

Board Meeting

National Board meetings can be, and not infrequently are, dull sessions. Hopefully, the forthcoming meeting next weekend (Feb. 22-24) in San Francisco will not be the case. Board members, national committee chairpersons and staff have been busily preparing progress reports for advance distribution to better prepare us for making informed decisions and recommendations on matters of importance to JACL.

Thus far, we have received a great deal of comment on the functions of regional offices and suggestions for innovative programming. How should such offices relate to the National Office? Is there a need to develop other regional offices?

It is anticipated that a recommendation will be made to overhaul the present structure of the National Planning Commission, a tradition which may now be obsolete.

With new persons staffing the Washington JACL Office, we can expect an evaluation based on experiences to date. Again, a major issue will be how the Washington Office relates to the National Office and to the entire organization. For example, should JACL formulate more explicit position statements to enhance the role of the Washington representative?

Much deliberation is expected from the recommendations of the National Public Relations Commission. There seems to be general agreement that JACL now needs a national public relations program. What does this mean in terms of objectives, funds, or the public's image and understanding of

Americans of Japanese ancestry? What are the short range, and long range goals? What might we realistically implement at this time?

There still remains much ambiguity about the organizational relationship between JACL and JAY. How can we clarify this relationship? Is it realistic to expect the yet-to-be-hired Youth Director to resolve this organizational problem? Or is it a problem that stems from the "hang-ups" and attitudes between senior and junior members?

A key issue will be how to resolve a \$32,000 deficit budget for 1974. How will we meet our commitments for 1974? Will it be necessary to reduce services? What are the possibilities of temporary outside funds? Will we be able to increase our membership sufficiently to meet this impending deficit? These are crucial questions faced by the national board.

These and many other matters, such as U.S.-Japan relations, JARP, Gerontology Project, Bowling Tournament, Health Insurance, Charter Flights, will consume the time of volunteer board members. There will also be time to review the full report of the National JACL activities from our Director Dave Ushio; to observe ground breaking ceremonies for the new JACL building; and to participate in a training workshop in preparation for board responsibilities at the '74 National Convention.

With the exception of those sessions which are confidential in nature, all National Board meetings are open to the JACL membership.

Frankly, my concern is not that the board meeting will be dull but, given the long agenda, we will be hard pressed to finish by noon Sunday!

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JACler donates \$4,000 for office as remembrance

Ed Yamamoto makes 1st personal gift

SAN FRANCISCO — A strong desire to make a significant contribution to the JACL organization was one of the motivating factors that has made Edward M. Yamamoto, the first individual to sponsor a room in the new JACL National Headquarters Building.

Yamamoto has donated \$4,000 which will be used to build an office in the memory of his parents Tom Shoji and Matsu Kimata Yamamoto.

In presenting his check to JACL Executive Director David Ushio, Yamamoto said, "JACL has always been an important part of my life. This is the one way I feel I can express all that the organization has and will continue to mean to me."



SAN FRANCISCO—Columbia Basin JACler Edward Yamamoto (in wheel chair) and his wife, Grace, donate \$4,000 to the National JACL Building Fund campaign for an office in the new headquarters in memory of his parents, Tom and Matsu Yamamoto. Accepting the check is David Ushio, national executive director.

D.C. Chapter Raises Over \$8,000

WASHINGTON — As of Feb. 1, the Washington, D.C. Chapter campaign in support of the National JACL Headquarters Building has raised over \$8,000 according to newly-elected Chapter Chairman Susumu Ueda. The D.C. Chapter hopes to complete its fund drive by March 1, although not before every chapter member has been contacted and given a reasonable opportunity to contribute.

The membership response to date has been extremely gratifying to the D.C. Chapter's Building Fund co-chairmen Cherry Tsutsumi and Harry Takagi, since they initially kicked-off the chapter fund drive in December 1973 with a modest voluntary goal of \$3,000.

That goal was, however, easily exceeded by the early \$1,000 contributions of four donors, while 72 others have chipped-in to put the total amount raised thus far to over \$8,000.

NAT'L JACL BOWLING TOURNAMENT

An 'Inside' View of a Fun-Filled Week

By SHIG SAKAMOTO

(Special to The Pacific Citizen) SACRAMENTO — Now that the entries are in for the 28th annual National JACL Bowling Tournament to be held Mar. 4-9 at Country Club Lanes, it may be of interest to non-participants to present an "inside view" of the top Nisei classic.

Even those who have bowled in JACL Nationals as a member of a team may be unaware that individuals can enter the tournament "unattached." The tournament committee usually has enough "unattached" entries to organize a five-man team, so that these entrants can complete the cycle of singles and doubles to be entered for the "unsung" services of the committee. As many as ten teams have been placed on the floor in this fashion.

One of the most popular requests the tournament committee gets is from both men and women seeking partners in the Mixed Doubles. For the 1974 tournament, Sacramento are being paired, as far as possible, with out-of-town bowlers for a partner. This turns out to be a wonderful way of gaining a new friend, once they meet on the lanes.

The ragtime doubles, scheduled from early in the week, is easier to pair for the tournament committee. Here bowlers meet at the lanes and decide to pair off and "ragtime" allows one to bowl with a different partner each time. This particular event is the only one where a bowler's established handicap is part of the overall score. Some individuals are seen bowling as many as six or seven times in this event.

The JACler who wants to get in on the fun of participating in the tournament...

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MAYOR MINETA NOW CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS

Will Speak to Needs of National Urban Policy, Home Rule

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Mayor Norman Y. Mineta, 42, has decided to run for Congress instead of a second term, as previously announced last October, as mayor.

With prospects of becoming the first Mainland Japanese American to be elected to Congress, Mineta is seeking the seat being vacated at the end of his 11th term by Rep. Charles Gubser (R-13th Dist.).

At a press conference held Feb. 4, Mineta reminded that as three years as mayor he worked hard to relate the problems of the cities in the halls of Congress through a combination of testimony to over 20 committees, countless meetings with congressmen, the administration and cooperative ventures with other mayors.

The process has been a frustrating one, he added, and "I have discovered more and more decisions are made in Washington which are not necessarily responsive to local governments, particularly at the city and neighborhood level."

The decision by Congressman Gubser not to seek reelection raised the question as to whether there would be sensitive national legislative representation for citizens of Santa Clara County in the forthcoming congress. Mineta noted, and "convinced that effective representation is critical" he announced his candidacy for the U.S. House of Representatives.

The San Jose JACler, who was selected a Nisei of the Biennium in 1968, plans to campaign for the Democratic nomination and Congress by speaking to the needs of a national urban policy consistent with local home rule. "I will continue to work to make government responsive to people's needs for I truly believe that people do not interfere with government business; people are its business."

A switch from mayor to congressman would mean a hefty salary boost. He makes \$7,200 a year as mayor; congressional salary is \$42,500.

The 13th Congressional District, long considered a cinch Republican district as long as Gubser remained its incumbent, has 52.2% Democrats and 40.5% Republicans. Among Republicans widely mentioned to succeed Gubser is former Assemblyman George Milas (R-Gilroy), who is already in Washington as environmental director for the Defense Dept. County Supervisor Sig Sanchez of Gilroy, who announced for reelection to his present job is another Republican prospect.

Mineta will probably have opposition in the Democratic primary (June 4) in several potential candidates including County Supervisor Dominic Cortese.

The district is wholly in Santa Clara County, but only half of its voters are in San

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SAN FRANCISCO TV FILM PRODUCER WRITING ON 'TOKYO ROSE' TRIAL

By YASUO WM. ABIKO (Nichi Bei Times)

SAN FRANCISCO — Antonio Montanari, Jr., whose was production manager of the film, "11:59, Last Minute to Choose", a documentary on hard drugs in San Francisco shown two years ago on national CBS-TV and in England, Germany and France, is currently preparing a one-hour documentary on the "Tokyo Rose" case which, he hopes, will lead to a pardon for Mrs. Iva Toguri d'Aquino.

Tentatively titled, "The Unfinished Case of 'Tokyo Rose'", Montanari has been engaged in research for over a year to prepare the script, which he plans to submit to national TV. Westinghouse Electric's Group W has indicated interest, he added.

Montanari, who has financed the research himself to date, says he plans to examine records at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. If funds can be obtained for the trip, he is also trying to contact others involved in the trial, including Army Maj. Wallace Ince who wrote for the "Zero Hour" wartime broadcasts from Radio Tokyo, and those who were in Bunka Camp in Tokyo who might have known Mrs. d'Aquino and of her life-saving deeds. He would like to call on former Lt. Lyle Kurland, Jr., who was in charge of Sugamo Prison at the time Mrs.



LITTLE TOKYO—This is one northside of E. 1st St., which was demolished in the 1950s for the new city police building. In the background is the City Hall. Miyako Hotel (at left) has been replaced by Kajima's high-rise office building.

LITTLE TOKYO REDEVELOPMENT

Northsiders want to stay

LOS ANGELES—The Ad Hoc Committee for the Northside, a committee of property owners and tenant on the northside of the 300 block of East First Street, stepped up the campaign to save the Northside from redevelopment by pelting out their position in a 13-page letter to City Councilman Gilbert Lindsay.

The letter is a prelude to a face-to-face meeting the committee is scheduled to have with Lindsay on Feb. 20. One of the major steps in saving the Northside, according to a letter written by Akira Kawasaki of the Ad Hoc Committee, is to stop the proposed widening of East First Street from San Pedro to Alameda.

At a meeting held on Sept. 25, 1973 in Lindsay's office, mutual agreement was reached to determine the conditions of the buildings on the Northside and whether (to quote Councilman Lindsay) "If the majority of the buildings were sound and if not sound, could be made sound."

Kawasaki states that such a survey was conducted by the firm of A.H. Ridgers and Associates and their findings indicated that the majority of the buildings on the Northside can be made sound if the owners are willing to undertake the costs involved.

Kawasaki did not say how much it would cost property owners to undertake such repairs. In his letter to Lindsay

he wrote, "The detailed costs are yet undetermined but the majority of the owners, with the tenants' wholehearted support, are committed to a rehabilitation program to make their buildings sound and attractive."

Primarily, the street widening was proposed for traffic priorities but Kawasaki argues that a twenty year projected traffic volume growth for East First Street is invalid.

He points out that a major highway designation for First Street is also invalid because it is not really a "through" street, ending at the city limits on Indiana St.

However, in the words of Kawasaki, "the most important thing about halting the widening of East First Street is the saving of Little Tokyo itself. A formal recognition of the importance of First Street to Little Tokyo must be made."

And if the Northside is saved, Kawasaki urges the city consider selling back the historic Nishi Hongwanji Temple structure to the community and Little Tokyo Businessmen's Assn. for use as a cultural community center.

The Northside property owners listed were: Mrs. Sumiko Akashi, Man Fong Co., Kawasaki Co. Inc., Carl Naito, Ralph R. Sidor, Emile Peres and Bros., Timothy Speri, Tom Taira and Albert Taira, Look Mar, San Pedro Firm, Inc., Union Church and Ralph Meyer.

Also listed were the Northside tenants as follows: Taiyo Drug, Rafu Shoten, Matsuo Sushi, Nippon Book Store, Asahi Shoe Store, Granada Fish, Oriental Arts, Taiyodo, Toyo Miyatake, Flora's Barber Shop, Tokoro Kalkan, Iwata Photography, House of Photography, Mikado Beauty Salon, Ida Market, Koharu Cafe, Tatsuno Insurance, Ishimoto, Kong Co., Fujiwara, Kubota Shoe Repair and Itanai Optometrist.

In a supplemental 19-page report detailing the history of the Northside case, what the Ad Hoc Committee regarded as "other inequities and injustices" were stated in summary.

It charged the environmental impact report for the Little Tokyo redevelopment project was approved without any understanding or input from the project's advisory committee. No public meetings were held and the significance of that report was hardly publicized.

It sought the Civic Center master plan be revised to permanently exclude the Northside area, designate First St. east of San Pedro as an existing secondary highway and abandon the street widening project.

Instead, it urged Temple St. (next parallel street to the north of First St.) be extended to approach the First St. bridge at Vignes.

It recommended the Northside be redeveloped but on a scale within the economic capabilities of the property owners, tenants and community.

It also called for public meetings on the case be bi-lingually conducted to assure understanding and participation so that "all phases of the redevelopment can take place freely and without any reservations, inhibitions, misunderstandings, fears or suspicions." Little Tokyo is the largest

SANSEI BUTT OF 'SAVE - WHALES' JOKES IN SCHOOL

Orange County Nisei Parents Worried by High School Antics

LOS ANGELES — Only a handful of Japanese American families reside in the San Juan Capistrano - Dana Hills area but they are beginning to worry that the "boycott Japanese goods" campaign launched by the Animal Welfare Institute in Washington, D.C. to "Save the Whales" is being aimed at them personally.

Mrs. Julie Inouye of Laguna Niguel, among the newer residential communities in Orange County, told the Rafu Shimpu last week the Capistrano School District students are distributing what are anti-Japanese leaflets and bumper stickers.

So far, the Sansei students have been the target of a few remarks and jokes in wake of protest against slaughter of the school's participation to whales.

The Los Angeles Times on Feb. 3 carried a half-page ad of the Animal Welfare Institute, indicting the Japanese whaling industry as the "world's biggest whale killer" and asking Japanese goods be boycotted, such as cameras, TV sets, motor bikes and cars.

In much smaller type, the ad also urges Russian goods be boycotted "until these nations agree to a moratorium on whale killing."

Dana Hills High School assistant principal Philip Grignon said the campaign is to convince major Japanese industries in the U.S. to put pressure on whalers in their country to join the 10-year moratorium, sought by the U.N. Environmental Conference which met in 1972 at Stockholm.

"There is no question that the slaughter needs to stop," Rafu Shimpu English section editor Ellen Endo noted in her Feb. 2 column. "However, a blanket boycott of all Japanese products obviously leaves much too much room for misunderstanding and misguided hostilities."

Miss Endo regarded the Dana Hills High campaign "racist for one main reason," the emphasis being placed on Japanese products when two nations are involved. "Are students of Dana Hills being taught that it's okay to boycott an Asian nation but not an Eastern European nation?"

Canned whale meat seized from grocery

SAN FRANCISCO — A suit on file in San Francisco superior court Jan. 7 accused a Nishimachi grocery store of selling canned whale meat in violation of state law. The charge was vigorously denied by Wayne Collins, attorney of

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New York attorney Tom Hayashi dies

NEW YORK — Tom Toshio Hayashi, Sacramento-born attorney, died on Saturday, Feb. 9, after a long illness. He was 56. Funeral was held Feb. 13 at the Frank E. Campbell Funeral Chapel, Madison Ave. at 81st St.

Surviving are w. Futami, 4 Holly (72-32 141st St., Flushing, L.I. N.Y.), m. Kiyoko (Pasadena), s. Mariko Miyata (Altadena), Kimiko Kubota (Pasadena) and Shizuko Takemoto (Chicago).

A graduate of Bard College (where he was student council president) and New York University Law School, Hayashi was a senior partner of the Whitman & Ransom law firm; chairman of the Japanese American United Church of Christ board of trustees and was a member of the Bard College board of trustees.

For the past 15 years, he served as "unofficial" JACL director in New York. He was New York JACL's first two-term chapter president (1947-48), charter EDC chairman (1948), and elected nat'l vice president for three bienniums (1948-54). He was also nat'l legal counsel (1960-62).

In 1958 he represented the Japanese Mission to the United Nations, which was being assessed \$47,900 by Eastchester for its residence at 19 Hilltop Rd. Under the U.S.-U.N. agreement, a residence within 15 miles of UN Headquarters was tax-exempt and the town insisted the residence was 20 miles away. It was finally agreed the distance be measured "as the crow flies" and the home was found to be within 500 ft. of 15 miles—though by road, it is over 20.

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Thirty-nine chapters submitted PC subscription orders for their members as follows:

Alameda	63	Puyallup	13
Berkeley	32	Riverside	33
Cincinnati	4	Sacramento	23
Cleveland	21	San Diego	77
Coastella	3	S. Fernando	42
Dayton	24	S. Gabriel	20
Delano	24	S. Jose	35
Detroit	24	S. Mateo	30
Eden Twahop	3	Seattle	40
Florida	21	Sequoia	131
Fowler	22	Susana City	17
French Camp	20	South Bay	3
Gardena	89	Stockton	16
Grtr Pasadena	14	Twin Cities	5
Imperial	7	Wash. DC	3
Metre L.A.	4	Watsonville	7
N. San Diego	11	West L.A.	30
Oakland	11	White River	19
Philadelphia	8		
Placer	42	Total	1,288

Notice: Boxes on the membership form asking NEW or RENEWAL should be checked with understanding that "new" member is one who is not now receiving the PC; "renewal" means the member is currently on the PC list.

Two kinds of gratitude: the sudden kind
We feel for what we take,
The larger kind
We feel for what we give.
—E. A. Robinson

JACL CONVENTION RECOGNITIONS

Eight years ago—and we still remember the setting vividly in the elegant International Room of El Cortez Hotel in San Diego during the 1966 JACL national convention, the organization launched what has become a nostalgic tradition. That was the year the National Convention held a testimonial luncheon for Saburo Kido, a founding member of the national organization in 1929.

At the following biennial convention in San Jose, George Inagaki was accorded similar honors and from the contributions toward the testimonial the Inagaki Citizenship Prize was inaugurated, the awards going to JACL chapters judged with the best community programs during the previous biennium.

At the 1970 Chicago convention, the glittering testimonial for Mike Masaoka who had announced he was retiring as the JACL Washington Representative after a quarter century of service was marred by the tragedy at the Palmer House, where one of the youth delegates was slain and her room-mate severely mutilated. (This case is still unsolved.)

At the 1972 Washington, D.C. biennial, another workhorse in JACL for a quarter century, national director Masao Satow, was accorded the convention's honors. Earlier that year, Mas had been hospitalized for the first time in his life and those on the testimonial committee were concerned whether the program should be held in his absence.

In a couple of months, the Portland convention will honor one of its own sons—Hito Okada, now of Salt Lake City, and treasurer of the National JACL Credit Union since its founding in 1943. Then the national JACL treasurer, he conceived of the idea of using the credit union plan to assist evacuees trying to re-establish themselves.

Hito is also the "father" of the JACL 1000 Club, coming up with the idea in 1947 calling for a thousand members to contribute \$25 a year toward support of National JACL. To generate the first thousand took ten years and probably by the 1974 convention, there may well be over three thousand.

Not only was Hito Okada, national treasurer for four terms (1938-46), but he served as a two-term national president (1946-50)—the JACLer with the most continuous service on the National JACL Board as an elected official for a total of six bienniums. Indeed, his dedication and devotion to JACL and the Japanese American community have been an inspiration to all during a trying period of the World War II years and immediate postwar era.

The Okada testimonial committee has still to announce the particulars but among the presentations to be made will be a bound album of letters in tribute from his friends and admirers. Since last-minute requests would hamper giving the kind of album that Hito deserves, letters (written on one-side only) with the salutation addressed to him are now being requested and it be mailed directly to Tom Shimazaki, album committee chairman, P. O. Box 876, Lindsay, Calif. 93247.

PC BOARD PROPOSALS

Several proposals are being introduced by the Pacific Citizen Board at the forthcoming National JACL Board meeting in San Francisco (Feb. 22-24). The most pressing, of course, is the matter of the subscription rate to JACLers for the 1975-76 biennium. With postage and mailing costs continuing to rise, it appears there is no alternative but to pass on the increase to readers and the PC Board will ask for \$4 per JACL subscriber.

But more indicative of the times is the growing number of long-time JACLers and 1000 Club members who are unable to continue membership (and read the PC) on their retirement income. Circulation Manager Yuki Kamayatsu, who daily posts the renewals and new subscriptions, has noted some of them are not renewing—people who have been PC readers for nearly 20 years (which is as far back as our records go). She feels that when it comes time to subsidize on Social Security, pension or retirement funds—there's not much left for membership fees. The number involved at present is small (about 100 over the past few years) but it will grow as the Nisei generation edges toward age 65. Therefore, the PC Board is recommending another JACL membership category for "retired" senior citizens—specifically, \$1 over the cost of the PC subscription rate to JACL, or \$5 a year for 1975-76.

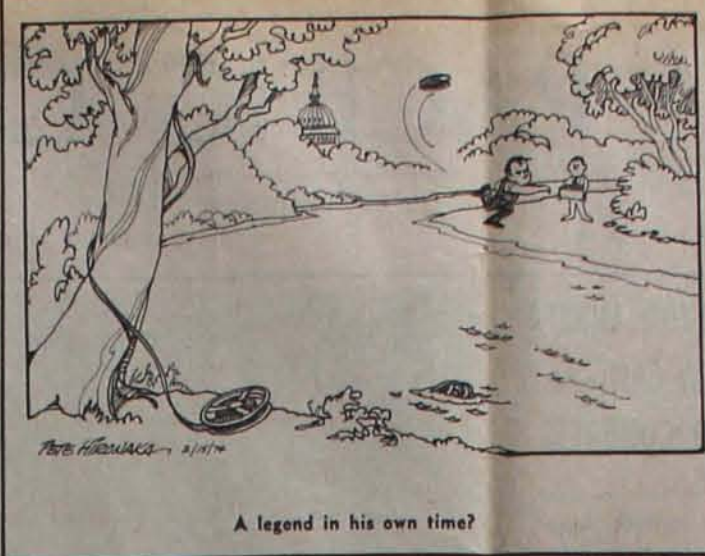
We are further aware of chapters which provide "honorary memberships" to their senior citizens. But the PC proposal is not advocating "free memberships" for retirees. The Pacific Southwest District Council was expected to consider this proposal as "new business" at its meeting last week, by virtue of PSWDC Gov. Masamune Kojima's presence at the board meeting earlier in the week.

In the meantime, chapters may well bolster their own program to insure retirees within their ranks remain as members and receive the PC each week.

25 Years Ago

In the Pacific Citizen, Feb. 12, 1949

Senate passes bill to repay problem of race discrimination. Nisei, Issei for damage, loss Pearson notes changes in coast attitude toward Nisei... House committee approves Issei naturalization measure. Utah Senate considers bill to permit Issei to hunt... Chicago civic group seeks solution to...



A legend in his own time?



WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER: Mike Masaoka

Realistic P.R.

Jewish minority, who suggest that Japan has surrendered to Arab blackmail. They charge that, in the long run, Japan's course is self-defeating, for once the Japanese become known for giving in to blackmail tactics, other nations, perhaps with mineral resources, can resort to this same technique to dictate Japan's foreign policies.

Regardless, as Japan assumes a more and more independent attitude on foreign policies, there is little doubt that more and more officials in the United States Government will become more and more disenchanted and disappointed with Japan. And, as the official rhetoric of officialdom expresses more and more this irritation over bilateral relations with Japan, more and more individuals and organizations will be encouraged to vocalize, and perhaps even activate, their prejudices, biases, and "hates" against the Japanese, which if the World War II experience is any reminder also means against American Japanese.

It is our hope and prayer that Japan-United States relations remain friendly, cooperative, and mutually profitable.

But, if through no fault of those of Japanese origin in this country, these relations turn to bitterness, acrimony, and even confrontation, what can — and should — JACL do to help prevent a repetition of the wartime hate and hysteria that developed during World War II. Indeed, if there is any threat, or possibility, of such a recurrence, what can — and should — JACL do about it all?

Frankly, if we analyze the problem realistically and honestly, there is little that JACL as an organization and Japanese Americans as individuals can do in this critical area.

JACL does not have the numbers, the influence, the finances, and the staff personnel to truly affect the relations between the two great Pacific powers. And, about 500,000 Nisei, Sansei, and Yonsei, as individual Americans, can hardly be expected to change the course of events between the country of our citizenship and the land of our birth.

Still, these facts, as grim as they are, do not — and cannot — excuse either JACL as the only recognized national organization of Americans

of Japanese ancestry and Japanese Americans as individuals from doing what they can to help mitigate potential persecution and discrimination against American Japanese in these United States. As far as my suggestions are concerned, let me begin by conceding that others more expert than I may differ as to the most effective means and methods under the present circumstances and by emphasizing that what I recommend for JACL and Japanese Americans are not necessarily what I may advise Japanese companies doing business in the United States or Japanese nationals residing here.

My recommendations, if you will, are based upon my own personal experiences in public relations for JACL and for those of Japanese origin over the past three decades and more, including World War II when the image of Japan and Japanese Americans were never "worse" in the United States.

With JACL's very limited finances and staff personnel in mind, it makes sense to me that the first concentration of effort should be on officials in government, especially on the federal national level, including both the executive and the legislative branches, as well as the judiciary for that matter, to try to persuade them that American Japanese should not be allowed to be the innocent victims of deteriorating United States-Japan relations. Because what government officials do and say affect national mentality and consciousness and influence the mass media and the public at large more than any other single factor in American life, it seems evident to me that the JACL should focus their efforts to trying to stimulate official policies, deeds, speeches, and publications to stress the "difference" between their American Japanese fellow citizens of the United States and the actions and activities of the Japanese Government.

JACL's other priority effort, again because of the organization's relatively few resources in money and professional staff, should be directed to a public relations office or agent in New York City.

New York City happens to be the center of television, radio, and other mass communication.

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FROM HAPPY VALLEY: Sachi Seko

The Negative Image

Salt Lake City
In recent weeks much has been written about the negative image which Japan has in Southeast Asia. The increasing Japanese interest in American investments has produced speculation as to what type of image Japan will present to this country. However Japan approaches this problem the effects will probably extend to Japanese Americans.

But, considered as a separate entity, what kind of image does the Nisei project? In addition to economic and political reasons, the exodus of '42 is partially attributable to the stereotyping with which we have been plagued since the arrival of our immigrant parents.

Being identified as a "model ethnic minority" confirms the perpetuation of an identity which is externally imposed. However favorable it may appear, if it is a paradox, under the stress of historical events it will prove dangerously vulnerable. From the vantage point of retrospect, however harsh the judgment appears, the instinctive desire to be accepted and absorbed into mainstream society was accompanied with the yielding of our interior treasures.

The challenge of the '60s, when our own young began to wrestle with the Gordian knot should have been a warning. We heard the summons as recently as the National JACL Convention of '72 in Washington, D.C. More than a difference of personalities

and programs, it may have been an effort to distinguish between the mythical image we present and who we actually are. Although some individuals may have been able to retain a sense of unique identity, unless it can have the aspect of community, it remains inadequate. It is only the arc of a circle.

The most enduring aspect of community is one which exists after the destruction of physical properties, which transmits to succeeding generations a pristine recording of the times we lived, of the people we were. Sometimes man furthers his expression of community in the construction of a building as JACL is doing.

In relationship to this building, I wonder whether JACL wants to, or is capable of blending the forces of the environment together. In recent years, during a chance encounter with a visiting JACL officer, I happened to ask, "What are you going to do for us poor people in JACL?" He smiled, "What poor people?"

On another occasion, I was asked by a district council officer, "Do you mean to say you actually believe a drug problem exists among Sansei?" My interrogator, I am certain, was very sincere in his disbelief of a problem which I, of the grassroots, personally knew to exist, because it became statistically documented. Considering the Sansei identity dilemma which we Nisei have contributed

to, the times and availability have made drugs a very definite escape route, however unfortunate. And then there was the advice from another national leader, "We must be kind to one another." And I have also been told, "If we loved one another, our problems will be solved."

Rather than being reassured by the absence of poor people, the nonexistence of a drug problem, kindness all around and love the cure-all, I feel somewhat uneasy. It appears that we are falling into the trap of believing into that which we want to believe. Under some enormous carpet we are sweeping away the discomforting. The profile which we choose to project is no less unreal than the burden we have known, endured.

The '70s thus far have been extremely punishing years. The depression and anguish, however, are diminished by a conviction that we are in the process of change. Even the energy crisis has shaken us loose of old disciplines. Grumbling at first about awakening in blackness, one has to concede a definite pleasure in being able to watch the sun cleaving the dark.

There's something exciting about this state of flux, where rather than depending on old forms, we sense man's seeking, moving toward ideas which are better suited to our times.

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LETTERS

Las Vegas incident

Editor:
During a weekend (Feb. 2-3) visit in Las Vegas, my in-laws of Japanese descent boarded an orange-colored cab from Stardust casino to their motel. Because it was a short distance away, the cab driver commenced to insult them with cruel insults and senseless vulgarities: "You, dirty goddamn Japs, F--- you." I am furious about such treatment to an elderly Issei couple, my father-in-law being 74 and in pain from arthritis. Because of his pain, he could not walk the short distance. The fare was 85 cents.

I hear this is not an uncommon incident. But the blatant prejudice and disrespect to an older couple should be investigated. Since I am not familiar with the procedure, I hope that in bringing this prejudice to the JACL's and public attention, something can be done to prevent such things from happening again.

My in-laws are kind and gentle and it hurts me to know they were put through something like this.

MADELINE ONG SAKATA
Phoenix, Ariz.

Northside—

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support of some 14 community organizations, the association approached the Community Redevelopment Agency and became a participant in the L.A. Neighborhood Development Program, a provision of the 1968 Housing Act which provides community control and participation in redevelopment plans.

The Ad Hoc Committee, in reviewing the 1969 Civic Center Development Plan which includes the northside of E. 1st St., pointed to the irregularities in the plan's boundaries that skirt Times-Mirror Square. "If the city can make detours for private holdings, that should be the case for Little Tokyo on the northside of E. 1st St.," the report continued. "Little Tokyo needs the commercial frontage along the northside."

Another point of contention with the Ad Hoc Committee was the recent proposal that the city swap four acres it regards as "excess" within a block of Little Tokyo with the federal Veterans Administration in West Los Angeles to build a city park there. The four acres near Little Tokyo is being sought as a parking facility for Federal Bldg. employees. Previously, the city had offered a part of Hazard Park till Mexican Americans in the area bitterly protested.

On the matter of widening E. 1st St., traffic congestion was intense in the 1950s during the morning and evening rush hours. With the street cars replaced by motor buses, E. 1st St. traffic has since eased, the report maintained. "Rush hours are intense but not congested," it explained.

With recent pressures across the nation to protect the environment, the need to widen E. 1st St. is diminished as the automobile loses its priorities in the eyes of planners, the report continued. "It viewed the street-expansion program ironic in 'an age where environmental protection, gas shortages and mass transportation needs are the correct priorities of today's society.'"

... The days of unlimited discretion by prison administration...



Jerry Enomoto

Perspectives

CHANGES IN CORRECTIONS

Following are excerpts of an address delivered by Jerry Enomoto, superintendent of the California Correctional Institution at Tehachapi, before the Kern County Legal Secretaries Assn. in Bakersfield—Ed.

Corrections, which is the business of dealing with criminal offenders, juvenile and adult, in and out of institutions, is undergoing as much change today as any other social institution. Change which always generates fear and anxiety anyway triggers even more emotional responses in corrections due to the controversies that surround crime and its control.

As correctional administrators, we are often caught in the middle of a variety of these emotional responses.

Prison reformers, whether sincere, misguided or malicious, clamor for community-based treatment for all offenders and label all prisons Right-wing reactionaries as oppressive dungeons. scream for longer prison terms, a return to the "sanctity" of toughness as contrasted to the "soft-headed permissiveness" that is allegedly rampant in California.

It might make sense to establish out front that we have made little progress in controlling crime and delinquency. We have no better answer today than to lock up and isolate from society a certain percentage of those offenders who are felt unsuitable, too dangerous for local probation or custody.

Today, we have more than 23,000 such adult felons in California prisons.

A professional correctional administrator tries to manage a prison with some sense of ethics, regard for human dignity, control of those who are dangerous, while utilizing the tools he has to train and teach those who are motivated. Motivation, incidentally, being a trait often missing in offenders, and one that we have yet failed to instill through exhortation or pills.

Changing human beings is a challenge that few have met successfully anywhere, and we have nothing magical in prisons that hasn't been tried.

Experience tells us that the majority of inmates conform to the rules, get in a program and try to earn release. A small percentage devote themselves to gang activities, commit assaults and killings of fellow inmates and staff and require tough controls. Incidentally, it is well to note that the only way to guarantee the complete safety of staff in a prison is to automate everything and handle inmates in a vacuum of isolation. Such means are neither legally nor economically feasible.

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istrators in the area of disciplinary procedures, for example, are gone. Today we extend every opportunity to seek legal redress by making law libraries available, the services of supervised law students to represent their interest, and eliminating any barriers between an inmate and free access to the judicial system. There is in effect an appeal procedure by which inmate grievances are given due recognition.

It is essential that a reasonable degree of communications be maintained between the keeper and the kept, if chaos is to be averted. Most of the everyday interaction between inmates and staff is without incident and, surprisingly, often is very friendly. Consider also the reality that any prison is managed with the "consent of the governed", i.e. if most of the inmates didn't want to conform, control of any prison would be difficult, if not impossible.

Narrowing down my remarks to the California Correctional Institution at Tehachapi, I am relieved to be able to tell you that the institution remains normal. Our vocational shops, education classes, work programs and various group activity continues as usual.

Although some fail and we do have occasional trouble, (Tehachapi has managed to stay cool. Giving due allowance for luck, I credit competent staff and inmates who themselves want to live safely and not in an atmosphere of madness.

As I move toward concluding my remarks, let me emphasize that we have made some progress in this business. Many human beings have left prison in California and have stayed out. Enlightened programs such as family visiting, the community leave for inmates with parole dates, opportunities for selected inmates to leave prison under escort to speak to community groups, college classes on prison grounds, work-furlough programs, and others have paid off for many inmates.

Those approaches don't work for all offenders and should not be used with all. Properly utilized, they do not constitute "soft-headed permissiveness", but give the individual inmate and the taxpayer a chance for a return on the huge investment made in putting people in prison.

Finally, I agree with prison reformers that prisons are bad places to put people. However, until the society that breeds them serves comes up with better answers, we can only do our best to keep the people we get and help them if we can.

Meanwhile, let there be no question that the demonstrated behavior of hoodlums and killers must be dealt with quickly and firmly. The professionals in this business are neither bleeding hearts nor vengeful oppressors.

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From the Frying Pan

Denver, Colo.

FOOTNOTE TO HISTORY—There was occasion a few days ago to check news clippings about Ralph L. Carr in the Denver Post library, and what they revealed proved interesting enough to make a column. Ralph Carr, you may recall, was governor of Colorado during the early days of World War II. When evacuation of Japanese Americans from the West Coast was first discussed—and soon became a raging public issue—Carr was the only Western governor who did not protest the possible relocation of these people into his state.

On March 1, 1942 the Denver Post reported on page 1: "If enemy aliens, including Japanese, should be transferred to Colorado as a war measure, Colorado is 'big enough and patriotic enough' to do her duty in providing for them. Gov. Ralph L. Carr said Saturday." Carr further was quoted as saying the state should not complain because she is being asked to take care "of a handful of undesirable whose presence on the West Coast might prove the difference between a successful invasion and the saving of our country."

The news story went on to say that Carr emphasized his declaration was not to be construed as an invitation to the aliens. "Only because the needs of our nation dictate it do we even consider such an arrangement," he declared.

There are several interesting points. At no place in the news stories of that period is it pointed out that two-thirds of the potential evacuees were native-born Americans who were being deprived of their rights as United States citizens. The news items simply assumed that the evacuees were Japanese aliens who posed a danger to the nation's security. Little wonder, then, that officials of other Western states were unwilling to accept them, and that their impending arrival in inland areas provoked near-hysteria. It should also be noted that Governor Carr, at least in the news stories, made no mention of humanitarian considerations or civil rights. He said only that Colorado would accept the evacuees only because "that is the task which is allotted us" by a nation at war.

Carr's position was far from popular. The Denver Post undertook a random survey and published a story under an 8-column headline which said: "Coloradans Don't Want Jap Aliens from Coast." Nonetheless, later news stories show he stood by his guns, declaring Colorado must cooperate with the federal decision to remove "certain people" from the West Coast "to avoid Fifth Column activities." The clippings of this period do not suggest that Carr was concerned with human rights; for the public record he emphasized only the need to work with the federal government's evacuation decision. Yet, over the years, Carr was a man deeply dedicated to humanitarian causes.

In November of 1942 Carr, a Republican, challenged Democrat Edwin C. Johnson for his seat in the U.S. Senate. Although most Colorado contests were won by Republicans that year, Carr lost by just a few more than 3,000 votes. Nearly a year later, speaking in Portland, Ore., Carr said:

"I guess I was the only inland governor who expressed a willingness to take the Japanese from the coast states. I told my secretary that this would finish me politically in the state and my prediction came true. Interpreting the Constitution as a lawyer, I could take no other stand. That part of the Declaration of Independence about all men being created equal and being guaranteed equal rights as citizens has no amendment excluding Japanese, Jews, Catholics or anyone else. This is war, and we have to protect our country against enemies, but to condemn an entire race and refuse to accept American citizens of that race into our state seemed wrong to me." That sounded more like the real Carr.

Ralph Carr made one more bid for public office. He ran for governor in 1950, but died before the election. The public was amazed that he left an estate of only \$2,500. Among the floral tributes at his funeral was one from the Denver JACL chapter. It was in the shape of a pair of boxing gloves in memory of "the champ."

On the Margin

By Kats Kunitzugu

THE NOGUCHI CASE . . . FIVE YEARS LATER

During the past week, I have been helping Budd Fukel of Seattle gather some additional material for a book he is writing, which discusses in part the Noguchi case.

I pulled out my own file of articles I had written on the case and was surprised to note that it all happened nearly five years ago.

The passage of time gives one a perspective on an event that is difficult to achieve while one is involved in it on a day-to-day basis. One can stand back now and see the whole picture, rather than the strokes. At the same time, certain details which were ignored in the rush pop up now to claim one's attention. It is very interesting, for instance, to go slowly through the list of contributors to the Noguchi Defense Fund. Surprisingly large amounts came from unexpected sources, and conversely, surprisingly small amounts came from sources from which more would have been expected.

Certain impressions have not changed by the passage of the years. The raw courage of Dr. and Mrs. Noguchi in deciding to fight the charges is not diminished but rather enhanced when one goes down the long list of charges detailed in the Board of Supervisors' letter to Dr. Noguchi discharging him on March 18. Although we know by hindsight that a great deal of it was compiled by Dr. Noguchi's then administrative assistant who showed more loyalty to County Administrative Officer London S. Hollinger than to Noguchi, and was later given a substantial promotion by Hollinger, the charges are still frightening.

Only Ernest Debs and Kenneth Hahn remain of the five supervisors, and Debs is retiring this year. Hahn's per-

formance during the Noguchi case was rather typical of his worst foot-in-the-mouth moments. He was more concerned over the length of the hearings and their cost to the county than in assuring fairness and justice while the hearings were in progress; when the hearings ended, he forgot all about "economy" and was calling for a reopening of the hearings because he himself wasn't satisfied with the fact that Dr. Noguchi opted not to testify.

I hope his constituents in the Gardena area remember Hahn's performance when the chips were down, rather than his handshaking appearances at VFW dinners and gardeners' installations when Hahn runs again.

Dr. Noguchi is still the chief medical examiner of Los Angeles County, the highest placed Japanese American in county government. His office has been moved from the cramped quarters in the Hall of Justice to new facilities near the USC-County Medical Center. I don't know if the USC and UCLA Medical Schools are still less than cordial to the coroner, but Dr. Noguchi is still determined that the coroner be his own man and not the hand-picked candidate of the medical schools or the medical associations.

And his example of courage five years ago marked a

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Communications specialist appointed community relations exec in Colorado

LAKEWOOD, Colo. — Carol N. Thomas, Ph.D., began her duties last month (Jan. 8) as coordinator for community relations, a position comparable to director of a municipal human relations agency, to bridge the communications gap between city hall and the residents.

"I've been doing a lot of listening and asking a lot of questions," she told the Lakewood Sentinel, explaining that once she is more familiar with the suburban Denver community, the 32-year-old Japanese American from Hilo, Hawaii, can formulate programs to improve communications within the city.

She is the third Nikkei on the Mainland appointed to head an agency of this type. Preceding her are Phil Hayasaka and Minoru Yasui.

Hayasaka has headed the Seattle Dept. of Human Rights since 1963 when it was then an advisory commission and then established as a permanent agency in 1969. Yasui was appointed in 1967 as executive director of the Denver Community Relations Commission.

Lakewood City Administrator Walter C. Kane revealed Dr. Thomas was selected from among 30 applicants and was a unanimous choice by the oral interview board. The position was established in the 1974 budget, supervising three community service representatives and reporting directly to the city administrator.

Daughter of the Edward Kuruhara of Hilo, she is married to Richard E. Thomas, a Denver electrical engineer. She received her doctorate in communications from the Univ. of Colorado, her masters from Washington and bachelor degree from Howard Payne College. Her educational background and experience involved working with citizen groups through the Rocky Mountain federal region, California and Hawaii.

Prior to joining the Lakewood city staff, she worked as a communications specialist for American Technical Assistance Corp., Denver; taught communications at the Univ. of Colorado campuses at Boulder and Denver and also taught at Bakersfield High School and at Hilo High School.

Currently she is designing a communications program to help city staffers become better listeners. "We have to work out a better system of getting citizen response," she said. "The first step is letting the people know the city has a very open ear to their problems. The city can do a better job if we have a better understanding of what the citizens' problems are, and the citizens will feel better about their city if they know the government is sympathetic and wants to listen."

She also believes when citizens call city hall directly, they should be of immediate service — "one of the problems we've had is that people have been channeled all over the place."

She is also planning high school programs about city government and will meet with officials of other cities to exchange ideas.

Her communications studies emphasized interpersonal relationships and non-verbal communications, noting that "emotional overtones are so important — that's what we really remember from an exchange, no matter how many nice words are said. If there's hostility it comes through."

The problem is that "meaning of words are not in words — they are in people. That means we need to ask a lot of questions; paraphrase

our thoughts in different ways to make sure everybody understands us. Better explanations can avoid a lot of misunderstanding. In our communications we do a lot of assuming and we often make false assumptions — we assure we are understood."

"When people find they aren't getting their ideas across, they sometimes become very frustrated, and start withdrawing and repeating themselves — they say the same things that were unhelpful before. A lot of us think we're great communi-



Dr. Carol Thomas

cators until we get into a situation like this. "Because of emotional frustration, people become polarized when they can't communicate. We begin to see each other as 'me' and 'not-me'. And the more polarized we become, the more inhumane we become. We need to have the kind of communications where we can see similarities of points of view. Very often what we need to do is decipher what the issue is, as opposed to the emotional backlash. We need to listen to people, and then we can enter into mediation, negotiations, reconciliations..."

STATE SEN. ALFRED SONG

Korean American to run for third term; was first Asian state solon

SACRAMENTO — Senator Alfred H. Song (D-Monterey Park) announced that he would campaign for a third four-year term in State Senate.

He will run in the new 26th Senatorial District which includes the cities of Alhambra, Monterey Park, Montebello, Pico Rivera, Rosemead, South San Gabriel, El Monte and South El Monte, Baldwin Park, and La Puente. The district is similar to the one he presently represents.

"My campaign will make two basic points," Song said. "The first is that the people can judge me by my public record. They don't have to rely on campaign promises — they can look at the facts. I will ask for reelection on the basis of what I have already accomplished."

"Secondly," Song said, "my experience in office means that I know how to help people with their problems. For the last 11 years my staff and I have been assisting people who have been entangled in governmental red tape. We will continue to do this."

Song, who is chairman of the Senate Committee on Judiciary, has served 7 years in the Senate and 4 years in the Assembly. Since January 1963 when he first took his seat in the legislature, 116 of his bills have been enacted into law.

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munications media, such as the press, wire services not only of the United States but of Japan, as well as of national and international organizations concerned with human rights and dignity, individual and group welfare and opportunities, etc., not to mention the national and international foundations and associations that grant funds for special projects in the humanities, civil rights, racial and religious discrimination and persecution, etc.

The right person in New York City could probably accomplish more for the "good" of Japanese Americans and JACL than in perhaps any other community in the entire United States, with the possible exception of Washington, D.C.

Considerations of space do not permit me to expand and expound on my twin propositions for public relations at this time. Perhaps in subsequent columns, I may do so.

In the meantime, however, because of the critical importance of effective public relations for JACL and Japanese Americans, and with due regard for both the organization and individuals of Japanese ancestry in the United States, may I invite individual JACLers and others not in the organization to give these few thoughts the benefit of their thinking and to communicate their comments to National JACL Headquarters, Attention: the JACL PR Commission. And, in that communication, can any think of two more effective places in this country than Washington and New York for JACL leadership and activity in this sphere of public relations?

Drug abuse info

SACRAMENTO — Professionals and persons associated with drug abuse prevention programs now have access to computers at the State Health Dept., UCLA and at Mills College to retrieve information. Data of individual patients are not contained.

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Jose. It also takes in communities to the south and southwest as Cupertino, Saratoga, Los Gatos, Monte Serrano on the westside, plus Campbell, Morgan Hill, San Martin and Gilroy on the southside.

The weekend Gubser declared he would not run, the San Jose Mercury-News published the December, 1973, Dillard Research Corp. survey on "most respected public figures." For the third consecutive year, Mayor Mineta ranked as the most respected individual in the county. Trailing were Rep. Charles Gubser, Rep. Pete McCloskey, Assemblyman John Vasconcellos and State Sen. Alfred Alquist.

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LOS ANGELES—Being recognized for contributing much of their adult lives to the Scouting program by the Los Angeles Area Council are three one-time Eagle Scouts who were conferred the council's highest honor, the Silver Beaver, at the annual recognition dinner Feb. 6 with 1,100 adult leaders present. They are (from left) Harry Yamamoto and his wife, attorney Frank Chuman and his wife, and Benjamin Kondo, M.D., and his wife.

—Kashu Mainichi Photo.

Three L.A. Nisei conferred Silver Beaver award

LOS ANGELES — Three Nisei were among 88 recipients of the Silver Beaver, highest area council Boy Scout honor, at the Hollywood Palladium Feb. 6. They were past national JACL president and attorney Frank F. Chuman; Harry Yamamoto, co-owner of Towne Distributing Co.; and Benjamin Kondo, M.D.

Cited for his contributions to the council's executive board and a stalwart in the council's advancement committee, Chuman began his scouting activities when in 1930 he joined Troop 33 of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, attaining his Eagle rank in 1935. Until evacuation, he was junior asst. scoutmaster with the troop and since his return to Los Angeles has been serving scouting in an executive capacity.

Dr. Kondo started scouting life in 1927 with Troop 145 of Maryknoll School, attaining his Eagle rank in 1929. While attending UCLA, he was scoutmaster of Troop 110 of Evergreen Baptist Church. His son Leroy is also an Eagle Scout.

Yamamoto has been with Koyasan Church's Troop 379 for 23 years, twenty of them

as head of the troop's parents association. The troop's drum and bugle corps has been one of his avocations and he has also given assistance to many underprivileged scouts with camp equipment and camp fees.

During the evening, Brian Oki of Troop 719 (Gardena Valley District) delivered his prize-winning speech on "getting involved to make the world a better place in which to live." He is the son of the Masao Oki of Gardena.

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CHAPTER PULSE

Installation

Record turnout attends San Mateo JACL fete

San Mateo JACL installation dinner held Jan. 19 at Shadown Restaurant was regarded as possibly one of the best attended and well-planned dinners, thanks to dinner chairman Hisako Kimura and her committee.

Emcee Eugene Moriguchi kept the evening rolling, introduced the following guests: Rev. Thomas W. Grubbs, pastor, St. George's Church, Rev. Teshin Kato, San Mateo Buddhist Church; Chuck Kubokawa, NC-WDC chairman for the Nat'l JACL Fund campaign; Frank Tsur, San Mateo JYO; Dick Ishida, Buddhist Church board; Howard Ogawa, Gardeners Assn.; George U. Y. Y. Mid-Penninsula Landscape Gardeners Assn.; Dr. David Thomas, supl. San Mateo Elementary School Dist. and Mrs. Edmond Nagler.

The chapter honored Mrs. Ruth Nagler for her many years as a member of the school district, and Yoshiko Kimoto, longtime chapter board member and treasurer for the past four years.

Tom Konno, who was re-elected president, and his board were sworn in by George Yamasaki, NC-WDC vice governor.

Chapter board member and UC Berkeley graduate student, Jere Takahashi was the guest speaker. His topic, "Dilemmas of Japanese Community Leadership," resulted in some asking for a text of his speech. The chapter now hopes there is space in the PC to reprint the message for all in JACL to share.

Judge Takasugi to address Downtown L.A.

East Los Angeles Judge Robert M. Takasugi was announced as guest speaker for the Downtown L.A. JACL installation dinner Feb. 22, 7 p.m., at Imperial Dragon Restaurant.

Joe Hazama of the Los Angeles Bank of Tokyo of California office was re-elected chapter president. PSWDC vice-governor Harry Kawahara will be installing officer. Tickets are \$6 per person, obtainable by calling Ed Matsuda (629-3141), Takito Yamaguma (687-9800) or at the door.

Tak Endo installed at East L.A. dinner

On Jan. 12, the East Los Angeles JACL held its 26th annual installation dinner-dance at the new Montebello Country Club, where over 150 attended.

Tak Endo was sworn in as

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New York—Media seminar.
Peking Park Restaurants 6 p.m.
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Feb. 18 (Monday)
West Los Angeles—Auxiliary Mtg., Sako Awaia 10 a.m.
Feb. 22 (Friday)
West Los Angeles—73 Charter Fit reunion, Felleis Mahood Ctr, 120 p.m.
Downtown L.A.—Inst Dnr., Imperial Dragon, 7 p.m.; Judge Robert Takasugi, inst.
Feb. 22-24
Natl JACL—Bd Mtg., San Francisco.
Feb. 23 (Saturday)
Natl JACL—Cred Union ann dnr., Prudential Plaza, Salt Lake City, 1 p.m.
San Francisco—Schol Benefit Night, Night at Races, Bay Meadows.
Wilshire—Theater party, ICC, 1306 N. Hollywood Blvd., 8 p.m.
Feb. 23-24
West Los Angeles—Date Festival trip.
Feb. 24 (Sunday)
Santa Maria—Chicken teriyaki benefit.
March 1 (Friday)
West Los Angeles—Earth Sci Mtg.
March 1-2
EDC—Spring Qtrly, Chicago host.
March 3 (Sunday)
West Los Angeles—Sr Cit program, Felicia Mahood Ctr, 2-4 p.m.
March 10 (Sunday)
San Mateo—Benefit wine-tasting party, art exhibit, demon., Central Park Recreational Ctr, 1-4 p.m.; Ruth Awaia, spcl guest.
March 11-13
Natl JACL—Sacramento hosts: Bowling Tournament, Country Club Lane; Nat award banquet at Woodlake Inn.
March 12 (Monday)
West Los Angeles—Bd Mtg.
March 12 (Saturday)
San Mateo—Bd Mtg., Sturge Presbyterian Church, 8 p.m.
March 18 (Saturday)
EDC—Philadelphia JACL, hosts: Mtg.
Philadelphia—Inst Dnr-Dance, Conella's Country House, Cherry Hill, N.J., 6-9 p.m.
March 18 (Monday)
West Los Angeles—Auxiliary Mtg.
March 23 (Friday, 4:45)
Miyakawa—Yon Club, Whittier Country Gardens.
March 24 (Sunday)
Cincinnati—Buttice, Dnr Eastern Hamilton County Lodge, 4 p.m.

chapter president by PSWDC Gov. Masamune Kojima. Endo succeeds Mas Dobashi, two-term president, who remains as vice-president.

The chapter acknowledged door prizes from: Bank of Tokyo, Eda Co. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Furuta, Ginza Gift Shop, Grace's Pastries, Jane and Harry Ozuwa, Pacific Imports, RKM Automotive, and Toyo Miyatake.

February Events

Cleveland JACL booth in home show set

For the second year, Cleveland JACL will participate in Ohio's largest indoor family event, the 31st annual Home & Flower Show Feb. 16-24 at Public Auditorium. The JACL booth will be on the national festival floor.

Sally Taketa, chairing the JACL group, has lined up volunteers to man the booth for nine days, selling ribbon fish, ame, senbei and other Japanese gift items. Origami and calligraphy demonstrations are also planned.

The Sho Jo Ji dancers will perform on Sunday, Feb. 24, at 2 p.m. Harold Sasahara, president of the Ikenobu Ikebana of Ohio, will demonstrate his art Feb. 17, 4:30 p.m., and Feb. 23, 12:30 p.m.

Wilshire to host ICC Theater party

Wilshire JACL theater party at the Inner City Cultural Center, 1308 S. New Hampshire, where the multi-racial musical, "Earthquake," is now playing, is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 23.

In the cast are three Asian American talents, Elaine Kasahiki, Jeanne Joe and Keone Young.

Tickets are \$5.50, obtainable at the JACL Office, or from Marjorie Shinno (664-1534) and Mitsuo Sonoda (472-4361).

San Diegans to honor Agricultural awardees

San Diego JACL joins the Meiji Kai, Landscape Gardeners Assn., VFW Post 4851, Wakayama Kenjinkai, Nakayoshihiki, San Diego Gardeners, Yuwakai and Shiginkai in honoring six recipients of the Japanese Agricultural Award at a community dinner.

Bowling—

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participating in a National JACL Bowling tournament the next time, but not affiliated with any particular team, should keep this privilege in mind.

As with other national JACL pinfests, the schedule of play in the upcoming Sacramento event is quiet similar.

On Monday (Mar. 4), bowlers will be warming up in the regtime doubles—nothing serious except fun and getting into the mood of what's to come for the rest of the week. A mixer that evening with sponsors furnishing all the food and music doesn't seem to interfere with the regtime doubles event at the lanes.

On Tuesday, the first official event of the tournament commences with Mixed Doubles. Dependent upon the number of registered entries, who are scheduled throughout the day, there may still be time and lanes left to accommodate additional regtime double entries.

On Wednesday morning, the top bowlers in both the men's and women's division take over the lanes in the classic sweepers, the men rolling six games, the women four. The schedule allows two hours for the squad of men to complete their six games, an hour and 15 minutes for the women. Rest of the day, of course, is open for whatever pleases the bowler—sightseeing, fishing, golf, socializing.

On Thursday, the team competition begins and these take two hours and 15 minutes to complete per squad. This event finds the alleys really crowded.

On Friday and Saturday, the doubles and singles competitions are scheduled, each squad expected to complete their games within an hour.

On Saturday night is the windup—the Sayonara Ball where bowlers wine and dine, the winners picking up their trophies and prizes for their week's effort.

On Sunday morning, it's in everybody's mind: "Let's go home!"

SBA internships

SACRAMENTO—The small Business Administration intern program, developed jointly with several state agencies, for candidates who are bilingual has openings in Los Angeles, San Jose and Sacramento, according to special projects manager Joseph Flores, Cal Job/OMBE, 926 J St. (322-3420).

Feb. 16, 8 p.m. at the Hanalet Hotel.

Honorees will be (Photo appeared in the PC, Feb. 15): Taketaro Enomoto, Jack Hamaguchi, Tsuketaro Kamura, Hiline Matsumoto, (Mrs.) Keisuke Nakagawa (who is accepting the award for her late husband), and Otematsu Yoshinara.

January Events

White River JACLers conferred JACL pins

Charter president Willie Maebori of White River Valley JACL was presented with the JACL sapphire pin and George Kawasaki and Frank Natsuhara the JACL silver pin. These were the first presentations of its kind in the chapter, which was reactivated in 1961—though formed originally in 1930.

The recognition pins were awarded during the Puyallup Valley-White River Valley joint installation dinner held at Life on Jan. 19.

December Events

Mochitsuki for '75 already scheduled

Based on the successful mochitsuki held Dec. 29 at the Palo Alto Buddhist Church, the Sequoia JACL has

reserved Saturday, Dec. 28, for its third annual community mochitsuki.

Chuck Kubokawa and Dave Oki, co-chairmen of the last rice-pounding event, reported over 20 families participated. Even the girls joined in pounding mochi.

East L.A. celebrates 25th anniversary

Over 50 past and present members helped East Los Angeles JACL celebrate its 25th anniversary Dec. 15 at Imperial Dragon restaurant. Plaques were presented to past presidents while Roy Yamadera, a charter member, recalled the highlights of the early years.

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However, in a historical sense, it will still be the Nisei who will be responsible, who will be susceptible to whatever assault the stigma of stereotype assigns to us. I do not believe that we shall be willing to accept as pre-ordained a condition which implies that we are unconditionally bound to the land which our immigrant parents left. I cannot believe that Nisei of the grassroots are so apathetic, so defeated that they will not use this valuable time of transformation to confront an battle the consuming specter of stereotype.

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Hawaii Today

Aloha from Hawaii

by Richard Gima

Honolulu
Honolulu's consumer price index was 6.8% higher in Dec. than the same month in 1972, the U.S. Labor Dept. has announced. The index includes a number of major categories besides food, such as housing, transportation, health and recreation expenses, apparel and upkeep. In terms of dollars and cents, the index means that goods and services which cost \$10 in 1967 went up \$2.28 in 1973.

Hawaii's beef and pork production during the latter part of 1973 was down sharply from preceding year, adding fuel to the inflationary spiral of meat prices. Beef production during Nov. was down 21 per cent from the same month in 1972. Pork production was down 14 per cent. Pork prices went up 18.4 cents from a year earlier.

Education

Eighty probationary teachers in Hawaii public schools were notified they would not be rehired after their one-semester contracts expired Jan. 31. Almost all of them are at the end of their two-year probation and would have received tenure if they had been allowed to continue teaching the second semester. Two reasons were given for not rehiring: (1) Actual student enrollment is lower than the projected figure; and (2) many tenure teachers are returning from leaves of absence.

Political Scene

District Judge Frank Takao on Jan. 21 acquitted state Sen. Mason Altery of charges of failing to file a campaign-donations report in his 1972 race against Mayor Frank Fasi. Takao ruled that Altery was not aware that two checks of \$25,000 each and a \$50,000 check to his campaign were lump sum donations that needed to be reported. Altery said he thought they were made up of under-\$500 donations. State law requires the reporting of any donation over \$500.

Business Ticker

Grove Farm Co., Kauai, employees on Jan. 20 approved an agreement which settled the problem of the phaseout of can sugar operations. ILWU regional

Present and future roles of Buddhism in Japan viewed by five professors

Tokyo
Five Buddhist professors discussed the present and future of Buddhism in Japan in a round-table titled "Introduction of Buddhism for Businessmen" published in the October issue of the Bungei Shunju.

Associate Professor Shinko Saeki of Sagami Kogyo Daigaku, who belongs to the Shingon Sect, said the recent "boom" of Buddhism in Japan is evidence by the popularity of the Buddhist telephone sermon service run by an altar manufacturer. By dialing a certain number, you can listen to a three-minute tape-recorded sermon, but so many people like to use the service that the line is almost always busy.

Prof. Sanno Ishigami (Jodo Sect) of Taihoku University said many books on Buddhism are now best-sellers, but Associate Professor Shojun Bando (Jodoishinshu Sect) of Otani University noted a tendency to ignore priests and temples and go directly to books to seek Buddhism. Prof. Shojun Hanayama (also Jodoishinshu) of Musashino Jishu Daigaku said people now face many problems to which no clear-cut answers have been given by Western philosophy or by modern science created by Christian civilization, so that they tend to look to Buddhism for solution. Especially, businessmen are trying to cling to Buddhism for the purpose of escaping from rationally controlled society.

Spiritual Awakening

Prof. Yasuaki Nara (Sodo Sect) of Komazawa University said the spiritual awakening of Sakayamuni (Buddha) was a religious experience which could not be exactly explained to other people by words. The Buddhist tenets only convey the outline of this experience. For this reason, Buddhism is not a proselytizing religion like Christianity. Professor Saeki points out that Buddha did not start preaching of his own accord, but opened his mouth only when he was asked to preach.

Professor Saeki raised the question whether or not Buddhism is atheistic because it does not recognize the one and only creator corresponding to God in Christianity.

Professor Hanayama claimed Buddhism has many facets, so that it embraces atheism, pantheism, polytheism, and monotheism. It cannot be covered by a category in use in foreign countries.

On Salvation

Professor Bando asserted that man can naturally become a Buddha in Buddhism, but he can never become God

director Robert McElrath said Jan. 20. The agreement between union and management guarantees continuing employment for 254 workers at about 91 per cent of Grove Farm's work force. The Nakamichi Kikai Sangyo Co. of Japan has purchased Universal Equipment Co. of Honolulu for \$1,644,818. It has been reported. The Nakamichi purchase is believed to mark Japan's first entry here into the industrial equipment field.

Theo. H. Davies & Co. has merged two of its Big Island sugar plantations — Hamakua Mill Co. and Laupahoehoe Sugar Co., both founded in 1883. The merger is the final step in a consolidation program started in 1957 with the merger of Kalawiki Sugar Co. into Laupahoehoe. Laupahoehoe is the survivor in the latest merger.

Names in the News

Kenneth Okuma has been re-elected president of the 442nd Veterans Club. . . Andrew Mitsukado, who retired in Sept. 1973, as executive sports editor of the Honolulu Advertiser, was honored at a testimonial dinner Jan. 21 by some 600 friends. The main gift to Mitsukado, who worked 42 years for the Advertiser, included funds for him to attend the World Series, Rose Bowl, Super Bowl and the 1976 Olympic Games at Montreal.

Deaths

Lena Machado, 70, famed "Songbird of Hawaii", died Jan. 22 in Hale Nani Hospital on Pensacola St. in Makiki. She was born on Oct. 16, 1903, in Pauoa Valley. Among other things, Lena in her lifetime sang before President Franklin Roosevelt in 1934 and on another occasion so impressed opera star Galli Curci that there was talk of serious study in Milan. Her lyrical voice was the first impression of Hawaii many visitors received after an initial look at the Honolulu skyline. Her singing with the Royal Hawaiian Band especially on boat days at Honolulu Harbor will long be remembered by the people of Hawaii.

During the first week of September, 1973, Dr. Roy Doi of UC Davis attended the International Congress of Bacteriology at Jerusalem to present a paper and see a bit of the country. Though his observations have been on file all these months, his publication now assumes a more meaningful light in view of the fact that American Jews may exert pressure on the Japanese nationals in the United States because of the Japanese government's policy with respect to the Middle East question.—Editor.

By DR. ROY DOI

My colleagues at UC Davis jokingly cautioned me to be careful on my trip to Israel, since it has been one of the most tension-filled areas in the world for the past few years. That aspect did not worry me as much as the reception I might receive as a Nisei in a Japan-conscious world. It was about a year ago that a few radical young Japanese had murdered several innocent people in the Lod Airport near Tel Aviv and the question lingered in my mind as to how the Israelis felt about Japanese or someone who looked Japanese.

After an uneventful flight from California, we switched planes in Frankfurt, Germany. After a most thorough security check which included a personal frisking and an examination of every bit of hand-carried article, I was alarmed to see a jeep with three soldiers armed with submachine guns escort our bus to the airplane. The huge, silent, empty corridors of the Frankfurt-Main airport had an eerie feeling compared to

Kenzo Tange's sports area in S.F. unveiled

SAN FRANCISCO—A model of the \$34.4-million Yerba Buena Center Sports Arena, designed by Japanese architect Kenzo Tange, was unveiled Jan. 9.

Tange had designed the two indoor arenas for the 1984 Tokyo Olympics that received universal acclaim. The Yerba Buena Center will be situated between 3rd and 4th Sts., Mission and Folsom Sts.

Christian Daimyo

Remains of prominent Christians banished from Japan around 1800 were first laid to rest in what is now the campus of the Univ. of Manila, where the Osaka city of Takatsuki is planning to present a bronze statue of Ukon Takayama, the Catholic daimyo of Takatsuki Castle.

A Nisei Visits Israel

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One of the amazing Israeli accomplishments is the creation of new farmland in some of the worst lands I have ever seen. Even the Israeli farmers of California who had to struggle desperately in their early days would be amazed at the conditions which face the Israeli farmers of today.

I noticed many plowed fields from which the larger rocks had been removed, but which were still literally covered with football-size stones. In between the stones they were planting vegetables or fruit trees.

I asked our guide whether they had imported Japanese farmers from California to develop the land, but this is a comment which would make sense to a proud Nisei. I had no meaning for this young proud Israeli. The highly developed agriculture of Israel which supplies citrus fruits and vegetables to the European markets is even more incredible when one realizes that Jews for many centuries could not and did not farm since they were forbidden to own land in many of the countries in which they had lived. And yet, when they had to, they did turn to farming and have done an excellent job, one which would fill even an Issei with admiration.

One perhaps can explain this away as just the fruits of a highly technical, modern society in the desert, but it appears to be more of an act of survival, wise leadership, motivation and need, and a lot of sweat.

The area around the Sea of Galilee was very impressive since Jesus carried out his four years of preaching along the road from Jerusalem to Damascus which runs near the Sea and which was a popular site for philosophers.

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Hawaii Today

Japan-U.S. Estrangement Probed

by Allan Beekman

Pearl Harbor as History: Japanese-American Relations 1931-1941, edited by Dorothy Borg and Shumpei Okamoto with Dale K. A. Finlayson, Columbia University Press, 800 pp., \$25.

In November 1941, a Foreign Service officer, just returned from a tour of duty in Tokyo, called on Stanley K. Hornbeck, Far East political adviser to the U.S. State Department. Hornbeck advocated stern measure to curb Japan and these measure had Japan strangling in an economic noose.

Hornbeck asked his visitor about the mood of the American embassy staff in Tokyo. The visitor answered that the staff feared Japan might go to war with America through desperation.

"Tell me," scoffed Hornbeck, "of one case in history when a nation went to war out of desperation?"

He received a dramatic answer the following month when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor.

This study is restricted to the decade preceding the Pearl Harbor attack, but Japanese bias against American had begun with earlier anti-Japanese incidents. Inevitably some of those incidents are mentioned.

The segregation of Nikkei children in the San Francisco public schools in 1906, the gratuitous insult visited upon Japan through the Japanese Exclusion Bill of 1924, the mistreatment of Japanese nationals on the West Coast of America colored the thinking of the Japanese towards America. Anti-Japanese acts by America discredited her friends in Japan and fostered the belief that American espousal of internationalism and humanitarianism was founded in hypocrisy.

America influenced Great Britain to end her Anglo-Japanese alliance. Abandoned by the British, discriminated

Whales —

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Ueki-K. Sakai Co., 1656 Post Street.

Whales are on the endangered species list enumerated in the California penal code.

The complaint filed by Asst. District Attorney Wallace P. Douglas said owners of the store had been warned in November of a complaint against them for allegedly offering the whale meat but he received no response.

A month later, on Dec. 14, the suit said, police seized 10 cases of the prohibited meat from a basement area of the store and another 48 cans on display.

The suit asked for a court order halting the grocery firm from selling any food in violation of state law. It also asked the firm be fined \$2,500 for each alleged act of unfair business practice.

Collins said the whale meat offered for sale at the store was legally imported and is not harmful in themselves. "I think it's an outrage for anybody to go and seize property like that," Collins said.

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SAN FRANCISCO—Japanese Consul General Toshikazu Maeda (center) formalizes Japan Foundation grants of \$1,000,000 each to Stanford University, represented by President Richard Lyman (left), and UC Berkeley, represented by Chancellor Albert Bowker. The grant is in support of expanded Japan studies programs. In appreciation, both universities donated to the Consulate library a number of books published by them relevant to Japan.

A Minority of One

By Edison T. Uno

WHO IS 'COMMUNITY'?

There is increasing awareness by public and private organizations to consider the views of various "communities." To many, the word "community" is defined in simple terms, such as the Japanese community, the Black community, the minority community, the disadvantaged community, or a specific reference to minority representation which may be translated as the ethnic community.

To others the definition of community is quite different. I've heard references to a geographic community such as Little Tokyo or Japantown, a religious community such as the Buddhists, Christians, Jewish, an economic community such as Japanese businessmen, Chamber of Commerce, middle-class or middle income, and a general reference to various social or age groups such as the JACL community.

San Francisco

the young adult or Samsel community, the Nisei community; not to mention the political community of conservatives, moderates, liberals, Republicans, Democrats, and other convenient and sometime confusing labels.

Of course the difficulty in defining the term community is complicated by the complex mixture of many of those who are being designated and by the confusion of different perspectives of those who wish to put a simplistic label on a homogeneous group.

For example, I am often called upon by writers, reporters, politicians, executives and non-Japanese to recommend "community" representatives from "my community." It would be presumptuous, arrogant, and wrong for me to become a self-appointed spokesman for "my community." I always have to respond to this type of request by asking what they mean by "my community?" I often discover that my views are sought because I am a person of Japanese ancestry and not afraid to articulate some of my personal views in the public arena. My involvement includes many interests in a variety of areas in the city and greater San Francisco Bay Area, therefore "my community" has to be translated in terms of my interests.

Last month, I was invited to a "community" dinner sponsored by the Committee against Nihonmachi Eviction (CANE), celebrating its first anniversary as a grass roots community organization composed of residents, business people, Issei, Nisei, and Samsel who formed an effective cooperative force to combat the forces of the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency and the encroachment of capital investments from Japan. Over 300 people from the "community" were present to celebrate the occasion. It was an inspiring sight to see so many beautiful people coming together for a common cause... a just cause in my opinion, a struggle for survival, a unity of purpose against tremendous odds. From my perspective, CANE is the epitome of the true meaning of "community," having all the fine characteristics of the identification I have of "my community."

I was sorry to observe that the JACL was conspicuously absent in this community effort. I made a special effort to seek out those leaders in the largest JACL chapter in our national organization, but failed to see anyone I could identify with that leadership. I hope my age and vision isn't failing me.

My disappointment is tempered with regrets too, because I know that in many communities the JACL is the most vital organization and one can usually find the "cream of Nisei leadership" at the helm of the local JACL Chapter. I think we in JACL must begin to question the legitimacy of building the proposed national headquarters building in the community where the viability of local chapter is doubtful and the community environment may be less than favorable.

To the founders, organizers, members, and supporters of CANE, I wish to express my sincerest congratulations. I hope their activities will cause JACLers to emulate their example, especially in a wide variety of community based programs.

I'd like to be proud of my community, especially the JACL community. I identify with personally. I am happy to report that the Bay Area Community JACL Chapter was well represented at the CANE anniversary and I witnessed many of our members joining their organization.

San Jose

As the first of a series of programs commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Buddhist Churches of America, a memorial service will be conducted Feb. 24, 2 p.m., at the San Jose Betanin upon conclusion of the BCA National Council meeting. The total number of ministers on the BCA roll is over 310 and among them, 72 have passed away in the U.S. Bishop Kenryu Tsuji will officiate.

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.

NEWS CAPSULES

Elections

Carson city clerk candidate Helen Kawazoe regretted to announce Sen. Daniel Inouye wasn't able to attend her Feb. 9 reception as planned because of the serious illness of his father in Honolulu. Those who purchased tickets were reimbursed.

San Francisco Municipal Court Judge Harry Low is a candidate in the June primaries for a superior court post. The city's youngest judge and first of Chinese ancestry, he has served on the municipal bench for the past eight years, is a 1955 graduate from Boalt Hall School of Law, UC Berkeley.

Organizations

Orange County JACLer Frank K. Omatsu, who is manager of the Sumitomo Bank of California office at Anaheim, was elected president of the Anaheim Lions—the first Nisei to head the 50-year-old group.

Randolph H. Imai was honored as the outstanding scout of the year for Troop 250 in Sacramento. He is a senior patrol leader and the son of the George Imais. Troop 250 is sponsored by the Nisei Post 8985, VFW.

Radio-TV

KNBC's "Expression: East-West," now hosted and produced by George Takel and directed by Christopher Watt of the KNBC (4) staff, examined the expansion of Japanese corporate investments in Southern California in its Feb. 10 segment. Guest panelists included former Gov. Edmund Brown; Akira Yasui, director general of Japan Trade Center; Kathryn Doi, attorney; and Alan Nishio, student development programs director, Cal-State Long Beach.

Education

Les Wong is director of minority affairs program at Gonzaga University, the Spokane Jesuit co-educational institution adjacent to the 1974 World's Fair site.

UC Berkeley's Affirmative Action coordinator, Sharon Lim Lau, 30, has resigned after six months because she

was not allowed to implement campus promises to hire and promote more women and minority faculty and staff members. The resignation came at a time when the U.S. Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare has threatened to cancel all of Berkeley's federal research contracts if the campus does not produce an acceptable plan for the hiring and promotion of women and racial minorities. Last year, the campus received about \$13 million in federal research contracts.

Government

With the notice that San Francisco City Controller Nathan B. Cooper will retire Nov. 1, speculation at city hall is that Henry Nanjo, on Cooper's staff in charge of systems and data processing, will be among the top four candidates for the \$43,000 post. The mayor will make the appointment, subject to majority vote of the board of supervisors.

Jeffrey Matsui was appointed by Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley to head the city's new office in San Pedro as the Harbor Area regional coordinator. The onetime JACL associate national director has been with the mayor's executive staff since the fall.

Mayor Bradley also appointed Christine Umr, a fifth generation Chinese American and a social worker with Oriental Service Center, as community services representative in the Mayor's Office.

Architect Thomas Hsieh recently resigned as a member of the San Francisco Art Commission, where he served for four years. He was its first Chinese member.

DeAnza College's multicultural coordinator Edward W. Kawazoe, 37, was appointed to the Santa Clara County Human Relations Commission. Nominated by Supervisor Dom Cortese, he succeeds Stan Tanaka, who recently resigned. Kawazoe, a philosophy graduate from San Jose State, also administers the campus-based readiness program and community-based bilingual center.

Science

One of Japan's foremost authorities on predicting earthquakes, Prof. Tsuneji Rikitake of Tokyo University's Earthquake Research Institute, is due to join Cooperative Research Institute in Environmental Sciences at Boulder, Colo., after attending an international seismological conference in late February at San Francisco. A fellow researcher at the same institute, Prof. Hiroo Kanamori, is a resident scholar at Calif. Institute of Technology.

Beauties

Pamela Fong, 21, of Sacramento was picked Miss Chinatown USA from a field of 16 candidates in San Francisco during its Chinatown New Year festivities Jan. 26. A striking figure of 5 ft.-7, she is the third Sacramento to win the honors in the 17 years the prizes she won are scholarships and a round-the-world trip.

Crime

Gerry Hamada, 21-year old judo expert, recently gained the title of being the "youngest and shortest" member of the Orange (Calif.) Police Dept., but his superiors say "size" is not a major qualification for the new image of a police officer. Hamada has at least two years of college experience as a cadet and a five-month training course at the Los Angeles Police Academy. Hamada stands 5'7".

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Flower-Garden

Hollywood JACLer Muriel L. Merrell was appointed national chairman of the National Council of State Garden Clubs flower show judges council. Some 300 councils are located in the U.S. The noted floral designer is also a fellow of the Royal Horticultural Society of London and headmaster of the Ri-yu Kai branch of the Shofu-ryu method of Japanese flower arranging. Mrs. Merrell's appointment is for two years.

Military

The So. Calif. 100th Infantry Battalion Club elected Col. Young O. Kim (ret.) president. Assemblyman Paul Banai, chairman of the 442nd Am., swore in the club officers recently in Gardens. The club is planning an invitational golf tournament July 4-6 in San Diego and Las Vegas. Some 20 golfers from Hawaii are already entered, according to Chick Furuya, Bill Miyagi and Ben Tagami, tournament co-chairmen.

Deaths

David H. Saito, 49 manager of the Sumitomo Bank of California branch in San Mateo, died Jan. 21. The Oakland Nisei, who served with the bank's office in San Francisco, Oakland and San Jose before assuming branch management in April, 1969, is survived by wife Grace and four children.

Mitsu Tsukamoto, who had celebrated her 100th birthday on Dec. 28, died Jan. 5. She was the oldest Issei in San Francisco at the time, wife of the late Matsunosuke Tsukamoto, prewar community leader, who was 101 at the time of his death in 1958. Among the survivors include Rev. Joseph (Los Angeles), Shoji (Honolulu) and Kay-taro, a stepson.

Amy Y. Inukai, 78, of Oakland died Jan. 10. The Hawaiian-born wife of Dr. F.T. Inukai, dentist, was secretary of the Japanese consulate staff in prewar San Francisco.

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