

Ethnic Studies

Heritage.

The objectives of the project are:

1.—To provide working materials for teachers which will enhance the awareness level of all students in relation to Japanese American contributions to American society, and facilitate the integration of these materials into existing public school curricula.

2.—To provide documentation of the pluralistic nature of American society which will include the development of a slide presentation, working series of lesson plans. These will be available at educational institutions throughout the U.S.

3.—To create new materials rather than repeat efforts which will contribute to an expanded understanding of the history of the Japanese American, particularly those in the regions outside of California.

The project will include an Advisory Council of individuals who have shown interest and concern in multi-ethnic education. Experienced and knowledgeable persons will be recruited as consultants from the fields of education, Japanese American youth community affairs, minority experiences, and the like, in addition to representatives from the general Japanese American community.

The project will be housed at National Headquarters. Recruitment is underway to hire a Director/Curriculum Development Specialist, a Research Assistant/Writer, and a Secretary.

After an extended delay, the Gerontology Project will commence shortly, as planned, at the Japanese American Service Committee (JASC) in Chicago.

JASC is a comprehensive personal counseling, group services and sheltered workshop program located in the heart of Chicago's near north side where many Issei reside. The one year project is funded by a grant from the Administration on Aging.

More than 1,500 proposals were submitted. Among the 40 proposals accepted was the JACL's "Contributions of Japanese Americans to American Life: A Curriculum Development Program". JACL was awarded a \$60,000 grant by the U.S. Office of Education. Ethnic

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ROLE OF NIKKEI IN U.S. CITED BY H.E.W. GRANT

JACL Proposal 'Fits Admirably' in Program Concept

WASHINGTON — Favorable recognition of the role of Japanese Americans in the United States was expressed by Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare Casper W. Weinberger in a recent letter to U.S. Senator Hiram L. Fong of Hawaii.

The comment is contained in Secretary Weinberger's notification to Senator Fong that the JACL's proposal to HEW for an Ethnic Heritage Program grant has been approved in the amount of \$60,000 (See July 12 PC).

Fong, a cosponsor of the Ethnic Heritage legislation and a member of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee handling HEW funds, had earlier written to Secretary Weinberger strongly endorsing the JACL proposal.

In his reply to Fong, Weinberger said, "I am well aware of the contributions of Japanese Americans to the American commonwealth and of emphasis placed upon the value of education by Americans of Japanese descent. It may be of interest to you to know that a United States delegation, headed by Assistant Secretary for Education, Dr. Virginia Trotter, recently (June 17-20) attended the U.S.-Japan Education and Cultural Conference (CULCON) in Tokyo. A joint Education Subcommittee of that Conference is now at work to improve mutual understanding between the two nations through education at all levels."

In successfully urging approval of the JACL proposal, Fong told Weinberger "the JACL proposal fits admirably into the concept envisioned by the Congress when it enacted the Ethnic Heritage Studies Program."

"In view of the demonstrable need for more knowledge and appreciation of the Japanese experience in the United States, the JACL proposal would be most suitable for filling this need."

David Ushio, JACL National Executive Director, has thanked Fong for his support of the JACL proposal, pointing out that it was one of only 40 agencies to receive a grant from the Ethnic Heritage Program.

"With over 1,000 groups making application for the limited amount of grant money available, your special report with Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Weinberger in our support undoubtedly helped our application," Ushio wrote Fong.

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CLERS CONFRONT 'SAVE THE WHALE' PICKET LEADERS

SAN FRANCISCO—"Save the Whales" people picketed the Japanese Cultural Center on Post St. last week (July 13). They carried "boycott Japanese products" signs.

Four JACLers, who were returning from the groundbreaking ceremonies held that morning on Sutter St. to National Headquarters in the Center, engaged in a sidewalk caucus with the leaders of the picket—telling them the signs, "Boycott Japanese Products", was racist.

Dr. Harry Hatasaka of Palo Alto, N.C.-WNUC governor, explained their use of the term, "Japanese", affected Americans negatively. "Since we have Japanese features the public does not distinguish the difference; hence, discrimination and racism result," Hatasaka explained after the emotional exchange had subsided.

With Hatasaka were Chuck Kubokawa, Steve Doi and David Ushio. They were able to have "ESE" removed finally from the posters. Hatasaka said the JACL district council last February supported the U.S. call for a 10-year moratorium on whaling as recommended by the U.N. Conference on the Human Environment.

The issues which still need to be determined are the true numbers of whales being taken and the percentage of the food supplied by whales in Japan, Hatasaka said, as he agreed with picket leaders for future meetings on the matter.

Among the demonstrators were representatives of Wildlife Conservation Coalition and the Animal Protection Institute of America. They included several Orientals, young adults and children. Some of the outrage at the Japanese whalers was vented upon the modern techniques in whaling—of helicopters, sonar equipment and explosive harpoons.



WASHINGTON, D.C.—Mrs. Kousi Fujikado cuts cake celebrating her 50 years of dedicated teaching of Ikebana (Ohara School), assisted by Mrs. Melih Esenbel, wife of the Turkish ambassador to the U.S., and Mrs. Hortense Dean (right), director of Ohara Center, New York City. Mrs. Fujikado, who taught and lived in Seattle until the death of her husband in 1964, established the Ohara school in America, having trained in Sendai under Koun Ohara, father of the present headmaster. She lives in Alexandria, Va., with her daughter and son-in-law, Col. and Mrs. William Lee. She also arranges the flowers for all state functions at the Japanese Embassy here.

CITIZEN GROUPS OPPOSE CHANGES IN FCC RULES

License Renewal May Be Extended From 3 to 5 Years

WASHINGTON — The Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, of which National JACL is member, has been generating and coordinating much of the opposition to a House-passed bill (379-14 vote) now before the Senate commerce committee, which would amend the Communications Act of 1934 to the "detriment of minorities."

Ross Harano of Chicago, JACL's national legislative committee chairman, pointed out the bill (HR 12993) is known as the Broadcast License Renewal Act.

Radio and television stations renew their license to operate every three years. Broadcasters are required to receive input as to programming from the community they serve.

Many Nikkei community leaders have been called upon to assist in the license renewing process, meeting with radio-TV representatives and indicating whether the needs of the Nikkei community is being met, Harano said in Chicago.

"Quite often the complaints of Nisei have been justifiable in the area of the Old World War II movie reruns and stereotyping of Nisei as the gardener or houseboy in current programming," Harano explained.

Should stations fail to follow the guidelines as set forth by the Federal Communications Commission, local community groups can petition the FCC to have the faltering station's license renewal denied. Consumer complaints in 1969 led to a Boston TV station losing its license.

The Univ. of Rochester recently noted that in most cases, the mere act of filing the petition was sufficient pressure to make stations more responsive to the local community.

But all this may change with HR 12993, according to the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights. The bill "would insulate present owners of broadcasting licenses from any effective challenge by minorities and women's groups dissatisfied with current programs and employment policies. It virtually forecloses a future minority ownership of radio and television stations."

"Briefly, the bill extends the time for license renewal from three to five years; hamstringing groups seeking to get the FCC to deny a license renewal; protects stations from FCC inquiries into whether they are programming in the public interest; and it makes it much harder to fight license challenges in the Federal courts."

Proponents of the bill, including FCC chairman Richard Wiley, hold the bill would improve the financial stability of the broadcast industry. If the incumbent licensee is unsure of retaining his license, it is difficult for him to attract investments, they argued.

The House bill is now before the Communications Subcommittee of Senate Commerce Committee for hearings. Originally the hearings had been scheduled for five days in June; however, the

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\$35,000 POSITION GOES BEGGING FOR ASIAN AMERICAN TO FILL

(New York JACL Scene) NEW YORK — News of a \$35,000 position open to a qualified Asian American reached the New York JACL three Mondays ago (in early May). It called for an individual with the right credentials to produce a television show, Claire Shimizu of the JACL Washington, D.C., office called Ruby Scheer and gave her the name and phone number of the person who could provide more details.

Glady Scheer, a staff member of WETA (TV-26) Washington, said that they were seeking Asian Americans to join their staff. According to Miss Scheer, WETA, out of hundreds of applicants, was one of four finalists remaining for a \$3 million grant to be used for a television show.

The irony, so it struck Ruby, was that the awarding of the grant depended upon the ethnic makeup of the staff that would produce the intercultural minority children's programs. Also ironic was the picture of a white establish-

ment seeking nonwhites, preferably Asians, to help them get funding.

Ruby was on the phone all day contacting Chinese, Filipino, Japanese and Korean leaders, as well as business who would be qualified to fill the position. She gave the lead to those interested. In the process she felt that she had created goodwill with other Asian groups.

"This is called everyday, gritty P.R. work," she said. "More of this would help bring us together."

The incident brings home the vicious cycle of how can you become qualified to fill a job when you aren't given the opportunity to become qualified.

It was in this vein that Ron Inouye, Chapter chairman, wrote to A.M. Rosenthal, managing editor of the New York Times. Texts of Ron's letter and Mr. Rosenthal's reply follow.

Friends Unknown

The fate of the Issei in general in the New World has not been kind. Hostile and marginal land, backbreaking field labor, waves of anti-Japanese agitation, exclusionary laws, enforced isolation, depression, hysteria following the bombing of Pearl Harbor, internment and finally up the picking up the pieces in their twilight years.

Their half-century has been synonymous with endless struggle for existence. Most of these pioneers are gone now. The remaining few are rapidly vanishing from the scene and with them the memories of the few Caucasians whose helping hand extended covertly or overtly often meant the difference in the Issei survival.

For the first time, these silent elive Samaritans are emerging from bits and pieces of recollections by surviving Issei in the Sacramento Valley. Some Issei call these rare Hakulin the Hidden Americans. The Issei and older Nisei recipients of their kindly acts speak of them with reverence.

But who are these Hidden Americans—just common people—not rich, not famous, but mostly religious and sensitive," says the Rev. Heihachiro Takarabe, pastor of the Parkview Presbyterian Church.

The Rev. Takarabe, whose tiny Japanese congregation includes a dozen or more Issei, has been exposed to the legacy of the Hidden Americans through the five-year-old Issei Oral History Project. The time-consuming project has drawn a number of both Japanese and Caucasian volunteers.

Its purpose: To record the life experiences of non-English-speaking Issei before they die and to make the records available to posterity and to students of Japanese American history.

With his assistance, The Sacramento Union also has sought out the elusive Samaritans through interviews with dozens of Issei and older Nisei in Northern California. Like Issei, age has taken its toll of these Samaritans. Only a few are alive.

The tragedy is, as the Rev. Takarabe notes with feeling, so many Issei have passed away without having the opportunity to reveal their encounters with these Hidden Americans. "I am quite sure that there must have been more now, but it is difficult

to remember," she says.

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ANCHORS AWEIGH!



Spence Nagaguma of Hawaii, getting ready for final exams is among the several Asian American midshipmen who have now completed their first year at the Naval Academy. Our appreciation to Monterey Peninsula JACLer, Dr. Takashi Hattori, in suggesting this photo feature (see page 3) for our readers. Twenty-five years ago, the first Nikkei entered Annapolis—now Capt. Takashi Yoshihara—an active Washington, D.C. JACL board member.—Ed.

HITO OKADA:

Ministerium Dignum Laude

By TOM SHIMASAKI

Lindsay, Calif.

It is perplexing that in the Testimonial honoring one of our great JACL leaders that someone who has never been a member of the same chapter or for that matter, the same district council, and who has always lived at least a thousand miles away from the honoree, and who has never seen him more frequently than once every two years, would be accorded the key-role honor as the chairman of the Testimonial Album Committee.

Needless to say, I was delighted when Henry Kato, co-chairman of the National Convention Board asked if I would do this and there was not a moment's hesitation in consenting. Henry with his long association with the JACL stated that there are not too many who are still active in the organization today who knew Hito back when. Nevertheless, I consider it a special privilege when I think of those who could have been assigned this chairmanship.

Probably a good place to begin is to say that there is a by-product of attending national conventions that has not been dealt with a great deal and that is the enduring and lasting friendships that emanate from convention attendance. This is particularly true of JACL conventions in that there has been a feeling of strong camaraderie, the feeling of having to stick together to achieve our common goals. This prevalence was a morsel in the earlier years than at present.

I first met Hito at the 1938 National Convention in Los Angeles where Hito made a masterful bid for the 1940 convention on behalf of the Portland Chapter and the North-West District. This puzzled me a great deal since I had been talking to Kay Hirao who had informed me that Mas (Randolph) Sakata and Kelly Yamada had urged him to get the convention in Oakland. Besides, it was Northern California's turn since the previous convention was held in Seattle.

We were swept up with Hito's enthusiasm when we agreed that we could have the convention in Oakland in 1942 after Portland. Hito was noted for his enthusiasm which later launched the National JACL Credit Union and the One Thousand Club. We elected Hito as national treasurer that biennium. We all knew and Hito knew that it would be a tough job trying to follow Sim Togasaki (Alexander Hamilton of the JACL) in that position; but Hito was willing to accept the challenge of looking after the finances of a fledgling organization.

We met at the Multnomah in Portland for our national convention in 1940. By that time I was the 1st Vice-Chairman of the Northern California District Council and was delegated to serve on a committee that was to talk Saburo Kido into taking the presidency and Hito Okada in to serving another two years as treasurer.

Kido talked about the



Picture of Hito Okada (circa 1955) with his fishing gear and massive pipe.

clouds that were hovering spired during the ensuing months, we had to forget about a national convention in Oakland in 1942, but we had an emergency national council meeting in San Francisco in March. Hito and several others drove down from the Northwest and said the only difficulty they encountered along the way was at the California line where they had to produce birth certificates and other identification. It was at that meeting the decision was made to move our National Headquarters to Salt Lake City and to step up our budget to \$25,000 which made Hito's task all the more herculean.

In November of that year, Dr. Yatabe and I representation of the Jerome Relocation Center at a special emergency meeting in Salt Lake City and Hito was there to greet us. That was the historic meeting when the decision to ask for the reinstatement of Selective Service for the Nisei and the resettlement of evacuees in the free zone areas were made. Hito's caution and resoluteness prevailed.

In the summer of 1944, I stopped by the Beason Bldg. office and Hito was launching the credit union which I joined—anything that Hito came up with was good enough for me! By the time I saw him again at the 1948 National Convention in Salt Lake City, his 1000 Club concept was pretty well off the ground.

Early in 1950, Hito came to the organizational convention of the Central California District Council. His tremendous emotional and enthusiastic appeal to the Central California

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By K. W. LEE (Sacramento Union)

The sting and stigma of racial fear and hate weren't the only legacy of the Japanese American experience during the era of exclusion and internment. Good memories have helped heal the scars and wounds of the past.

"We've never met him—just a voice over the telephone," Mrs. Osuke Takizawa, 83, of 6937 Southampton St., was reminiscing a generation later.

The voice of the stranger still haunts her memory of a maddening April day in 1942 in the rush of Evacuation to a dusty relocation camp in central Utah desert.

She, her husband, and their three children were literally hounded out of their Oakland home, leaving almost everything behind.

"We had no time. We had to leave everything. Only our bodies went—with knives, forks, spoons and dishes," Mrs. Takizawa was saying.

"Then this white minister called and said, 'Please let us help you.' It was such a surprise. We packed heavy clothing into two huge trunks for this minister to keep for us. I forgot how the trunks got to his church. It was a long time ago.

"I still don't know how he got our telephone number. Maybe he got it from a list

of our Methodist Church members since we are Methodists." Her husband, now 88, came to America in 1906 and had managed a San Francisco importing firm until Evacuation.

The Takizawas' destination was the Topaz, Utah, Relocation Camp with hundreds of long barracks covered with tarred paper in suffocating clouds of dust. And the winter—with lashing icy dusty winds—was the worst of all, Mrs. Takizawa recalls.

"It was very cold. We wrote this white minister a letter: 'Can you please send us the trunks?' And they came. Without them, we would have trembled in that cold winter."

In the aftermath of moving from one place to another in the post-war relocation efforts, from Utah, to Minnesota, back to Oakland, then finally to Sacramento, six years ago, Mrs. Takizawa says she must have misplaced the minister's name and address.

"Off and on, we talk about this minister and wonder where he might be. We think he was not a Methodist minister but a pastor of a Plymouth church."

In retirement, Mrs. Takizawa cultivated a small rose garden and a memory of the man they have never met. "Even after more than 30 years, it is a good memory to remember," she says.

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The Osuke Takizawas, now retired in Sacramento, are cultivating a small rose garden and a memory of a "Hidden American"—a white minister who helped them during Evacuation—they have never met and now whose name they have lost.



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JACL'S \$60,000 GRANT FROM H.E.W.

State Dept. communiques are not dressed up in the best journalistic style but what needs to be said is all there. The recent one issued covering the 7th U.S.-Japan Conference on Cultural and Educational Interchange, which met June 17-20 in Tokyo, is of particular interest in view of remarks about CULCON (as this interchange is identified) by Secretary Weinberger of the Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare with reference to their \$60,000 grant to JACL.

In the area of education, which the Secretary made mention, CULCON's subcommittee on education for international understanding (i.e. to teach students in America about Japan and students in Japan about America) has agreed: (a) to promote a sense of appreciation for cultural pluralism and world-mindedness, (b) and to prepare students to live in societies which are increasingly drawn together in an interdependent world.

Both the Ministry of Education in Japan and the U.S. Office of Education will be responsible for conduct of relevant surveys on five subjects related to elementary and secondary education, according to the communiques: 1—Policy statements and curriculum requirements; 2—Textbooks; 3—Sister City relationship programs; 4—Exchange programs of educators and students; 5—Availability of instructional materials, research findings, conferences, workshops, course work, etc., relating about the other country.

It was further agreed that a three-year joint project for improvement of learning about each other's country be conducted through bi-national conferences of experts, joint studies by teachers and curriculum specialists, and preparing recommendations for improvement of curricula and teacher manuals.

The subcommittee also recommends expansion of teacher exchanges and assessing the availability of information about resources produced in the other country. (A PC contributor in Japan who teaches high school is attending such a seminar this month at the Univ. of Massachusetts and is most interested in the contributions of the Japanese in America. He finds the PC we have been sending him a most valuable tool.)

CULCON originated in 1961 by an agreement between Prime Minister Ikeda and President Kennedy, calling upon interested private and government agencies and personalities to combine their talents for the improvement of U.S.-Japan understanding. It meets every other year while the subcommittees meet in between.

CULCON is also involved with the mass media. Its most recent recommendation urging U.S. promote Japanese-produced TV materials over here. Museum exchanges are also being encouraged, especially in honor of the U.S. Bicentennial in Japan followed by a major exhibition of Japanese art in the American museums. Japanese folk art and crafts in the U.S. with artisans demonstrating their skills was another recommendation.

With respect to American studies in Japan, CULCON found the level to have reached a very professional level and their scholarship worthy of being translated and published in English. Chairs in American history to train future Japanese leaders were also suggested.

Japanese studies in America, on the other hand, needs strengthening at the graduate level and in the language division. CULCON noted Japan specialists on law, economics, sociology and psychology, are not in sufficient numbers in the U.S.

Foremost was the CULCON's hope that study of Japan be fully integrated in the teaching and research concerns of U.S. social scientists. So the trends of American studies in Japan and Japanese studies in America are possible guidelines for the new JACL curriculum project.

It certainly goes beyond the scope of Asian American studies as we understand it. It calls for new effort, a broadening of the base and imaginative leadership in the years ahead. If the first \$60,000 HEW grant is expended with the bigger picture in mind, no doubt JACL should continue to receive in the future the kind of support it has received with the initial grant.

Another funding source, which may develop, is no Japan-U.S. Friendship Trust Fund—which the Senate has passed (see June 21 PC) and is now before the House. Ten percent (\$32 million) of the proceeds being paid by Japan to the U.S. from the Okinawa reversion agreement will be administered by an independent group as a trust fund.

Getting Americans to appreciate the cultural and artistic output of the Japanese, says New York senator Javits, co-author of bill, would have Americans think differently of the Japanese—the picture today being as makers of things and as fantastic commercial competitors.

JACL's program and activities committee should keep that in mind if and when the trust fund is established.

While the scholars and experts in JACL's midst may piece together the package as a result of the grants, their use still depends upon an aggressive membership at large who will insist these be used in our schools—from earliest years possible—to dispel ignorance, from which prejudice is born.

25 Years Ago

In the Pacific Citizen, July 30, 1949

War-time commander department opens first evacuee combat team helps dedication closes field office in case memorial hall in Honolulu Southern California . . . Nisei . . . FBI agent admits ex-GI Kijyo Morimoto of Idaho knowledge of alleged bribery goes to New York to continue of key witness in "Tokyo operative career" . . . Mystery . . . "Parts of eighth bus fire zones Glendale train case" . . . (Calif.) times time intended for treason trial . . . Justice Dept to Nisei family.

The First Chief Justice from the West

By MIKE MASAOKA
(Washington Newsletter)

Washington
Earl Warren, 14th Chief Justice of the United States and the first to be born west of the Mississippi, passed away on July 9 at the age of 83. Since then, he has been eulogized — and deservedly so — as perhaps the greatest Chief Justice since the legendary John Marshall more than a hundred years earlier.

Like Marshall, he presided over the nation's highest tribunal in a tempestuous period of historic landmark decisions and controversial social, political, and economic changes. Like Marshall too, Warren had to deal with the difficult issue of supremacy, only in his case it had to do with the worth of an individual citizen and not with the central government. And, again like Marshall, Warren had to activate the nation's court of last resort to move decisively for 16 years, in his case, in an era in which both the Executive and Legislative Branches of government had defaulted in their concern for human and civil rights, not to mention the grim realities of an urban America that had succeeded the frontier challenges and rural philosophies of an earlier age. He so united and inspired his associate justices through his associate justice though he himself was not the intellectual or legal mind that others were, that his years as Chief Justice have rightfully been identified as the Warren Court. This master politician who became a courageous and visionary jurist, however, preferred that his administration be called the people's court.

Warren Burger, the present Chief Justice, described his predecessor's contributions to the nation as "large indeed" both as to his judicial role and his earlier public service and all tribute to his life as "epitomizing the American dream."

Earl Warren was born in Los Angeles March 19, 1891, the second son of an immigrant railroad worker from Norway who was bludgeoned to death with a lead pipe in the kitchen of his home when his now famous child was in his mid-twenties. The murderer was never found. He worked his own way through college and the law school of the University of California. He enlisted as a private voluntarily in World War I and, though he never saw overseas duty, was honorably discharged as a Second Lieutenant.

In 1919, he began an uninterrupted career of public service that spanned more than half a century, beginning with a stint as deputy in the Alameda County District Attorney's Office, then as the County District Attorney and subsequently as the Attorney General of the State of California, and finally as the popular three-term Governor of the Golden State. He made an almost forgotten and unsuccessful try for the vice presidency as Thomas Dewey's running mate in 1948. But it was as Chief Justice from 1953 to 1969, in the presidencies of Dwight Eisenhower, John Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson, and Richard Nixon, that Earl Warren came to symbolize what was best in American public life and to engrave his name in the history of mankind.

While it is not known here in Washington at this time how West Coast newspapers handled Warren's brief incursion into racism in the early war years, it is perhaps noteworthy that the media in the East almost universally reminded their readers and listeners that probably the only significant blot on his magnificent record as a public servant was his militant advocacy of the mass, arbitrary evacuation and incarceration in American-style concentration camps of some 110,000 persons of Japanese ancestry from their Pacific Coast homes and associations in the name of "military necessity" in the spring of 1942. This was a time when the courts were functioning without restraint and the Army did not consider the threat of potential enemy action as warranting martial law.

Examples of the editorial comment on this aspect may be witnessed by The New York Times description that he was "a leading and fairly crude proponent of the internment of Japanese Americans in World War II" and by The Washington Post recollection that "he had shown scant feelings for the rights of Americans of Japanese ancestry ruthlessly evacuated from their West Coast homes after the Japanese assault on Pearl Harbor."

Since I was deeply involved as the then National JACL Secretary in 1942 in trying to avoid unjustified and unconstitutional mistreatment of those of Japanese origin in the guise of patriotism and national defense, I remember well Earl Warren's influence on and participation in the so-called Evacuation decision. Indeed, ever since that experience, I have publicly charged that — in my judgment — Earl Warren is among the three or four most influential individuals who convinced the President to authorize the Evacuation and imprisonment programs.

Early in 1942, then Attorney General Warren directed the various County Attorneys in the State to compile the names and memberships of organizations allegedly pro-

Japan in their orientation, to search out land owned or farmed by Japanese bordering or near such military installations as railroad right-of-ways, airports, bridges, highways, etc., to catalogue Japanese language schools, Buddhist churches, Japanese associations, etc. He then drew the conclusion that such membership, such ownership or share-cropping, such participation, etc., could not be "accidental or coincidental" but were part and parcel of a deliberate and calculated plan "to aid the enemy."

He then declared that the Nisei citizens were potentially more dangerous to the nation than were the Issei aliens. As he expressed it to the so-called Tolan Committee, the House of Representatives Select Committee Investigating National Defense Migration, in its San Francisco hearings on February 21, 1942, "I want to say that the consensus of opinion among law-enforcement officers of this State is that there is more potential danger among the group of Japanese born in this country than from the alien Japanese who were born in Japan. This might seem an anomaly to some people, but the fact is that, in the first place, there are twice as many of them. There are 33,000 aliens and there are 66,000 born in this country."

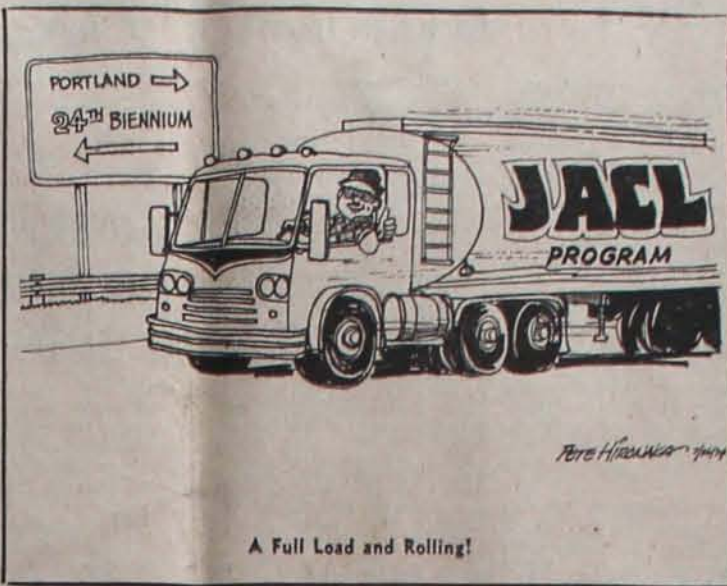
"In the second place, most of the Japanese who were born in Japan are over 35 years of age. . . . 'While I do not cast a reflection on every Japanese who is born in this country — of course we will have loyal ones — I do say that the consensus of opinion is that taking the groups by and large there is more potential danger to this State from the group that is born in Japan.'

Illinois Congressman Lawrence Arnold interrupted, "Let me ask you a question at this point. . . . Do you have any way of knowing whether any of this group that you mention is loyal to this country or loyal to Japan?"

Warren replied, "Congressman, there is no way that we can establish that fact. We believe that when we are dealing with the Caucasian race we have methods that will test the loyalty of them, and we believe we can, in dealing with the Germans and the Italians, arrive at some fairly sound conclusions because of our knowledge of the way they live in the community and have lived for many years. But when we deal with the Japanese we are in an entirely different field and we cannot form any opinion that we believe to be sound. Their methods of living, language, make for this difficulty. Many of them show you a birth certificate stating that they were born in this State, perhaps, or born in Honolulu, can hardly speak the English language because, although they were born here, when they were four or five years of age they were sent over to Japan to be educated and they stayed over there through their adolescent period at least, and then they come back here thoroughly Japanese."

In this same testimony, Warren develops the theme that because there had been no acts of sabotage or espionage up to that time by the Japanese, it demonstrated how well disciplined and prepared the Japanese in California were to engage in fifth column activity when an invasion would take place. He also raises the fear of vigilantism that would take place unless the Japanese were removed from the West Coast and conceptualizes a doctrine of protective custody as being in the interests of the Japanese themselves.

If one has any thought that Warren was not one of the foremost advocates of Evacuation and internment, one needs only to examine the public hearings of the Tolan Committee. Warren is the first major witness heard by the Committee and his testimony, including his prepared statement and supporting letters, covers 51 pages, far more than any other witness. His testimony to this Committee summarizes the arguments he presented with such telling effect to the War and Justice Department, the White House, the Congress, and the



A Full Load and Rolling!

nation's public media of the time — newspapers, magazines and the radio. Moreover, General John DeWitt's "Final Report" justifying the "Japanese Evacuation from the West Coast", transmitted to then Secretary of War Stimson June 5, 1943, contains almost verbatim though unattributed paragraph after paragraph of Warren's testimony to the Tolan Committee.

Recently, I received confirmation of my belief that Warren probably had as much impact as any single person, and more than most, on influencing the Evacuation decision. At a dinner in New York at which John McCloy, the Assistant Secretary of War for Civilian Affairs under Stimson, was present, during a private conversation recalling 1942, McCloy explained that, while civilians like himself in Washington in those days tended to discount the demands for Evacuation from Army commanders, since they understood the military mentality, they could not ignore similar demands when they came from such a recognized, moderate, and reputable civilian source as Earl Warren, then the law and order, constitutionally-minded Attorney General of California. In retrospect, it was relatively easy to understand how the decision was made when explained at long last — though privately — by McCloy, one of the more distinguished public servants in

recent years who served subsequent to his assignment in the War Department as the High Commissioner to Germany, the first President of the World Bank for Reconstruction and Rehabilitation, and advisor to six American chief executives. In 1943, a year after Warren had been elected Governor of California by an overwhelming margin over incumbent Culbert Olson, in a speech to a Governors' Conference, he opposed the release and the return of the evacuees, warning that "if the Japs are released, no one will be able to tell a saboteur from any other Jap."

One year later, however, after the United States Supreme Court held in the so-called Endo case that "concededly loyal" American citizens could not be detained in relocation centers indefinitely and after the Western Defense Command announced the lifting of the "Exclusion" ban, Warren instructed the Attorney General and the District Attorney in California to do whatever was necessary to protect the returning evacuees from possible violence and harassment.

Given a recess appointment as Chief Justice on September 30, 1953, by then President Eisenhower, Warren named John Aiso of Los Angeles to be the first Nisei to become a Judge on the continental mainland, perhaps as some suggested at the time to "appeal" not only Japanese

Americans but also those who condemned his 1942 advocacy of the Evacuation.

When formal nomination was submitted to the Congress early in 1954, Warren declined to appear before the Senate Judiciary Committee considering his nomination. Though more than 200 objections were filed against his nomination, mostly from right-wingers and a few from churchmen and civil libertarians who could not forgive his racism against the Japanese during World War II, he was confirmed by voice vote in the Senate on March 1, 1954. As the then Washington JACL Representative, I recall not only conferring with religious and civil rights organizations but also with members of the Senate Judiciary Committee on an informal basis concerning the nomination.

Later, when as Chief Justice Warren supervised the high tribunal in its consideration of the historic litigation that has so affected the lives and the lot of Japanese Americans, as well as all other Americans, as JACL's Washington Representative I was often indirectly involved in providing information and helping to prepare "friend of the court" briefs that, happily, in many cases were accepted by the country's highest appellate jurisdiction.

Although the Warren Court is best known for having changed the political com-

position of the nation by making for "one man, one vote" representation in national and state legislatures, for having invalidated racial segregation as national policy and practice, and for enlarging on the rights of the accused to counsel, etc., this same judicial bench handed down many decisions expanding the rights and opportunities of Japanese Americans.

Among cases which I can readily recall without research in which the Warren Court ruled "in favor" of the Japanese American position were those that expedited naturalization and immigration opportunities for those of the Japanese and other Asian races, especially those unifying families, clarified rights of Nisei stranded in Japan during World War II, held that if they served in certain capacities under duress they did not automatically lose their American citizenship, restored certain property held by resident alien and United States citizens vested by the Alien Property Custodian under authority of the Trading with the Enemy Act, provided that yen certificates of deposit in certain pre-war Japanese banks should be repaid at the pre-war four yen to one dollar exchange rate and not the post-war 360 to one ratio, and

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Grayce Uyehara, EDC Governor

By the Board

Philadelphia
EDUCATION PROGRAM—JACL's fight against racism in our society is an on-going concern. It is easy to be critical and point fingers at all that is wrong within our society and our organization. Such action is counterproductive. We need programs which develop a commitment to action by mem-

bers and chapters. Only through involvement in the process of changing our society can we overcome the apathy. No one has the right to complain about the way things are if he is not going to try to change them. If we want a just society, we have to work for it.

One of the ways to assure a just society is to educate people on the worth of each individual. The concept of pluralism of American society has opened the way for minority groups to establish multiethnic education. Before JACL embarks on a multiethnic education program we need to get together our own people to define our goals and roles to make education in the United States responsive to us.

A viable JACL Education Program should not be one developed by staff nor a blue-ribbon Education Commission. The Education Program should be designed for grassroots participation if we are to make any noticeable impact.

The recommendation is to have a series of Education Workshops at the District Councils during the fall of 1974.

The objectives are: 1—To identify Japanese Americans in education in the eight district councils.

(a) Ensure widest participation and identification of leadership in JACL. (b) Develop our own resources and a communication network.

2—To survey present multiethnic education programs of the states where JACL chapters are located.

(a) Each state has its own Board of Education or system of education so that decision makers function differently in each state. 3—To prepare guidelines

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Bill Marutani

East Wind

FINE, BUT WHEN DO WE START?—This is one of those columns that I'd started to write several times, only to give up because I could not find the way to articulate that which seemed utterly apparent to me but which, at the same time, so many of my fellow Nisei seemed to have difficulty believing or perceiving. Perhaps the foreword to "The Song of Bernadette" may sum up my frustration: To those who believe, an explanation is not necessary; to those who do not believe, an explanation is impossible. Well, I'll give it a try anyway.

IT'S THE THESIS,—may, the inexorable truth if you please—that we Nisei and four fellow Asian Americans, be they of Chinese, Korean or Filipino ancestry, are in effect one and the same, mutually and multilaterally. In many respects we have similar if not common cultural ethical backgrounds from which stem certain restrained ethics, "determined patience" and so forth which we mutually recognize and acknowledge, without explanation or elaboration.

Some, (including some Nisei) would be given to dismissing this with a diagnosis of a "syndrome"; however, I suggest that it is much more subtle and "shibui." If nothing else compels us to come together, then there is the unrelenting pressure of prejudice that peculiarly plagues Americans of Asian extraction, seeking to host upon all of us under the label of "yellow peril" with all its various insidious strains. This alone should be more than enough to seek one another's shelter.

What is that motto that binds us in JACL: Strength Through Unity?

AND SO IT IS that I cannot concur with what I view to be a restrictive and regressive approach of the JACL Ad Hoc Public Relations Commission report (PC June 28) when it opined that "JACL must recognize the limits of its minority representation." What of the exhilarating potential of recognizing the horizons beyond ourselves and joining with our fellow Asian Americans so that together we might indeed more effectively seek to rid our land of bigotry? And in so doing, isn't such very much "relevant peculiarly to Japanese Americans"?

JUST TWO YEARS ago, June 30, 1972, the JACL National Council adopted a resolution directing the creation of "a Commission . . . whose purposes will be to study and recommend . . . ways and means by which all persons of Asian ancestry in the United States can achieve unification (together and) . . . that the Commission . . . shall make its findings known to the total JACL membership not later than the Interim National Board meeting of 1973, and that the National Board be authorized to implement whatever recommendations, which they may adopt"; Minutes, National Council Meetings, pages 52-53.

LONGER THAN TWO years ago, this writer advocated in this column the evolution into an organization of all Asian Americans, to be known as Oriental American Citizens League (ORACLE). Among other things, it was envisioned that this organization would be truly integrated so that, for example, an American of Korean ancestry could and would be freely elected as ORACLE National President with full support of the Nisei. Two years ago, a National Council resolution was passed "to study and recommend". Which is harmless enough.

So, when do we start?

LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

'Issei Experience'

Editor: We, three Sansei graduate students in Social Work at the Univ. of Washington, are in the process of research on the "Issei Experience" for an audio-visual presentation.

We are writing in hopes of obtaining information, particularly old photos or any other documents which can be reproduced. This is the most difficult area of our research and we would appreciate any information and help. Please contact:

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Little Tokyo

Editor: There is surely no doubt in mind that without the impetus provided by Kango Kunitsugu in helping to form the (Little Tokyo Towers, Inc.) board by convincing four major community organizations to rally behind the idea of a senior citizens' home in Little Tokyo, we would have never gotten off the ground. The community organizations consist of the So. Calif. Christian Church Federation, Japanese American Los Angeles Buddhist Church Federation, Japanese American Citizens League, Pacific Southwest and the So. Calif. Gardeners

Federation. And after Little Tokyo Towers, Inc. was formed, we relied heavily on Mr. Kunitsugu's professional skills for the day-to-day business of putting things together step by step. Arranging for financing, for architects from among whom we could choose, conferring with Housing and Urban Development officials—these and many more chores all fell on Mr. Kunitsugu's capable shoulders, because we board members were engaged in our own work during the day.

In spite of the delays caused by the White House moratorium on funds for many projects such as ours, we are now on the verge of getting started on the actual building of Little Tokyo Towers. Our application is in to HUD, and they have promised us quick action.

A project like ours isn't built in a day. Considerable activity in themselves goes on behind the scenes. It is the patience and the positive attitude of its supporters that have brought the senior citizens housing project to its present state of progress.

We are sorry that Mr. Kunitsugu cannot stay on long enough to see the concrete result of all his work and dedication, but we who worked with him have no doubts about his accomplishments, and we bid him Godspeed in whatever he undertakes in the future.

MACK SASAKI
Board President
Little Tokyo Towers
Los Angeles

ASIAN-AMERICANS AT ANNAPOLIS

What am I doing here?

Frying Pan

Bill Hosokawa

Denver, Colo.

FROM EPITHET TO ACCOLADE—At the height of American prestige, the word Yankee was an accolade. In World War I, American troops sang "The Yanks Are Coming" as assurance to their European allies that help was on the way. Later, George M. Cohan wrote a song of pride and patriotism about being a Yankee Doodle dandy and James Cagney made it famous. In World War II, proud Yanks stormed ashore on a hundred beaches and Yank Magazine reported their exploits. New Yorkers gloried in the victories of a baseball team called the Yankees and centerfielder Joe DiMaggio, son of an Italian immigrant, took pride in the nickname Yankee Clipper.

But in the beginning Yankee was a dirty word, an epithet that stirred the anger of New Englanders. My unabridged dictionary says the origin of the word is unknown but it refers to New Englanders who traditionally have such qualities of character as conservatism, thrift, pertinacity or shrewdness.

However, Richard Wolkowicz writing in the current issue of Smithsonian Magazine sheds new light on the word. "British troops during the Revolution had used the word 'Yankee' as a mocking epithet for New England colonials," he writes. "The New Englanders, in turn, began calling themselves Yankees, and proudly. When a British officer composed the sarcastic lyrics for 'Yankee Doodle,' the New Englanders promptly adopted that too. During the Civil War it was banned in South Carolina.

"Up until that time, though, the Yankee was an important figure to Americans in all parts of the young country. Because the new United States had no cultural identity, no personality, Americans had always thought of themselves as British, but after the Revolution Englishmen pilloried them as tobacco-chewing barbarians who live in ugly towns devoid of all but the rudiments of civilization. Democracy produced nothing but rude bores, who were dishonest besides—witness the Yankee peddler!

"With little history and no national identity to fall back upon, Americans were stung. 'Why are we so exquisitely alive to the aspersions of England?' Washington Irving wondered.

"As they had done with the mocking 'Yankee Doodle,' Americans now made the Yankee himself into a national symbol, like England's John Bull.

Perhaps unconsciously, the American Negroes in recent years did the same thing when they rejected demeaning terms like "colored" and adopted the once hated epithet "Black" as their symbol of pride. They talked of Black power and saw beauty in their blackness; they instilled pride in what they were, rather than to be shamed by it.

Both the Yankees and the Blacks demonstrated confidence and self-assurance when they seized words that had been flung at them as epithets, turned them around, and gave them new meanings that underscored their strength.

Will the Japanese Americans some day develop the same kind of confidence and self-assurance so that the epithet Jap ceases to hurt them? As so many Nisei rightfully contend, Jap is an epithet that harkens back to a bitter period of history when it was used as a symbol of hate and rancor, when it was spat out by racists with anger and contempt. Those memories are hard to erase, and the word still grates even when it is used in innocence. But Yankee and Black, and probably some other words, have a comparable history, and the victims were able to overcome and convert the epithets to their own advantage so the meanings today are honorable. It takes self-assurance to do that, and perhaps the Nisei are not ready.

Annapolis, Md. "Sometimes I wonder what I am doing here," says Spencer Nakaguma. Where Spence goes to school at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, that is not an unusual question, for the program at Annapolis is probably one of the most rigorous a young man could choose for his college education.

Midshipman Nakaguma, of Hawaii, is one of the 18 Asian American men who are members of the Naval Academy's 4,200-man brigade of midshipmen.

The Naval Academy prepares young men who want to be officers in the Navy or

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Marine Corps and who take a full college course load. There is no tuition at the Academy, and when midshipmen graduate they receive Bachelor of Science degrees and commissions as ensigns in the Navy or second lieutenants in the Marine Corps.

"I had some good scholarships to Oregon State and several other colleges, but I decided on Annapolis," says Chuck Wahl of Seaside, Ore., a plebe, or freshman, this year. "But I guess I've always thought about going into the Navy. My father was in the Navy, and living close to the ocean and with my Japanese background I identify with the sea."

Chuck and his classmates got their first introduction to the Academy life when they arrived in Annapolis last July for the indoctrination period called Plebe Summer. To get into the military routine, the plebes, under the direction of first class (senior) midshipmen, spend the hot sticky months of July and August running, marching, taking orders, sailing shooting, mem-



Plebes Vince Tsai (left) and Chuck Wahl get together in the Naval Academy yard. The famous statue of the Indian Tecumseh is in the background.

orizing, exercising and marching some more. The rest of plebe year isn't any easier. When classes start in September the first year men carry about 18 hours of class each semester in addition to all their plebe duties and regulations. Though the old physical hazing has been eliminated from the plebe training the mental pressure is still there.

Vincent Tsai of Palo Alto, Calif., is a plebe this year too. "There is a lot of pressure. You have to manage your time and learn to function under pressure. I guess the hardest thing for me is obeying all the rules. There are so many, and sometimes you feel locked in."

"It's hard to believe that 10 months have passed," smiles Rey Arellano, of Oxnard, Calif. "Sometimes it seemed that it would never end, though I adapted fairly quickly to the system." The pressures of plebe year ease but the academic demands at Annapolis remain high. Since a recent revamping of the academic system midshipmen now choose a major from 27 areas of study. They also take a number of required science, engineering, humanities and professional courses.

Chuck Louie of Colorado Springs, Colo. is happy with the education he is getting in electrical engineering, but he says he wishes he had more time to study. Several other Asian American men at Annapolis are majoring in Far Eastern affairs.

"The Far East program here is expanding to include more courses on Japan," says Chuck Wahl. "I like the fact that the classes are small and the professor-student ratio is good. I have 60 people in a few of my lectures, but in most of my classes there are only about 20 students."

In keeping with the Academy's "whole man concept" which emphasizes physical fitness as well as studies, midshipmen are expected to participate in one of the Academy's 23 varsity or intramural sports.

One of Navy's best varsity tennis players is an Asian American plebe from San Francisco, Mark Jee, San Francisco city champion for three years, is playing one of the top spots on the varsity team this year. After their plebe year, midshipmen sail aboard ships of the Fleet learning the jobs of the enlisted men. This summer they travel to several Navy and Marine Corps bases for indoctrination in aviation, submarines and infantry, and in their first class summer they go to see again, this time

serving in junior officer jobs. The Asian American midshipmen have had some particularly interesting cruises, since their ships took them to ports in Japan, Hong Kong and the Philippines where many of them were able to visit relatives.

Chuck Louie, who lived in Hong Kong until he was 13, is one of a few midshipmen who, instead of working aboard a ship of the American Navy this summer, will sail on foreign exchange cruise with the Nationalist Chinese Navy.

Ariel Abriam, a first classman from Palmdale, Calif., went on a similar exchange cruise with the Philippine Navy last summer. Ariel lived in the Philippines until he was 10 years old.

The travel he has had while at Annapolis has been one of the major attractions of the Navy life for Ariel. "I love the travel. I have been to Australia and New Zealand, and last summer during my leave I took a free military flight to Europe and toured there on my own for several weeks. I've gone almost around the world."

The only Asian American midshipman to graduate this year was looking forward to reporting aboard a destroyer escort based in Hawaii.

Looking back over his four years at the Academy, Ariel says, "The day-to-day life here can be frustrating, but the opportunities you receive in return are big ones. It was almost like a dream for me when I got my nomination. I got it right after I became a citizen in 1969.

"I've learned a lot about leadership and working with people here, and I like the idea of going into the Navy with a responsible job. There is a sense of accomplishment about graduating from the Academy."

Like almost everyone at Annapolis, Spence Nakaguma says he has thought about leaving the Academy. "But I decided to stick it out. I am looking forward to being a naval officer, possibly a naval attaché, some day."

"A lot of people quit after plebe year," adds Vincent Tsai, "usually because of the lack of personal freedom. But financially it's great, and I know I will have a job when I graduate. The education is



Rey Arellano (front row, center) is a member of the midshipman Glee Club.

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JACLers as national president has not been forgotten.

About this time, Hito was retiring from active service as a national officer to take a sideline role in the organization. Certainly, no one has served as a national officer for so long as Hito Okada. I don't think that I can be blamed for having the kind of admiration and respect that I hold for him and this is shared by many whose letters have come into my hands.

When I see him in Portland, it will be the 16th national convention that I will have seen him and I am thankful that the good influence of Hito as a national leader has been a part of the property of all of us.

Scarcely does history produce a unique leader as Hito Okada and it has been my good fortune that he is a Nisei and came along at a point in time when he did.

one of the best in the country." Chuck Louie probably best sum up why, when he could have gone to a number of other colleges, he is still at Annapolis. "It's hard, but it is a challenge. I don't regret my decision."

(All photos courtesy U.S. Navy)

As we gather together in Portland for the 12th Biennial National Convention, there can be no reunion of the Committee that talked Hito into his re-election as national treasurer at the Multi-nomah in 1940. The 34 years that have lapsed have taken their toll: Fred Tayama, Walter Tsukamoto, James Sakamoto and Thomas Yego are all gone.

It is regrettable that there will not be testimonial letters from them and many others whose mute and absent testimony only can attest to Hito Okada's splendid services.

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subcommittee added several more days of hearings in July because 44 more witnesses asked to testify.

Harano urged JACLers to write to their senators and especially those listed below, expressing complete opposition to the bill, HR 12963. Members of the Senate Commerce Committee are:

- DEM - Warren G. Magnuson (Wash.), John O. Pastore (R.I.), Vance Hartke (Ind.), Philip A. Hart (Mich.), Howard W. Cannon (Nev.), Russell B. Long (La.), Frank E. Moss (Utah), Ernest F. Hollings (S.C.), Daniel K. Inouye (Hawaii), John V. Tunney (Calif.), Adlai Stevenson III (Ill.). REP - Morris Cotton (N.H.), James B. Pearson (Kan.), Robert F. Griffin (Mich.), Howard M. Baker Jr. (Tenn.), Marlow S. Cook (Ky.), Ted Stevens (Alaska), J. Glenn Beall Jr. (Md.).



Chuck Louie is happy with the education he is getting in electrical engineering. Chuck says he spends most of his time studying.



First classman Ariel Abriam is graduating this year and will report to a ship in Pearl Harbor.

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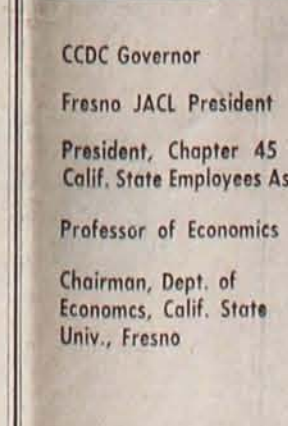
- In the community-at-large, Grayce's continuing commitments are reflected in her many activities including: Asian American Council, Philadelphia; Chapel of Four Chaplains; Legion of Honor Award (1974) for outstanding and meritorious service to youth; Delaware County Health & Welfare Council; Race Relations Committee; League of Women Voters; chairperson, Education Committee; Media Fellowship House; Phila. Fellowship Comm.; Board of Director, Rose Tree Media Human Relations Council; Sakura Club (Advisor to G.I. Brides).
- Professional Affiliations: Nat'l Ass'n of Social Workers; Academy of Certified Social Workers; Board of Brandywine Chapter, NASW, four terms; Nat'l Education Ass'n.; Pa. State Education Assn.; Rose Tree Media Education Assn.; Delaware County Council for Exceptional Children.

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FRANK MINAMI: San Francisco JACLer On hand to mark an anniversary

SAN FRANCISCO—Customers, friends, and civic dignitaries gathered at the 5255 Geary Blvd., branch office of The Sumitomo Bank of California June 27 to welcome Frank H. Minami as vice president and manager of the Richmond District branch and to celebrate the branch's second anniversary. The event, which was attended by about 400 well-wishers, was also the subject of official greetings from San Francisco Mayor Joseph L. Alioto.

Minami, who had previously served as a vice president in the bank headquarters' marketing department and succeeded Shigeo Nagata, officially welcomed the attendees and expressed optimism for the future of the bank in the Richmond District.

"I hope to broaden the base that has been established over the last two years here, and cultivate the good community relations that are so necessary to a banking establishment," Minami said. "And, in so doing, I'll endeavor to continue to bring our customers the kind of personalized service they can expect from a bank whose name means 'to live among friends.'"

A native of San Francisco, Minami has been membership chairman of San Francisco JACL chapter for the past three years.

MATSUNAGA OPPOSES ELECTION DAY CHANGE

WASHINGTON—Rep. Spark Matsunaga voiced strong opposition to a proposed change in General Election day from Tuesday after the first Monday in November to the following day (and which would be a national holiday).

The proposal would create difficulties for many states, including Hawaii, which has constitutions prescribing general elections for the state, unless the state constitution was amended, state and federal elections would be held on two successive days, Matsunaga said.

SLC festival

SALT LAKE CITY—The Japanese Church of Christ hosts its 26th annual Oriental Festival July 26-27 with Allyn Nakashima as chairman. Japanese cultural demonstrations and exhibits augment traditional food and game booths.

K. W. Lee

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The soft-spoken minister says these Issei now in their 80s and 90s have led a "significant and beautiful life" despite the unspeakable injustices and hardship they faced.

"Not only have they survived their struggle to raise their children in a hostile world but they have produced enduring traditions for a beautiful life, education, work ethic and loyalty to friends, both whites and Japanese."

The oral history project, he reports, has uncovered numerous courageous persons, both Issei and whites who have resisted the powerful forces of the dominant society.

The Rev. Takarabe says he was struck by the fact that most Issei interviewed hold very little bitter feeling despite their long years of suffering, discrimination and exclusion.

One main reason, he explains, may be that almost every Issei had at least one or two hakujin come to their aid. "It may be that they were too busy involved in survival to nurse the bitter feeling. They wouldn't let this kind of feeling get in the way of their survival or raising children."

Most of the Issei survivors are widows because Issei men are on the average about 10 years older than their spouses.

One of the values most cherished by the Issei—children of the Meiji era—is called "on" in Japanese, a deep feeling of debt to benefactors. These surviving Issei and their children haven't forgotten. "They feel they owe quite a bit to those who came around to their rescue in times of trouble," the pastor says. And they remember.

Kats Kunitzugu

On Margin

LOS ANGELES
NOTES OF A MARGINAL MEMBER—In spite of the fact that I write a regular column for the JACL house organ, I must confess that I am a fairly indifferent member of the organization. To be perfectly blunt, I probably would not belong at all, if it were not for the health insurance and the fairly remote possibility that I might go to Japan again one of these days on a JACL charter flight.

However, once in a while, an issue will engage my interest. The proposal of the San Mateo chapter to create an "associate member" for local support is just such an intriguing issue.

If I recall the halcyon days when I was active in the old Southwest Los Angeles chapter nearly 20 years ago, the issue of "National" versus "Local" was already a perennial thorn in the side of every national convention. In those days, National Director Mas Satow was the convenient symbol for "National," and I recall the hilarious skit that then Southern California Regional Director Fred Takata participated in at a PSWDC convention in which he carried a cigar box labeled, "Massa" Satow, which bellowed, "Sawright" (a la Senor Mendez of the old Ed Sullivan Show) every time Fred flipped the lid after asking a question.

That humor was a rueful, not-so-subtle attempt by newcomers to JACL in the local chapters to vent their frustrations at what they felt was an iron grip on JACL affairs by a handful of "National" old-timers.

But snow-topped Mount Mike Masaoka is no longer an active volcano (and demonstrating by his absence, by the way, just how much of a presence he was in the Washington office... nowadays, that office is more notable for its swinging doors than any sense of accomplishment emanating therefrom) and Mas Satow, Sab Kido and other insurmountable obstacles to the Young Turks are also retired. Why then the persistence of the "National" vs. "Local" issue?

The answer is simple. JACL as a national organization does not have the overwhelming *raison d'être* that it had in the days during and immediately succeeding World War II. That is not to say there are not issues that ought to rally the general membership. The ominous signs of latent anti-Asianism lurk just beneath the facade of peace, brotherhood and Affirmative Action. The mass media's stereotypes of Asians haven't changed much from the days of Fu Manchu and cry out for remedial action. But those who would rally 'round that particular flag are impatient with the ponderous machinery that creaks and groans and grinds exceedingly slow, which is the elaborate national set-up of the JACL.

Local chapters are getting tired of oiling and maintaining a national machinery that really doesn't do anything.

To be literal rather than figurative, I don't think the "associate member" idea of the San Mateo chapter will work. It's just calling a rose by another name.

The answer lies in rethinking the organizational setup of the JACL. Recognize that different regions have different interests and priorities. Recognize that having national officers who have to travel and give speeches and feel the need to "do something" doesn't and can't produce much of anything under the present setup and are superfluous. A federation of strong district councils responding to the particular needs in their communities and controlling their own destinies without resorting to such juvenile pastimes as membership races and such, supporting just enough of a paid national staff to maintain communication among the districts—that's what's needed, in my opinion.

By the Board

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equal allotment is equitable for travel costs for participants.

Through these District Council Workshops on Education, JACL will be able to develop a list of Japanese American leaders within the educational system throughout the United States. Action programs can be developed which will be adaptable to education in those states where JACL has chapters. (A viable program in one area may not be effective in another.)

Our members will also learn to voice their concern in the development of multiethnic education. We would then be involved in developing

greater understanding between racial groups and create pride in Japanese American identity.

EDC Governor Grayce was appointed to chair the National JACL Education Committee for the 1973-74 biennium.

Mitose trial jury being selected

LOS ANGELES—Selection of jurors for the Mitose murder and extortion trial got underway July 15 before Superior Court Judge Leslie W. Light, which is expected to be a long and drawn out affair.

The trial is expected to last from four to six weeks, according to Deputy District Attorney Louis Ito.

Ito, a Gardena Valley JACL board member, said jury selection since the state is seeking the death penalty for James and Dorothy Mitose, accused of the murder of Frank Naminatsu, and attempted murder of his wife, Toshiko, last March 19.

Whereabouts sought

Believed to be somewhere in California, whereabouts of Norio Fukuhara is being sought by his 1944 Boise (Idaho) YMCA roommate, Dyke D. Nakamura of Yama Kichi Securities Co., Foreign Dept., 1-3 Shibakoen 4-Chome, Minato-ku, Tokyo.

CHAPTER PULSE

Scholarship

Mid-Columbia graduates dinner attracts 125

Mid-Columbia JACL graduates dinner was called a huge success with a record number of 124 present, according to Lily Nishimoto in charge. State Rep. Paul Walden was guest speaker. Scholarship winners were:

Steve Akiyama, Mike Nakamura, Elaine Omori, Sandy Yamada, Vicki Sumoge and Patricia Bledson.

July Events

Paper doll class inquiry in San Francisco starts

The San Francisco JACL is exploring the idea of providing a Japanese paper doll-making for the Bay Area as a follow-up to the doll exhibit and demonstration by Masako Kimura of Sendai.

Mrs. Kimura has indicated that she would like to teach the art for three weeks in November, 1974 two times per week. Included in the fee

Minority Week

EDUCATOR — A 17-foot bronze statue of Mary

Leod Bethune was unveiled July 10 at Lincoln Park, Washington, D.C., the first monument to a black person on public land in the District. A distinguished educator who founded a training school for Negro girls in Daytona Beach, Fla., in 1904, it is known as Bethune-Cookman College. Over \$400,000 was raised for the monument. Rep. Shirley Chisholm (D-N.Y.) spoke of how Mrs. Bethune was an inspiration to all. Secretary of Interior Rogers C. B. Morton noted Mrs. Bethune, who died at age 79 in 1955, was adviser to five Presidents on issues ranging from child welfare to youth.

WOMEN — The National Women's Political Caucus, at its meeting in Wichita, Kan., agreed June 28 ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment would fall by the end of 1975 as hoped. It must be ratified by 1978 or it will automatically die. Thus far 33 states have ratified the amendment with two (Nebraska and Tennessee) rescinding. Either five or seven more states will be needed, depending on the legal status of the rescission. The caucus set the 1975 goal as all of the 17 states which have not ratified the amendment will be in session.

INDIANS — The U.S. Supreme Court in a unanimous decision June 17 ruled that giving Indians employment preference in the federal Bureau of Indian Affairs did not constitute prohibited racial discrimination. The suit had been brought by non-Indian personnel at BIA who contended special preference for Indian employees violated the 1972 law guaranteeing equal employment opportunity for all. For a while, it was thought the case would sanction "discrimination in reverse" in promotions and appointments in federal jobs. But the court went out of its way to restrict its ruling to Indians only and only to the BIA.

'ACTION' — Michael Balzano Jr., onetime Connecticut garbage man with a Ph.D., heads ACTION, the government's volunteer program which includes the Peace Corps, VISTA and other lesser-known programs. In terms of numbers, the Senior Volunteer Program with 85,600 who work on a variety of community projects is the largest. They constitute 90 per cent of the all volunteers in ACTION work. Balzano hopes to see a coalition of relative "have-nots" — the working-class whites and other minority groups — which could shake up the nation's political and social structure.

New York

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have on The Times a very detailed action program of adding members of American minority groups to the staff and we are totally committed to it. As part of this we are doing everything possible to search out and encourage Asian-Americans.

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will be the cost of materials which will be provided in the class. Interested persons should contact:

San Francisco JACL 967-3324 (eves); or JACL National Headquarters 1603-3202.

August Events

Gardena Valley JACL golf tournament set

Entries for the annual Gardena Valley JACL golf tournament to be held Wednesday, Aug. 14, at Alondra Park are being accepted until July 31. Entry fee of \$15 includes green fee, dinner and prizes. Men and women flights will be scheduled, according to George Kobayashi (324-6444) or Bob Tarumoto (DA 9-6770).

Cincinnati JACLers slate Aug. 4 picnic

Cincinnati JACL will have its annual picnic Aug. 4 at St. Edmund's with organized activities slated from 4 p.m. and the chapter will provide the hotdogs, cokes and watermelon. Rest of the food will be potluck with members expected to bring enough for eight people. On the picnic committee are:

Bernice Hashimoto, Judy Ibarra, Sachi Kariya, Bob and Kikue Sherry, Adele Reenan and Leah Staubaeh.

June Events

Santa Maria Valley holds community picnic

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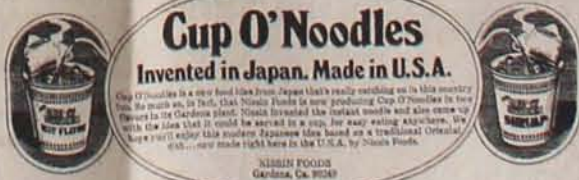
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SACRAMENTO, Calif.—Shell Oil Co. has provided a continuing grant to keep alive the Japanese Community Center of Sacramento Valley building project, according to Leo Goto, center board chairman. The group meets the first Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., at the Nisei War Memorial Center, planning for a multi-purpose center providing housing for the elderly, shops, meeting rooms and space for cultural and recreation activities.

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SILENT MOVIES—Shun-ichi Matsuda's father taught him the art of narrating silent Japanese films in the 1930s as it was done in the days of silent movies.

HEADLINE—In the Tokyo papers, Hayakawa's name is in headlines: Yoshiharu Hayakawa, 37, a Japanese instructor at a Seoul college...

TOKYO—Over 135,000 applications were received by the Metropolitan Tokyo housing corporation which is offering 45 units in its new 12-story apartment in downtown Tokyo.

Alan Beckman

Book Review

STALIN DEPICTED AS TYRANT

STALIN: The Man and His Era, by Adam B. Ulam. Viking Press, New York, 760 pp., \$12.95.

Disillusioned with middle-class intellectuals, Nikolai Lenin, sought a lieutenant who would be an educated man sprung from the people. The search led to Joseph Stalin.

At Tiflis Seminary, Joseph had become involved in Marxist activity. In 1899, when he had failed to take his examinations, the school authorities had expelled him.

Rising to the promotion, Stalin had 1,108 of the 1,996 delegates arrested; he had 95 of the 139 Central committee and delegates shot. He suspected their adulation had been a facade masking treachery towards him.

Aloha from Hawaii

Hawaii Today

The ALOHA Assn. is making changes in its reparations bill but has rejected two recommendations by Sen. Daniel Inouye. Directors of the Aloha Assn. made the decision June 23 in Washington, D.C.

Papaya production in May hit a new high of 4,180,000 pounds from a producing area of 1,720 acres, according to the Hawaii Crop and Livestock Reporting Service.

Except for Anchorage, Alaska, it costs more to live in Honolulu than any other city in the United States. This is according to statistics released June 15 by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Names in the News Thomas Miura, Univ. of Hawaii junior, won a \$500 Ralston Purina scholarship for the 1974 fall semester.

Robert Kaya, president of the Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce, Other new officers are Fred Tamura, president-elect; Rusty Kawamura, 1st v.p.; Walter Tagawa, 2nd v.p.; Paul Miyashiro, secy; Bert Tokairin, treas.; James Fujioka, Walter Saito and Kenji Okada, auditors.

Roy Nakatsuka, son of the Larry Nakatsukas of Washington, D.C., has been selected as one of 10 U.S. high school students to attend the International Science School in

Richard Gima

Australia from Aug. 28 to Sept. 6. Roy was born in Honolulu. His father, Larry, is executive assistant to Sen. Hiram Fong. Roy was valedictorian of his graduating class this year at Wakefield High School in Arlington, Va.

Takao Ito, principal of McKinley Community School for Adults, has been elected state president of the 25,000-member Hawaii Government Employees Assn.

Fire gutted the home of Edwin Chin at 4241 Sierra Drive June 12. Damage was estimated at more than \$50,000. No one was injured.

Despite problems caused by the energy crisis, the nation's scheduled airlines set service records in 1973 by carrying more than 500 million passengers and more than \$1 billion in freight revenues.

The Hawaii Islanders have sold pitcher Terry Levio to the Nippon Ham Fighters of Japan's Pacific League. The decision is subject to approval of baseball commissioners of both countries.

A Chinese by the name of Chang Li-Hua, 24, is the second gaijin (foreigner) to enter the sumo world in Japan. Chang, who was born in Fukien Province, China, was

Warren: Chief Justice from the West

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invalidated as unconstitutional racial restrictive covenants in housing, racial bias in employment, racial prejudice in public places, and racial prohibitions against so-called mixed marriages.

No doubt a little study would reveal many more decisions beneficially involving those of Japanese background that were handed down during the 16 years of the Warren Court.

As the Warren Court developed over the years an image of an activist, liberal, and pro-people tribunal, I was among those who came to argue that Earl Warren's experience with the American Japanese in World War II properly contributed to his humanitarian and humanistic outlook on the litigation.

Still, whenever the opportunity presented itself at government functions, at diplomatic receptions, at organizational meetings, etc., I would try to corner the Chief Justice into admitting or confessing that he somehow misjudged the character and the loyalty of Japanese Americans during World War II. I never succeeded in accomplishing any more than watching the Chief Justice at one function to another deliberately avoiding me.

Moreover, from time to time, when Congress was considering legislation or the Administration was thinking of regulatory action that would be corrective and remedial in nature, I would write the Chief Justice for an endorsement in the hope that he would add some language that would in effect amount to an acknowledgment of error in judgment concerning his wartime assessment of the American Japanese. Again, I was frustrated in my efforts.

From friends who knew us both, however, I learned that Warren was extremely sensitive concerning this matter and insisted that the Evacuation decision was a military issue and that he, as California's Attorney General, only "went along with the military judgment." He noted, for instance, that his allegedly damaging testimony to the Tolson Committee was on February 21, 1942, while the President signed Executive Order No. 9066 on February 19, 20 days earlier.

In June 1941, when Hitler invaded Russia, Stalin saw his purged armies decimated and routed. Physically prostrated by the debacle, Stalin rallied a and helped lead a nation to victory, though at a cost of 20 million of his countrymen.

Despite his bloodletting, he had transformed the weak, backward nation of which he had assumed leadership into a mighty industrial power. As head of this power, he also won the peace.

The author offers an explanation of why the former theological student, obsessed with ferreting out sin and treason at home and inflicting sadistic punishment on those he suspected, acted the levelheaded statesman abroad, negotiating international gains for his country. Regarding leaders of other nations as antagonists, expecting trickery from them as part of the role they were required to play, he dealt with them coolly and rationally.

brought up in Osaka, Chang, who's 5-10 and weighs 205, wrestles under the name of Kiyomohana. Chang is in the Juryo division, which is one rank below that of the Maikuchi, which is the highest division. Jesse Kuhulus of Maui is, of course, the only other gaijin in sumo wrestling.

Jim Hackleman, Honolulu Star-Bulletin sports editor, resigned July 1 due to "policy differences" with the newspaper according to Radio KGMH. Hackleman said he would remain in Hawaii and continue working in sports.

The Hawaii Stadium Authority has begun a nationwide search for a general manager to run the new \$200-million stadium in Hawaii. The salary will be set by the authority and is expected to be close to what a state dept. head now makes, or about \$23,000.

The administration building of Waimanalo school was gutted by fire June 12. The blaze was reported after 10:30 p.m. and was brought under control before 11 p.m.

The University of Hawaii board of regents has formally accepted the resignation of Wyze Gorter, chancellor of the Manoa campus, who submitted his resignation in May in the dispute over the extension of football coach Larry Price's contract.

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Iwata shows the association's new almond knocking unit to Ed Olivier, manager of Merced Production Credit Assn.

LIVINGSTON, Calif.—For the major group is a member of some sixty growers who are currently members of the Livingston Farmers Assn., managed by Buddy T. Iwata, it is unique marketing and service group—like a cooperative within a cooperative.

Specifically, the association markets eight principal commodities produced by its members and operates a sweet potato packing house, a fresh fruit packing operation, almond hulling plant, cold storage plant and a supply department.

It also entered into the business of knocking almonds and mechanically harvesting grapes, advises on estate planning and coordinates farm labor among its members.

In carrying out its marketing functions, the Insel-founded

State College. Iwata encourages members to serve with industry organizations. Bob Morimoto is current chairman of the state almond control board. Fred Hashimoto was a longtime member of the freestone peach association. Don Sims was on the Sun-Maid board. Same Maeda is a member of the Blue Anchor board. Bob Ohld is a board member of the Merced Production Credit Assn.

Almonds and sweet potatoes are the two largest items grown by members—both in the million-dollar-plus sales category. Peaches are a strong third.

Roots of the association go back to 1906 when the Insel settled in Livingston to establish the Yamato Colony. It was formally organized in 1919 as a marketing cooperative for table grapes; since then it expanded in many directions.

(A suit charging the California Almond Growers Exchange in violation of federal antitrust laws was filed in Los Angeles July 11 by five independent Fresno county almond growers. They alleged the cooperative was ready to "dump" the current crop on the world market at the low price of \$1.08 per pound. "The Japanese panicked," the independents said, since they had purchased 10 million pounds at the higher rate and were told they should have waited.)

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Minority One

A WHALE OF AN ISSUE—Most people will agree that whales are perhaps the most magnificent mammal because of their size, beauty, adaptability, intelligence, and usefulness to man. American history and folklore is filled with the dramatic stories of the whaling industry and how whales contributed towards the development of our country. Whales were an important economic factor in our growth as a nation. A visit to any maritime museum will confirm the fact that our country was dependent on the valuable oil and by-products from this group of marvelous creatures of the sea.

Students of history will recall that in 1853, Commodore Matthew Calbraith Perry was sent to Japan to "open" her to American whaling ships who needed ports to obtain fresh water and provisions in the Orient. The success of Commodore Perry's expedition enabled American whalers to dominate the industry for decades.

The slaughter of thousands of whales and the final extinction of some species can be directly attributed to the American whaling industry who exploited this international natural resource for economic power and profit. Whale meat, blubber, and other parts of the whale have never been a source of protein to Americans or part of their diet.

On the contrary, for many years, whale by-products were used as pot food, clearly marked "not for human consumption."

Approximately two years ago, I was contacted by Joan McIntyre, president and founder of Project Jonah. Project Jonah is based in Bolinas, several miles north of San Francisco in the picturesque coast line of Marin County.

Ms. McIntyre has a remarkable record as a dedicated conservationist. She devotes all her time and energies in promoting important issues related to the conservation of our natural resources and to protect those mammals classified as "endangered species." I have the greatest respect for Ms. McIntyre and Project Jonah for the international publicity resulting from their efforts. Our meeting was an exchange of ideas, contacts, and tactics.

At the outset, I expressed my personal concern that any "save the whales" campaign could easily be subverted by an economic, political, and racist opportunist to use the conservationists' campaign slogans to revive anti-Japanese sentiments, similar to the "Yellow Peril" campaigns prior to World War Two.

Ms. McIntyre was acutely aware of Japanese Americans in any campaign which might become an anti-Japan one. We discussed the hysteria and racism of pre-Evacuation days. I was confident she knew the concerns I expressed about the double jeopardy persons of Japanese descent must face in any anti-Japan campaign.

In recent months, the "save the whales" campaign has hit a high pitch. Large newspa-

Local Scene

Los Angeles
Arage Fellowship has converted a second-floor room above Matsuhashi at 313 1/2 E. 1st St. as a lounge for people who work, visit, live or shop in Little Tokyo. Named the "Otomodachi" — Friend, it is currently open between 2 and 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Additional times will be posted.

Little Tokyo Redevelopment Project Office (624-0837) urges men and women, between ages 18-31, interested in becoming electrician-apprentices, a four-year program, to apply with the L.A. County Electrical Joint Apprenticeship - Educational Training Committee between Aug. 5-16, for the 1975 class. Applicants must have a passing grade of one year high school algebra. Those interested should call Colleen Kajloka at the project office.

Sumitomo Bank of California's main office here (across the street from the L.A. Police Bldg.) has an exhibit some 25 pieces through July 28 to show "A Portrait of the Policeman as an Artist." Office manager Kenichi Minami intends to make the exhibit an annual one to help breakdown the police stereotype.

San Francisco
Mike Powell's "5:30 Report" on radio KSFO has started (on July 15) an eight-part series on the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II. "It is important for people to be reminded periodically how fragile the civil liberties that are enumerated in our Constitution really are," reporter Powell said.

Fresno
Lynn Honda of Fowler reigned at the 1974 CCYBA carnival held here July 5-6 while dream man was Norm Takeuchi of West Fresno. Carnival was held in conjunction with the local Obon festival.

Sacramento
County Supervisor Eugene Gualco has changed his mind, providing unanimous support needed for YMCA-Honda motorcycle application seeking \$48,000 in federal funds to "turn on" 100 local youngsters for a year. Program is already in operation in over 200 areas, thanks to a donation of 10,000 minibikes from American Honda Motor Co. Gualco feared the program would result in additional youngsters riding in vacant lots without permission, disturb daytime sleepers and add to noise and other environmental pollution. But he was satisfied that the program includes teaching youngsters to respect the rights of others.

al rejection, and low self-esteem?
 As we plan for our future at the National convention in Portland, I believe the "Whale Issue" is one the JACL must take immediate steps to resolve.



SAN DIEGO—Location JACL president Vernon Yoshioka, aerodynamics engineer with Teledyne Ryan, was among seven cited as Human Relations Commission awardees for outstanding contributions among various ethnic groups in San Diego County. Yoshioka, who is also chairman of the Union of Pan-Asian Communities, was honored for his work in employment and manpower.

NEWS CAPSULES

Government

Former contributor **Norman Ishimoto** to the PC youth section and a Washington, D.C. JACL board member will serve as equal employment opportunity officer with the Dept. of the Army on Okinawa. He and his wife left from San Francisco June 18. He had been the EEO officer at the Civil Service Commission field office.

George Kobayashi was appointed June 28 by the Gardena city council to be the city treasurer, succeeding Sidney Lemberger who died June 7. Lemberger served as city treasurer for 12 years. Kobayashi's term extends through 1976. Active in the community with the VFW, JACL, Boy Scouts, Buddhist Church, he is co-owner of Kobayashi's Radio Maintenance, Kyoto Sakiyaki and life-long Gardena resident. He is married and has two sons and a daughter.

Education

Two Nikkel, renown sculptor **Ruth Asawa Lanier** and student **Laura Fujikawa** of Richmond, were named by State Supt. of Public Instruction Wilson Riles to a 35-member commission to recommend reform of junior-senior high schools. Rejuvenation of the secondary schools is a top priority of Riles' second four-year term which begins Jan. 1. The commission has been asked "to make the bridge between childhood and adulthood an enriching one" while criticizing the present system as being rigid, unimaginative and lacking alternatives to meet the varied interests of school children.

Courtroom

Charles C. Kubokawa of Palo Alto was one of 19 selected to the 1975-76 Santa Clara County grand jury. A research scientist with NASA at its Ames Laboratory, he is a former Sequoia JACL president and currently NC-WNDC board member.

Organizations

Tsunetaka Uyeda of Tokyo, Mainichi Shimbun senior adviser, headed the Japanese delegation of 350 attending the annual Lions International convention July 3-7 at San Francisco. The San Francisco Nikkel Lions, as part of the host district, manned the information desk at the hotel where most of the Japanese delegates were assigned. Uyeda is an international director with the Lions.

Military

Terry Yamada, son of the Dr. Kelly Yamadas of Seattle, is a steward aboard President Nixon's Air Force One plane.

Lt. Cmdr. David K. Iwatsu, assistant weapons officer at the Naval Weapons Station at Concord, Calif., was honored June 27 at formal retirement ceremonies. Entering the navy as an apprentice seaman in June, 1946, he completed 28 years of service and was awarded the gold star medal from the Secretary of the Navy, pinned on him by Capt. John G. Denham, USN, station commandant. Among those attending the rites were his wife Mituko, mother and two brothers from New York, mother-in-law Mrs. Sumi Kawashima and niece.

Business

Harry M. Fujita, CLU, of the Davies-Sullivan Agency of Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co., Los Angeles, attended the annual meeting of the Million Dollar Round Table in Miami, Fla., during the week of June 16. Now a Gardena Valley 1000er, Fujita headed the Downtown L.A. JACL.

Tommy T. Nakachi has joined First Western Bank as assistant vice president in the real estate loan administration

Redevelopment

Contra Costa JACler James Kimoto, 55, was formally appointed as of July 1 director of the Richmond Redevelopment Agency. He had been acting administrator for nearly two years. He will oversee six active projects, including major developments at the

division at the Los Angeles head office. **Richard Fujikawa** has been promoted to assistant in Crocker Bank's international division. A native of Japan, Fukawa joined Crocker Bank in 1966. **Kazuaki J. Matsudaira** has been promoted also to assistant vice president in Crocker Bank's international division. A native of Japan, Matsudaira is a graduate of Waseda University there.

George I. Fujino of San Francisco was elected president of the Insurance Accounting & Statistical Assn. at its 52nd annual conference in Chicago. He heads the Buddhist Churches of America Fraternal Benefit Assn. IASA is comprised of 1,100 member companies.

Theater

Univ. of Washington faculty member since 1967 in Japanese literature, **Dr. Ted Takaya**, 46, was one of 15 recipients of the 1974-75 fellowships from the Japan Foundation and will conduct overseas research for a volume on the modern Japanese theater. The Portland-born Nisei will be based in Tokyo where he will interview noted playwrights, directors and performers and assess the state of theatrical art. He is currently writing on the Kabuki dramatist Kawakami Mokuai. He graduated from Reed College in 1951 and received his masters and doctorate at Columbia on Japanese literature and drama.

Crime

A 23-year-old suspect, **Nathaniel Lewis**, was arrested June 19 by New York police in the murder of two Japanese women in a Manhattan hotel April 12. Police acted on a tip, found Lewis had a long list of arrests and convictions for robbery and dealing in drugs. The two women, **Mrs. Yoshiko Oshita**, 65, and **Kinuyo Motougi**, 49, who lived at the Monterey Hotel were slain during a robbery.

Awards

Among recipients this year of the Golden Goblet award for distinguished work among youth services presented by the Los Angeles Recreation and Youth Services Planning Council was **Mas Fukui**, Gardena city councilman, for his efforts in founding the Friends of Richard (FOR) sports program and other youth work.

Bookkeeping course

LOS ANGELES—Small businessmen can take a two-day "Crash Course in Bookkeeping" July 26-27 at Sawyer College of Business. It was announced by the Asian American National Business Alliance (382-7381).

Florist Cited for Community Leadership

DETROIT—Arthur T. Ito of Los Angeles was honored as one of "96 Great People" at the first annual Florists' Transworld Delivery Assn. "Member Day" fête June 24-25. Ito of Flower View Gardens has been an FTD member for 16 years.

Ito was named one of the Association's outstanding florists, who in addition to being a top businessman, has given an "extra touch" to his community through his civic, social and charitable interests.

Ito has supported various youth programs and activities involving senior citizens. A past president of Hollywood JACL and a charter member of its 1000 Club, Ito holds the JACL sapphire pin for devoted consecutive community service for over 10 years.

A former member of the Small Business Administration advisory council for the State of California, Ito received a plaque of appreciation and commendation from the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce for services rendered during the visit by Crown Prince and Princess of

Japan to the City of Los Angeles. A guest designer and speaker at universities, garden clubs and conventions, Ito established the Yoko Kurumi Memorial Fund, which serves the floral industry by awarding funds for flowers and greens that are used for instructional purposes at Pierce College, Central City Occupational Center, and Bell and Sylmar High Schools.

port and in downtown. He has been in land development and redevelopment since 1953, and came to Richmond in 1968 from San Francisco's Redevelopment Agency.

Other organizations in which Ito has been active include:

Hollywood Chamber of Commerce; Japanese American Optimists So. Calif. Spaziers; Joseph Shioda Memorial Scholarship Fund; Japan Foundation; California State Florists' Assn.; So. Calif. Flower Growers, Inc.; American Institute of Floral Designers; and St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

"Over the years, we've known that among FTD's membership there are many outstanding people who are not only extraordinarily capable businessmen, but also responsible, concerned and involved citizens who gladly give their time, energy and money to help others," said Al Wilhelm, Member Day Chairman. "We feel that through this Member Day event, these people, of whom we are so proud, will receive the recognition they deserve."



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