

JACL Since 1972



In retrospect, and without planned intent, the 1972 National JACL Convention may well have propelled JACL to a long overdue re-evaluation of its goals and purposes.

Without discrediting those National staff who chose to resign or retire, the opportunity was there to hire new staff committed to meeting the changing needs of the organization's membership and the Japanese American communities they represent.

CIP (Community Involvement Program), evolved during the height of the civil rights movement which swept the country, was conceived as the new national JACL program thrust, following the successful completion of major legislative programs directly affecting persons of Japanese ancestry. The CIP served as an awakening experience for most JACLers, unaware of the increasing social, economic and personal problems of JA youth and elderly. But from its onset CIP was handicapped by limited JACL funds approved by the National Council in 1970 restricted to California. In 1970, CIP was later to be the principle source of open criticism of the membership, even though they supported the program wholeheartedly.

About the same time, youth and education also merged as priority programs. But again, limited activities and directions became the grounds for serious criticism among the membership. The expectation that these programs would naturally flow to the districts and chapter levels was unrealistic. Again, funding limitations restricted these programs mainly to the California area. At the same time California JACLers claimed that they were not involved in the CIP, Youth and Education programs. Yet many chapters did not offer assistance and were "turned off" by the participation of so-called "activists" in these programs. A split became evident and was to later occur.

The gradual deterioration of the CIP, Youth and Education program became evident before the '72 Convention. In fact, the staff involved attempted to recoup their programs by offering an alternative "package budget" for the next biennium. This alternative was presented at the executive committee in March, 1972. But the national budget committee had already met and presented its recommendation for National Board approval.

The staff's move was symbolic of events that were to follow: the factionalization of staff and board, the widening of the gap in communications, and the loss of confidence and trust in each other.

It is my feeling therefore, that the mass resignation of national staff at the 1972 Convention would have occurred regardless of who was appointed as the national director.

Divisiveness, limited funds, continued criticism of programs and lack of chapter involvement in these programs were factors which staff could not tolerate indefinitely. Some immediate change was in order. The move to consolidate these programs by staff's "package budget" was a desperate measure to salvage the programs and prevent further deterioration of relationships.

Those who strongly supported the CIP concept were very critical of the National Council's action in 1972 to refocus its attention on Regional Offices and so-called "membership services". Proponents of the Regional Office alternative were equally firm in their convictions that decentralization of JACL is an essential structural change if any continuing attempts should be made to promote the community involvement programs.

My own feeling was that a "federated plan" would provide greater autonomy to district councils and thereby facilitate the effort to increased grass roots involvement in community-based service.

JACL-BUILDING FUND DRIVE

Hayashis pledge \$11,000

SAN FRANCISCO — This is was Koike and she was the more than merely a story daughter of the founder of about a pioneer Japanese the Nippon Dry Goods Co., in American family donating a San Francisco. Her father was large sum of money to the National JACL Headquarters business and introduced the Building Fund. For with the kimono to San Francisco.

Heading the Hayashi family is Dr. Hayashi, who at 80 years of age still puts in a full day at his dental practice in downtown San Francisco. Other members of the family are Dr. Hayashi's grown children, Patricia Toyoko, of West Lake; Nancy Miyeko, of El Cerrito; Paul, of Oakland; and Donald, of San Francisco.

"We've always been interested in JACL and its work and I know what it's like to undertake a project such as this," the doctor said. "We wanted to support it as best we could."

Part of Dr. Hayashi's desire to help JACL now stems from his memories of the organization's early struggles to gain credibility.

"Things (in the Japanese community) were run by the Issei and they thought we were just a bunch of young-

ices. I had proposed a plan which would require a proportionate sharing of cost between National and district councils, based upon an agreed matching formula. The Regional Office concept, given the present state of affairs and limited funds, turned out to be a realistic compromise.

The National Council in 1972 supported the need for strengthening of the National staff by hiring trained and experienced staff in such fields as human services, communication, program development, youth services, community organization and legislation. Such a staff could then provide the needed technical assistance to Regional Directors.

What the National Council did not support were the required funds to meet the proposed budget. The Council's approval of a \$32,000 deficit budget reflected a lack of strong commitment to the organization, or perhaps some loss of confidence in its national staff as a result of the mass resignation in 1972. This decision may even have more serious implications for the future of JACL as its directions begin to encompass more than those specifically related to the problems of the Americans of Japanese ancestry.

The caution and doubts of the National Council in the future directions of JACL may have been sounded by their action to approve a deficit budget.

Letter to Rodino . . .

I find it necessary to reiterate the National JACL's position on the impeachment issue (PC, Dec. 14, 1973).

Those who impulsively interpreted the position as calling for the President's impeachment, are guilty of misreading or reading into our position.

Let me quote parts of the letter I wrote to Peter Rodino Jr., chairman, House Committee on the Judiciary. It stated that JACL "supports the Committee's inquiry into the possible impeachment of the President". Furthermore, we felt "it is imperative that the Committee proceed with its inquiry in a principled manner and that it not allow partisan political considerations to color its deliberations". The underlining is mine.

Thus, JACL's action is to support an investigation on what are the conditions of engaging in impeachment procedures and to assure proper legal processes to engage in the accepted activities of the special prosecutor's office.

Impeachment inquiry is not a political weapon. It is a legitimate, proper and orderly Constitutional procedure employed to insure the provisions of checks and balances in our governmental system.

To those who have spoken with me personally, I agree that impeachment inquiry is unquestionably a very serious matter. It is important to note, however, that there is substantial basis for believing our President may have engaged in misconduct which warrants the impeachment inquiry. In any event, the process of principled inquiry and exploration may well prove that the hue and cry for the President's resignation or impeachment are unfounded. His exoneration through this process will (I hope) achieve a return of confidence in him and his Administration.

The House action by vote of 410-4 gave the Committee on the Judiciary the authority to investigate "impeachment in totality". Rodino suggested that this gave the Committee the right to override any future presidential claim of executive privilege. Others have suggested this to mean that the Committee has subpoena powers.

For those who champion the sole cause of JACL to protect the rights and privileges of Japanese Americans, may I remind them of JACL's motto, "For Better Americans in a Greater America". We need to put those words into action.

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RADIO SPOT HIT BY NAT'L JACL AS 'DISTASTEFUL'

Bay Area Stations Withdraw Offending Pitch for Chrysler

SAN FRANCISCO—A Chrysler-Plymouth radio commercial, created by the advertising firm of Young & Rubicam, Inc., has been withdrawn. It was learned Feb. 14 by National JACL Headquarters.

The commercial drew sharp criticism from individuals and groups because it utilized the voice of a man speaking with a "contrived and exaggerated Japanese accent," according to David Ushio, JACL Executive Director. As the narrator notes the superior value of the Plymouth Duster over some of the small Japanese imports, his voice transforms into a deeper, unaccented American one.

Joining National JACL in protesting use of the commercial to Chrysler and its advertising agency were Asian Americans for Community Involvement, Chinese for Affirmative Action, Japanese Community Services, and the San Francisco and San Jose JACL chapters.

JACL had also asked Bay Area radio stations to refuse air time to the commercial spot. "Thus far the response has been very gratifying," Ushio said. "We have received letters from KGO, KNBR, KYYA and KFRG, stating their agreement with our position and cooperation if the commercial is not voluntarily withdrawn by the advertisers."

"We just learned that KCBS and KSNB were stations that had initially refused to use the commercial because they found it to be in bad taste," Ushio added.

The offending commercial had been aired on more than 65 radio stations in the Northern California area since Jan. 14.

Karate-chop on TV spot 'demeaning'

LOS ANGELES — Southern California TV stations were being asked this week by the Asian Americans for Fair Media to withdraw the Von's Grocery commercial showing a Nisei karate expert zipping through a supermarket "slashing prices" with his fists.

It is "insulting and demeaning" to persons of Oriental ancestry, the TV stations were told. Grey Advertising, Inc., said the portrayal was intended to be friendly and non-violent and the spot had been approved by network standards officials.

Sacramentans file \$4 million suit upon Moose Lodge

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — It may be costing this country a lot in terms of dollars in many ways and for many reasons, but a Sacramento Moose Lodge has been told that the fraternal order's racial discrimination is worth \$4 million to those discriminated against.

In a suit filed here, three Sacramento couples are asking for \$4 million because they were turned away from a crab dinner at the Moose Lodge on Jan. 20, 1973.

They were told, according to the complaint, that only Caucasians were allowed on the lodge premises.

The couples are Mr. and Mrs. Dean Davis, Mr. and Mrs. William Emick and Mr. and Mrs. Hong Fong.

Davis and Emick are members of the lodge. Mrs. Davis, Taeko, is of Japanese ancestry; the Fongs are of Chinese descent.

In refusing to serve or even admit the three couples, the suit charges the lodge and two individuals were being intentionally malicious, oppressive and discriminatory and caused "anger and embarrassment and humiliation . . . and great emotional and nervous upset . . ."

In 1934 when JACL held its third biennial convention in San Francisco, Dr. Hayashi was its president.

Although times have changed a great deal since JACL first began, Dr. Hayashi still feels it is important for JACL to continue its work. "The anti-Japanese feelings are not as rampant, but once in a while it rears its ugly head and we must be careful and we must be prepared."

The reason for Dr. Hayashi's desire to aid Japanese Americans is to bring about

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JACL-NATIONAL BOARD

Impeachment issue swirls

By HARRY K. RONDA

SAN FRANCISCO—Two JACL district councils have voiced their opinions relative to the current inquiry by the House Judiciary Committee as to whether President Nixon should be removed from office.

The matter does not appear on the tentative agenda of the National JACL Board meeting here this weekend but in view of the district council actions, the issue is expected to be considered.

Early November last year, National JACL President Henry Tanaka (see his Priorities column on this page) expressed the organization's support of the House inquiry in a letter to Rep. Peter W. Rodino Jr. (D-N.J.) into the possible impeachment of the President of the United States. Tanaka also sent a second letter to Sen. James O. East-

land (D-Miss.) expressing support of SB 2611 establishing an independent special prosecutor to be appointed by the Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia to ensure "a full and complete inquiry and . . . ultimate public acceptance of the outcome of the investigation."

The Central California District Council, at its Nov. 17-18 convention in Fresno, expressed its regret the letters were written "without prior authorization of the National Board or Council on behalf of the League as a whole." It also recommended no further letters of "this type" be written without express authorization of the National Council or National Board.

The Pacific Southwest District Council is waiting on four chapters which abstained at the time of voting at its

Feb. 9 quarterly session on the resolution calling upon Congress to impeach Mr. Nixon. The vote was 7 ayes, 5 nays and 4 abstentions—the abstaining chapters being allowed 30 days to decide.

The abstaining delegates desired to consult with their chapter on the controversial question.

It is CCDC's contention that the impeachment issue has urgency with respect to National JACL issuing such a "no immediate or precipitant statement. CCDC further held the organization's constitution does not authorize its National President to write "policy letters of this type without the prior approval of the National Council or the National Board."

CCDC also pointed out that not all JACL members may concur with the opinions expressed by Henry Tanaka.

Convention format to change

(Special to The Pacific Citizen)

PORTLAND, Ore. — With the theme of "Asian American," the 23rd biennial National Convention of the Japanese American Citizens League being hosted by the Portland and Gresham-Troutdale chapters here July 23-27 at the Sheraton Motor Inn is being revamped to permit chapter delegates 6½ hours to process basic decision making and 9 hours for regular National Council business.

During the week of the convention, speakers, panelists and displays to explore the meaning of "Asian American" will be featured in addition to the usual business and social activities.

To prepare chapter delegates to the new look, a convention leadership team has been meeting in recent months to design an acceptable format.

The team is now about to orient the National Board at its meeting this weekend in San Francisco, so that national and board members, district governors and district youth council leaders can adequately interpret the format to

their respective chapters.

Pre-convention rallies later this spring will include sessions on how proposals for JACL funding are written, goal statements prepared and establishing priorities as part of the basic decision making process. Actual programs to be considered at the Convention will be prepared.

In the few weeks prior to the convention, Headquarters will distribute district proposals along with other pre-convention reports.

As part of the "process" to basic decision-making, in contrast to parliamentary procedure, chapter delegates will meet in separate groups of 15 members each at least four times. In the meantime, group leaders will have been trained.

The first small group session will review JACL accomplishments of the past biennium, go over unclear proposals, discuss "where we are."

Next session will involve writing of new proposals and discuss what had happened during the day.

Third session will review all proposals and learn how to

cluster them. Final session will involve ranking the proposals or "prioritizing."

Up to 30 small groups are being planned by the Convention committee.

These small group sessions are scheduled for the first two days (Wednesday and Thursday) of Convention Week, interspersed by opening ceremonies, opening luncheon, dinner on Wednesday, and testimonial luncheon for Hito Okada and evening 1000 Club whirling on Thursday.

Friday is "break day" at Kah-Nee-Tah, popular Oregon Indian attraction.

Business session on Saturday, which includes adoption of the budget and election of national officers, will be recessed for the recognitions luncheon. A Sanyo's dinner-dance is the final event.

Post-convention activities at the district and chapter level are incorporated as part of the new convention format. Actions of the National Council will be explained and implemented. District task groups will be organized to

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Decision-making process reset

TENTATIVE AGENDA

SAN FRANCISCO — Eleven basic areas in National JACL programs and status reports on 13 matters are tentatively scheduled on the National JACL Board and Staff meeting agenda this weekend at the Miyako Hotel, according to David Ushio, national JACL executive director.

The Friday board session is scheduled to start at 2 p.m. for dinner at 6:30 and resume for two hours at 7:30 p.m.

Items to be covered are:

1-Budget-Finance.
2-Travel.

rection is JACL headed," Tanaka noted.

Next July 23-27 at Portland, the National Council will be expected to adopt a clear statement of goals to give a framework by which to decide on specific projects and resolutions. But chapters and district councils are to examine this statement prior to the National Council.

Late last year, each chapter was asked to help identify the goals of JACL. Five goals were cited as a starting point and chapters were to submit improvements and changes by Dec. 31. From such input, the goals are to be redrafted for further consideration.

The rough draft of JACL goals enumerated by the Constitution and expressed through various programs currently in operation can be expected to cover:

1-Justice for All Americans: That is, JACL supports all efforts to make equality of rights and privileges a reality for all Americans without regard to race, creed, color or national origin. By definition, true justice cannot be achieved unless equality of rights is assured for all people and not just for a particular group.

a) Legal service program.
b) Washington JACL Office.
c) Staff responses to members, chapters, district councils on requests for assistance on governmental matters.
d) Chapter and district council involvement in civic matters.
e) JACL participation as members in Leadership Conference on Civil Rights.

2-Equal opportunity in all endeavors and just dues for all Japanese Americans: Japanese Americans should have equal opportunity to seek out and achieve their own individual goals in education, em-

3-Convention Budget.
4-PR Commission.
5-Constitutional Amendments.
6-Building Fund.
7-Regional Offices.
8-Boycott.
9-Governance.
10-Youth Director.
11-Chapter Dues increase.

Status reports are expected in:

Bowling, Legal Services, Scholarship, Student Aid, Tax-Exempt Status, Planning Commission, Health Insurance, Credit Union, JACL Policy statements, External Funding, Reimbursable Expenses, Recognitions, CBS lawsuit, Political Statements.

employment and advocations according to individual needs, interests and capacities without out any constraints or restraints based on race or cultural background. JACL advocates for the rights of Japanese Americans and other Asian Americans to attain these opportunities.

a) Scholarship and student aid programs.
b) Programs related to talent banks, job referrals, vocational and educational counseling.

3-Assurance that Japanese Americans, individually and collectively, have the capacity to withstand any threat their well-being as Americans of Japanese ancestry: The history of the Japanese in America is replete with instances in which individual and collective well-being have been denied or endangered solely because of race. The mass evacuation of Japanese Americans during World War II is a prime example, although there have been countless instances of individual and collective deprivations before and since. Therefore, we must develop the capacity to defend ourselves against and to thwart such transgressions should we not be able to forestall such threats through the achievement of our other goals.

a) Preservation Fund.
b) Reservation, recognition and appreciation of our cultural heritage, contributions and ethnic identity as Americans of Japanese ancestry: We want to be Americans, accepted and dealt with by others as individual persons, but not at any externally imposed price of having to reject our cultural heritage. We wish to have the right to our own individual pride and per-

sonal dignity.

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INOUE RECEIVES \$270,000 FOR OWN CAMPAIGN

One from Friend Investigated by Watergate Committee

WASHINGTON — Three Senate members up for re-election this year (which includes Sen. Daniel Inouye) have received campaign contributions from individuals or groups which have been investigated by the committee, the Washington Star-News reported Feb. 7.

Nothing illegal about the contributions, but there is an "image" problem, the Star-News noted.

According to campaign financial reports filed with the secretary of the Senate, Sen. Inouye received \$5,000 from George M. Steinbrenner III, president of American Ship Building Co., under federal investigation for alleged use of phony company "bonuses" to conceal a donation of \$25,000 in corporate funds to the 1972 Nixon campaign.

Several officials of the company have testified before the Watergate committee on Steinbrenner's role in the 1972 campaign.

Sen. Inouye's office explained Steinbrenner is an old friend and political supporter. Anticipating a problem, "we made sure it was a personal check," an aide explained.

To date, \$270,474 have been raised by the Inouye campaign with 62 pct. raised within Hawaii. More than half (\$154,425) was raised last Aug. 3 at a \$100-a-ticket dinner — the day after he was referred to as "that little Jap" by the lawyer for former Nixon advisers H.R. Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman.

Major contributions to Inouye's campaign include \$20,000 from James P. Wilmut, board chairman of Page Airways, Inc. and three of his business associates, \$15,000 from radio-TV station owner Cecil Heftel (who opposed Sen. Fong in '72), \$10,000 from both William F. Ragan, longtime friend and attorney for Sea-Land Service, the nation's largest ocean-going fleet, and the political arm of the Seafarers International Union.

The Nisei senator serves on the Commerce Committee, chairs the subcommittee on foreign commerce and tourism, and sits with the subcommittees on aviation, merchant marine and communications.

He received \$5,000 from COPE, \$12,500 from the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, and more than \$10,000 from executives of Hawaii's five biggest conglomerates with holdings in land, sugar and shipping.

Sen. Inouye said he plans no further fund-raising for this year's campaign.

'Jpn' preferred as ISO standard

WASHINGTON — The forthcoming International Standards Organization list will be "JPN" and not "JAP," the Washington JACL office was advised Feb. 1.

The change had been recommended by JACL about the same time the Library of Congress was urged to change the use of the derogatory abbreviation in its computerized files.

James L. Wood, director of bibliographic support division with Chemical Abstracts Service, at Ohio State University expressed his appreciation for the efforts being made by JACL in enabling this change to be made.

Dr. Jim Taguchi of Dayton JACL and Dr. Min Maruda of Seattle JACL had both urged the scientific community libraries to use "Jpn."

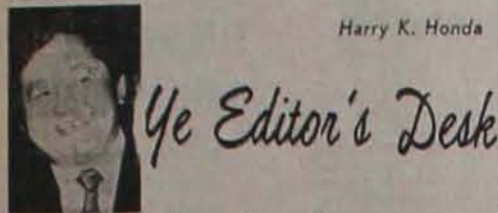
170 teams sign for JACL pinfest

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — The word is out that 170 teams, 112 men and 58 women, are entered in the 1974 National JACL bowling tournament held at Country Club Lanes.

Overall, tournament coordinator Tokio Fujii anticipates 1,000 bowlers participating including 40 from Japan and 100 from Hawaii during the week of Mar. 4.

As is customary, the team roster of bowlers will be announced through the Pacific Citizen.

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Harry K. Honda

Ye Editor's Desk

"Save the Whales" campaign has stepped up its fervor by advocating the boycott of Japanese and Russian goods. But one Torrance resident protests that method isn't a sensible solution: "Boycotting Japanese and Russian products is fine, but this isn't the only useless slaughter of whales and other animals going on in the world. The United States pollutes the ocean more than any other country in the world; the result of all this pollution will be detrimental to all marine life, according to oceanographer Jacques Cousteau. What good is a ban on whaling if the waters will become so polluted the whales will die anyway?"

As an aside with a Nikkei angle here, Dr. Taro Takahashi of Tokyo, who earned his doctorate at Columbia and is conducting research under a \$5-million grant from the National Science Foundation at Queens (N.Y.) College, says about nine billion tons of carbon monoxide are emitted into the world's atmosphere each year with about 50% dropping into the oceans where it dissolves. In due time, the oceans may be unable to safely consume the deadly gas. His study has to deal with how much pollution oceans can tolerate before the balance is affected.

The Torrance writer continues: "Our own country also permits the useless massacre of countless species of animals, many on the endangered species list (as the whales), through the manly sport of hunting; farmers and ranchers kill additional thousands of animals a year by such 'humane' methods as steel traps and strychnine poisoning."

"I'm not trying to condone the killing of whales, but to pick out only one of countless slaughter of animals is to shield our eyes to the issue. A worldwide effort must be made to preserve all species of animals."

The World Wildlife Fund, Inc. (910 17th St. NW, Washington, D.C.), formed in 1961 to help save endangered wildlife and habitat anywhere in the world, has the names of rare and endangered animal species listed on both sides of a roll of paper about four feet long. "As lengthy as it is, if those species considered vulnerable were included, this list would number over 1,000—not to mention over 20,000 rare and endangered plants," the preface to the list reads.

The list was compiled from the Red Data Book, published by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources in Geneva, Switzerland. (We've seen these books on the reference shelves in the local library. The binder covers are blood red!)

The 1973 IUCN list of Endangered, Rare, Vulnerable, Out-of-Danger and Indeterminant species in the U.S., to carry out the Torrance resident's cause, includes:

ENDANGERED—Delmarva (Del., Md., Va.) Peninsula fox squirrel, Morro Bay kangaroo rat, Salt-marsh harvest mouse, Block Island meadow vole, Northern Rocky Mountain wolf, Red wolf, Northern kit fox, Black-footed ferret, Texas ocelot, Eastern cougar, Florida cougar, Key deer, Columbia white-tailed deer, Lower California pronghorn, Sonoran pronghorn.

RARE—Ozark big-eared bat, Virginian big-eared bat, Spotted bat, Utah prairie dog, Big-eared kangaroo rat, Texas kangaroo rat, Beach meadow vole, Glacier bear.

VULNERABLE—Indiana bat, Wolf (29 subspecies), Polar bear (5 subspecies), Guadalupe fur seal, North American manatee, Bighorn sheep.

OUT-OF-DANGER—Tule elk.

INDETERMINATE—Kurile harbour seal.

The vicuna of Argentina and Peru is on the vulnerable list as are the jaguars which inhabit both North and South America, the wild chinchillas of Bolivia—and their pelt have been material for fashion designers. The American alligator and crocodile are not of danger, either.

The eight-foot list from World Wildlife Fund doesn't indicate where the species range but what we spot as American appear to include the Desert tortoise, Giant armadillo, San Diego horned lizard, Santa Cruz long-toed salamander, Texas blind salamander, Illinois chorus frog, Houston toad—and birds galore: California condor, Hawaiian hawk, Hawaiian gallinule, Hawaiian stilt, Puerto Rico whippoorwill, Hawaiian goose, Hawaiian crow, etc.

When one recognizes there are so many endangered and rare species, the task to save these species bewilders. But the World Wildlife Fund in its short lifetime has spent more than \$10 million on nearly 900 projects. To help them, tax-deductible contributions are welcome. Instead of boycotting Japanese or Russian goods, the nobler gesture would be to do without and donate the money.

The six Japanese whaling companies, incidentally, formed this month denies fin whales are in danger of extinction, claiming only 1,450 whales are caught annually (instead of nearly 15,000 as charged in the "Save-the-Whales" notice) while their population increases about 3,500 yearly.

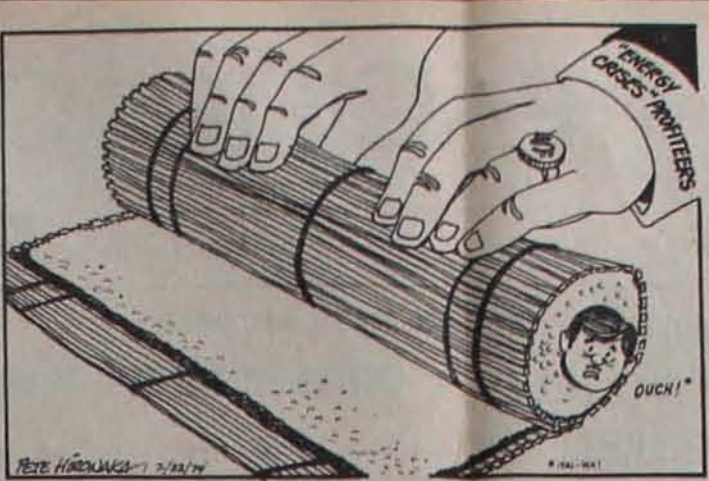
The International Whaling Commission will meet in London in June to discuss the issue and is expected to lower international quotas.

So it comes down to whom do you want to believe? We'll have to ferret a bit deeper for the facts now.

25 Years Ago

In the Pacific Citizen, Feb. 19, 1949

Many cemeteries in Chicago evacuation loss claims must continue policy of refusal to wait passage of appropriate legislation. Japanese held U.S. give Hawaii statehood bill may action to repeal exclusion law give citizenship rights. U.S. House groups approval of evacuee damage Army will permit 60-day visit-claims bill. Settlement of its in Japan for Issei, Nisei.



Maki-Sushi

CINCINNATI ECHOES: Joe Oyama

Ohio, We Love You

Cincinnati, Ohio
There's this short pug-nacious red-headed man, whom I hadn't even been introduced to, who said, "I know k-a-a-t-a-t! You want to come around on this side and fight with me?" He'd been drinking, so I ignored him. Besides, with my yellow belt in judo, although he was shorter than me, but about twice as broad, he might have slaughtered me.

Now, I have known this man for about seven months as a customer, and he said, "I go hunting. I'm going to bring you a rabbit. Do you know how to clean a rabbit? Do you like to eat them?"

I said, "I'd love to eat a rabbit. I've eaten them up in Rhode Island, but I don't know how to clean them."

He said, "I'll clean it for you and cut it all up and bring it to you. You like eat-in' them?"

This was sometime ago. I saw him again and he said, "I'm goin' huntin'. You like quail? If I get some, I'll bring you one."

That's Your Privilege

Since then, he's been in, complaining about his wife. His wife is taller than he is, and sober. She said about her husband, "When he's at home, he's worse than the children. When he's in a bad mood, he slaps the children around, and kicks the dog."

He says, "Dash dash mother (unmentionable name) locked me out of the house." I said, "That's not a nice thing to call your wife." I meant it.

Then, my partner who works with me, Jack-the-Killer, a strapping six-foot four, joins us, after I had told him, "This is the man who wanted to fight me."

"(Karate) Red says, 'I can call my wife anything I want to. I can call her a mother.' So Jack-the-Killer replies, 'Sure, that's your privilege, you can call your wife anything you want to. She's your wife.'"

And this goes on, until Jack says, "Maybe, you can bring me a jackrabbit, too."

Red straightens up, "No sir! I'm not going to bring you a rabbit!"

I thought Jack-the-Killer had nerve asking for a rabbit, after I had been waiting for mine almost seven months, let alone for the quail.

Sophisticated Fishing

One day a customer asked me if I would like some fish, if he caught any. I said, "I sure would, I like to eat fish."

A few days later, he dropped in and reported that he had caught some carp. Would I like them? I said, "I sure would. I like to eat them."

I had been thinking about trout and black bass, because those are the fish that Nisei fishermen back east around New York like to talk about, everything has to be status, you know.

When he brought the fish, they were so huge that I was almost embarrassed. They were still alive and their tails flapping, and their gills moving. He said, "I caught them on a lake, and not in the river," implying that they were clean and from a clean lake.

I asked, "What did you catch them with?" He said, "Dough balls, and I thought of the time when I used to go fishing with my brother Clem under the wharfs in the Sacramento River, fishing with safety pins and home-made dough balls."

I said to myself, "I've done more sophisticated fishing than this. I once caught a large mouth bass in Eddie Shimano's backyard lake in Rockland County in New York—back east. Here it's real country fishing."

Customers who saw the fish said, "They're hard to clean. Most of them said that they 'wouldn't touch a carp.' I said, 'The Chinese consider carp a delicacy, although they're full of bones. Jewish people eat carp. People here in the Midwest are pretty conservative in their food habits, but in the East (meaning New York) where I came from) they're more broad-minded.'"

"Bring Them Home"

Some of the customers joked and pointed southward where many Blacks live and said, "Give it to them, anyone of them would be glad to get them." And one of the guys said, "No one can skin them. They're tough to skin, only Black people really know how to skin 'em."

I thought, maybe, I was doing the wrong thing bringing home these two great big fish late at night, but next morning when my wife woke up, she was delighted and advised me that if they catch anyone, be sure and bring them home!

My wife, incidentally, steamed them Chinese-style and the fish came out beautifully—the meat was white and firm with few bones, and it didn't have a mossy taste at all like fish that might be caught in a Rockland County lake in New York. The carp in fact had a cleaner taste than the large mouth bass in New York. The smell of freshly cooked ginger and the "doushee" (salted Chinese black soy beans) still lingers in my nostrils.

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from) they're more broad-minded."

"Bring Them Home"

Some of the customers joked and pointed southward where many Blacks live and said, "Give it to them, anyone of them would be glad to get them." And one of the guys said, "No one can skin them. They're tough to skin, only Black people really know how to skin 'em."

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LETTERS

Defense budget

Editor:
My hat off to Gail Nishio (see Jan. 25 PC) for chastising the Pentagon playing Flash Gordon with our missiles. However during World War II, many lots of mortar shells and hand grenades were deficient, costing hundreds of lives of our servicemen.

Now, how about helping people like me to retire the excess number of generals and admirals. We probably have more now than we had in 1944 when there were almost 18 million in uniform. I have been battling my noggin against the Watergate dam on this for 20 years within six different quasi-military organizations.

How about terminating the practice of an entire military installation coming to a halt to accommodate visiting politicians. They act humble as apple pie at home facing their constituents but get the red carpet treatment from the military.

The \$87.7-billion budget for defense has fat in there but most people don't know where to begin to cut it out.

Chicago

Short notes

Editor:
The PC continues to be a lively journal. I read Mike Masaka's warning of the possible rough weather ahead with interest and Pat Okura's caveat which, I believe, also to be well taken.

BOB CULLUM
Albuquerque, N.M.

Getting to Know You

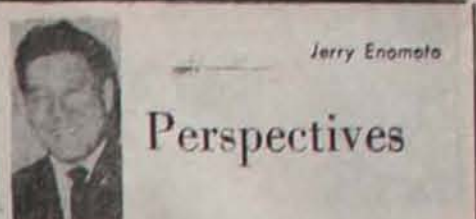
Our market is open 365 days a year. On Thanksgiving my boss brought some hot food that his wife had cooked. Several days before Thanksgiving, he had given me some real Southern-style corn bread that his wife made, which I took home. I told him that we really liked it, so on Thanksgiving Day there was some more corn bread.

He explained, "This is made out of freshly ground corn meal. My wife used real lard—not Crisco! The bacon in the stringbeans is real home-cured bacon, dried and hung in the garage about half a year."

Since coming to Cincinnati, my semi-vegetarian menu have become less provincial (or should I say, "All shot to Hell"), and I have yet to try groundhogs, squirrels and chipmunks, which my brother-in-law, Dr. Yasuo Sasaki, an old time resident, has. His patients had given it to him freshly cooked.

Thought for the Week

The man who has committed a mistake and does not correct it is committing another mistake.—Confucius, Chinese philosopher.



Jerry Enomoto

DR. TOSHIO YUMIBE

Tehachapi
Maybe when one reaches middle age it's natural to get more sentimental, talk about life getting short, "smelling the flowers", etc. Several recent developments reminded me sharply about the precariously temporary nature of life.

Simultaneously, I found out that the doctor, who was looking after my mother, had been the tragic victim of a surf accident, and a colleague had suffered a serious heart attack.

Last year, when the second of two strokes made around-the-clock care necessary for my mother, at a convalescent hospital in Bakersfield, Dr. Toshio Yumibe graciously agreed to accept her as a patient. As the only "Nihonjin" doctor in the area, he was able to provide some reassuring support to her. Since he was not looking for new patients, it was strictly a courtesy to us that he undertook her case.

Although we were not privileged to know him, Dr. Yumibe was obviously a highly regarded person, not only professionally but as a human being. His response to my mother's need was a small reflection of that aspect of him. That was eloquently described by speakers at the memorial rites.

It took a tragic happening like this to meet some Japanese Americans in Bakersfield like Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kuwahara, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Kumataka, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ono, as well as Dr. and Mrs. Frank Nishio, whom we hadn't seen since our last JACL affair in Fresno, which is going back some. In fact we had not seen as many "Nihonjin" gathered in one place for many a moon.

I now understand that the colleague who suffered the heart attack is doing better, and we fervently hope that his recovery will be complete.

Anyway, the mood I felt was one of reflecting on the bit about living each day to the fullest. Enjoying everything we can, while trying to contribute to the happiness, be it ever so minor, of someone. The cheeriness of the "happy face" buttons, the current fadish "have a nice day" greetings, all took on new meaning.

At the same time, it struck me that this is a tough job. It isn't easy not to succumb to the problems of the day, to build large problems out of small irritations, to compress each day of your life into a knot of misery instead of stretching them into hopeful optimism for the future. It takes a constant resolve to say something nice which may mean little to you, but could make someone else's day.

If more of us were to make that sustained effort before it's too late, before we find ourselves saying, "I wish I had taken the trouble . . .", perhaps the untimely passing of good people might have some good effect. At least it's worth reflecting: after all it may be later than we think.

Convention—

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help realize national decisions. At the district conventions in 1975, regional evaluations will be made, and, if necessary, reset goals and methods to achieve the 1974 convention mandates. This will also be the time to make plans for the 1976 convention.

Don Hayashi, IDC-PNWD regional director, introduced the new convention format at the Executive Committee Meeting last fall at Detroit. Put Nakano, assistant national JACL director in charge of program development, is assisting in preparing the chapter delegates.

"Such a convention would be more informal, allow for greater communication," Hayashi noted. It would also

build awareness to emerging issues and making decisions on the basis of a commonly understood process.

"It is also hoped the convention would unite chapters into a national organization with a common experience and render decisions concerning the program goals for a 1975-76 biennium," Hayashi concluded.

The convention committee, co-chaired by Dr. Jim Tsujimura (PNWDC governor) and Henry Kato (a past PNWDC governor), anticipates a turnout of 600 delegates during the week.

The many customary activities of a National JACL Convention are being retained to attract the longtime conventioners, while the new activities are aimed at attracting young adults, new chapter officers and others, the co-chairmen said.

Chapter People Handling 1974 JACL Memberships

Membership fees shown after the name of the CHAPTER are for Regular Single and Couple, Thousand Club (TC) fees indicate single and additional Regular membership for spouse, Student(s) or Jr. rate does not include PC subscription. Person

listed is the membership chairman but check is payable to the JACL Chapter. Unlisted chapters are invited to submit similar data. To insure uninterrupted subscription to the Pacific Citizen, current members are urged to renew now.

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From the Frying Pan

Bill Hosokawa

REPORT ON AN ASIAN JOURNEY—A few weeks ago the Washington Post published a lengthy report by Don Oberdorfer, its highly capable Tokyo correspondent, who was one of five non-Japanese newspapermen to cover Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka's tour of Southeast Asia in January. Oberdorfer's observations should be of more than passing interest to those who are concerned about Japan's deteriorating external image and the possible effect it may have on Japanese Americans.

Oberdorfer began his report with a personal experience in Indonesia. He had been watching an angry mob of youths tearing down signs advertising Japanese products when he was suddenly accosted. A young man demanded to know what Oberdorfer was doing. "I'm a journalist from the United States, America," Oberdorfer replied. The tension ebbed. "America okay," grinned the young man in the circle around Oberdorfer. They they added with fire in their eyes, "Japan no good, Japan no good."

How strangely the words fall upon the ears of one who has become accustomed to protests against the United States," Oberdorfer writes. Although Oberdorfer is black-haired, no one would mistake him for a Japanese. Yet, so hostile was the feeling against the Japanese that Oberdorfer had to explain that he is an American. How much success would a Nisei newspaperman have had if he had been in Oberdorfer's shoes?

More to the point, however, is Oberdorfer's report on the Japanese failure to win friends and influence people in Southeast Asia. In Kuala Lumpur a Malaysian told Oberdorfer about the Japanese businessmen in that country: "There is a box around them, an invisible wall that only other Japanese can penetrate," Oberdorfer writes. "He was sitting over endless cups of coffee in a hotel restaurant, musing over the arrival and departure of the Japanese press corps at a pool-side luncheon given by Malaysia. Nearly all the Japanese newsmen came stiffly wearing coats and ties. They filed in together, sat together and left together on their bus. Malaysians were not invited to the dinner given to the visiting press by the Japanese embassy (local people rarely were, anywhere along the way). To many, the Japanese seemed not only foreign but alien, mysterious and powerful."

In his toast at the state dinner for Tanaka, Prime Minister Tun Abdul Razak broached the problem tactfully yet unmistakably. He said, "We welcome the participation of Japanese business and industrial interests in the economic life of this country. We would like to welcome them not as strangers but as friends, who will feel free to mix and move among us. We would like to see them not as an alien or isolated group in our midst but as part of the general community..." In Jakarta, Oberdorfer talked to a Japanese businessman who lamented: "We Japanese have troubles wherever we go—in Europe, America or in Asia." Oberdorfer's observation is: "Part of the difficulty is an insular mentality which seems not to comprehend the feelings of other peoples."

Oberdorfer was slightly encouraged by Tanaka's reaction to the hostile demonstrations. "We have to turn a misfortune into a blessing," Tanaka told a press conference after returning home. He said Japanese lacked understanding of fellow Asian nations. "Our neighbors hope we will take a meal with them at the same table," he declared. At the opening speech to parliament, he said Japan has much to learn about international dealings and condemned "the exclusive, narrow-minded manner of pursuing national interests" as outdated and possibly dangerous.

The inability of Japanese traders to become part of the community in which they do business also is evident in the United States. Only their relative small numbers in relation to the populations of cities like New York, Los Angeles and San Francisco has minimized the problem so far. But the problem does exist, and it is of no small concern to an American minority which shares the commonality of race and appearance with the businessmen from Japan.

LET'S MEET IN SACRAMENTO: Shig Sakamoto Sightseeing Suggestions

There is a young daughter of a very well-known JACLer who last summer knew where to spend a nice vacation and it was Sacramento. Now, there's a smart girl. This Los Angeles lass had read about Sacramento and its rich historic settings. She wanted to see it firsthand as soon as school was over and persisted with her parents that Sacramento was it and no where else. Her father who travels somewhat has been up Sacramento way several times but his knowledge was it being a scorchy town during the summer.

And now much to his regret after yielding to his daughter's wishes, he himself had an enjoyable time and also managed to learn something about Sacramento which all of you participants who are coming to the 28th Annual JACL National bowling tournament will enjoy.

Touring Sacramento was such an interesting one that Harry Honda (can't he be the editor of PC?) wrote about our town and its history, including the visits to the mammoth Folsom Dam, State Capitol and the Cal Expo grounds where the annual California State Fair is held.

He strolled our shopping mall, visited the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, went to Gold Hill and to the grave of Okel-san, in Coloma, where gold was discovered by Marshall in 1848.

Our State Capitol, which is over 100-years-old and where our honorable governor Ronald Reagan holds forth, will be there for another 100 years although signs are now posted on certain sections of the historic building that persons entering the building are doing so at their own risk in case of earthquake. But Mr. Honda does not need to be in fear as we are in Sacramento and not

Manzanar site as part of state parks plan seen

Rest stop, picnic area suggested

LOS ANGELES—State Landscape Architect Kenneth Collier, assigned to complete a feasibility study to have Manzanar a part of the State Park System, plans to issue a favorable recommendation, according to the Manzanar Committee.

The study was made in accordance with Assembly resolution 135.

The Manzanar Committee members, which met with Collier on Feb. 5, reported other suggestions:

- 1—That interpretative and memorial purposes be combined with a rest stop and picnic facilities. Interpretation would include the physical remains such as foundations, roads, gardens, rocks and trees;
- 2—Fences at the rest stop area might include art and photographs, historical motion pictures and taped interviews;
- 3—Rest stop and picnic facilities might include overnight hosting facilities;
- 4—Reconstruction of one or two barracks, which might be divided into living units for a greater feeling by the visitor of what it was like to live there;
- 5—A replica of a guard tower on Highway 395.

The Manzanar Committee, 1566 Curran St., Los Angeles 90026, welcomes input from the community. As another meeting is planned with Collier, letters should be forwarded by Feb. 26. "The committee is reluctant to approve the suggestions above until it hears from the community," Sue Embury of the Manzanar Committee explained.

Sacramento backs oral history plan

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—Sacramento JACL voted in December to contribute \$1,000 to the Issei Oral History Project, which is trying to raise \$15,000 to cover the work of interviewing 100 Issei and translating the material for use in ethnic studies and by educators and interested organizations.

Because most of the Issei today are in their 70s or 80s, the urgency of having taped interviews was stressed. To date, the project has about 50 interviews, ranging from two to four hours. Thirteen of them have been translated and transcribed, producing texts between 50 and 70 pages each. Projection is for the task to be completed this year.

Mrs. Asako Tokuno of Sacramento is chairman of the project with the Rev. Heihachiro Takarabe as coordinator.

Mayor Nakaoka rally

GARDENA, Calif. — Re-election Committee for Gardena Mayor Ken Nakaoka has planned a Bandwagon rally of music, entertainment, international foods and door prizes this Sunday, Feb. 24, 3 p.m., at Steamfitters Union Hall, 18355 S. Figueroa.

Bldg. fund—

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change goes back to his own experience as one of the first professional Nisei in this country.

Born in Hawaii in 1894, Dr. Hayashi came to San Francisco with his family in 1905. His father took on odd jobs in order to support his family which included four sons. They later moved to Sacramento where the Senior Hayashi operated a grocery store.

Dr. Hayashi returned to San Francisco to attend the University of California at Berkeley dental school. Upon graduating in 1917, he opened a practice in San Francisco. By 1921 his brother had also graduated from dental school and was able to take over the practice while Dr. Hayashi traveled East for a year of post-graduate work at Harvard University.

It was while he was on the East Coast that he found that Japanese Americans were treated better and there were more economic opportunities



MANZANAR—George Takel, host of the KNBC-TV "Expression: East-West" half-hour show now airing on Sunday afternoon, stands with the commemorative plaque designating Manzanar a state monument. It was placed last year at the stone guardhouse constructed in 1942 by evacuees. The Manzanar Committee is pushing to have the area a rest stop along Hwy. 395.

NAT'L JACL CONVENTION Chapter nominations due March 31 for Mike Masaoka Trust Fund Award

PORTLAND, Ore. — Looking ahead to one of the featured events of the National JACL Convention, to be held in Portland, July 23-27, is the presentation of the Mike Masaoka Trust Fund award.

At this time, recognition will be given to an outstanding personality or organization which has made significant contributions toward improving the quality of life for all Americans and/or has contributed substantially toward the improvement of U.S.-Japan relations.

The Trust Fund was established in 1970 in honor of Mike Masaoka for his many years of service and contributions to the welfare of people of Japanese ancestry in the United States and to the promotion of JACL.

The first award, presented during the National Convention hosted by the Chicago Chapter in 1970, was given to former U.S. Ambassador to Japan Edwin O. Reischauer of Harvard University.

The second award, presented

ed during the 1972 National JACL Convention in Washington, D.C., recognized outstanding contributions made by the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, Washington, D.C.

The Portland and Gresham-Trousdale Chapters are inviting all chapters and district councils to submit nominees to the Selection Committee.

The criteria for selection as directed by the Mike Masaoka Trust Fund, awards an individual or an organization who has contributed substantially to improving the quality of life for all Americans and/or who has contributed materially to the promotion of United States-Japan relations.

The nomination process shall be made through the local chapters and district councils on forms being sent to each chapter and district council to be completed and returned to the Selection Committee not later than March 31 to:

The Masaoka Award Selection Committee
National JACL Convention
337 NW Couch Street
Portland, Oregon 97209

Each chapter and district council may submit as many nominees as they choose. Final selection is made by the Mike Masaoka Trust Fund Committee, chaired by Kumeo Yoshinari.

The award will be made Thursday, July 25, at a banquet to be held at the Portland Sheraton Hotel during the 23rd Biennial National JACL Convention.

Merit Savings branch in South Bay approved

LOS ANGELES — Little Tokyo's Merit Savings & Loan Assn. was a granted state approval Feb. 8 to open its first branch in the vicinity of Western Ave. and 182nd St., Torrance.

The permission was granted, subject to increasing its non-withdrawable capital of \$250,000 by sale of shares, and operating the branch within a year.

Bruce Kaji, president, said plans call for additional branches in other areas where Asian Americans live and work.

U.S. SUES TO PROTECT INDIAN VOTING RIGHTS

WASHINGTON — The Justice Dept. filed a complaint Jan. 23 in the U.S. District Court in Phoenix accusing the State of Arizona of denying equal voting rights to 24,000 Indians who live within Apache County.

At issue was the election of county supervisors, two districts apportioned so that non-Indians are elected though the non-Indian population in the county is slightly over 8,000.

The last apportionment was made in April, 1972.

This was the first time the Justice Dept. sued to protect the voting rights of American Indians.

Stockton farmer slain, no clues

STOCKTON, Calif. — Truck farmer Richard M. Takahashi, 44, was shot and killed Feb. 11 by assailants who drove away leaving San Joaquin County sheriffs without a clue.

Officers said the victim went outside the house when his wife Takahashi heard her husband ask, "What's wrong?" and then she heard a shot.

The victim had been shot in the head.

Takahashi was a longtime French Camp JACL member.

Manzanar High class of '44 slates reunion

LOS ANGELES — Members of the Manzanar High School graduating class of 1944 will hold its 30th anniversary reunion on Saturday, June 29, at the Proud Bird Restaurant. Tickets are \$15 per person, according to Rosie (Manuki) Kakuuchi and Bruce T. Kaji, co-chairmen.

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MORETTI FACES TOUGH GROUP AT NISEI FARMERS LEAGUE DINNER

Ignored Prepared Speech on Economic Picture Facing Farmers, Delves into Labor Issue

FRESNO, Calif. — Assembly Speaker Bob Moretti (D-North Hollywood) and candidate for governor, faced a tough audience when he addressed the Nisei Farmers League Installation dinner Feb. 8 at the Sheraton Inn.

Regarded as a champion of farm labor and who fought a series of closed-door negotiating sessions with Gov. Reagan on the rights of farm workers, Moretti said he would apply the same tactics to settle the farm labor dispute when and if he becomes governor.

"We'll call in the leaders of the farmers and of farm labor," he told the audience. "Then we'll lock the door, have our meals sent in... and hammer away until the issue is resolved."

But that was as far as the Speaker would go, even afterward when quizzed by newsmen.

"I could have argued with them about 2,000 things," he said. "But then the wider the split becomes, the worse it's going to be."

Moretti was introduced by San Jose Mayor Norman Mineta. Harry Kubo was re-elected president and he and his cabinet were sworn into office by Judge Mikio Uchiyama of Fowler.

Although Moretti's remarks were greeted with applause, it's a loser for you."

from more than 1,200 persons gathered, he had not mis-

judged his audience. Most of the cheers came later when toastmaster Fred Hirasuna declared the violence, "cutting down of trees," and secondary boycott employed by the United Farm Workers of America.

Moretti, who ignored a prepared talk he was going to deliver on the economic conditions facing farmers, said he had been advised to stay away from the labor issue.

"Somebody said, Moretti, you've got a lot of guts coming here tonight. You better not talk about the farm labor issue."

But, said the 37-year-old Democrat, he believes "first and foremost" that farmworkers are entitled to the same basic labor rights as any other workingman.

"I'm not so much concerned about organizations," he said. "I am absolutely and totally opposed to violence."

The answer, Moretti told the league organized in 1971 as an outgrowth of the farm labor conflict, lies in persuading all sides to sit down together and argue the problem until it is solved.

Hirasuna, expressing his "sympathy for Moretti," agreed, "if he can get the true representatives together."

The league, he told the applauding audience, has "compassion for the farm workers. I hope they have some compassion for us."

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Kats Kunitugu

The Reverend Norimoto of the Los Angeles Hompa Hongwanji is also a writer who pens short stories for the Nanka Bungei, the mimeographed bi-annual publication of local Japanese writers. He is also one of a group of talented and widely-read writers who contribute to the Rafu Shimpo's popular Thursday column of informal essays called "Mokuyo Zuiso".

His recent gem of a piece was on the topic of chopsticks. While I cannot capture all the favor and nuances of his beautifully written exposition, perhaps I can share some of the Reverend Norimoto's observations.

When he returned to Japan on a recent visit, an old man back home asked him in all seriousness, "Do you eat rice with a fork in America?" It made him realize anew the obstinate habit of a people who continue to eat with chopsticks no matter where they are in the world. To eat with the help of two slender sticks suddenly seemed to him a touching act.

We do use knives and forks, but just as a bowl of ochazuke is just the thing to settle the stomach after a steak dinner, we don't really feel that the food is going down right unless we eat with chopsticks.

When eating at Chinese restaurants in the U.S., the Chinese waiters will bring you chopsticks instead of forks if they see you are Japanese. "Ah, we are both Asians!" The reverend feels a strange affinity at such times.

He recalls reading among the informal essays by T. Fujita, the Japanese artist who made Paris his home, that in the artist's salad days in that city, he used to make the rounds of cabarets and cafes picking up peas with chopsticks to the amazement and delight of the Parisians. Fujita earned himself a nice bit of spending money with an Asian's native dexterity.

The Chinese are the ones who take especially good care of their chopsticks. A Chinese friend Reverend Norimoto knew in Tokyo used to use the ivory chopsticks handed down to him from his father.

"I would not be able to stand to eat with those chopsticks, not because the points were stained brown from long usage but because I would feel the heavy weight of a family spirit on my back while eating," thinks the author. In such behavior, one feels that the Chinese have a long history.

Blessed with an abundance of wood, the Japanese invented the handy throwaway waribashi, which is more hygienic and just the thing to eat noodles with, but which has a way of making daily meals somewhat tasteless and forlorn.

When Reverend Norimoto was married, he received a pair of lacquered chopsticks produced in Tsugaru where they apply so many coats of lacquer so carefully that there is a saying, "Tsugaru no bakunuri." While he has used them carelessly through the years, they have neither shown wear or chipping. He likes their delicately pointed ends, which are unlike the blunt-ended Chinese chopsticks, but like the Chinese chopsticks of his friend, they will probably last him his whole life.

He recently received a present of a pair of chopsticks made from the wood of the jacaranda tree. It was given him by someone who had traveled in Brazil, where the jacaranda is the national tree. With hundreds of thousands of Japanese settled in Brazil, it is not surprising to find chopsticks being made there out of the national tree. The jacaranda is found only in the state of Bahia, and many are 400 to 500 years old. It is a hardwood with amazing variety in the grain.

Just as the people in olden times used chopsticks made of bush clover at the moon-viewing parties in August, it might be fittingly elegant gesture to use the jacaranda chopsticks under the beautiful purple-blossomed trees in full bloom, the reverend feels.

Living in a foreign land makes one ponder the deep-rooted cultural background of such basic activity as eating, concludes the reverend.

(Now that we have borrowed a Katsu Mainichi photo of Mrs. Kats Kunitugu for her column here, this will be her corner on Page 4.—Ed.)

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San Francisco—School Benefit
Night, 7:30 at Bacc, Bay Meadows.
Wichita—Inst-Thunder party,
ICC, 10:30 at New Hampshire.
Earthquake musical.
Feb. 23-24
West Los Angeles—Sunday Festival trip.
Feb. 24 (Sunday)
Santa Maria—Chickens teriyaki benefit.
San Fernando Valley—Snow
Outline, charter bus 10:30 a.m., SFV Japanese Comm Ctr.
March 1 (Friday)
West Los Angeles—Earth Sci Mtg., 8 p.m.
MDC—Spring Qtrly Chicago host, March 1 (Saturday).
Arizona—Las Vegas Night March 3 (Sunday).
West Los Angeles—Sr Ctr program, Felicia Mahood Ctr., 5-4 p.m.
March 4-5
Natl JACL—Sacramento hosts: Bowling Tournament, Country Club, Lanes; Sat award banquet at Woodlake Inn.
March 7 (Thursday)
Arizona—Spot Gen Mtg. JACL Bldg., 1:30 p.m.
March 10 (Sunday)
San Mateo—Bentley wine-tasting party, art exhibits, demon. Central Park Recreational Ctr., 1-4 p.m.; Ruth Asawa, special guest.
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March 11 (Monday)
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Back at the Helm after 10 years

Being Chairman again, after a 10 year's absence from the JACL scene, is a shaky thing for me. I was going on with the local scene, although I could somewhat keep up with some of the National issues via the Pacific Citizen. It was like knowing what was going on, but not really knowing what was going on. It was like knowing the JACL people, but not knowing them. Thus I find that I have to almost begin at the beginning.

CHIAROSCURO

This column is reserved for Chapter Presidents. They are either submitted or gleaned from Chapter newsletters.—Ed.

I've got to get to know the people on the Board; I've got to get a feel for the local ethos, the local temperament; I've got to get some awareness of the history, the crucial events of the past ten years. It's almost like recovering from amnesia; it's almost like coming back to an old scene again.

On the other hand, the decade long absence has some distinct advantages. I have the feel for the JACL member who is not on the in-who is not on committees, not on programs, and definitely not setting the local policies; who is only vaguely aware of what the JACL is doing, or not doing, and who is not sure that he ought to renew his membership year after year.

At the same time that the lack of awareness of the history presents some obstacles, the same lack allows for freedom from the past. Not knowing the JACL people allows for a degree of freedom from past commitments—one can let all of one's biases hang out since one has not yet been shaped into social conformity.

In effect, I can be biased and opinionated, because I don't know any better. Such being the case, I think you ought to know me, at least to the extent that I can let you know me. I figure that if you know me, you won't expect from me that which I can't give, and that which I can give or do won't surprise you.

I am very poor at, don't like, and will avoid as best as I can the maintenance function of organizations. I am a lazy bugger; I am a poor social being; therefore, those very, very important organizational functions such as writing letters, making proper phone calls, and social calls, I tend to blow. Thus, I can promise you that I'll inadvertently hurt feelings, enrage people's sensibilities and sensitivities, and always manage to commit social blunders.

Since I am lazy, I avoid work—work that is necessary to raise money—to keep the organization going; work involved in the very necessary nuts and bolts processes that make any activity successful. Since my memory is rapidly surely failing, I am becoming less dependable. I forget to remember even when I keep notes to remind me. I lose the notes. As a matter of fact, I gave up keeping a calendar. When I lose a calendar, I literally lose months. Without a calendar I can lose only some events.

What I have is a great deal of accumulating biases, prejudices, and opinions, along with an ever expanding mouth, and the gall and grandiosity that come with the increasing insecurities of old age. I find myself increasingly concerned with issues of cultural, and yea, racial, identity and pride; with issues which relate to individual rights, powers, and integrity, and with issues of societal and system change so as to promote individual option worth and growth in an ever expanding and open social milieu.

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West L.A. Auxiliary set for Cancer Drive
Haru Nakata and Mary Yanokawa are co-chairing the West Los Angeles JACL Women's Auxiliary campaign for the American Cancer Society in March.

Puyallup Valley slates three March events
Puyallup Valley JACL announced three events next month, beginning with a sukiyaki dinner Mar. 2-3 and a membership potluck supper Mar. 10, both at the Tacoma Buddhist Church. The monthly meeting has been scheduled for Mar. 25 with a program of interest to high school and college students.

San Fernando deadline for candidates set
Five awards of \$100 each are being offered to senior high school students of Japanese ancestry in the San Fernando Valley area by the San Fernando Valley JACL. Applicants face an April 5 deadline.

Assemblyman Paul Bannai was main speaker at the Sacramento JACL installation dinner Feb. 10 at the Sacramento Inn where Roy Imura was sworn in as chapter president by David Ushio, national executive director. Frank Iwama was emcee.

Also installed were Amie Fujimoto, Auxiliary chairwoman, and Anna Mori, Jr. JACL president.

Imura, who was born in Tule Lake, attended schools here and majored in construction technology at Sacramento City College. Married to Georgette Yamamoto, they have one son, Todd, 5. He is currently employed at Palm Iron and Bridge Works in quality control.

He also serves as JACL representative in the Sacramento Valley Area construction opportunity program, which is seeking minorities in the construction apprenticeship program.

February Events
Selma JACL board meeting scheduled
Hiroshi Kamei, newly-elected Selma JACL president, will preside at the chapter's first board meeting Feb. 22, 7 p.m., at the Clarence Nishizawa home, 920 Rancho Circle Dr., Fullerton.

San Fernando schedules snow outing via bus
A trip to Table Mountain near Wrightwood via chartered bus is planned by San Fernando Valley JACL this Sunday (Feb. 24). The bus will leave promptly at 7:30 a.m. from the SFV Japanese Community Center.

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TAKE-OUT LUNCHEONS
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