

Time for Giving

Given yet? Now is your chance. The end of the year is coming fast.

Tad Hirota, co-chairman, had hoped the National Headquarters Building fund campaign could be wrapped up by the end of 1973. He said, "The most recent mailer is bringing in between \$500 and 1,000 a day and that's very encouraging. But it looks like we'll have to extend the campaign through early next year. We still have about \$80,000 to go to reach that \$375,000 goal."

Still hopeful, the other co-chairman Steve Doi, adds, "The holiday spirit that always helps us wrap up the

year could help us wrap up this campaign. Members and friends who are contributing right now are enclosing with their donations their warmest wishes that their donations will help not only to build a building, but also to continue, indirectly, programs that build the youth of our community into the leaders of tomorrow."

Thanksgiving and holiday gift-giving are helping to bring the totals close to the goal.

Doi continues, "What many members may not be aware of is that a donation to the

Building Fund will have some unexpected returns early next year." All contributions to the fund before the end of this year may be claimed as an income tax deduction for 1974. "The majority of contributors may not have this in mind when they send their donations," Doi feels.

The three-story wooden frame of the new National Headquarters Building stands on Sutter St. in San Francisco's Nishimachi, a tangible testament to the generosity and devotion JACL members and friends have always and ever will show to the organization. Won't you join us?

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EDC DISCUSSES WHAT TO DO WITH \$5,000 ALLOCATED BY NATIONAL

80% Decided for Funding Regional Office; Rest Going to Support Public Relations Office

NEW YORK — The Eastern District Council, at its recent (Oct. 19) quarterly meeting here, proposed the bulk of the \$5,000 being allocated from National be used to operate a regional office to assist chapters and organize new ones.

It was evident that the sum would not allow for hiring a full-time person or maintain a separate office. Delegates from the four chapters heard suggestions that the sum be divided among the members chapters to help pay expenses encountered by volunteers engaged in JACL work, that it might be merged with plans to establish a National JACL public relations office in New York or allocate a portion as a loan to fund a PR office.

The EDC executive board finally proposed that \$1,000 be allocated for PR functions either at the district or national level and \$4,000 to fund an EDC regional office. Each chapter was further urged to contribute \$250 to be used for PR programs.

The meeting, hosted by New York JACL in conjunction with their 1975 installation dinner at the N.Y. Sheraton, has been following the EDC pattern to have district meetings in conjunction with installations. But national vice president Grace Uyehara, who was presiding at her last DC meeting, observed the connection has not been very profitable and suggested the timing be related to National Board meetings. Others said that perhaps there were too many meetings, thus too expensive for the young people. Nevertheless, it was important for the district governor to keep in touch with members and meetings were necessary to conduct business.

The question was not resolved as the EDC calendar for the coming year was scheduled as per pattern: Mar. 8 with Philadelphia, June 14 with Seabrook, and a fall date with New York. The summer date will be the biennial joint EDC-MDC convention in August at Cleveland (though previously reported as Oct. 3-5).

Meanwhile, EDC business is being coordinated by the Washington office. Gail Nishioka, acting Washington representative, had been doubling as EDC secretary. She was also working as Youth Director since the JACL convention and is now at San Francisco working with youth full time.

Kaz Horita of Philadelphia, JACL building fund chairman for the district, noted over \$25,000 had been contributed from the four chapters.

Ron Inouye of New York, reporting on the JACL Convention, felt the funds for a National JACL public relations office in New York would be located through the Development Office and hoped a portion of the \$5,000 EDC budget would be used to initiate some kind of PR work.

In discussing the East Coast Japanese history project, Shig Sugiyama, national president, of Washington hoped the De-

velopment Office would find funding early for the project, adding that regardless of the ranking of the various proposals such as the East Coast history which was ninth out of 10 items prioritized all might be funded eventually. "Instead of waiting until we know if we have the money," Sugiyama said, "it would be better to start on the programs and do as much as we can and in the meantime try to find outside funding."

Corinne Furukawa, EDCY chairperson, reported on the recent National JAY convention at Hayward, Calif., and encouraged to have EDCY delegates report on the meeting in their respective chapter newsletters to interest other youth to become involved in JAYs. She hoped that Seabrook and Philadelphia youths would reactivate. The youth will hold a DYC workshop in Philadelphia Dec. 27-28, it was announced.

Milko Toelken, representing the Smithsonian Institution, invited JACL chapter participation in the Folk Festival, an annual summer program sponsored by its division of performing arts to preserve the cultural heritage of peoples. She noted for 1975, in preparation for the Bicentennial celebration, several foreign nations, including Japan, had been invited to help develop a program highlighting those cultural traditions which have been integrated into American life.

For the EDC chapters, it was suggested an Obon Festival be included because of its traditional folk form regardless of the religious spirit. "It is a good example of community effort to preserve our cultural heritage," she explained. Other possibilities were also suggested to Miss Toelken, such as Ikebana, martial arts, taiko drumming, cooking, puppetry, language labs and display of graphic materials.

Mary Watanabe of Philadelphia introduced a resolution, which the EDC adopted, for the National Coalition of Asian Americans and Pacific Island Peoples for Human Services and Action (Pacific/Asian Coalition). Dr. Watanabe is vice president of the coalition, which was formed in 1972 as an advocacy group. Palge Kawelo Barber of Hawaii is president. Richard Wada of San Francisco is secretary and Koewhan Choi of Atlanta is treasurer. (Similar support was given by the National JACL Board at its November meeting).

Tami Ogata of New York, requested EDC support on two legislative measures: Rep. Patsy Mink's gateway cities bill (HR 9895) and Rep. Ed Roybal's bill to reimburse Hibakusha for hospitalization and medical care (HR 2894).

Meeting closed with election of Vernon Ichisaka, EDC vice-governor, of Seabrook as EDC governor for the remainder of the term expiring with the EDC-MDC convention.

Univ. of Hawaii med student from Chicago wins Nobe memorial award

(Special to The Pacific Citizen) CHICAGO—Mark S. Takagishi, 26, of 1107 Nehoa, Honolulu, was unanimously selected as winner of the 1974 \$500 Dr. Mutsumi Nobe Memorial Scholarship Award.

Mark is a graduate of the Univ. of Illinois (Champaign-Urbana) where he majored in psychology. He is now in his fourth year at the Univ. of Hawaii, his goal an M.D.

Mark's father, the Rev. Sam Takagishi, a Methodist minister, passed away when Mark was only three years of age. His mother, Kay, of Chicago, taught school to support Mark and two other children.

The Chicago Committee members were greatly impressed with Mark's character and potentialities. Most of them knew him during his school days here. "Local Boy Makes Good" would be a fitting headline for him. Incidentally, Mark recently married a nurse he met at Kaplan Hospital where he works while attending medical school.

This marks the ninth year since Mrs. Catherine Nobe established her generous Dr. Nobe Memorial Scholarship

program. It is only fitting, therefore, to mention what a beautiful contribution she, in her quiet way, has made to society.

In 1966, Richard Kiyoshi Kiyomoto was the first recipient; in 1967, Howard Shinjo Henjyoji; in 1968, Gary Hiroshi Matsumoto; in 1969, Alan Walter Obayashi; in 1970, Bruce Watanabe; in 1971, Michio Michael Maruyama; in 1972, Gary Kimio Kono; in 1973, Arthur Michio Nomomura; and now, Mark S. Takagishi. These award winners work in fields as varied as Marine Biology, Water Pollution Control, Periodontal Disease and Medicine.

Truly, Mrs. Catherine Nobe has nobly advanced the ideals of her late husband who desired to strongly to serve others, but met an untimely death in 1963. The Chicago Committee members salute her and wish her well. May all the Dr. Nobe Award recipients succeed in their chosen fields as Catherine has in hers—the betterment of mankind.

On the Dr. Nobe Scholarship Committee are:

Nelson Kiteasa, Vice Chair, Barry Shindoh, Jack Kashihara, Pershing Nakata.

KRON-TV ESSAY ON EVACUATION SHOWN ANYWAY

Controversy Stemmed over Inadequacy, Changes Demanded

SAN FRANCISCO — The so-called controversial KRON-TV essay on the Evacuation, "A Reason to Remember," based upon the JACL pilgrimage to Tule Lake, was aired Nov. 14 followed by a station editorial and panel discussion with viewers invited to express their opinions.

As a 30-minute presentation, a preview group last Sept. 16 was reported as overwhelmingly against its airing (see Oct. 18 PC), asserting the message, "It should never happen again" was not conveyed and lacked research.

The preview audience, which included many representatives of community groups, pressed for changes or cancel the show. Station president A.H. Constant, instead, favored having "A Reason to Remember" shown with a follow-up.

The controversy created interest to the extent that Berkeley's FM station, KPFA, scheduled an audience feedback show right after the KRON-TV telecast.

Constant's editorial opening the panel discussion called the Evacuation "a clear violation of constitutional guarantees" and reminded "depriving one individual of his right chips away at the constitutional rights of all of us."

Hokubel Mainichi English editor Howard Imazeki found the preview audience criticism to be undeserving. He recalled a Bay Area Community JACLER had demanded the film not be shown because "it didn't tell the whole story." Imazeki agreed, but asked, "But what can you expect in a 30-minute show?" He concluded:

"One shouldn't attempt to find a worm in every apple. Most of the apples, in fact, don't have a worm." And he thanked KRON-TV for producing the film. Herb Levy was producer, and Margaret Yamamoto, assistant producer.

In 1967, KRON-TV produced "Kokufuku" (The Return), also 30-minutes long relating the anti-Nisei discrimination before 1942, the subsequent Evacuation, their economic comeback and hopes to contribute its cultural heritage to America. The station then was similarly criticized. "It's too short," the critics said.

National JACL has a 16mm film of "Kokufuku" in its lending library.



PNW-IDC REGIONAL DIRECTOR—Joining the JACL staff as the new regional director for the Pacific Northwest-Intermountain District Councils is Stan Kiyokawa (center), flanked by IDC Gov. George Kimura of Salt Lake (left) and PNWDC Gov. Dr. Jim Tsujimura.

Kiyokawa named PNW-IDC Director, Bendiner to be Development director

SAN FRANCISCO — Two appointments to JACL national and regional staff was announced recently by Shig Sugiyama, JACL National President and David Ushio, JACL Executive Director. Ray H. Bendiner has joined the national staff as Director of Development (see Nov. 22 PC) and Stanley Kiyokawa will serve as Pacific Northwest-Intermountain Regional Director.

"Both men come to us highly qualified and with proven skills in their fields," Sugiyama said in making the appointments. "Mr. Bendiner has an extensive background in the area of fund raising and this talent will be extremely beneficial to our organization." Mr. Kiyokawa's position with the YMCA coupled with his JACL volunteer work makes him the ideal person to handle the PNW regional duties.

Ray Bendiner

As Director of Development, Bendiner will be responsible for all JACL fund-raising activities, including sources such as the federal government, corporations and foundations.

At the time of his appointment, Bendiner said, "JACL has great potential for service to the Nation in the years ahead — as great as its service has been in the past. With its outstanding history of asserting the rights of Japanese Americans, JACL can use the experience gained in this field in assisting others in their struggles for their rights. This record of achievement will doubtless inspire a sense of confidence in JACL and result in the strong financial support of the organization by both the public and private sectors."

Bendiner will be working 2)

FORD IN JAPAN

'New Era' Unfolding

TOKYO — President Gerald Ford's precedent-setting trip here (Nov. 18-22) — the first ever by an American Chief Executive — was refreshing to the Japanese who have not forgotten the "Nixon shocks".

As a person, Mr. Ford, who projected favorably on nationwide TV, was a big hit. Even the playing of the Univ. of Michigan "fight song" when he arrived Monday afternoon and at other occasions indicated how well he had been measured and appreciated by the populace.

The average Japanese who seldom see their Emperor express any personal emotion saw him on TV smiling numerous times when greeting Mr. Ford. One government official remarked he was amazed to see the Emperor and the President absorb themselves in almost unbroken conversation for two hours during the state banquet at the Imperial Palace Tuesday night.

The President's speech Wednesday before the Nippon Kisha (Japan Press) Club at the Imperial Hotel may have

been short on content but came across with the feeling of sincerity.

The talk, televised nationally, assured the Japanese that the U.S., despite its difficulties at home, will stand firm in its economic and mutual security partnership with its chief Asian ally. "I believe we are not just temporary allies," he said. "We are permanent friends."

But Mr. Ford shied away from the touchy nuclear issue. No mention was made in the joint communique issued following two days of summit talks between the U.S. President and Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka, though U.S. and Japan both recognized the need for arms limitation, control of nuclear weapons and facilitating the use of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes.

The nuclear issue stems from the testimony by a retired U.S. Navy admiral that American warships judging from his experience were carrying nuclear weapons into Japanese ports — in violation of Japanese law. However the

issue is still unresolved and the Japanese and U.S. Embassy officials here have accepted the prospect it will continue to flare up.

The "Ford in Japan" trip also scored well from Japan's standpoint for the ceremonies and protocol, mixed with human warmth, enabled the Japanese to see the interior of the Imperial Palace at length. Live TV had never been permitted previously.

The Emperor delivered one of his lengthiest speeches, recalling the entire history of U.S.-Japan relations, back to Commodore Perry who opened the nation from 300 years of isolation. He even offered a word of regret for World War II.

With the cancellation in 1960 of President Eisenhower's trip because of huge street demonstrations, National Police mobilized a huge force to protect Mr. Ford. But none occurred and in the brief moments the President was in contact with the flag-waving Japanese public, he was greeted with warmth and courtesy. (Jiji Press reported some 11,000 people participated in anti-Ford rallies throughout Japan the first day of Mr. Ford's visit and 188 persons were arrested near the airport.)

Secretary of State Henry Kissinger summed up the historic interlude as the beginning of a new era of partnership between U.S. and Japan as the President spent his final days in Japan sightseeing in Kyoto. Impact of Kissinger's assessment can be expected now that Mr. Ford is back in Washington.

Mr. Ford has invited Emperor Hirohito to visit the United States, a gesture which made the biggest headlines here.

JACL chapter suggested for Nisei in Tokyo

SAN FRANCISCO — Prospects of organizing a JACL chapter in Tokyo were relayed by Tad Hirota, national vice president for membership services, to the National JACL Board meeting here. He had just returned from the JACL tour and Nisei in Tokyo party for Hito Okada indicated a need existed.

T. John Fujii, now with Fairchild Publications in Tokyo but who grew up prewar in Seattle, urged Hirota to convey the message.

CHRISTMAS CHEER FUND-RAISER OPEN FOR 1974 HOLIDAY SEASON

LOS ANGELES — Christmas Cheer, the annual fund-raising drive to collect money for needy Asian-American families in the Southern California area, kicks off its 26th year, it was announced by Glenn Oshiro, chairman of the campaign for the 1974 holiday season.

Sponsored by the Pacific Southwest District Council, Japanese American Citizens League, the drive has grown from servicing 200 needy families in 1948 to over 1,000 families in 1973.

The fund — drive began in 1948 as a project of the Club Service Bureau, later to become the project of the Los Angeles JACL, Coordinating Council. The PSWDC assumed responsibility in 1965, and for the past three years, Deni and June Uejima of the San Gabriel Valley JACL, have successfully steered the project to the record \$10,000 mark collected last year.

Oshiro, a member of the Wilshire JACL, issued a call for far greater participation this year in face of the increased problems created by the inflationary economy, which affects people living marginally in far greater proportions than those more affluent.

Oshiro refers to the recent findings of a Senate Select Committee on Nutrition and Human Needs that indicate such staple items in poor people's diets as rice have increased in price at the rate of 124.3% over the last four years.

As he puts it, "As each of us feels the pinch of inflation and other financial inconveniences, the tendency for the self-centered is to convince themselves that ex-

FORD REGRETS MAIDEN SPEECH MISINTERPRETED

AAVAC Points to Omission of 'Yellow' Among Americans

LOS ANGELES — On Monday, Aug. 12, newly-sworn in President Ford in an address to the joint session of Congress outlined his goals but in his concluding remarks had omitted mention of the "yellow" Americans in his enumeration of Americans of various races, color and creed.

The President promised: "To the limits of my strength and ability, I will be the President of the black, brown, red and white Americans; of the old and young; of woman's liberationists and male chauvinists and all the rest of us in between... and of Christians, Jews, Moslems, Buddhists and atheists. If there are really any atheists after what we have all been through."

The Asian American Voluntary Action Center, in a letter to Mr. Ford the following week, cited 1970 census figures of Asian Americans in Los Angeles county and noted that 1,745,000 who constitute the "yellow" segment of America had not been mentioned.

"To name certain segments of the community and to leave out Asian Americans was an omission which we felt we could not allow to pass," the AAVAC letter concluded. It was signed by:

Helen Brown, pres.; Alan Kusanomoto, 1st v.p.; and Betty Kozasa, director.

On Oct. 22, a reply from Mr. Ford was received. He assured it was not his intention to exclude any American by reason of race, color, faith or nationality.

"I wanted and intended to be President of all Americans regardless of ethnic background," Mr. Ford said. "In this sense, I included Asian Americans and regret that my meaning might have been interpreted otherwise. I am deeply aware that our Nation has been and continues to be immeasurably enriched by the presence and contributions by citizens of Asian heritage. No words can sufficiently acknowledge the debt owed to Asian Americans for their countless contributions to our culture, to our society, to all the people of our land."

Mrs. Kozasa explained this exchange of correspondence was an example of the Voluntary Action Center's advocacy on behalf of the Asian community.

tra monies do not exist to spend on 'them' — the less fortunate in our community, who feel the effects of inflation a dozen times more than you or I."

Monies received from contributions is distributed in \$10 cash gifts to recipients screened by various social service agencies. Beneficiaries have included widowed mothers, children in foster homes, mental retardates, and senior citizens.

Responses from past recipients point to the invaluable assistance provided by Christmas Cheer donors. "One mother acknowledged, 'Your most thoughtful gift has made my Christmas the most happiest one I have ever had and I want to thank you again and again from the bottom of my heart.'"

The daughter of a 95-year-old recipient writes, "I have purchased two pairs of woolen socks and a pair of slippers for Dad with your gift to provide him with warmth, not only physically, but through the knowledge that the Japanese American citizens care!"

Another individual wrote, "It's really great to know there's some framework of unity among us and that some people care!"

Contributions, which are tax deductible, can be sent to Christmas Cheer, c/o JACL-PSWDC, 125 Weller St., Room 310, Los Angeles 90012. Checks should be made payable to "Christmas Cheer."

1974 Holiday Issue Boxscore

Display Ads—Goal: \$3,565*	
Alameda	\$112 San Fern. — 112
Berkeley	\$94 So. Calif. — 420
Chicago	\$88 San Gab. — 9
Clovis	\$3 Sanger — 5
DTLA	\$172 San Jose — 113
East L.A.	\$344 Seattle — 228
Evanston	\$86 Tukalo — 112
Fr. Camp	\$8 St. Luke's — 27
Fresno	\$112 Wash. DC — 83
Gardena	\$44
Monterey	\$172 PC Office — 111
Pasadena	\$8 PC Ad Dept 252
Portland	\$86
Salinas	\$344 Cen. Cal. DC 4
Salt Lake	\$172 Midwest DC 4
San Benito	\$3
San Diego	\$288 Nov. 29 — 4,588
One-Liners—Goal: 665	
Pasadena	26 PC Office — 1
San Benito	26
HI Project—Goal: 25 units	
Units	2

Hibakusha survey underway in N.C.

SAN FRANCISCO — Hiroaki Yamada of the Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission in Hiroshima is interviewing survivors residing in the San Francisco area to determine radiation dosage depending upon where they were at the time of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Yamada has concluded his hibakusha survey in Southern California and will be here until Dec. 8. He hopes to reach others in the Sacramento and Central California areas soon. The S.F. Dept. of Public Health has provided his office space.

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Sex bias ruling

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Supreme Court let stand Nov. 18 a U. S. Jaycee's all-male membership policy, refusing to entertain charges that the government was fostering sex-discrimination. The public Jaycee functions federally funded to the tune of \$3.6 million were not enough to convert the organization's private action into forbidden "state action," the lower court maintained.

Ye Editor's Desk

TOKYO'S 'WATERGATE'

In wake of President Ford's visit to Japan—the first ever for an American President while in office (though we recall Grant visited Japan as ex-President and hired a Japanese lad to be a servant at his Galena, Ill. home), speculation that Premier Kakuei Tanaka would step down from office reached its heights this week.

The prime minister has been the subject of an eye-popping article in the monthly magazine (Bungei Shunju) geared to the middle class intelligentsia. Titled the "Research on Kakuei Tanaka—His Money Sources and His Friends," the 61-page article questions the vast flow of money surrounding his political activities. When the magazine hit the stands, reaction was either Tanaka must go if the facts are true or he should explain his innocence.

After addressing the Foreign Correspondents Club Oct. 22 before going on his 12-day tour earlier this month to Australia, New Zealand and Burma, Tanaka was quizzed about the controversial article but he neither affirmed nor denied the authenticity of the piece. Unlike Vice President-designate Nelson Rockefeller, he cut short the questions about his income after a fifth query on the subject was foisted.

The article said Tanaka owns six chemical and transportation companies, \$8 million worth of downtown Tokyo real estate, had bought three villas in the Karuzawa resort area in Nagano-ken with money left over from his 1972 campaign for premiership and that in the pond of his private Tokyo mansion are carp costing ¥1 million (\$3,333) apiece.

Responding to the article's criticism that he was a tax dodger, Tanaka said his returns had always been checked by tax officers so that there be no errors or omissions. Had the carps, for instance, been a gift, a gift tax should have been paid.

Suspicion also exists because of the gifts worth ¥1 billion to his party reported when the reported income as prime minister was only ¥70 million. The article relates Tanaka's use of dummy corporations, manipulation of stocks, land and goods to gather his funds to adroitly dispense his largesse to acquire strength in the party and premiership.

Tanaka told the foreign correspondents American politicians often reveal their personal property to the public (in reality, a recent practice since the Watergate) but that it was not done and felt no need to in Japan. The severe checks by the tax office on the income of individuals was enough, he added.

Tanaka was guarded in his comments on whether to take any legal action against Bungei Shunju.

Masaru Ogawa, editor of Japan Times (who was a year ahead of me at Belmont High School in Los Angeles), describes how the magazine mobilized a team of 20 reporters to sift through a virtual mountain of information to publish the story. "Under happier circumstances, it could have been a success story of how a poor country boy from Nigata worked his way to riches and fame," Ogawa said in his column. The Tanaka expose was inspired by Watergate investigation of the two Washington Post reporters but, Ogawa noted, this is not the first time derogatory stories have been written on a prime minister.

The article also hits the Liberal Democratic Party hard. Ogawa called it "unfortunate" if the hope within the party that Tanaka's overseas trip and the visit of President Ford was to bolster the Prime Minister's political life. As it now appears, the time between when the article hit and this week has given the party time to determine a successor who must overcome the economic problems plaguing Japan and the domestic question of nuclear weapons aboard U.S. warships when they enter Japan. Ogawa was informed that the Tanaka resignation would result in a "suprapartisan effort to find remedial solutions" under a new, national coalition.

As for looking ahead, ailing Eisusaburo Shima, vice president of the Liberal Democratic Party, has been mentioned as a possible successor—at least as a caretaker till the four factions within the party are agreed.

Other politicians prominently mentioned to lead the party include former Prime Minister Eisaku Sato, Lower House Speaker Shigesaburo Maeo, Upper House President Kenzo Kono, Finance Minister Masa-yoshi Ohira, former deputy prime minister Takeo Miki (who as foreign minister in 1967 met a delegation of JACLers then visiting Japan, and International Trade and Industry Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone).

This being the Year of the Tiger, the soothsayers have traditionally held overconfidence in such a year would spell disaster. The Tiger is a strong, cunning animal and the advice is to avoid running headlong into it—but Bungei Shunju discounted tradition and has found good fortune, expanding its influence in opinion-making as well.

It will be the Year of the Hare next. If politics in Japan assumes the amiable and sociable characteristics of this animal, the soothsayers feel nothing firm can be expected. Some good things will emerge but a careless venture would spell doom.

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Encroachment

BY THE BOARD: Masamune Kojima

Headquarter Personnel

"By the Board" is reserved for members of the National JACL Board, who write at will and as a particular issue arises. Kojima, the PS-WDC governor, has penned three of the six "By the Board" columns which have appeared in the PC this year. —Ed.

Los Angeles

Due to unusual interest in the most recent National Board meeting Nov. 7-9 engendered by lack of any real information in the Pacific Citizen concerning JACL personnel, I was requested by my constituents in the Pacific Southwest District to write my views on this issue. It is quite unfortunate that the Board had to involve itself in personnel matters which, if handled correctly from its inception, would have remained within the exclusive purview of the National Director.

The Board should not have to waste its precious time on such mundane matters as hiring and firing lower-level personnel. However, due to a series of poor advice and ill-timed actions by our National Officers, the National Director was left in an untenable position.

The personnel matters concerned the Development Officer, Northwest-Intermountain Regional Director, Assistant Director for Program Development, Washington Representative and the undesignated position at National Headquarters.

The discussion started with a background on the National Convention's selection of program priorities and budgetary items for the coming biennium. The Development Office and Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF) were given the highest priority but funded with only \$30,000—certainly not enough to fund any decent program of legal assistance.

Director of Development

At the post-convention National Board meeting on July 28, 1974, the entire Board was given the impression by both the presiding officer and the National Director that most programs would not be initiated until the ratification by the chapters of the new by-laws. Board did instruct the National Staff to commence search for funds as per Development Office. In reply to my question as to whether anyone had been contacted or selected for this office, a reply from the Presiding Officer was in the negative.

Then in September, the Presiding Officer Shig Sugiyama released a memo stating that Ray Bendiner had been hired as our Development Officer. Following this disclosure, there was a flurry of memos and messages from various Board members questioning the activities and motives of those involved in the selection of this Development Officer.

At the November Board meeting, National Director David Ushio explained that he had been in contact with various fund-raising organizations and individuals and had received an introduction to Bendiner who was available at our salary range. The urgency of employing him at this particular moment in time was that the entire sequence of employment or contracting of fund-raisers was based upon the academic school year. Thus the next period of employment would have been the start of the next spring semester or the following fall.

Believing time to be of essence, Ushio then contacted the National Officers and received permission to initiate the employment of Ray Bendiner. But the Personnel Manual procedure was not followed.

ed short-cuts were utilized to get Bendiner on the payroll as quickly as possible to accommodate his desire for finalization of his employment future before the academic year began.

The National Board severely castigated both the National Officers and the National Director for such extreme departures from established personnel procedure. The main objection was the lack of opportunity for some qualified Asian Americans to apply for this position of possible contact with the power structure.

Most of the passion in this Board meeting was spent on recounting the numerous instances of refusal by the majority society to give Asian Americans chances at jobs like this and the irony of our mainly Japanese organization similarly freezing out Asian Americans on the basis of expediency and urgency of finding additional funds to improve the quality of Asian American life.

The Board recognized the futility of refusing to confirm the appointment of Bendiner and went on record as being dissatisfied with the prior action of the National Officers and the National Director. Additionally, the Board insisted upon the close adherence to the procedure set forth in the Personnel Manual as long as it was in effect.

Personally, I felt that the National Director had the responsibility and authority to keep in close contact with persons who might be a future employee. The only objection that I raised was the possible deceptive reply to my query at the July Board meeting. I also felt that the National Director should keep track of possible Asian American candidates with various skills required by this organization as it increases staff. Hence, he would be able to employ minority who do have difficulty in the employment world of the majority society.

Regional Director

I did not enter into the discussion of the Northwest-Intermountain regional director because I felt this was a local conflict. There were many expressions voicing dissatisfaction with the method of selection of the Regional Director. (The vacancy had occurred due to the resignation of then regional director Don Hayashi, who was a subject of another dispute).

My opinion has always been that the Regional Director should be selected by the National Director and subject to a veto by the appropriate District(s).

Undesignated Position

The dispute concerning the position of Assistant Director for Program Development and the undesignated position at National Headquarters and former regional director Don Hayashi raised the most confusion and emotion.

• Tom Hibino

Issshoni

GEN. GEORGE S. BROWN

Chicago. Will referred to all Japanese Americans by saying: "A Jap's a Jap..." It makes no difference whether he is an American citizen. His attitude coupled with his high military position had a direct influence on the infamous decision to remove all Japanese Americans from the West Coast, regardless of their individual rights.

The continued existence of prejudice in this country in many individuals including General Brown remains an unchallenged fact.

Although we can never hope to eliminate prejudice entirely, we do question the necessity of retaining a man with these publicly-stated attitudes in the nation's top military position.

The Japanese American Citizens League, a national human rights organization, has always been concerned with the welfare of all Americans. Towards this end we find General George S. Brown's recent remarks that Jews "own... the banks in this country (and) the newspapers," to be inaccurate, injudicious and, in his own words, "ineptly stated." These kinds of statements which deal in generalizations of entire ethnic groups are misleading at best and, at worse, can lead to serious ramifications.

Japanese Americans remember clearly the situation during World War II when another general, John L. De-

PLACER COUNTY JACL

SANSEI FINDING NATIONAL JACL NOT 'FUDDY-DUDDY' ORGANIZATION

By ROY YOSHIDA

AUBURN, Calif. — National JACL Executive Director David E. Ushio lived up to his reputation of expressing outspoken views with a disarming smile in delivering the principal address, "Youth and the JACL," at the 34th annual Placer County JACL goodwill dinner Nov. 3 at the 20th District Fairgrounds Home Economics Bldg. here.

Speaking with a blunt, "tell it like it is" manner, the Sansei JACL executive pictured his fellow Sansei as being spoiled adolescents for the most part, lacking drive to get involved in things that are difficult and shying away from the tough issues of the day.

There is a wide range of attitude among the Sansei, he said. At one end of the spectrum there are the "I don't give a damn about anything" defiants and on the other are the very, very concerned young people who are really turned on about Nisei problems of the day. The speaker was seemingly chiding the former to wake up to reality, while rallying the latter to become activists, to speak up and start taking stands.

Hopefully there are encouraging signs, Ushio went on, in that many Sansei have discovered that "something that goes on in this organization (JACL) can be really meaningful," and, furthermore, many have already taken up the gauntlet of JACL leadership at all levels of the organization. All of a sudden what was to them years ago a dying fuddy-duddy organization they now find to be a much alive vehicle of opportunity for community service and betterment.

With more and more of their marriages being interracial, Sansei are becoming acutely aware of the need for multicultural society, continued Ushio. They are particularly worried about the lack of educational materials in schools.

Venerable Richard Lee, re-

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• Bill Hosokawa

Frying Pan

Columbia, Missouri

OUTPOST IN THE MIDLANDS—The pleasant little town of Columbia, Missouri, just about midway between St. Louis and Kansas City, is a most unlikely place for a concentration of teachers named Hosokawa. But here they are for all to wonder about, and to be confused by. Witness the fact that Bob Hosokawa is a professor in the University of Missouri school of journalism. Witness also the fact that his nephew Mike is an associate professor teaching public health in the school of medicine, and Mike's Jackie teaches courses in child development part time at Stephens College, a well-known girls school. There aren't many Hosokawas anywhere.

But to find three of them in one small community deep in the American Midlands, and all of them in the teaching business, may be noteworthy.

Thus it was that a few weeks ago we set out to visit them. We knew that while they were living out there in catfish and bow low country, their taste for Oriental food hadn't diminished. Therefore it was necessary to stock up on such goodies as fresh tuna end seabass, crab and salmon steaks, a supply of instant noodles and cans of stuff with exotic-sounding names, and take them with us.

The expense and bother of taking the food with us proved more than worthwhile as we watched the Missouri Hosokawas attack it with gusto, putting more of it away than we thought possible. Dietary habits established in one's youth are hard to forget, and rice-eaters are a most persistent breed.

Bob Hosokawa, who has been in Columbia the last four years, explained that there is at least one Chinese restaurant in town, and he and his wife go there when the urge for Oriental food—even a poor Missouri carbon copy—becomes unbearable. There is also a small provisions store operated by a family of Korean immigrants. The selection is limited, the prices out of sight, but one must admire the initiative of these new Americans.

We spent a delightful weekend in Columbia with the Missouri contingent, getting reacquainted with Mike and Jackie's children who have made a splendid adjustment to life in a new town. How quickly youngsters change at that age. We had seen them in August when they stopped for a couple of days en route from Eugene, Oregon to their

new home. Now they seemed taller, more self-assured, less like little children. The only pall over the weekend was the miserable showing of the University of Colorado football team which was offered victory by the University of Missouri Tigers, and declined. Oh yes, there was a second pall. We watched on TV the Denver Broncos playing the Cleveland Browns. This time it was the Browns who offered victory to the Browns, and the Clevelanders were inconsiderate enough to accept.

We headed back for Denver immediately after the TV game. There are nearly 800 miles between Denver and Columbia, and at 55 miles per hour (a limit which no one seemed to be observing) it takes a long time to cover the distance. We had a big prime rib dinner at Bob's place so food wasn't of great concern for quite some while. But by the time we reached Topeka, Kansas, Alice was ready to eat. And she had developed a hankering for a bowl of Chinese noodles.

Presumably there is a Chinese restaurant in Topeka. There must be, because there's hardly any city in America with more than 25,000 population without a Chinese restaurant. But being strangers we couldn't find one and had to settle for that great American delicacy, a McDonald's hamburger with fries. A little while later, just on the outskirts of Junction City or maybe it was Abilene, one of those reflectorized billboards winked out of the darkness at the side of the road. It was an advertisement for a restaurant that served "Chinese and American food." Maybe next time we'll stop and try Kansas style Chinese pork noodles.

Acupuncture law

L.A.S. VEGAS, Nev.—Della Walker of Norfolk, Va., who was denied a license to practice acupuncture, is suing to have the state acupuncture licensing law declared unconstitutional. She said the law favors only the Chinese male. Her attorney added she is a teacher with 12 years of experience in Chinese medicine.

Names in the News

The Japanese government has announced the following awards to 11 Hawaii residents on the occasion of Culture Day, Nov. 3: Third Class Order of the Rising Sun—Matuyuki Yokohi, Fifth Class Order of Sacred Treasure—Masatoshi Uchimura, Kahului; Usaka Morihara, Honolulu; Kono, Sixth Class Order of the Rising Sun—Mitaji Kikumoto, Hilo; Sixth Class Order of the Sacred Treasure—Kamehiro Abe, Pearl City; Yoshitaka Kato, Aloa; Senkoshin Nakano, Aloa; Sakuhiko Ono, Honolulu; Hideo Sato, Honolulu; Yasuo Shibano, Lahaina; and Teraji Yano, Honolulu.

Mrs. Alma Cooper, chairman of the General Education Liberal Arts Division at Hawaii Community College, has been elected state president of the Congress of Hawaiian People.

Ushio—

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tired Lincoln High School (honoree's alma mater) principal and athletic coach, fellow alumnus Lowell Sparks, retired Superior Court judge, and Farrell Wrenn, long time friend and fruit shipper/employer, assisted in the presentation as surprise participants. Takemoto was the youngest member of the school's 1918 championship basketball team which was coached by Lee and captained by Sparks.

Jr. JACL movement

Realizing the importance of having an organization to represent the local Sansei populace, Kevin Down, spokesman for the ad hoc youth group, announced the contemplated reactivation of Placer Jr. JACL, listing three-fold purpose of the movement, as follows:

1—To support, if needed, any program or activity initiated by a Sansei or a Sansei group;

2—To improve relationship between Sansei and Sr. JACL;

3—To reopen the line of communication between Sansei and Nisei in Placer County.

The dinner program with Bunny Nakagawa as master of ceremonies opened with the singing of the national anthem followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Alfred Nitta, past commander, Loomis American Legion Post.

Rev. Akira Hata of Placer Buddhist Church of Penryn delivered the invocation.

Greetings were expressed by Frank Kageita, host chapter president, while Mayor Louis Clay of Auburn extended the city's welcome to the assemblage.

Dinner co-chairmen Ko Uyeno and Kuni Okuni were in charge of general arrangements, while Ida Otani, Taveko Takahashi and Steve Kubo headed the reception committee.

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Robert Grunsky, president of the Hawaii Employers Council since 1968, has requested early retirement in the 670-member organization. He started his career with the Spreckels Sugar Co.

School of Asian Studies has been proposed at the Manoa campus on the belief that it would strengthen the University's position to compete for private and governmental funding. UH also has the largest aggregate of Asian scholars (estimated at 300) in the nation but its present Asian Studies program allows for seven full-time positions. As proposed, the school would become the preeminent institution in the nation to train teachers on Asian courses, according to Robert K. Sakai, summer session dean, who prepared the proposal.

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Chapter Pulse

Installation

Puyallup Valley sets date for Dec. 14

Puyallup Valley JACL will have its annual installation dinner on Saturday, Dec. 14, 6:30 p.m., at the Poodle Dog Restaurant in Fife. George and Doris Kishida are co-chairing the banquet.

Dr. John Ishii of Olympia will be guest speaker. Tomio Moriguchi, national treasurer, will be installing officer. Bob Mizukami will be emcee. Chapter presidents from the neighboring Seattle and White River Valley JACL will be guests.

The chapter also announced orders are being accepted for the Dec. 28 mochitsuki.

Grants administrator speaks at Gardena fete

Karl Nobuyuki, grants administrator for the City of Gardena, was guest speaker at the **Gardena Valley JACL** installation dinner Nov. 16 at Gung Hay restaurant. In presenting a challenge to the chapter, the Sansei city official suggested the JACL can serve as a catalyst to help the city meet its goals of stabilizing the community and economy.

Nobuyuki said Gardena's population of 42,000 was 51% Caucasian, 20% Asian, 15% Spanish-surnamed and 12% black.

Tak Kawagoe, new chapter president, heads a board that is all-male except for the presence of his wife, Helen, who was previously a chapter president. She also served as toastmistress at the dinner. Craig Shimabukuro, PSW regional director, swore in the officers.

Chapter certificates of appreciation were presented by outgoing chapter president Stuart Tanimoto to representatives of three local banks: Mitsubishi, Sumitomo and Bank of Tokyo. A chapter check of \$1,000 was also presented to the Japanese Cultural Institute building fund. And the chapter received from National JACL its membership performance award in recognition of its eighth year of continuous growth.

Lawson Inada to speak at Orange County

A different kind of installation dinner is due for **Orange County JACL**, which will have Sansei poet Lawson Inada of Southern Oregon College vocalize his talent.

The dinner will be held Jan. 18, 7 p.m., at the Sampan Restaurant. Iris Ikemi and Yassie Ohta are in charge of banquet. Tickets are \$8.50 per person.

Mike Ishikawa will be the 1975 chapter president, succeeding two-term Henry Sakai. Ishikawa is currently chairman of the PSWDC Ethnic Concerns Committee.

Chicago to mark 30th annual inaugural

Chicago JACL celebrates its 30th annual inaugural dinner-dance on Saturday, Dec. 14, at the Grand Ballroom of the McCormick Inn at 23rd Street and Lake Shore Drive. The program will begin at 6 p.m. and features guest speaker Henry Ushijima, prominent film maker who has been producing motion pictures for over thirty years.

A leader in the promotion of the industrial film industry in the Chicago area, Ushijima will be making an exciting audiovisual presentation during the evening's festivities.

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Scholarship

West Los Angeles awards seven scholarships

Seven students shared in \$750 worth of scholarships presented during the **West Los Angeles JACL** chapter installation at Airport Marina Hotel on Nov. 9 and attended by 170 persons. The main speaker, James Taylor, deputy superintendent of the Los An-

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geles City Schools, spoke on multicultural education—in-
dicating the chapters emphasis
this year and next on educa-
tion, noted Arnold Maeda,
who was re-elected president.

Scholarship winners ac-
knowledgeed the awards with
a short talk of their aspira-
tions and introduced their pa-
rents and friends.

The top two \$150 awards
went to Francis Mukai and
Katherine Nitta, both Santa
Monica High graduates, at-
tending Cal-Tech and Stan-
ford, respectively. Mukai last
year was a Presidential Class-
room for Young Americans
(PCYA) Scholarship winner
from National JACL.

Four additional \$100 schol-
arships went to Lane Kiriya-
ma, now a pre-law student at
Brigham Young; Alice Koga,
majoring in English (with in-
terest in writing) at UCLA;
Louis Watanabe (a chess
champion in a county-wide
tournament in 1971), physics
major at UCLA; and Linda
Oshinomi (tutor with Nora
Sterry Community Lighted
School), UCLA.

Samohi student Phillip Ta-
kahashi won the \$50 voca-
tional award. His talent in
metal work was on display.

December Events

N.Y. scholarship fund fair-dinner scheduled

To raise funds for its schol-
arship program, New York
JACL will hold a fund fair-
dinner Dec. 14, 3-9 p.m., at
the Japanese American United
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Contributions of home bak-
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items, and boutique for the
fund fair and call for volun-
teers to assist at the dinner
were made by Ron Inouye,
chapter president.

September Events

Delano JACLers help at Kern County Fair

Japanese Heritage Day was
celebrated Sept. 24 during
Kern County Fair week with
Joe Ono in charge and a num-
ber of Delano JACL members
participating with the Bak-
ersfield Nikkei in odor nomi-
nations. Mrs. Chris Ogawa
Swatwell.

The fair theme, Internation-
al Aire, included presentations
from the Basque, Black, Chi-
nese, Greek, Italian and Mex-
ican communities in the coun-
ty.

Washington, D.C. family picnic attracts 200

The third annual Washing-
ton, D.C. JACL family picnic
held on Saturday, Sept. 21 at
Viers Mill Recreation Center
was enjoyed by close to 200
hungry and thirsty people.

Eating was one part of the
story as races and games were
held for the youngsters. The
fun, however, was short-lived
by a 3 p.m. downpour.

Meal Chigogji, picnic chair-
man, was assisted by
Harry Takai Jr., program; Paul
Ishimoto, Joe Hirata, food; Ruth
Enokida, Irene and the JAYs, be-
verage & supplies.

CANADA TIGHTENING FLOW OF IMMIGRANTS

OTTAWA—New rules de-
signed to make it more im-
portant for a prospective im-
migrant who does not have a job
waiting for him — nonwhite
for the most part — were an-
nounced here Oct. 22.

Meanwhile, immigration
policy is expected to be over-
hauled as the Canadian govern-
ment is concerned by the
changing racial patterns and
steeply rising number of new-
comers. Canada has admitted
over 470,000 in the 1970-73
period — about 160,000 from
Asia, Africa and the West In-
dies.

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authorly as the National Di-
rector to appoint temporary
or acting personnel. Then if
there were objections to his
appointment, then the Pre-
siding Officer could have or-
dered the entire board to con-
vene as a Personnel Commit-
tee as a whole and hold a
properly constituted hearing.

Those opposed to the Na-
tional Director's action could
have moved to bring him be-
fore the Committee to justify
his action. At that hearing,
Don could reply all the charges
offered and those opposing
him could present their actual
grievances. The Board

