

# Health Insurance

Cleveland

To the average consumer of health services, the continued spiraling cost will be so prohibitive that he will no longer be able to afford to keep healthy. The middle income group, as always, will be the first to feel the impact. The rights of all people to receive reasonable and adequate comprehensive health care and treatment has been the subject of much deliberation in Congress.

After four years of heated debate over the need for a national health insurance, the Kennedy-Mills proposal (S. 3286) appears to meet the objections of the previous Kennedy bill and the Administration bill. The K-M bill is expected to have broader appeal to the potential consumers in terms of cost, to the administration in terms of enforcement, and to the participating private insurance companies in terms of co-insurance and deductible provisions.

The Kennedy-Mills bill would cover everyone. It would be administered by the Social Security Administration (SSA) which would become independent from the Department of HEW, thereby freeing it from controls by the Administration and Congress.

- Benefits:**
- In-patient hospital services with no day or dollar limitation. Physicians' services in home, office, or elsewhere, with no dollar limitation.
  - Home health services, limited to 100 visits per year.
  - Post-hospital extended care services, limited to 100 days a year.
  - Mental health services: 30 days in-patient, 30 days out-patient equivalent to cost of 30 visits to a private physician; or out-patient services of a private practitioner equal to half the cost of 30 visits.
  - Out-patient prescription drugs and biologicals for a specific chronic condition.
  - Preventative care services: routine dental services, development visual services, routine eye and vision exams, lenses or eye glasses; and health aids and exams for children under age 13. Well baby care to age 6, prenatal care, and family planning services.
- Cost:**
- All benefits, except preventative care, would be subject to deductibles and require

co-insurance payment. Annual deductible: \$150, but not more than \$300.

The health consumer would then pay 25% of services given. This payment could be arranged through private companies or with the employer, at the ceiling of \$1,000 per year.

Drugs would be subject to a separate co-payment of \$1 for each prescription filled.

Everyone would pay taxes, including those who receive contributions from others, welfare payments, collection from Workman's Compensation, Unemployment Insurance, etc. A ceiling of \$20,000 a year income would be set. Employers tax would be 3 percent; employee tax 1%. Employers could choose to pay the entire 4%.

Individuals receiving Social Security benefits (e.g. aged or under age 18) are not on earned income and therefore would not be taxed for unearned income. The State agency would pay the tax on unearned income.

A unique feature of the Kennedy-Mills bill is the added long-term care program. Benefits to be provided on a voluntary basis are: Home health services, homemaker services, nutrition services, long-term institutional care services, day care and foster care services, and the services of community mental health centers' out-patient departments. This additional benefits program must be operated by an acceptable State agency and would require additional contribution by those covered.

Private health insurance plans to help pay the deductibles and co-insurance fees would require a certification of approval. They would be the intermediaries between the medical practitioners, institutional suppliers of services and the Federal government. This is a substantial change from the Nixon plan in which the entire health program would be run by private health companies.

The reduced role for private companies and the changed status of the Social Security Administration may raise objections with the Administration. But the cost benefits of the proposed health bill cannot be argued.

(There are other primary proposals among the 16 bills in the House Ways and Means Committee. The Griffith-Corman bill, for instance, calls for universal coverage by establishing a national system of insurance for health care costs in an attempt to cover some deficiencies in the two bills mentioned above.—Ed.)

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## A Giant Among Men

By SHAKE USHIO

Salt Lake City

"Hito, do you know of a bank where I can deposit my money for safekeeping?"

"Hito, where can I get a loan to pay my travel expenses back East where a job is waiting for me?"

"Hito, I need auto insurance but no one will write it for me."

Queries such as these were commonplace in the Spring of 1943 as the Japanese American evacuees coming out of the desert concentration camps in the Western United States desperately sought to re-establish themselves in wartime America. Banks were reluctant to accept their deposits. Loans were unthinkable. Auto insurance simply unavailable. In the Spring of '43 many mundane necessities and amenities of life which in normal times are taken for granted were near impossibilities.

Hito Okada as the wartime Treasurer of the National JACL and holding forth in the old Beason Building in Salt Lake City was daily bombarded with these and other poignant and personal questions. This troubled him and pained him and he wondered what might be done.

As the National Treasurer of the war decimated JACL, Hito was enough of a realist to know exactly what he and the organization was up against, but the personal plights of his people as they sought to recover from the shock and the trauma of their wartime experience troubled him greatly and he resolved to do something about it.

After the historic Emergency National Council Meeting in San Francisco in the Spring of '42 when it was decided to move the JACL Headquarters to Salt Lake City to wage a desperate struggle for survival, Hito Okada was given the responsibility to set up the office and to dispense the meager funds. The entire financial resources of JACL in 1943 amounted to \$23,000.00, which was budgeted to last two years.

It was Hito's heartbreaking



Hito Okada

task to make out the \$75.00 a month subsistence pay to the JACL staff members who risked lives and limbs to seek help from among the hoped-for friends in the Eastern parts of the United States. He still remembers with painful clarity the expense account submitted by Mike Masaoka and George Inagaki indicating a glass of orange juice and a hot dog for one meal.

To replenish the organization's dwindling funds, Hito organized the Buck-a-Month Club in which supporters of the JACL could donate one dollar each month. Despite heartwarming responses from isolated persons like a young girl who sent 25 cents each month from a relocation center or a Caucasian friend from the Northwest who regularly sent in one dollar each month, the project never amounted to much.

It is with very warm gratitude that Hito remembers and acknowledges the annual contribution of \$10,000 that the seven surviving JACL Chapters in the Intermountain District were able to raise during those hectic years.

Later, Hito organized and George Inagaki spearheaded the JACL Thousand Club in which one thousand members were solicited to contribute \$25 a year to help sustain the operation of the National JACL each year. This, though slow growing at first, was successful and today produces a significant amount of the National budget.

In 1946 at the first post-war National JACL Convention in Denver, Colorado, Hito was elected to his first of two terms as the National President of the JACL. During the ensuing four years, he presided over the re-establishment of the JACL Chapters on the West Coast as well as the formation of new chapters in many of the Eastern and Midwestern cities of the United States. It was also during this period that most

of the significant legislative and judicial victories were won in behalf of the persons of Japanese ancestry.

Hito Okada's natural flair for responsible leadership plus unusual circumstances and fate may have projected him into the very vortex of the Japanese American history. This experience together with his compassionate nature may have irrefragably colored his life and shaped the direction of his personal destiny.

Hito Okada lost his father when he was seven years old. He and his brother and sister were raised by his mother, Yone Okada, who somehow provided a fairly normal life for her family.

Hito attended the Stadium High School in Tacoma, Washington and there excelled in all of the athletic games, especially baseball. He was also a debater of some distinction so that his all-around achievement both athletic and scholastic won for him the coveted Richard Graff Memorial Award for outstanding Senior student. Being one of very few Japanese in his school and associating with mainly Caucasian friends, Hito never felt the sting and frustration of discrimination and prejudice in his younger years.

At the Univ. of Washington, he majored in economics and after graduation took successive jobs in several business establishments and finally ended with the West Coast Orient, an importing and exporting business run by an Issei friend in Portland, Oregon.

One day somewhat out of curiosity and perhaps drawn inexorably by the web of his personal destiny, Hito and his friend, the late Choppo Uemoto, dropped in to a JACL meeting in Portland. There were only about a dozen people present. Hito Okada emerged from this meeting as the President of the Portland Chapter of JACL.

Because of his ability to speak the Japanese language and to communicate with the Issei leaders in the community, Hito was instrumental in building the chapter into a viable force in the Portland area. In 1938, he was elected National JACL Treasurer and when he was re-elected in 1940, his role as an active participant in some of the most crucial periods in the history of the Japanese Americans in America was assured.

Hito Okada's tremendous contributions to JACL and to Japanese Americans as wartime National Treasurer and National President are well chronicled and well known. Less known and in need of chronicling are his sympathetic and affirmative re-

## Testimonials

One of the emotional highlights of the 23rd biennial National JACL Convention (July 23-27) at the Sheraton Motor Inn, Portland, will be the testimonial luncheon for Hito Okada, whose services to National JACL goes back 36 years to 1938.

Tom T. Shimazaki, in charge of preparing the testimonial album, says letters to Hito are still being accepted until June 25. The letters should be addressed to Hito but sent to Okada Testimonial Album, P.O. Box 876, Lindsay, Calif. 93247.

The Okada Testimonial Appreciation Committee, 5105 S. 1200 East, Salt Lake City, Utah 84117, has started a special fund to which friends of Hito can contribute in making the trip to Japan more enjoyable. The 1990 Club is presenting the tickets. Shake Ushio, in charge of the campaign, has suggested amounts be not more than \$10.

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## NISEI LAUDED FOR NABbing SLAYER OF NISEI WOMAN

Name Withheld Until Seattle Police Arrests 2nd Suspect

SEATTLE, Wash.—Until the second suspect in the May 20 street slaying of June Y. Yonekawa, 42, was in custody, the name of Charles T. Kiyonaga, 27, was not released by authorities for fear of reprisals. He was responsible for nabbing the first suspect at gunpoint.

The suspects, both 21, were found to be parolees and charged with first degree murder. Verne L. Herd and Michael W. Kimball pleaded not guilty May 31 before Superior Court Judge Donald Horowitz.

Herd is accused of fatally stabbing the victim while Kimball, the second suspect, is charged with aiding and abetting in the murder of the Boeing Co. employee downtown at Fifth Ave. and Pike St. Robbery was the apparent motive.

Kiyonaga, a Todd Shipyard welder, was driving down Fifth Ave. when he saw two men attack a woman on the sidewalk. He stopped his car, yelled at the pair. They fled and he gave chase and blocked them when they entered a dark alley. Permitted to carry a pistol for protection, Kiyonaga shot out with his weapon and ordered them to stop. Kimball, slipping around his car escaped. Herd was driven back to the scene of the crime and turned over to police.

The Seattle District Journal commended Kiyonaga: "His efforts were only that expected of every citizen who sees a vicious crime being committed and should not go unrecognized."

Police arrested Kimball three days later "with no resistance" at his place of employment.

Kiyonaga told reporters he would have gone after them "even if I didn't have a gun (as) I'm a welder and keep a crowbar under the seat".

## JACL—NATIONAL CONVENTION

# Six up for Masaoka service award

CHICAGO—The final selection of this Biennial's recipient of the Mike M. Masaoka Distinguished Service Award will be made by a panel of JACL Past National Presidents. Chicago's Dr. Thomas Yatabe, one of the founders of JACL and the first nationally elected president, has been named to head this committee.

The Masaoka Award is given to "an individual or organization which has either contributed most to improving the quality of life for all Americans or to the improvement of United States-Japan relations."

The Biennial award consists of a scroll and one thousand dollars.

Former honorees have been Edwin O. Reischauer, former Ambassador to Japan, and the National Leadership Conference on Civil Rights.

The presentation of this year's Award will take place at a special dinner during the National Convention in Portland. Highlighting the Masaoka Distinguished Service Award Dinner will be Senator Daniel K. Inouye, the featured speaker.

The Selection Committee will make its choice from the following six finalists:

Robert S. Ingersoll, while U.S. Ambassador to Japan, (April 1972 through October 1973) was effective in handling U.S.-Japan relations in a critical period of actual and potential friction, particularly in the economic sphere. Presently, he is Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian Affairs, a continuation of his efforts to bring about greater cooperation between the two countries.

U. Alexis Johnson, another former U.S. Ambassador to Japan (October 1966 through February 1969), and now Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs, has been one of the most consistent proponents of close U.S.-Japan relations throughout his career. He has also had a long-standing relationship with JACL, including being the Convention speaker in Seattle in 1962.

Dr. Clifford F. Loader, for twelve years a city councilman and mayor of Delano,

California, was instrumental in the passage of ordinances which lead to the elimination of many discriminatory practices and forged greater cooperation among the different ethnic groups in the city. In addition he has promoted international friendship and goodwill with Japan through the Sister City Program between Delano and Arida.

California Historical Society has taken an active interest in the situation of third world peoples through a number of activities dealing with the social and legal inequities accorded these groups in the State of California. As part of its overall effort, the Society published "Executive Order 9066" and exhibited photographs from the book and "Months of Waiting," a collection of artistic works done by the evacuees of the camps.

Richmond-Shimada Friendship Commission, as part of the Sister City Program, works to develop international understanding and cooperation by encouraging individual friendships. It has been very successful in bringing together the Richmond residents of Japanese and non-Japanese ancestry through the better understanding of Japanese culture.

The Alliance to End Repression, an organization supported by 53 affiliated groups, has been in the forefront of the struggle to ensure fair and equal application of the laws

for all. In 1969 and 1970, the Alliance provided invaluable assistance and leadership in the campaign to repeal Title II.

The distinguished group of past National JACL Presidents, who comprise the Selection Committee, include:

Dr. Thomas Yatabe, Saburo Kido, Hito Okada, George J. Inagaki, Dr. Roy M. Nakagawa, Shigen Wakamatsu, Frank T. Chuman, K. Patrick Okura, Kameo A. Yoshimori, Jerry J. Kamekura, and Raymond S. Ueno.

## MIDWEST URGES ELIMINATION OF JACL PRESIDENT-ELECT POSITION

CHICAGO—Delegates to the National JACL Convention will be asked to consider an amendment to the National JACL Constitution eliminating the position of National JACL President-Elect to become effective in 1976, according to Ross Harano, immediate past Midwest District governor.

Part of the original rationale for creating the President-Elect position was to relieve the National President of many of the internal duties and to also provide a training period so that continuity could be provided in leadership. While this rationale looked good in theory in 1968, now, after two bienniums, it is obvious that there are many reasons for eliminating the position, Harano declared, such as:

"1.—We now have a full compliment of staff not only on the national level but also

on the district level to handle much of the daily internal functions of the organization and also to provide continuity between bienniums.

"2.—We have three elected Vice Presidents and the Treasurer who are all involved in the decision making process for the organization and would be able to provide continuity in leadership if elected National President.

"3.—It was thought that a division of labor would result in the National President handling many of the external demands on the organization while the President-Elect would handle the internal responsibilities by coordinating the National Vice Presidents and the National Committees. However, the duties and activities of the President-Elect have been very much dependent upon how much the National President was willing to delegate.

"4.—At the National Convention, we elect a slate of candidates for national office. The national officers are often a reflection of the current attitudes within the JACL at the time of election and they share a commonality of purpose and direction. When the President-Elect becomes President two years after his election, his Executive Committee, being newly elected, provides the strong possibility that the President may be out of step with them.

"5.—It is also very difficult to predict the leadership needs of JACL two years in advance.

"6.—Four years is an extremely long time for any individual to commit himself actively to an organization for his situation may change personally as well as vocationally. Many individuals would have second thoughts about committing themselves for a period of four years and we would probably lose many qualified candidates.

"7.—Finally, the President-Elect system automatically eliminates the possibility of electing a capable National President who is willing to serve an additional term.

"These reasons lead me to believe that the time has come for us to change the present system and pass the constitutional amendment eliminating this position," Harano concluded.

When the office of president-elect was first open for nomination at the 1972 convention, there were two candidates, Harano and Shig Sugiyama. For this year's convention, there was no one nominated but subsequently the Northern California-Western Nevada District Council announced it would nominate James Murakami, national v.p. for research and services, from the convention floor.

At the 1972 convention, at the behest of then president-elect Henry Tanaka, the office of presidency was made "automatic." Till then, a president-elect's name was on the ballot for president.

The full and original concept for president-elect, as envisioned by the Executive Reorganization committee, headed by Kaz Horita of Philadelphia, has yet to be implemented. To minimize the executive post-convention jag, the president-elect was expected to have his key committee chairmen selected before the convention, help steer programs during the convention and then start implementing them within the next quarter rather than a half year or more as had been the situation in some years.

## L.A. Nisei veterans defend display of captured Japanese artifacts at hall

LOS ANGELES—The Nisei Veterans Coordinating Council, comprised of Japanese American veteran units in the area, defended the permanent display of captured Japanese military artifacts at Patriotic Hall.

These are not intended to "glorify the war," the NVCC declared in response to Rafe Shimpo English section editor Ellen Endo's column of May 24, where she agreed with Kay Kokubun, director of Asian Community Services, which recently secured office space in the County building through Supervisor Kenneth Hahn.

Kokubun "dislikes the display" as an irreverent reminder of the spoils of victory—which include a samurai sword, Japanese army and naval flags, pistols and other weapons, Miss Endo reported. He had asked its removal last December and when the Asian American Mental Health Conference was held in April at Patriotic Hall, a county facility for its military and veteran affairs department, conference organizers found themselves apologizing to attendees for the militaristic surroundings.

The defunct Imperial Japanese military artifacts have been on display since 1946. The Nisei veterans regarded them as a "valid testimony" of the service rendered by 12 million Americans, regardless of race, color or creed, who "fought against one of the most evil forces that existed in the word at that time." Their removal would only mean "a futile attempt to obviate history," the NVCC observed.

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Miss Endo's column was published to remind Hahn of his promise to have the display removed. She also suggested ACS quarters be relocated elsewhere or have the building at 1816 S. Figueroa renamed "Peace Hall."

"As it exists now, Patriotic Hall glorifies the most tragic of all of man's traits—the desire to compete on the battlefield. To me, there is simply nothing glorious about war nor about the men who buy a place in history as the result of such perversion," she concluded.

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## Campaign to save whales upstaged by call for boycott of Japanese goods

SAN FRANCISCO—The heartwarming children's campaign to save the whales is being upstaged by the ugly clamor with racist overtones, Dr. Clifford Uyeda said this past week (June 8) in an open letter to Joan McIntyre of Bolinas, president of Project Jonah.

Dr. Uyeda, who has been among the more vocal Nisei in support of Project Jonah, questioned the call for a blanket boycott of all Japanese goods by environmental and conservation groups.

"It is this sort of partial campaign that loses friends for the whales and nullifies to a great extent the many fine endeavors of the organization," Dr. Uyeda added.

He was referring to the recent demonstrations in front of Japanese American establishments and Japanese consulates but not in front of other major whaling nations, such as the Soviet Union. "And why only the anti-Japanese bumper stickers, not the Russians?" he asked.

Dr. Uyeda also wondered why conservationists were not trying to save another cetacean, the porpoise which are being slaughtered by tuna fishermen, by organizing boycotts of the U.S. tuna industry.

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## 75,000 children ask Japan to save whales

TOKYO—A delegation of three girls from the U.S., Canada and Sweden were presented to Premier Tanaka's office 75,000 letters from other children urging Japan accept the 10-year ban on whaling.

Tanaka was away that day (June 8), campaigning for his party for the upper house el-

lections next month.

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## Senale passes U.S.-Japan Friendship Act, sets up \$32-million trust fund

WASHINGTON—Senator Hiram L. Fong voiced "whole hearted support" as the Senate June 7 unanimously approved S. 649, the Japan-United States Friendship Act to set up a trust fund to promote mutual trust and understanding between the two nations.

The bill, which was introduced by Sen. Jacob Javits (R-N.Y.) and cosponsored by Fong, "has the salutary objective of improving understanding between the United States and Japan by providing the means for promoting scholarly, cultural and artistic activities," the senior Senator from Hawaii told his colleagues.

"The bill," he added, "has a special significance for Hawaii because of the State's unique geographic location and the large resident population of Japanese ancestry."

"Mutual trust and understanding between the United States and Japan must be fostered continually and intelligently."

"I believe the establishment of a Japan-United States Friendship Trust Fund proposed in the bill will be a most helpful mechanism for supporting a wide variety of scholarly, artistic, and cultural exchanges, fellowship and scholarships, and other programs relating to Japan."

Under the Act, \$32 million or 10 per cent of the \$320 million being paid to America by Japan under the treaty which returned the Ryukyus to Japanese administration would go into the fund.

The money being paid by Japan is for facilities and projects carried out in the Ryukyus and Daito Islands during the U.S. administration of the area.

A counterpart measure, HR 4369, in the House, introduced by Rep. Marvin E. Sch (R-Mich.), and the Javits bill must be approved by the respective appropriations committee because funds paid by Japan for U.S. improvements on Okinawa have gone into the U.S. Treasury.

A rival bill preferred by the State Department would put more emphasis on Japanese gaining understanding of the U.S. than on Americans learning more about Japan.

Javits, who was joined by more than 30 co-sponsors, said after the vote he is confident American scholars, artists and citizens generally will be anxious to utilize the opportunities provided by the act "to pursue a deeper understanding of Japan and its people."

"Although Japan is our second biggest trading partner, our closest ally in Asia and a thriving democracy, U.S. citizens generally know all too little about Japan's culture, art and literature," Javits continued. He said this bill would remedy this situation.

A separate commission would be established to administer the trust fund. They include the Secretary of State.

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## Salt Lake hosting IDC quarterly

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah—The second Intermountain District Council quarterly session comes June 22 at the Holiday Inn, 230 W. 6th South, with the Salt Lake JACL as hosts. It was announced by IDC Gov. George Kimura.

National Director Dave Ushio and PNW-Intermountain Regional Director Don Hayashi will preview the 1974 convention schedule and agenda. Ushio will also be guest speaker at the host chapter dinner Saturday night.

Kimura said standing committee reports and unfinished business of the previous quarterly session, building fund drive and National convention bids are among the agenda items of the meeting starting at 1:30 p.m. Host chapter president Ted Nagata will welcome the delegates.

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## PARENTS IN S.F.

### SKIRT SCHOOL BUSING

SAN FRANCISCO—A number of San Francisco parents are "changing" the ethnic and racial backgrounds of their children to avoid having them bused away from home, the San Francisco Chronicle reported June 8.

Four thousand San Franciscans have given incorrect addresses to the school district and at least 75 have asked to change their racial and ethnic classifications to avoid busing.

"We have a lot of whites trying to become blacks and some trying to re-register as American Indians," said Carlos Carnegies, director of the district's integration program. "We also have some Chinese trying to become Korean or Japanese, since we're not moving Koreans or Japanese."



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• Harry K. Honda  
**Ye Editor's Desk**

**'TIGER OF MALAYA'**

After being moved by Stanley Kramer's "Tiger of Malaya" (ABC-TV, June 11), it had us researching our PC files of 1945-46 to ascertain whether there was a Nisei angle to the Manila trials of Gen. Yamashita. The PC always sought the "Nisei angle" to the events of the day. And we were not disappointed.

M/Sgt. Richard Sakakida of Hawaii, who was captured by the Japanese at Corregidor, emerged as a major witness at the trial. He had been forced to serve as an interpreter in Yamashita's headquarters in Manila. He told the military court he saw many executions, including some American prisoners.

A Ft. Snelling (Minn.) story listed the names of eight Nisei translators working on the testimonial for the trial: S/Sgt. Tad Yajima, Sudo Ito, Hiroshi Ohira, Yoshi Oishi, Tetsu Masao Ochi, Roy Tanomura, Joshi Yotoka and Hiroshi Ito. No home-towns were indicated.

No mention was made in the PC about the outcome of the Yamashita trial but one Manila related story appeared, relating the hostile attitude of the Filipino population against hundreds of Nisei GIs stationed in Manila. The U.S. Army was expected to step up its public information program to help dispel the hostility. The work of Nisei G-2 personnel was declared by the Army to be "invaluable" in the recapture of the Philippines and in preparation of the war crimes trial.

The weekend Yamashita was convicted Dec. 7, 1945, the PC featured the posthumous presentation of the Distinguished Service Cross to Sgt. Kazuo Masuda of Orange County. Gen. Stilwell flew from Washington to personally bestow the medal to his sister, Mary, at their farm home in what is now Fountain Valley. Six months earlier, she had just returned from relocation center and was warned by bar-room vigilantes she might suffer if she stayed. The WRA "was instrumental in having Stilwell make the presentation. The event was widely covered by the media. It virtually eliminated the anti-evacuee feeling on the Pacific Coast, to quote Dillon Myers' "Uprooted Americans" (Univ. of Arizona Press).

Sgt. Masuda was cited for singly advancing through heavy artillery fire in Italy with a mortar, bracing it in a helmet packed with dirt and pouring round after round into the Nazis for 12 hours—a scene we remember well in MGM's "Go For Broke!". A few weeks later, he was killed at Cassino.

Similarly tried, convicted and executed as a war criminal in Manila was Gen. Homma, who commanded the Japanese forces invading the Philippines in 1942 and then relieved because he was too lenient on the Filipinos. His

**OF, BY AND FOR JAYS**

The 5th JAY Biennial Convention is only 60 days away! Just as the Seniors are busy planning and organizing so are the JAYS.

The convention is slated to occur from Aug. 20 to 24 on the campus of Cal State University at Hayward. Copies of the registration form which includes a cost breakdown and narrative on some activities may be obtained by writing to:

Date Shimabukuro  
19131 Waverly Ave.  
Hayward, Calif. 94541

Included in the convention activities will be workshops by such notable individuals as Paul Takagi, Associate Professor from the UC Berkeley School of Criminology; Henry Der, Chinese Media Committee; Roy Hirabayashi, California State University at San Jose; and Allen Franklin, director of student activities, San Lorenzo High School.

Some of the topics will include "Asians in the Media", Leadership, Asian American Curriculum Development, Job Fair, and Asian Migration to the East. Other activities being planned include a Monte Carlo night, various mixers, and special final night activities, a dinner and dance at H's Lordships in the Berkeley Marina.

**HAPPENINGS:** Many graduates have been honored by their chapters during the last month. June 1 Milwaukee, San Fernando, and Riverside held their graduates dinner. June 8 was Puysall Valley's dinner. June 10 Sacramento's.

June 15 marked Seabrook Chapter's 30th Anniversary. Their guest speaker was Bill Hosokawa, Scott Furukawa, NYCC Chairman, from Mentor, Ohio, and Eastern District



'A round trip ticket to Portland and I want to check this baggage.'

Craig Shimabukuro  
**District Dialogue**

**JACL'S GREATEST ASSET—PSWDC**

cal areas regarding grassroots input.

How can PSW be one of the more vocal districts and not give input? Many of the members and chapters with whom I have discussed such matters, have stated the opposite. Their feelings are that they are or were trying to communicate with National, but have never been responded to. One chapter I visited even stated that the only time they see anyone from National (or District) is when they want money.

Many people in this District do not feel that they are informed or know about many things which go on in National. Many members have talked to visiting officers and staff, and still many feel that they are not heard or acknowledged. I do not see how President Tanaka can support such statements. If anything, the PSWDC has the reputation of being vocal.

Getting back to direction, I feel that PSW is in the forefront of changing the direction of JACL. The following enumerates some of the activities which this District participates in and/or supports.

At our last District Meeting, the PSWDC supported unanimously, the following:

- 1—\$500 for Aisarema, Inc. (see PC, May 17).
- 2—\$500 for the PSWDC Ethnic Concerns Committee. This committee investigates and initiates actions in the areas of equal housing, jobs, education and generally, will work with any individuals or groups that are being discrim-

While agreeing PR/PI/PE (Public Relations, Public Information, and Public Education) need to be improved, I do not think a P.R. office in New York City is the answer. First of all, we now have a person responsible for Public Relations. Secondly, because of the differences in regions, I feel that P.R. could be carried on more effectively if it were done on a regional basis. Thirdly, I think the money could be better utilized if P.R. were to be done locally.

Let us say that of the \$40,000 a year (in addition to the current staff person) allocated for the P.R. office, approximately half of that amount would go into salaries. Of the \$20,000 left, much of it would be spent just in normal office maintenance. There is also the initial cost of opening an office which would also be expensive. That same money could be used more efficiently if the staff were placed in existing JACL offices.

Assuming the current P.R. staff person would remain at National Headquarters and serve as overall coordinator, the other professionals could work out of the Washington, Chicago, and Los Angeles offices. This would save the organization money that would have to go into the opening and maintenance of an additional office. This method would also put the P.R. staff in closer contact with a broader cross section of the membership, and should give them a better perspective of the philosophy and thrust of the organization.

The fact that JACL is changing in the right direction, I totally agree with. I cannot, however, concur with the opinion that the PSW area has lacked in its input. President Tanaka states that PSW has been one of the most vocal

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**Perspectives**

**FORGOTTEN MINORITY**—Had the pleasure recently to be invited to be part of the KNBC (Channel 4, L.A.) program, "Impressions East-West", hosted by George Takei. This particular segment dealt with the theme "Asian Americans under the Penal System", and included Tommy Chung, Director of Asian Joint Communications in Los Angeles, and Louie Yamashiro.

Both of these men knew of what they spoke, having been "under the penal system" themselves. Because Asian Americans in prison, or on parole, are still few in number, they are really a minority within a minority. Part of the problem of confined men or women, is that they are often a forgotten minority. Asian Americans frequently face the additional handicap of heavier familial and community rejection and, in some cases greater alienation, or identity problems, with their peers.

Some of these issues were discussed on the program, largely from two perspectives—one being how the Asian community could be helpful to those confined, and the other dealing with them after they are released to the community.

I come from the biased position that prisons, as necessary as they are, are poor places to help anybody. Most confined people conform to prison routine, which includes participation in whatever educational, vocational, recreational, self-help programs that are available. Where possible, and this is almost entirely dependent on community elements, contacts with outside individuals or group specifically interested in the well-being of Asian offenders, would be healthy and helpful.

**25 Years Ago**  
In the Pacific Citizen, June 25, 1949

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# Frying Pan

**BAY AREA INTERLUDE**—It had been a busy, busy weekend, most of it stuck in a stuffy hotel conference room. There had been interminable discussions which left scant opportunity to get out and enjoy the sunshine and crisp breezes that have made San Francisco famous.

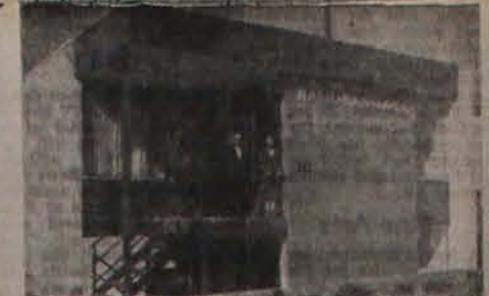
The occasion was a meeting of JACL's Planning Commission. Charged with the assignment of looking a decade into the future and coming up with some concrete proposals for coping with tomorrow, the members had gathered from the far reaches of the country. Together they had peered into a murky crystal ball and hammered out a program through vigorous give-and-take. Finally, only partly satisfied with the results but restricted by the limits of time and endurance, the members had adjourned with a solid respect for each other's abilities.

Now there was an hour to spare before hurrying to the airport for the trip home. Just time enough for a Nisei who lives inland to carry out a very important mission: Go to Chinatown and pick up one roast duck and a couple of pounds of roast pork. It is possible these days to get fresh crab and salmon and oysters in Mile-High Denver. But duck and pork prepared the Cantonese way is hard to come by and one never seems to lose the taste for such delicacies developed in youth.

Steve Doi, who had the gumption to go back to college and become an attorney after many years of operating a prosperous cleaning business, provided the transportation to Grant Avenue. He stopped in front of a store in the heart of Chinatown bearing the unlikely name of Italian Market. But the ducks hanging in the window were Chinese and so were the men behind the counter.

"Where did you get the name Italian Market?" I asked one of them.

"Oh, long time Chinese," the man replied with a grin. Later, when I reported this exchange to Steve and Hiro Kusaki of Fresno who was also in the car, they suggested that the market had been founded by Italian immigrants and taken over by Chinese. And because it would've cost more than they cared to spend to put up a new sign, the new owners just decided to keep the old one. It is likely a new generation of proprietors has



Acquired in March, 1965, the nearly-new National JACL Credit Union headquarters building in Salt Lake City has a conference room, consultation office, credit union office, ample storage and work room and a private insurance office for Hito Okada, Credit Union treasurer (seen standing at left with bookkeeper Ruth Aoki). Ground floor is leased out commercially.

## Okada—

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actions to the plight and problems of the evacuees, the Nisei servicemen, and the aging Issei parent groups.

In response to the query where can I get auto insurance, Hito scoured the country and found some enterprising insurance companies that were willing to accept Japanese American risks. Eventually, this led to the formation of the Hito Okada Insurance Service which became the sustaining basis of his economic life.

In response to the need for a safe depository for one's money and the need for reasonably-priced credit, Hito turned to the consumer-oriented, non-profit service motivated Credit Union movement.

Credit Union, sometimes referred to as a common man's bank, is a financial institution in which a group of people who are closely related by employment, ethnic, fraternal or religious ties, organize to save their money together and loan out that savings at reasonable interest rates to its members.

Enlisting the interest and the aid of local Utah leaders, Hito incorporated the National JACL Credit Union under Utah laws and invited JACL members to save and borrow in their own financial institution.

Hito served as treasurer and manager of the Credit Union in a strictly voluntary and non-paying basis in the beginning. The seven-man Board of Directors and the three persons on the Supervisory and Credit Committees also work without compensation for the good of the cause.

It was Hito, however, who with great personal sacrifice and unmitigated dedication, spent countless hours nurturing and explaining and pushing the Credit Union philosophy and service among his fellow JACLers. Sometimes at the end of the year if the operation was successful, the Board would vote a token few dollars as "orei" for his dedication.

## Patriotic Hall—

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building, NVCC pointed out "Veterans, above all other, do not glorify war. They have seen first-hand the tragic effect of war."

"Let those who would look upon the artifacts with displeasure remember that they are looking at the visual reminders of the blood that shed by hundreds of Americans of all races who fought to preserve a way of life that permits them to hold meetings in a veterans building and permits them to voice their opinions in print."

The Nisei veterans felt that changing the purpose and value of Patriotic Hall as a memorial to veterans would be creating "another injustice" and held that the name of Patriotic Hall was "quite acceptable" to them as war veterans.

## Sen. Inouye urges major shakeup for V.A.

**HILLO, Hawaii**—Saying the Veterans Administration "needs a shake-up of major proportions," Sen. Daniel Inouye June 3 suggested the man who could "shake up" the organization is retiring Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Elmo Zumwalt.

Speaking at the Hilo High School commencement, he said he was saddened but not surprised by the country's indifference upon the veterans from the Vietnam war, which people did not understand and eventually grew to despise. But that's no reason for penalizing the soldiers who fought in the war, he said.

## U.S.-Japan—

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Secretary of HEW, chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts and chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities who serve ex-officio; and six members, appointed by the President, who would be conversant with U.S.-Japan relations, expert in the field of education, the arts or the humanities or representative of the citizenry.

Another co-sponsor, Sgt. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) envisioned many Americans learning Japanese and understanding Japanese culture and society. "It is embarrassing that so many Japanese speak our language while so few of us speak theirs," he noted.

## LITTLE TOKYO COMMUNITY CENTER

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**LOS ANGELES**—The ambitious goal is to raise \$1.95-million as its share toward construction of the projected \$4-million Japanese American Cultural and Community Center in Little Tokyo. As of May 31, George Doizaki, president of the Center board of directors, acknowledged a sum of \$128,675 donated or pledged.

There was already \$42,900 pledged or donated before the fund drive was publicly launched in April. Doizaki said, from board members, organizations large and small, and individuals. One Issei woman had accumulated her Social Security checks for several months and donated the sum to the fund.

The most recent major contribution of \$5,000 was pledged by the local Ikenobo Kadokai, headed by Mmes. Senko Okamoto, Koka Tsuchiya, Shunyu Kamimura and Selka Tokuyama. The group is comprised of 30 teachers, 530 members and founded in 1957. Ikenobo is the oldest flower arrangement school in Japan.

The April-May donors are: \$20,000—Nisei Week Community Center Fund; \$10,000—Japan Air Lines; Fujima Kanayama Kai; \$5,000—George Doizaki / American Fish Co.; Katsunaka Mokada; Manual K. Inadomi; George and Sakaya Aratani; Sulehi Fukui; Suleishi Fujii; the Southern California Japanese Women's Society; Beihoku Kendo Renmei; U.S.A. Inc./Southern California Region; Ikenobo Kadokai/L.A. Chapter; \$4,000—Masashi Kawaguchi; \$3,000—Marukyo Corp.; Karue Yano, Isao Hagi, Henry T. Onodera; \$2,000—Koshio Torii, Kakuo Tanaka, Tadanori and Takayo Kato, R. Y. Kubota, Kazuo Mori; \$1,000—Fushizawa Terayama, Alfred Hatake, Dr. H. Carroll Parrish, Dr. and Mrs. William M. Kato, Kenji Ito, Tad Hamamoto, Robert Hayamizu, Henry and Marie Akahara, Takeo C. Takyoshi, T. Shigeru Hashimoto, Takito Yamaguchi, Masuo Mitamura, Harry Hatajki, Tashiro New Mexico; Mrs. Kei Yoshida, Shiguo Yamada.

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## Aloha from Hawaii

Education Honolulu

More than 2,082 Univ. of Hawaii seniors received their bachelor degrees May 19 at commencement exercises held at the Waikiki Shell. In addition, there were 622 masters and 56 Ph.D.'s. . . . Hawaii high schools has graduated 10,700 seniors. Kailua High with 830 graduates had the largest graduating class this year. Farrington with 780 was the second largest. . . . Sen. Daniel Inouye said here May 19 corruption in politics "is the exception and not the rule" and advised 218 Leeward Community College graduates to work within the system to better life.

**Chaminade College** graduated 217 seniors at commencement exercises May 19 at Honolulu International Center concert theater. Fujio Matsuda, Univ. of Hawaii, was the commencement speaker.

Five Kailua High School students, three of them graduating seniors, caused thousands of dollars of damages as they vandalized the school May 22. The seniors were Martin Khoti, Manuel Arai and Edward Pestana, all 18. They broke windows, splashed paint, cut down trees and ripped off telephones, among other things.

## Hawaii Today

Dole Co., which shut down May 22 because of a can shortage, resumed limited operations two days later. The company is converting thousands of tons of ripening pineapple into juice and on-exchange sugar, which is used in fruit canning. Dole Co. employs about 1,130 employees. Workers at the company's can-manufacturing plant have been on strike for several weeks. Total number estimated to be out of work, including field laborers, is 3,440.

## Courtroom

Three defendants in the Federal Housing Administration insurance-fraud case involving the Ala Wai Cove condominium pleaded guilty May 23 before federal judge Martin Pence. Two of them were sentenced. Entering guilty pleas were **Walton Lee**, who was fined \$1,000 and committed to the custody of the U.S. attorney general for 48 hours, and **Henry Tomlinaga**, Univ. of Hawaii associate professor, who was fined \$750. Also admitting guilt was **Donald Chang**, who was not sentenced until an investigation and report can be prepared.

## Thought for the Week

The most beaten paths are certainly the surest; but do not hope to scare up much game on them.—Andre Gide

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### Walking Tour of Downtown

By ROWE SUMIDA

Portland's reputation as a home-type convention city is widely known as such national groups as the National Education Assn., Society for the Preservation of Barbed Shop Quartet Singing, and the International Youth for Christ (a Baptist group which drew more than 15,000) have been recent visitors here.

Visitors have also remarked favorably of the cleanliness and attractiveness of downtown Portland, finding it refreshing and unusual (when compared with other convention cities) an individual and his family can walk downtown after dark without fear and this is due for this week's offering: a walking tour of downtown Portland.

Unique to Portland are the many downtown bronze public fountains with mountain water inviting pedestrians to quench their thirst. So mineral free and flavor-full, the bubbling water beats soda water for its refreshing qualities. Even the tap water here is so clear that people use it for their steam irons and auto batteries without fear of mineral deposits forming.

The early morning visitor downtown may find himself dashing for cover as the municipal tank sweepers spray water against the curbs, flushing away the previous day's debris down the storm drains. And check those concrete tub planters with their greenery.

Here are some of the sights of interest to those in the walking mood:

**New Civic Auditorium** (SW 3rd between Clay and Market) is a showplace with teak paneling in the lobbies, oak paneling in the hall; sculpture and murals by Oregon artists. Across the street is **Forecourt Fountain**, said to have been built by the squares and taken over by swingers. Young and old gather to see the 18-ft. cascading falls recirculate

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## On Margin

**SUCH INTERESTING PEOPLE** — "A newspaperman meets such such interesting people" goes the cliché, but curiously, I have been finding myself in touch with as many if not more interesting people since leaving the day-to-day aspect of newspapering. I suppose even newspapering has its bits of predictable news releases from predictable sources and the predictable round of dinners to be invited to with predictable regularity.

And since I no longer belong on the staff of one particular newspaper, I find myself cast as an advocate of various and sundry causes, to all of whom I "can't say no." I now find it necessary to carry around a fat little notebook with tabs for East-West Players, Asian Americans for a Fair Media, Nisei Week, the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, Keiro Home, Restaurant Horikawa and as the political winds blow, Norman Mineta, March Fong and Alex P. Garcia in turn, for all of whom I am either doing publicity or something.

Having been born in the Year of the Cow, I'm by nature a lazy person, but suddenly I'm full of commitments at an age when disenchantment and cynicism are more my speed.

Why do I do it? Well of course there's ego involved—It's nice to know one is sought after, if not for sex, then for what one can do for others, preferably for free. There is a sense of obligation—I was asked by people to whom I couldn't say no. And I might as well face it, I wanted to do it.

An unexpected bonus has been the joy I've been meeting. I joined the AAFM because having Asian Americans make their mark in the media is a cause I fervently believe in; but I'm also delighted to find that I'm one of the few over-the-hill members in the nucleus that meets every other Saturday afternoon at the USC Student Activity Center.

I enjoy the banter, I like the window it gives me into young minds and I'm proud of its accomplishments. The all-day workshop on "Asian Americans and the Media" at Resthaven on a recent Saturday attracted 80 persons by actual count. I worried that it wasn't being attended by more Nisei who needed consciousness-raising, but after seeing the caliber of the many young people attending, I decided the yahooks and the don't-confuse-me-with-new-thought people are out of it anyway—their day is past.

The only dark cloud on an otherwise exhilarating Saturday was the announcement that Gidra, the alternative community newspaper was folding—at least and hopefully, for the time being. There was a lot of green thinking and mind-strapping Marxist rhetoric in Gidra, but there was an awful lot of food for thought and hope in it too.

I hope its demise will be only temporary, a transient through-like phase which occurs in any organization or movement.

On the following day, I was asked to give a short talk on current events in Japanese at a Pioneer Center gathering. I was amazed to find the conference room of the Chamber of Commerce filled to capacity with the elderly. Of course I wasn't the sole attraction—there was a travel short on Hawaii and slides on a recent trip to Japan by a member—but a majority stayed to hear me stumble through a rambling discourse on Watergate, the California primaries and other matters of state.

A little old lady came up after I'd finished to thank me for the talk and the chance to learn something.

After that, I went across the street and caught the tail end

## Youth —

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Service, New York Life Insurance Co., and (4) "Financial Aids for Higher Education" by Oron Kessler.

**OTHER ITEMS:** On June 25 and 26 (9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) a subcommittee meeting of the Advisory Committee on the Education of Bilingual Children of the Education of Bilingual Children of the Office of Education will meet in Room 1031, Regional Office Building, 1321 Second Ave., Seattle. All meetings are open to the public.

A brochure for the 1975 Presidential Classroom for Young Americans is now available. The first class will begin on Feb. 15.

For any information which appears here, write to: Gail Ann Chew Nishioke, National Youth Director, 1730 Rhode Island Ave., N.W., Suite 204, Washington, D.C. 20036

## CALENDAR

June 22 (Saturday) West Valley—Graduate night, 8 p.m. West Valley Church, 8 p.m. Walter Powers, speaker.

June 23—24 IDC—Salt Lake City JACL hosts Gerry Mfg. Holiday Inn, Salt Lake City.

June 23 (Sunday) Riverside—Community picnic, Edison High Park, 11 a.m.

June 24 (Monday) Chicago—Mobile bank unit, JABC, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

June 25 (Tuesday) Downtown—Lunch, San Kwo Low, 12:15 p.m. Assessor Phil Watson, speaker.

## NEWS CAPSULES

## Education

National Merit scholar **Mary Reiko Osaka**, daughter of the Walter Osakas, West Valley JACLers, of Cupertino, will enter the honors program at Santa Clara University, majoring in pre-law and psychology. At Cupertino High, Mary held numerous school offices and played with the Santa Clara County honor band for three years.

## Sports

Seattle Dojo members **Chris Kato** and **Kenji Yamada** were promoted to 6th dan during the 1974 Senior AAU national Judo tournament held April 24-27 at Phoenix. The rank is comparable to a master's degree, entitling holders to be called professor and wearing a red-white belt to denote their rank. Both are former national champions. Kato is vice-principal at Cleveland High and a Seattle JACL.

## Local Scene

## Los Angeles

'43 is joining Class of '44 for its reunion dinner June 29, 7 p.m., at the Proud Bird Restaurant. Tickets (\$15) may be reserved by calling Jun Okimoto (770-0289 day, 283-6832 eve), reunion committee chairman. Tak Shindo will be showing his movies taken at Manzanar, followed by a dance with the big band music of Keith Williams.

## Chicago

American Legion Nisei Post 1333 held its annual Issei appreciation program June 16 with dinner at Chiam Restaurant and two Japanese films shown at Francis Parker School—all expenses borne by the post and transporting the Issei back home.

## Denver

Prevention of child abuse will be a program goal for the Adams County Family Learning Center, which received a \$157,000 federal grant from the HEW Office of Child Development, according to supervisor George Kawamura of county social services.

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board member. Seattle is believed to be the only dojo with two former champions and 6th dan professors. L.A. Sen-shin Dojo member **John Knight**, 2nd dan, won the 55-year and older division championship by defeating Bill Campbell, 67, of Milwaukee. At age 63, Knight was the oldest competitor ever to compete in the 22-year history of the national AAU tournament. He joined Sen-shin Dojo in 1947.

Questa College pitcher **Kevin Nakamura** of San Luis Obispo was named to the All-Central Calif. Conference second team with a 5-4 record. He was the starting pitcher on the conference all-star team against the conference champions, Merced College (rated No. 1 among the small colleges in California), based upon his victory over Merced during regular season play.

## Military

Hawaiian-born **Joe Hirakawa**, 56, who served with the original 100th Infantry in North Africa and Italy, heads the Nisei VFW Post 9902 of East Los Angeles, succeeding **Tom Makabe**. Over 300 attended the 25th anniversary celebration of the Nisei VFW Post 9902 of Los Angeles, now commanded by **George Kumagai**. Among the charter members, No. 1 card holder **Willie Fujimoto** reminisced while main speaker. **Justice John Aiso**, now retired, recalled the pre-war discrimination and how efforts of the Nisei veterans helped to overcome the stigma. Assemblyman **Paul Bernal** presented a State Assembly resolution commending the post. **Alva Fleming**, past department commander who encouraged formation of Nisei posts statewide in the late 1940s, was given a standing ovation.

## Government

Federal Highway Administration director of youth opportunity programs, longtime Washington, D.C. JACLer **John Yoshino**, has been traveling in the Midwest region in

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## Fine Arts

A Joanne Hayakawa ceramic sculpture with 150 glistening trout swimming in a waterfall arc was jointly purchased for \$750 by the Seattle Arts Commission and Seattle Day Committee at Spokane's Expo '74. It was presented May 24 by Seattle Mayor Wes Uhlman and is on exhibit at the entrance to the Washington State Pavilion.

## Music

Boise State University music student **Lissa Nishitani** was presented in a piano recital April 26 by the music department. Daughter of the Tom Nishitani of Nyssa, Ore., she won several scholarships in Japan will be planted and a waterfall will be added.

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