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A Minority of One
 By Edison T. Uno
A SILVER ANNIVERSARY

Anytime there is a celebration to observe a silver anniversary it is indeed a special occasion. Just before the holiday, I had the opportunity to participate in a very special celebration the 25th birthday of "my" old JACL chapter in East Los Angeles.

Thanks to the thoughtfulness of some of my old friends in the Boyle Heights area, I was invited as one of the former presidents of the chapter to celebrate their silver anniversary. This was the first time I would return to a chapter function in some 20 years, so I was looking forward with great anticipation to renew old friendships and renew those early days of my JACL activities.

Being born and raised in Los Angeles it is always somewhat nostalgic to return there, even if it is only for a short visit.

The silver anniversary program was planned around a very warm and congenial group of "old timers" and current stalwarts of the chapter. The setting was dinner at a Little Tokyo Chinese restaurant. About ten of the former chapter presidents were present.

The East Los Angeles JACL Chapter was founded in 1948. It came into being when the original Los Angeles chapter was divided into geographic sections due to the size and diversity of interests within the chapter.

If my memory serves me correctly, Akira Hasegawa was the first president followed by William Takei, Lynn Takagaki, myself, and John Yamamoto for the early years. I was disappointed that none of the presidents prior to my term were present due to conflicting commitments. It was good to see charter members Ritsuko Kawakami, Mattie and Sam Furuta, Dr. George Wada, and other old timers who loyally support chapter functions.

Many newcomers to JACL compliment me by asking me if I'm a Sansei. That's really kind of people to think I'm not a Nisei because of my public posture and activism, but having passed the magic mark of forty, I'm afraid my middle-age pouch gives me away. Sitting next to Roy Yamadera and my sisters Hana and Amy Ishii, I realized the distance in the generation gap. Roy talked about his memory of cutting school with my eldest brother, Buddy, when Lindbergh crossed the Atlantic ocean ago.

Since I was the earliest past president in attendance, I was asked to give a short resume of my term of office and to comment on the contemporary JACL scene. I think I must have shocked some of the audience when I suggested that JACL, as it is today should seriously consider the concept of "self-destruct." There is no question that JACL has made a great contribution to the welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry, but I believe the time has come when we should re-evaluate our goals and objectives. I believe we in JACL should look at the idea that we should perpetuate ourselves for our own self-interests. A golden anniversary, in my opinion, isn't a legitimate goal.

Historically, the Japanese community has seen the evolution of many organizations such as the ethnic churches, Kenjin Kai (prefecture associations), Japanese Association, business, social, fraternal, and civic groups. I believe the JACL is no exception. The time will come when we will have to admit that a change in emphasis and objectives must take place. As a Nisei and JACLer I know it will be difficult to many of us to face the fact that like life, there is an inevitable ephemerality.

I am very grateful to those who made the celebration of the chapter's founding a memorable evening for me. Thanks to Mabel and Min Yoshizaki who planned and chaired the event, I was honored with all the past presidents. Fred Takata and I both received beautiful plaques to memorialize our service to the chapter.

As I flew back to San Francisco in the wee hours of the morning, many memories of my early days in JACL came into sharp focus. I owe the East L.A. Chapter so much because they taught me the basics of my present views. I had to rush back to San Francisco because Earl Warren, former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, was speaking and I was planning to meet him; but that's another column.

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LANGUAGE OF A BUILDING
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The tremendous influence that environment has upon all living creatures is something that can no longer be ignored. Behavioral scientists have found that by altering the environment or those conditions under which behavior occurs, behavior can be changed.

So what does this have to do with the proposed JACL building—a topic which has been scrutinized from various angles? (The initial acknowledgment by the Building Fund Committee published this week indicates the kind of scrutiny that's positive.)

Today, we are in an age where environment plays a major factor.

As described by architect Nobu Nakamura in the recent Holiday Issue, the three-story edifice will be a modest structure—not a concrete monument to glorify the organization or the people in it. To make best use of the 35x100-ft. lot, gross floor space will be about 7,000 square feet—about five times greater than what Chiz and Mas Satow had during their tenure and the National Headquarters staff has expanded as much in the past year since the Satows retired.

To accommodate the current staff, now split between two offices in San Francisco, the \$7,000 annual budget which covers all JACL offices will have to be raised.

Till recently, we did not know there was a language of buildings. The designer no longer defends his position by intuition but must begin to support it with a thorough knowledge of human motivation, perception, growth and development. He refrains from designing a structure which merely appeals to his own esthetics or those of the building committee.

In other words, the architect becomes involved with the practical and psychological considerations which enables buildings "to speak" more effectively.

Such an edifice as the JACL building must express hospitality rather than monumentality. The first floor, for instance, will be designed for public use with ample space for displays, exhibits and meetings, architect Nobu points out. A focal point will be a display area (like a light well) extending upwards two stories to give the main lobby a spacious and airy feeling.

It is certainly important for the building "work" for the sake of economy and function as well contribute to the development and well-being of the organization and community it will serve. This is evident in the plans for the upper floors—the individual staff offices and work rooms measuring about 11x19' in the front and 11x12' in the rear while the center areas for reception measure 12x39'.

Rooms any smaller would be a roadblock toward providing effective services, we believe.

The new building, being situated in Nihonmachi amidst Victorian style houses, will possess the same characteristics and not upset the local environment. Pictures, graphics and other visuals, no doubt, will be used within to extend the forms and color of San Francisco's Japanese town. Such identification adds to the excitement of the building.

Comments of National President-elect Shig Sugiyama, building project coordinator, sums it up the best:

"The acquisition of adequate work facilities (an honest name for Headquarters) will then better enable our staff and others working out of the new facilities to do the planning, developmental and coordination work necessary to make JACL an organization even more effective and responsive in meeting the needs and challenges of the future. It is one way to keep JACL moving with and ahead of the times."

Five years ago when we helped Kaz Horita of Philadelphia, then JACL planning commissioner, on Executive Reorganization, the post of president-elect was incorporated to the board. We had divided the responsibilities of the National JACL President so that the president-elect would assume the internal concerns of the organization, bolster the membership and prepare for his tenure as national president. The transition between JACL presidential administrations would be smoother and more quickly accomplished. All that was theory.

The building project has indeed surfaced Shig Sugiyama's talents in the finest manner. What can be more "internal" than to have the membership help raise funds for the building. His successor will have to carry on the task until Headquarters is completed and occupied.

On the Margin
 By Kats Kunitzugu

AN ATHLETE'S FOOT-NOTE ON 'TOKYO ROSE'

Los Angeles
 It took me two hours, but I read all of the lengthy reprint in the Pacific Citizen Holiday issue from the 1949 files of the account of the trial of Iva d'Aquino as "Tokyo Rose" with intense interest.

Part of the reason was because I had recently finished reading a small volume in Japanese by one Tsutomu Goto entitled, "Tokyo Rose no Gensho," which probably can be translated loosely as "The Shocking Case of Tokyo Rose."

The Japanese publisher calls attention to it by dubbing it "Another Watergate." As can be judged by its subtitle, "The Mystery Heroine of the Air Waves during World War II," the book, which purports to be a semi-documentary, turned out to be a work of sheer conjecture on the part of the author. His only interest in facts appeared to be what he could garner without too much trouble to form a framework of sorts on which he could hang results of his trashy imagination.

"The shocking truth which blazes the Tokyo Rose myth" (advertising blurb) indeed! If Kochoana, the publisher, was interested in the truth, he could have done a better job of contacting Marion Guyo Tajiri, whose sterling reportage of the trial I am just now getting to appreciate. Back in 1949, I was still fresh out of journalism school and more interested in my own romance and impending marriage than in matters of more public import.

To briefly summarize the Japanese book (it's not even worth wasting two minutes on), the author builds Iva

DISTRICT DIALOGUE
The Year of the Tiger
 Craig Shimabukuro
 Los Angeles

The year of the Tiger, 1974, is upon us. The new year is a time of reflecting on past events and of resolving the future. For the JACL, for all great problems and greater challenges. Aside from those great national and international crises which have an impact on all peoples, there are issues which challenge the JACL.

It shall be a year of analysis and action for this organization. We must analyze those issues which occurred in 1973, and see what can be learned from them. We must look objectively at those problems which will confront us this year and then find means which will offer the best solutions for the greatest number. But, above all, we must involve ourselves in these areas, and must struggle to make ourselves and those around us aware of the fact that people, and their action, are the only things that can bring about change.

One of the more notable events which affected all Japanese Americans was the statement made by Attorney Wilson about Senator Inouye. This occurrence, perhaps more spectacular than any other, showed that racism and insensitivity towards our community is still part of American society. That one statement taught us (or should have) that there was still much to be done in our struggle to educate people to the realities and feelings of our community.

Other cases and events which went through the Southern California Regional Office reinforced this point.

• A young Sansei woman filed a complaint through the office against a county hospital charging that she had been discriminated against. She and seven others had been students in a training program at the hospital; all had been screened and accepted. Five were paid; three were not. The unpaid students still received the same training and were told that if any of the paid positions were vacated, they would be considered first. A paid slot did become available, but the hospital personnel recruited another student, one who had not been part of the original group.

All county agencies are under Affirmative Action agreements, which state that minority recruitment and staffing must be representative of the different ethnic groups. They cannot be discriminatory.

When she inquired about this, she was told that being Japanese, she did not qualify under Affirmative Action, because it was county policy that Asians were classified as white. After being told this, she came to JACL.

After contacting Roy Kanamori of County Human Relations and reviewing situation with him, the hospital was contacted and the case investigated. After a few phone calls and two meetings, the problem was resolved and the woman was given her paid position.

• The Regional Office became involved in another complaint against a newspaper which used "Jap" in one of its headlines. The story concerned a Japan Airlines (JAL) hijacking. However, rather than printing "JAL Hijacking," "Jap Hijacking" was used. After writing to the paper and protesting, a retraction was printed and an apology was made.

• The next case concerns a teacher. This case was very involved. Therefore, only the highlights will be presented. Shigeru (Fred) Kawano, a Nisei, had been teaching in the public schools since 1956. He has been a master teacher (one who supervises those who are working for their teaching credentials), department chairman, and chairman of the Faculty Association. He has also been quite involved in the community where he has taught.

Prior to 1969, he had consistently been rated as a strong or outstanding teacher. However, from 1969 to 1973, he had received a string of unsatisfactory teaching evaluations, was unsuccessfully transferred once, and finally transferred to another school in 1972. Also during this time period, a number of allegations were thrown at him which later proved to be false. Towards the end of

LETTERS
Holiday Issue
 Editor:
 Loved the Holiday Issue. Got a kick out of "The Smile of the Whale" but always enjoy the account of trips taken by people who have not gone to Japan in years (Raymond Uno's).

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Editor:
 The Holiday Issue ads for the Berkeley Chapter came out beautifully. We are greatly satisfied.

GRACE TSUJIMOTO
 Berkeley JACL

Legislative Calendar
 Editor:
 At the Dec. 11 meeting of the Puyallup Valley Chapter, a motion was passed to express our appreciation to the Pacific Citizen and to Barry Matsumoto and Gail Nishioka for the Legislative Calendar in the Dec. 7, 1973 issue.

It was also suggested that in the future similar material be presented in a format which would lend itself to reader priority such as:

- 1—Items considered urgent by JACL leadership which requires expressions of support from individuals and groups.
- 2—Items of importance to Nikkei, but which appear to be non-controversial and which may not require much communications to secure passage.
- 3—Items of prospective importance to Nikkei for study by Congressional committees not likely to receive early action.
- 4—Items of possible interest to JACL.

Of course, the foregoing is offered as possible classifications to which additions may be made and from which other items may be deleted.

EMI SOMEKAWA
 Puyallup Valley JACL

When it comes to establishing priorities, what the chapter boards and members feel is the important factor. Hence, our running the Legislative Calendar to allow such decision-making.—Editor.

and JACL representatives, set up strategies, and contacted a high ranking district official. At the meeting with the deputy superintendent, we asked that the harassment be stopped and that he (Kawano) be transferred to Horace Mann Junior High. A few days later, we received notice of a hearing. A three-man board of review would hear the case and make its recommendation.

The board of review consisted of one member selected by the Board of Education (Mr. Davis, a principal), one member selected by Kawano (Craig Shimabukuro), and a neutral third party (Mr. Bergeson, an experienced mediator).

Kawano was represented by Roger Sigure of UTLA. The case was reviewed and the board of review found, unanimously, that there was enough of a case of harassment to recommend that Kawano receive his transfer. As of this moment, Kawano has received notice of his transfer.

(To be concluded)

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BOOK REVIEW: Allan Beekman

Cases of Conscience

THE SEA AND POISON, by Shusaku Endo, tr. by Michael Gallagher, 167 pp., UNESCO Collection of Representative Works, pub. by George Allen and Unwin, London; distr. in USA by Crane-Russak and Co., New York.)

In Japan, Christian writers are rare, and most of those few wear their Christianity as a garment, their inner life still conditioned by the culture and traditions of a non-Christian heritage. The translator feels that Japanese literature is the poorer for this phenomenon. In his Introduction, the translator says that Christianity "... has at least provided a dramatic view of man as a free and therefore responsible creature put at the center of the universe, a being capable of either damnation or salvation. It has been a view congenial to artistic creation ..."

For lack of competition in applying Christian viewpoint to Japanese life, therefore, the work of Shusaku Endo shines the brighter. Born in Tokyo in 1923, he lived in Manchuria in childhood. He returned to Kobe at 11, where an aunt persuaded him to be baptized a Catholic.

He embraced Catholicism without deep conviction, but the religious experience was later to reveal to him a great chasm between the culture of his country and that of the West. Graduating from Keio University, where he majored in French literature, he served briefly in the Army at the close of WW2. At 25, as a Catholic scholar, he went to France and studied French literature.

Probably Endo is best known in America from the movie based on his novel, Silence (Chimimoku), released by Toho in 1972. Set against the Christian persecution of 17th century Japan, the novel tells the story of a Jesuit priest who is tortured and killed for his faith. The author partly reveals the resolution of the story at the beginning and travels back and forth between first person narration and third person. Despite such failings, the interaction of the sad, embittered characters held the attention of the reader.

The novel won the Akutagawa Prize in 1958. Silence won the Tanizaki Prize in 1966. The reader will probably agree with the translator that Endo, still in his prime, "if he is willing to write at his best and curtail some of his (other) activity ... is capable of achieving a position in world literature at least as high as some of his countrymen now far better known in the West."

Kunitsugu

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Toguri into a victim of OSS-CIA maneuverings, complete with a beautiful triple spy (Allies-cum, Nazi-cum Russian) named Hilde Schmidt and dark conjectures about using the Tokyo Rose case to shore up Truman's sagging popularity and "punishing" Iva for broadcasts she purportedly did on her own, criticizing the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

The author even supplies a Hakujin boyfriend named Cain for Iva. It was he who urged her to go to Japan and made sure she couldn't get back in order to use her for counterespionage work without her knowledge, the author maintains.

That he only did the most cursory homework for his book shows in some gross errors he puts in with aplomb — such as locating Little Tokyo in Watts, having Iva say, "I wanted to hurry home to Los Angeles and join my brother in the Nisei Battalion," when she explains her reaction to Pearl Harbor to her Nisei defense attorney and saying that she was the first Japanese American to pass the difficult entrance examination to UCLA. Hell's bells, even in those days, UCLA was crawling with Nisei.

In reading over the Pacific Citizen account, however, one gets a strong feeling that Iva Toguri was railroaded. I for one wonder just how "disinterested" were the testimonies of the Japanese witnesses on which Iva Toguri's conviction was based.

And what about the other Nisei stranded in Japan? By renouncing American citizenship, they escaped the fate that befell Iva Toguri. Was Iva then the fool for clinging to her U.S. citizenship and the other Nisei the "smart ones" for holding their U.S. citizenship so lightly? The complete story, I'm afraid, has yet to be told.

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The outgoing board approved the 1974 chapter budget covering 10 events, including:
Easter Egg hunt, April 14; Child's Day, May 4; Memorial service, May 28; August picnic; Issai testimonial in the fall; installation dinner, Dec. 7; golf tournament and meet/fest.

200 attend Cleveland inaugural dinner

Close to 200 attended the 27th annual Cleveland JACL installation dinner Dec. 8 at the Hospitality Mok Inn with National JACL President-Elect Shig Sugiyama of Washington, D.C., delivering the main address.

Dr. Toaru Ishiyama, who chaired the chapter in 1961, was elected by the board to be chairman for 1974 the following week. He has called the first board meeting Jan. 25 at his home.

Outgoing Cleveland JACL president Allan Ikeda passed his gavel to Wendy Furukawa and Rick Takiguchi, co-chairmen. National JACL president Henry Tanaka swore in the chapter board and Jr. JACL officers. William Sadatsuki emceed the banquet, while Rev. Kyogo Miura of the Buddhist Temple delivered the invocation. Mary Sadataki earned the past president's pin, and Sugiyama was given the keys to the city by Mayor Perk's representative, George Wroest. Mrs. May Ichida gave the benediction.

During the year, the chapter instituted scholarship grants, secured housing for Issai at Euclid Villa and participated for the first time in Ohio's largest annual indoor event, the Home and Flower Show.

Mrs. Toshio Kadowaki, banquet chairman, was also assisted by: Sadie Yamane, Mary Obata, program; Noby and John Akiba, hosts and hostesses; Mary Tachima, Helen and John Shima, tickets; John Ochi, photos.

February Events

Scholarship fund benefit planned at Bay Meadows

San Francisco JACL announced "Night at the Races" on Feb. 23 at Bay Meadows as a scholarship fund benefit. Tickets are obtainable from Hank Okabayashi (564-0178) or Yoah Nakashima (567-1532).

Sequoia JACL re-installed Dr. David Yoshida as its president for 1974 at the Dec. 1 dinner held at Golden Pavilion, Los Altos. Guest speaker was San Francisco Atty. Theodore Tamba, who related the highlights of the "Tokyo Rose" case in which he served on the defense team. (Two weeks later, Tamba succumbed to a heart attack.)

Chuck Kubokawa served as emcee. The chapter also cited five of its members for outstanding community service award.

West Valley reschedules inaugural dinner

West Valley JACL announced its 1974 installation dinner has been rescheduled for Saturday, Feb. 9 with Dr. Robert Ward, director of the Stanford University center of research for international studies, as speaker. He will speak on current dissensions on U.S.-Japan relations. Locale of the dinner was not reported.

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LET'S MEET IN SACRAMENTO

To the Below-175 Average Bowler

By SHIG SAKAMOTO

A typical conversation each year about this time goes something like this: One league bowler to another, "Hey man, you gonna sign up for the JACL Nationals?" His buddy quips: "Who, me? Heck I'm not going to buck heads with those hot shots ... what chance have I got against those 200 average guys?"

This one's answer is all wrong. Sure, there will be some plus-200 averagers on the scene for the 28th annual JACL Nationals in Sacramento and as they were at other JACL Nationals with many others in the 1960s, but take into consideration that over 50% of the participants are below 175 average who make up the bulk of the tournament as main supporters of the Nisei classic.

It seems everyone who never participated in the JACL Nationals has the same notion that an average bowler is expected to compete with a bowler who sports a 200 average when in reality each will be bowling in a squad composed of bowlers which will be sporting the same average with a measly spread of two to three pins in differentials. They will be bowling for the squad prizes and only in a case where one's score indicates a greater return in prize will their name be entered into the main score board.

The entering average indicates the squad each will bowl and competition will be on an individual's average basis with others in the same average category.

Don't worry about those 190s and 200-plus keglers as they'll be bucking heads among themselves and those in the 170s and 180s will punish themselves in their own squad.

But the fun part is for the plain old bowler, like myself, always assigned to the early morning curtain squad along with old standbys like Oakland's George Ushijima, Chicago's Jim Nakagawa, Chicago's Bob Matsumoto, Hawaii's Hiro Miyamoto and Cappy Cappellas, our town's Joe Matsumami, San Jose's Tubby Tsubahara — just to name a few whose average range from 155 to 170 and like they all say, "We came to have fun and, by golly, we're having a helluva good time."

One fella, about 55, is a stout guy, and his name is local level until they become strong enough to handle DYC responsibilities.

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CHAPTER PULSE

Scholarship

Alameda JACL announces scholarship winners for '73

Philip Hanamura has been adjudged winner of the 1973 Alameda JACL Scholarship Award, according to Hi Akagi, chapter president.

Philip, son of the Tatsuo Hanamuras of this city receives a cash grant of \$250 and a trophy donated by Growth Products of Oakland, Ruth Yamawaki, daughter of the Yukio Yamawakis, placed second and receives the \$150 runnerup award.

Sacramento sets inaugural for Feb. 10

Sacramento JACL announced its 1974 installation dinner will be held on Sunday, Feb. 10, at the Sacramento Inn. Other details are to be disclosed soon.

Assemblyman Bannai to address Venice-Culver

Attorney John Y. Asari on the L.A. District Attorney's staff was re-elected president of the Venice-Culver JACL and will be installed with his board members on Saturday, Jan. 26, 6:30 p.m., at Airport Marina Hotel.

State Assemblyman Paul Bannai will be guest speaker. Regional director Craig Shimabukuro will be installing officer. Tickets are \$10 per person. Folk singers Peter Kraus and Ann Pette will entertain.

Installation

Monterey Peninsula to hear Rep. Matsunaga

Rep. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) will be keynote speaker at the 1974 Monterey Peninsula JACL installation dinner-dance at Rancho Canada Golf Club in Carmel Valley, Jan. 26, 6 p.m.

Tickets are \$8.50 per person and may be obtained by calling George Uyeda (732-3854) or Jack Nishida (899-2667).

College student to speak at San Mateo

Jeru Takahashi, San Mateo college student, will be guest speaker at the San Mateo JACL installation dinner Jan. 19 at Shadow's Restaurant with dancing to George Yamazaki's Trio concluding the evening. Tickets are \$8.50 per person, \$5 for students.

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From the Frying Pan

Denver, Colo.

A TIME OF COMPASSION—If I have told this story in some long-forgotten column, please bear with me. It deserves re-telling. The story begins in the frigid winter of 1943, in January or maybe it was February. We were in the Heart Mountain WRA camp when we got the word that my mother-in-law was suffering from some mysterious, frightening illness. Medical facilities at camp were limited, and there seemed to be no way to get an authoritative diagnosis. From our distance there seemed to be no way of help her. In desperation we asked that she be permitted to travel to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., and we would try to get permission to meet her there.

The permission came through much faster than we had any reason to expect. Perhaps the authorities in their desire to shed their responsibility were only too glad to turn the patient over to the Mayo people. When the matter first came up we had written our our bank back in Seattle to ask that the few hundred dollars on deposit be mailed to us so we could pay for transportation and take care of the medical bills. Well, the day to start the trip to Minnesota arrived before the money did.

And so, with my nearly empty billfold sustained only by the optimism of youth and the desperate knowledge that something had to be done, Alice and I and our young son Mike got our pass to leave the camp, walked through the gates of snowy Heart Mountain Camp, and took the bus to Billings, Mont. There we sought out a restaurant not far from the railroad tracks run by Mrs. Honkawa whose sons had become casual acquaintances of ours when they came out to Seattle before the war to attend college. Mrs. Honkawa listened to our story and without a bit of hesitation she loaned me enough money to buy round-trip train tickets to St. Paul, bus tickets from St. Paul to Rochester, and enough extra to take care of hotel and meals.

From the depot in St. Paul we telephoned Earl Tanbara, and his wife Ruth, refugees from the San Francisco Bay Region, who had set up house-keeping and were a sort of unofficial hostel for other Japanese Americans. Ruth had gone off to work but Earl in-

cluded us up for breakfast and a chance to bathe and rest before going on to Rochester. Over coffee, we told Earl about our financial embarrassment. He didn't have much money either, but he was glad to lend us enough to repay Mrs. Honkawa. We made our way to the Mayo Clinic where the doctors confirmed our worst fears. Then, after scouting around unsuccessfully in the Twin Cities for a job that would enable us to relocate, we made the sad trip back to Heart Mountain.

In Billings, we stopped long enough to repay Mrs. Honkawa with the money Earl Tanbara had lent us. Back in camp, we found the long-delayed check from the bank and so we were able to send Earl his money with profound appreciation.

This small chapter of the past was pulled out of the file of memory a few days ago when we got the word that Earl had died in St. Paul at age 63. He had suffered a massive stroke and never came out of it. The tragedy of the Evacuation brought out the worst in some people, but for most of its victims it was a time when both the receiving and extending of compassion helped to ease pain and anxiety. I have no idea how many others Earl and Ruth Tanbara helped in the way that they assisted my family, but the number must have been substantial because they were that kind of people. And so was Mrs. Honkawa, who I met only on that one occasion. Later, I heard she had moved out to California or somewhere out West, but that was a long time ago.

What they did for me and my family in a time of need was not particularly significant to anyone except us. But it may be a measure of the importance of their kindness and faith that after 30 years Alice and I haven't forgotten. I hope Ruth will find a bit of comfort in the re-telling of this story.

Aloha from Hawaii

by Richard Gima

Names in the News

Evelyn S. Kikuta, chief of the dental hygiene branch of the State Dept. of Health, retired after 28 years of government service. ... Two veteran Big Island policemen have retired. They are business manager Richard Shikuma and Hamakua district motor patrolman John Ahuna. Shikuma was a captain for 14 years until he was promoted to business manager in Dec. 1972. ... Herbert Matayoshi, Hawaii County councilman, was appointed to the National Assn. of County Officials taxation and finance committee.

Deaths

Dr. Willard Wilson, longtime editor of the United for Hawaii, died Dec. 28 at Waialuku, Maui. He was 89. He retired four years ago after spending almost 40 years on the staff of Wilson, who was a native of Massachusetts. He joined the Honolulu police dept. in 1946 and worked as a criminal investigator until 1956.

Henry Awa Wong, 78, "unofficial mayor of Chinatown, died Dec. 2. The proprietor of Wo Fat Restaurant, came by the title in the 1920s by knowing "everybody and everything" that went on in Chinatown. He was born in Waikiki in 1894.

Nelchi Kamuri, 93, founder of Rite Department Store, died Dec. 18. He would have been 94 on Dec. 21. Kamuri is survived by Mrs. George Koga, Mrs. Thomas Shigemura and two grandchildren.

Edwin Sawtelle, 87, organist at the old Waikiki Theatre for 20 years, died at his California home Dec. 1. He first came here in 1922 for the opening of the now-demolished Princess Theatre, where he played the new pipe organ. After his retirement in 1955, Sawtelle and his wife moved to Los Angeles, where he continued an active career in music.

Business Ticker

Thomas Y. Sakamoto of Bank of Hawaii's corporate-bank division has been promoted to a vice president position. ... Russell M. Meurashi has joined City Bank of Honolulu as assistant vice president and main office branch manager.

The Pecon Land and Cattle Corp. of Albuquerque, N.M., has purchased the Oredia Island Hotel in Hilo. It is believed to be a several million dollar sale. The purchase sets aside an announcement Nov. 21 that the hotel was being sold to a California investment company.

Medical Notes

Dr. Eugene Matsuyama, formerly of Monterey Park, Calif., has opened his office at 2525 S. King St., Suite 306, in Honolulu. His specialty is limited to internal medicine.

Kapiolani Hospital and Kaulikeolani Children's Hospital have announced plans to join together in an \$11 million building program for a shared maternal and child care services. By 1976 Children's services, based from its North Kapiolani St. location into Kapiolani's existing buildings on Punahoa St. Kapiolani will

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AREA CODE 206: Joe Hamanaka Names Galore at New Year's

The holiday season, with its greeting cards and lists of names in newspapers, calls attention to the variety of Japanese names.

It is estimated that in Japan there are over 100,000 different family names, and written with "kanji" combinations made from some 1,900 characters.

Even our Issei have trouble reading and writing some of the combinations. Fortunately, Nisei and Sansei need only handle the Romanized versions, though some are tongue-twisters.

There are short "myoji" surnames, like in Seattle, where there are families called Oi, Go and Ii. Also Oe and Jo.

And long ones. A check into Nakajima's directory (L.A.) shows Southland families with such twists as: Nakadakari, Urushibata, Kobashigawa, Shimabukuro, Hatakeyama, Ichinokuchi, Tsukakihara, Ichinotsubo, Kawaminami, Kawahigashi, Takusagawa, Sakasegawa.

And in Vancouver, Canada: Kamitakahara, Niwatsukino, Shimoyashiki, Kariatsumari and Shimotakahara.

According to an expert on family names in Tokyo, the most common Japanese names are: (1) Suzuki, (2) Sato, (3) Tanaka, (4) Yamamoto, (5) Watanabe, (6) Takahashi, (7) Kobayashi, (8) Nakamura, (9) Ito, (10) Saito, (11) Kato and (12) Yamada.

And if you are a Suzuki (bell tree) and lived in Tokyo, there might be like 7,000 other Suzuki families around to keep you either thoroughly self-conscious or comfortably reassured.

As for first names, the most common given male names in Tokyo according to a recent survey are: (1) Kiyoshi, (2) Minoru, (3) Shigeru, (4) Isamu, (5) Hiroshi, (6) Ichiro, (7) Tadashi, (8) Saburo, (9) Noboru, and (10) Susumu.

For girls — (1) Kazuko, (2) Chiyoko, (3) Fumiko, (4) Shizuko, (5) Mitsuko, (6) Yuriko, (7) Setsuko, and (8) Kiyoko.

But, they say the popularity in Japan of such names ending with "o" and "ko", dating back about 60 years, is changing. Every generation has a new twist. Names now are like Rica, Joji, Mari, Rumi, Sabu, Ken.

It's reported in Japan there's a fellow named Taro-kimomoshotokiyoshi Fujimoto.

And a young lady named Kurisu Masu — no kidding! Miss Masu, of course, lives in Japan.

Having been addressed as Hamanaka, Hominaka, Haminaka, Hamanaka, Hamanaka, Hamanaka, Harmonica in my daily mail at the office, I can understand why Japanese in America change names or use abbreviations.

A Japanese could have many kinds of names during his lifetime like — a family name, surname, true name, common name, infant name, nickname, calling name, professional name, honorific name, and even a posthumous name from a Buddhist priest.

Then there are Nisei who change their Japanese names for various reasons—Uesugi to Wesley, Takahashi to Highbridge, Fujisaki to Foode.

Uesugi is a very famous name, the family name of descendants of the Fujiwaras in Japan. You've heard of Uesugi Kenshin who is remembered for his battles with Takeda Shingen of what is now Kofu, Yamanashi-ken.

Dr. Wesley (Newton), formerly of Portland and a Nisei family, is pioneering the plastic contact lens, changing his name for business reasons.

Fujisaki became Foode for the brothers, John, George, Chas and Tom, from Alaska. Half Indians, they arrived at Puyallup (Wash.) Assembly Center in May, 1942, along with others of Japanese ancestry.

And, Takahashi was a man in Seattle at the Japanese Consulate office who went by Highbridge.

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NEWS CAPSULES

Elections

While few Los Angeles Japanese Americans reside in Little Tokyo proper, Rep. Edward Roybal (D) has been their congressman since he first took office in 1963. The state supreme court redistricting has renumbered the district from 30th to 25th and Roybal last week announced his intention to seek reelection. He is a member of the key House Appropriations Committee and on its subcommittee dealing for foreign operations, treasury, general government and civil defense.

Longtime businessman Kenyon Hong was sworn in Jan. 2 as city councilman in Yuma, Ariz. He won his seat with a 1,778-vote plurality on his first bid last year. A graduate of Yuma High and Woodbury Business College in Los Angeles, he served as Yuma Jaycee president in 1962-63, rodeo chairman in 1967 and is currently Yuma Jaycee Foundation vice-president. He also served one term on the Yuma County Fair Commission.

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CHINESE NEW YEAR—Wally Quon, co-owner of the Grand Star Restaurant in Los Angeles Chinatown and member of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, stands beside the Chinese dragon to be used in the parade Jan. 25 to welcome the Chinese New Year—to be celebrated that weekend. Outdoor stage shows, exhibits and cultural arts are scheduled in the three plazas to mark the Chinese year of 4672—the Year of the Valiant Tiger.

New Year special To help celebrate Chinese new year, Quon Bros. Grand Star Restaurant in L.A. Chinatown is offering a nine-course gourmet dinner at \$6.95 per person from Jan. 12-27.

Deaths

Tokutaro N. Slocum, 78, Fresno, died Jan. 5. Sergeant-major during the first World War in France with the 82nd Rainbow Division, lobbied the Nye-Lea bill in 1935, enabling Oriental veterans of WWI to be naturalized; survived by w Ayako, s Theodore (Sacramento), d Josephine Katayama (Sanger), br James, Frank (both in Saskatchewan), 4 ge. Ryozo Ogura, 74, widely known in Chicago for his sumi-e, died of heart ailment Dec. 19. He authored "The Lively Art of Ink Painting" and "A Collection of Sumi-e Paintings."

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