national history. The whole vast, harsh, and discriminatory program of uprooting and imprisonment—initiated by the generals, advised, ordered, and supervised by the civilian heads of the War Department, authorized by the Court, and supported by the people—is without parallel in our past and full of ominous foreboding for our future.

"The entire Japanese American program violated and degraded the basic individualism which sustains a democracy. It impaired the trial tradition of the common law. It disparaged the principle that guilt is individual. It sapped the vitality of the concept of equality. It made racism a constitutional principle. It tolerated preventive incarceration for assumed disloyal beliefs and attitudes—unaccompanied by acts—attributing cause, or reasonable suspicion to an entire group on a basis of race. Reckless and unnecessarily, it loosened judicial control of the military and produced dangerous imbalance in our government."

Whether one agrees or disagrees with the indictment made by the three authors, Jacobus tenBroek, Edward N. Barnhart, and Floyd W. Matson of the University of California, the fact of the matter is the collective experience of those dark days following Pearl Harbor are indeed history which no American can deny.

A second date which we should solemnize is Dec. 18—the date in 1944 when the entire Evacuation was upheld, validated, legalized, and ruled constitutional by the Supreme Court in "Korematsu vs. U.S." This second date would be a very sad date for all Americans, because it justifies a great injustice, it makes racism an official public policy, and it legalizes all of the democratic social values, thereby weakening the system and the Constitution we believe in. . . As an organization representative of a large segment of the Japanese community, I believe the JACL should advocate the national recognition of these two days—Feb. 19 and Dec. 18.

Renew JACL Membership

Ladies club formed for recently arrived

SAN DIEGO, Calif.—A ladies club formed Sept. 16 of those recently arrived from Japan, the San Diego Yuwa Kai, held its inaugural dinner Nov. 11 at the Nisei VFW Hall. . . .

Local Scene

Los Angeles

Twenty-six senior citizens, over age 70, were honored Oct. 28 by the Gardens Valley Gardeners Assn. luncheon at the association hall. Paul Koga responded on behalf of the honorees while association president Toshio Kojima extended the greeting.

The Japanese American Sightless Institute has been funded again for October 1973 through June of 1974. The federally funded organization, sponsored by the Japanese Community Pioneer Center, is located at 312 E. First St. on the fifth floor, where staff and participants gather to work on the various projects to promote the general welfare of the Japanese American blind. JASI is well into its second year, with a goal of broadening the outreach program to serve more Japanese blind, and developing more projects where sighted and blind can participate together.

The Asian American Community Mental Health Training Center, Suite 410, 1300 W. Olympic Blvd. (385-1474), has funded 12 Asian American students with stipends for the current academic year while attending local area colleges and universities. Last year, four stipend students graduated. Funding for a second year is provided by the NIMH experimental and special training branch with Special Service for Groups, Inc., as the grantee agency and the Asian American Social Workers as sponsoring organization.

Over 200 prize Japanese koi were presented Oct. 24 by the All-Japan Airlink So. Calif. branch president Hajime Matsumoto to the city of Los Angeles for its Wattle Park Oriental Garden, just north of Grauman's Chinese Theater in Hollywood. Councilman Lorenzen and Masamori Kojima of the mayor's office were on hand to accept the gift valued in excess of \$2,000 by fish fanciers. The Airlink is devoted to breeding of koi.

San Diego

A capacity crowd in the Buddhist Church of San Diego auditorium applauded the colorful "Ogi Matsuri" (Festival of the Fans) talent show presented by the Chidori Kai, Oct. 28. Capably produced and directed by Masako Reeves, Hanayagi sensei and former featured performer at Sea World's Japanese Village, the variety program was an entertaining potpourri of Japanese classic dancing plus an original Kabuki style drama.

Fresno

Fowler's citizen of the year, Tom Nagata, was grand marshal of the Fowler Fall Festival parade Oct. 27. He and his wife, both JACLers, rode in the chapter-decorated car.

Denver

Among principal speakers at the 26th annual Conference of the National Assn. of Human Rights Workers held Oct. 14-18 at Colorado Springs was UC Berkeley professor of criminology, Dr. Paul Takagi. Workshops explored "the impact of national priorities upon the urban crisis."

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

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NEWS CAPSULES

Elections

In the San Francisco supervisorial elections for five seats Nov. 6, there was field of 20 candidates with four of the five incumbents succeeding. Recently appointed incumbent and the first Chinese American on the board, George Chinn, was aced out by less than 600 votes for fifth spot. Chinn had polled 84,680 votes. Ex-police chief Al Neider who finished third with 102,357 will replace Chinn. Other incumbents re-elected to four year terms are Dianne Feinstein, John Barbagelata, Peter Tamaras and Dorothy von Beroldingen. . . .

San Jose Savings & Loan Assn. plans to merge with Glendale Federal Savings & Loan Assn., according to chairman Henry Yamate. San Jose Savings currently has assets of \$42,580,000 and has five offices with permission to open its sixth branch in the vicinity of Capitol Square Center. Merger must be approved by state and federal agencies as well as stockholders.

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Sanwa Bank of California appointed Hideaki Kimura and Kiehiro Yamamoto as bank directors. It was announced by bank president Masahiko Shima. Kimura is senior v.p. and gen. mgr. of the Los Angeles office while Yamamoto is senior v.p. at the San Francisco office. Both were previously assigned in Tokyo.

Government

Despite what the Sacramento papers reported, Capital haidresser Don Yamamoto was not fired from his State Board of Cosmetology by Gov. Ronald Reagan. Just the same, he's getting kidded about his supposed firing and, reportedly, is getting tired of explaining the situation. An appointee of the governor to the board, Yamamoto served two four-year terms but was not reappointed to a third term. The reason is simple—there's a state law which says no person can be named to the board for more than two consecutive terms.

Washington State Gov. Dan Evans appointed longtime Seattle JACL Dr. Kelly K. Yamamoto to the state optometry examining board with his term expiring September, 1976. He had been an optician in Illinois and California before starting his optometric practice in Seattle in 1951. . . . Tacoma's genial traffic manager Yoshi Kosal was seen receiving the "Order of the Compass" from Mayor Gordon Johnston—for what?—for leading a caravan of city buses to a wrong exit out of Detroit. He was driving one of the new buses which the city had purchased. The 2,500-mile trek took eight days and at a speed never exceeding 48 mph.

Radio-TV

Japan Society, Inc., of New York began Nov. 3 to air "Images of Japan" on WNYC-TV (130 kc) each Saturday, 1-130 p.m. with noted radio-TV moderator Lee Graham. The same week (Nov. 3), WNYC-TV (31) telecast the Japan House exhibition, "The Ledoux Heritage."

Organizations

The Norristown (Pa.) Rotary Club elected Dr. H. Tom Tamaki, Philadelphia JACLer, as its president. He served on the board for the past four years and is past president of the Montgomery County Medical Society, comprised of over 600 physician members.

Join the JACL

Priorities

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has been called to formulate a conceptual framework for JACL's many faced public relations program. Recommendations of the Commission will provide the basis for a planned modus operandi for JACL.

I look forward to attending the forthcoming district council meetings at San Diego (Nov. 17), Fresno (Nov. 18), and Boise (Nov. 23-24). While many common concerns will undoubtedly be discussed, it is hoped that delegates will use this means to air issues and plan programs which are relevant to their particular district council needs. Among those concerns are the articulation of the future role and functions of regional offices serving the districts.

Business

Corporate earnings report:
Bank of Tokyo of California
3rd qtr to Sept. 30 1973
Net income \$ 3,569,884 2,724,581
Per share 1.30 1.50
Deposits 712,532,398
Loans 543,912,617 379,858,914
Assets 854,909,600 603,160,957

Sumitomo Bank of California
3rd qtr to Sept. 30 1973
Net income \$ 8,204,723 8,247,171
Per share 1.60 1.69
Deposits 582,202,100 537,168,432
Loans 440,916,617 379,858,914
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Awards

The Board of Trustees of the University Students' Club, Inc., Seattle (the Japanese students clubhouse) voted to grant \$400 scholarships to four individuals at the Univ. of Washington for the school year 1973-74, president Ken Sato announced. Recipients are Ted D. Ito, freshman, O'Dea High School; Mike E. Aoyama, freshman, Lake Washington High School; Gayle A. Sakazaki, senior; Dorothy Ogata, junior. Also to be awarded are two \$300 scholarships for the 1974 National Training Laboratory which provides partial assistance for the six weeks self-development and awareness program in furthering community's welfare.

Three prominent Chicagoans decorated by the Japanese government on Nov. 3 were Kohachiro Sugimoto, 81, publisher, Chicago Shimpoo, Order of the Sacred Treasure, 4th class; Koichi Matsumoto, 77, apartment operator, and Miki

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Hayano, 74, architect, Order of the Sacred Treasure, 5th class. In New York, onetime adviser to the Japanese Mission at the United Nations, Tomio Mori, 70, who retired from the diplomatic service and lives in Scarsdale, was awarded the Order of the Sacred Treasure, 3rd class; and Kenkichi Masai, 76, nurseryman, Order of the Sacred Treasure, 6th class.

Sports

Dean Asami of Berkeley on Oct. 31 in the East Bay NBA Classic league rolled a 257-270-266—802 scratch series.

Deaths

Gilchi Aoki, 98, of Long Beach died Oct. 28. He graduated from UC Berkeley in 1908, was the first Issei to obtain a Singer Sewing Machine dealership and retired in 1958. A well-known Sacramento businessman, he was the eldest Issei Cal alumnus and a classmate of the late Dr. Yamato Ichihashi, who taught Japanese history at Stanford.

Sutemi Murayama, 54, husband of the former Sachi Yasukochi of San Francisco, was stricken by a sudden heart attack and died, Nov. 3, at his home in East Brunswick, N.J. Born in New York City, he spent most of his youth in Washington, D.C. where his late father was an illustrator for the National Geographic Magazine. He received a degree in engineering at George Washington University and was serving as sales manager for Metalwash Machinery Corp., Elizabeth, N.J. Surviving are his wife, d. Mari, mother, and b. Ken (Japan).

Dr. Paul S. Shigaya, 80, of Seattle died Oct. 19. A graduate of the Univ. of Oregon medical school who practiced in Washington from 1927-1962, he was active with the Seattle JACL, St. Peter's Episcopal Church and various medical associations. Survivors include w. Mabel, and two sisters in Japan.

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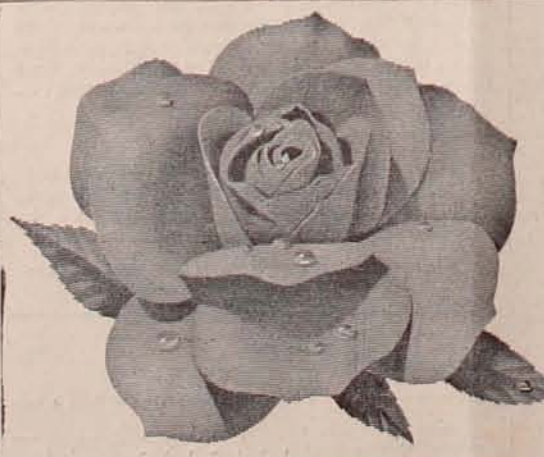
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