

Deadline moved to Jan. 25

Application deadline for the JACL Cultural Heritage Fellowships has been extended one week to Jan. 24, 1975. It was announced by David Ushio, National JACL Executive director.

Four persons will be selected in this national competition for an all expense paid fellowship to Japan for the summer of 1975 which includes six weeks of study at Sophia University in Tokyo and two weeks of independent travel.

Credit Union declares 6%

The National JACL Credit Union board of directors at Salt Lake City declared 6% per annum dividend for the second half of 1974, the second time the amount has been declared, and has been credited to member accounts as of Jan. 1, 1975.

Estimated total distribution of dividends for the second half was \$55,900. Total for the year was \$109,500, according to treasurer Hito Okada.

Credit Union president S. Ushio reported the annual meeting will be held on Saturday, March 8, since reservation for the usual last Saturday of February of a meeting place was unavailable.

Dinner will be \$7 per couple or \$7 per non-member.

Albert Oshita (942 Victoria Way, Salt Lake City 84116) and Yukus Inouye (Rt. 1 Box 287, American Fork, Utah 84133) were named to the nominating committee. Those interested in serving a three-year term on the board of directors may write to the above. Incumbents are Ichiro Doi, Nobuo Iwamoto and Min Matsumori. A vacancy on the credit committee will be filled by the board of directors in accordance with terms of the new by-laws.

Further information on any of the current JACL programs may be secured by writing or calling National Headquarters, 22 Peace Plaza Suite 203, San Francisco 94115, (415) 563-3202; or the local JACL chapter.

Youth Focus

GETTING READY FOR 1975

So what's the NYCC Chairperson been doing? After organizing and planning the NYCC meetings in San Francisco on November 6-10, I have been following up on the NYCC mandates.

One was that of the NYCC's budget allocation of \$2,000 from the JACL Budget. Recently, the NYCC treasurer Gary Shimazaki and I, with the assistance from the National Youth Director, had pulled together a draft of the budget which is now subject to final approval by the NYCC. We also developed a set of guidelines for reimbursement of NYCC expenditures. When finally approved, it will be published in the Pacific Citizen.

The various JACL Programs are in the development stages and show great promise. Each DYCC is now determining its own Project of the Biennium, a program funded by the JACL. The Foster Child Committee is looking into various agencies and will come up with a program proposal soon.

The Asian Media Committee is anxiously awaiting for volunteers in each district to work on this national committee. If you are interested, contact your DYCC Chairperson or the Asian Media chairperson Bill Uyeki, 6000 West 67th St., Overland Park, Kansas 66207.

Bill Inada has resigned as chairperson of the JACL's Sister City Program. I have yet to receive any recommendations from the NYCC for a successor. Is anyone interested? If so, please contact me or your DYCC chairperson right away!

We shall be hearing a lot more about the JACL's programs next month as each program chairperson is submitting a quarterly report on the status of their program thus far.

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More grassroots electioneering urged instead of sitting along sidelines

By ROY YOSHIDA

LOOMIS, Calif.—Koichi "Kot" Uyeno of Newcastle, a long time JACLer who took a "leave of absence" of over two decades from active chapter involvement, was sworn in as the president of Placer County Japanese American Citizens League at an installation dinner held Dec. 15 at the Legion Memorial Hall here.

Judge Corina Sakamoto of the Loomis Judicial Court was the installing officer. Retiring president Frank Kageya was presented with a past president's pin.

As the main speaker, Sacramento City Councilman Robert

PSWDC health insurance office manager named

LOS ANGELES—Masayo Oi was appointed office manager for the JACL chapter-sponsored health insurance program. The office, which opened Jan. 6, is located at the JACL Regional Office, 125 Weller St. The telephone is 626-3170.

The program, according to general agent Jimmy Gozawa, is a \$100,000 group comprehensive major medical plan. Quarterly premiums are for those under 30 or 40 and over \$42 single, \$84 couple, \$102 for family of three or more; and for those between age 50-55, \$51 single, \$102 couple, \$123 family of three or more. Details may be secured from:

Jimmy Gozawa, 768-9713, Tak Oyama, 665-3144, George Yokota, 366-4661, Jeff M. Ogas, 326-8442, Shiroo Watanabe, 360-0910, Hiroshi Shimizu, 402-4184, Seichi Sugino, 326-6842, Hiroyuki Taniyoshi, 733-6209, Arnold Maeda, 382-0211, Masaki Mizusaki, 714-963-9033, and Ken Terasaki, 940-9710.

Dean interested in evacuee reparations

CHICAGO — In the current (January) Playboy magazine, John W. Dean III, former counsel to President Nixon, revealed securing reparations for Evacuation as among "few personal projects," which he said he had started while in prison.

(Dean, who was a government witness in the recent Watergate cover-up trials which saw four defendants convicted, was released by the court from prison Jan. 8.)

"I think that the Japanese Americans who were incarcerated during World War II got from the American government some of the worst treatment that has ever been administered to any group of people. I've collected material on this for years and I've talked with many Nisei who suffered at the hands of our Government, which never really made any amends. I think it owes something in restitution to the Japanese Americans."

"And when I come out, I'm going to make it one of my top priorities to see that they get it."

"Thanks to my years of experience in Government — the invaluable opportunity I've had to find out from the inside how it works — I know there's a great deal I can do, and I know exactly how to go about it. So even though it ended badly — and rather early — I hope my career in Government hasn't been a total write-off."

The statement was made in response to the Playboy question as to whether he would find trouble finding a job.

REP. PHILLIP BURTON Hails 75th commemorative confab of BCA in recent Congressional Record

WASHINGTON — Seventy-five years of American Buddhism was noted by Rep. Phillip Burton (D-Calif.) of San Francisco on the floor of Congress in his Extension of Remarks published in the Congressional Record Dec. 20.

Burton also hailed the Rev. Shoko Masunaga of Sacramento to having been appointed chaplain of the California State Senate and noted the recent 75th anniversary commemoration of the Buddhist Churches of America, the largest and oldest of the Buddhist groups in the country drew 5,000 members from its 100 temples and branches on the U. S. mainland and another 2,000 from Hawaii, Japan, Mexico, Canada and Brazil.

To appreciate the full significance of the BCA celebration, Burton recalled the ancient legend of five Chinese Buddhist monks who sailed eastward around 485 A.D. and landed in what is now Mexico. He noted that advocates who theorized this tale have pointed to various Mayan and Aztec artifacts which closely resemble Chinese art.

Most notable American to become interested in Buddhism in the 19th century was an Army colonel, Henry Steele Olcott (1832-1907) of New York who traveled widely in Ceylon and Japan and published in 1885 the first Buddhist catechism in English and designed the Buddhist flag, which is still in use today, and which was flown in San Francisco during the 75th anniversary.

BCA history

The BCA history is recounted by Burton, starting with a Sangha meeting held in 1897 in San Francisco which led to assignment of two ministers, Revs. Shuei Sonoda and Katsuro Nishijima, from Kyoto in 1899.

During the subsequent periods of violence and vigilantism, the Buddhists on the West Coast were sustained by their faith and philosophy, Burton said.

While individual Japanese could not purchase land because of alien land laws, constitutional guarantee of religious freedom provided Buddhists the opportunity to buy land for their temples and by 1924, as many as 33 main temples and branches had been established. Meanwhile, ministers and lay leaders "Americanized" their faith, translating Buddhist concepts and terms into English, encouraging English-language services and publishing materials in English.

By helping its members become better citizens through the practice of Buddhism, Burton added, "BCA implemented what we today describe as a multicultural contribution to American life."

BCA activities during World War II were especially hit as most of its priests were immediately arrested as a precautionary move — some in high places unfortunately equating American Buddhism with nationalistic Shintoism of militaristic Japan, Burton explained, forgetting that Buddhism began in India and spread throughout the world. Nevertheless, a statement reaffirming the loyalty of its

Audit finds UMass School of Education funds missing; \$13,000 found misused

AMHERST, Mass. — Investigations into charges that federal funds had been misused at the Univ. of Massachusetts School of Education and of threats to the life of Dr. Robert Suzuki and his family if he came up with more information have continued since the case was first publicized by the Daily Hampshire Gazette in late November.

The latest report (Dec. 13) indicated the Governor's Committee on Criminal Justice has found \$13,000 had been misused by traveling and consulting expenses unrelated to the program. Confirmation was also provided by the federal Law Enforcement Assistance Agency from Washington.

UMass authorities agreed to repay the government the misappropriated \$13,000, which was administered by the School of Education until discrepancies came to light in September.

Meanwhile, Suzuki's friends in Los Angeles and other cities have begun a letter-writing campaign fund to help the assistant dean of education. They urged letters be written to 'congressmen, particularly Sen. Inouye, Reps. Matsunaga, Mink and Mineta, and to UMass President Robert Wood, Boston, calling for a thorough federal investigation and protecting the life of the Suzuki family.

The University at least should be expected to provide the Suzuki family with state police protection, his friends felt.

Little Tokyo Redevelopment Northsiders tiff with City Hall

LOS ANGELES — Specific plans to redevelop the northside of E. First St., after it has been widened to complement the Little Tokyo Redevelopment Project, are expected to be announced by the City soon, according to Councilman Gilbert Lindsay.

Acquisition of E. 1st St. property between San Pedro and Central Ave. to widen the thoroughfare is imminent, Lindsay added in his Jan. 2 announcement.

"But no one will be roused, despite the fact our ultimate goal (of widening First St.) here is in sight," he continued. Residents and businessmen may choose to remain pending completion of new housing and shopping areas in the project act in accordance with Community Redevelopment Act policies, he said.

Akira Kawasaki, spokesman for tenants and owners of the area affected known as First St. Little Tokyo, Inc., 313 E. 1st St., however strongly objected this past week (Jan. 7) in that persons directly affected were not present at the so-called "final meeting" held Dec. 13, at which City Administrative Officer C. Erwin Piper (to whom the objections were delineated in an open letter) was present.

Kawasaki had learned from indirect sources the Bureau of Right of Way and Land was instructed to proceed with its acquisition program of the northside of E. First St., as a part of the Civic Center master plan.

He also understood the city was preparing to develop the northside commercially "without any feasibility study justification," which was contrary to the wishes of current tenants who preferred a financially feasible plan.

Kawasaki's open letter asked for confirmation in writing of the telephone conversation he had with Piper on Dec. 17, relative to the Dec. 13 meeting.

The plight of the merchants and tenants on the northside of E. 1st St., goes back over

Poet-philosopher Lawson Inada slated at Orange County JACL installation

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Promising a mind-blowing session, poet-Phil Lawson Inada of Southern Oregon College will entertain at the Orange County JACL installation Jan. 18 here at the Sampa Cantonese Restaurant.

The Fresno-born poet-philosopher captivated the PSWDC delegates at their meeting in November and was a recent guest on George Takei's "East-West" TV show on KNCB. Currently on a sabbatical leave, Inada will be embarking on a nationwide lecture tour.

Dr. Don Hata, Gardens city councilman and a professor at Cal State-Dominguez Hills, will introduce the speaker.

Being installed as chapter president will be Mike Ishikawa, U.S. Civil Rights Commission staff member at the

MURDER: FRANK TSUJISAKA CASE Tragedy knits community

SAN MATEO — A small band of young men, kicking their way into a home, flash a gun or knife, then throw a blanket or sheet over the victim's head, and proceed to take money, jewelry, small appliances and anything else of value. They come late at night, hitting the homes of the elderly and largely defenseless residents in the north-central section of the city.

In less than a year, 20 such home robberies have been reported though others have probably gone unreported in the 12-block area. The robbers have come to be known as the "blanket bandits."

But when a 70-year-old Issei semi-retired gardener, Frank Masaji Tsujisaka, was robbed Dec. 13 and murdered execution style — apparently by the same gang, it launched the biggest, single response in San Mateo police history.

The pajama-clad body was found sprawled in a pool of blood in the bathroom of his small frame cottage at 145 N. Grant St. by a friend. All police leaves were canceled and car patrols in the district were tripled.

The wave of terror has taken place within an area that is almost a textbook model for racial integration — blacks, Anglos, Latinos and Asians. The fact that most of the victims have been elderly Japanese Americans and that the perpetrators are believed to be black — has caused community leaders to make new efforts to avoid division and discord. The crimes are not racially motivated, they maintained, and community residents of all colors are united in seeking an end to the crimes.

Not a racial thing

"There's any amount of fear here, not just among the Japanese but the rest of the ethnic population as well, and it will continue until these people are arrested," San Mateo JACL president Tom Konno declared. "It's unfortunate it took something like this to bring us closer together."

"Before this, by and large the Asian community had its activities and black community had its activities and there was very little exchange between us. Now, we're closer as one community."

The Rev. Malcolm Kelley, a black minister, agreed. "Some people are trying to make this a racial thing but there's nothing racial about it. They are just a bunch of crooks going around committing these crimes and that's it."

"We don't think (the Nikkei) residents were victimized because of their race," Konno explained. "They just happen to be the easiest victims — elderly, non-English speaking, easy to intimidate with a threat that the robbers would come back if they reported anything to police."

Robberies have also been committed against blacks and whites and, as residents point out, other types of crimes have been a persistent problem.

"Crime knows no color around here," said Mrs. Leah Cotton, chairwoman of the North Central Neighborhood Council. "When they snatch your purse off the street, they don't care if you are black, blue, white, purple or green."

Konno emphasized that police action has been hampered by insufficient information. "The victims must be willing to come forth and report the incidents. I can also understand that some victims are embarrassed by their misfortune" but without arrests, the blanket bandits are free to victimize other people, he said.

More cooperation sought

To end the attacks, the police called for better cooperation from the community — more so, in view of the homicide. Ironically, the police added, the integrated makeup of the neighborhood apparently makes it easier for the robbers to escape.

Descriptions are admittedly vague but police are sure the assailants are black. They further suggest at least some of the assailants live in the area or are quite familiar with the north central area. Nonetheless, the young blacks in the community have complained to police they are being stopped repeatedly as they walk the streets.

Tsujisaka was among the estimated 300 Japanese Americans in the area, which served as the residences for gardeners and domestics as well

Wash. State Supreme Court now holds Defunis case moot, had held for U.W.

SEATTLE, Wash.—The Univ. of Washington officials said they will continue the preference policy for minority students until specifically ordered by the court to desist.

In a 4-3 decision, the state supreme court recently (Dec. 12) decided not to reinstate its 1973 decision upholding the U. of W. law school admissions policy which grants minority preference since the matter was declared null and void by the U.S. Supreme Court April 23 in the Marco Defunis case.

(In the Yolo, Calif. Superior Court, UC Davis's minority student preference policy was declared unconstitutional because it violated the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment — See Dec. 6, 1974, PC).

Deputy attorney general Philip Austin said the whole thing is "up for grabs again" and said it would probably take a new trial and appeal to decide the matter.

DeFunis had contended granting of preference to minority students was unconstitutional, noting he had scored higher in admission test than several minority students who were admitted. The King County superior court agreed with DeFunis, but the State Supreme Court reversed the trial court and upheld the University — a position to which the JACL had subscribed in its amicus brief to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Remanded to state

The case was held moot since it was not a class action suit and DeFunis was going to graduate before anything could be done. The case was sent back to the state supreme court for further proceedings, which resulted in the 4-3 decision.

Chief Justice Orris Hamilton, writing for the majority said the court has the right to decide moot issues where there is substantial public interest but the majority of the justices has not changed its mind from the first time the case was argued and the admissions policy was upheld.

In a partial dissent, Justice Robert Finley said the case should be sent back to the trial court with directions to dismiss the complaint.

Calif. Blue Shield to pay up in landmark bias suit

SAN FRANCISCO — Blue Shield of California culminated what was described as a milestone civil rights suit, agreed Jan. 3 to reimburse an undisclosed number of Asian American workers who may have been discriminated against and to insure greater employment and training opportunities for qualified minorities.

The decision ended nearly 18 months of litigation launched by the Asian Law Caucus in behalf of the United Filipinos for Equal Employment.

Under the court decree, Mrs. Purisima Salazar, 43, was awarded \$8,143 in unpaid compensation and lost benefits. After being made temporary unit head in Blue Shield's Medicare division in 1971, she was twice by-passed, then complained with the FEPC and finally quit.

The settlement requires Blue Shield to set up a \$30,000 claim fund for back pay to other Asian Americans who believe they have suffered discrimination in promotion. The company also agreed to train minorities with supervisory or managerial potential, send workers to English classes and establish goals to insure minority representation at all levels. All management personnel will take special human relations courses.

Texas marker set at Saibara farm

HOUSTON — The rice farm founded by Seito Saibara and his son Kiyooki in 1904 was honored in early November as a state historical landmark.

A plaque was unveiled by Nancy Saibara, Junior at Houston University, at the farm site which fronts NASA Blvd. in Webster, not far from Galveston, in ceremonies under auspices of the Harris County Historical Survey Committee and the Houston Chamber of Commerce.

Present were Mrs. Kiyooki Saibara and the pioneer rice grower's grandchildren, Robert, Edward, Mrs. Mabel Ishimoto, and Warren; Japanese Consul General Masao Tsukamoto, Akira Hirose of the Japan Trade Club and Dr. Shigetoshi Yamawaki, president, Kochi University. The pioneer Saibaras hailed from Kochi.

COURT BACKS WELFARE FOR ILLEGAL ALIENS

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Superior Court Judge Irving Perhuss ruled Dec. 24 that aliens in California can receive welfare aid without fear providing documents they are in the country legally, but not if they are under deportation order.

If it stands, the ruling could cost the state and county governments millions of dollars each year, a state welfare spokesman said.

The class-action suit was brought by several Mexican citizens in the San Diego area who had been denied welfare benefits. Names of alien welfare recipients are checked by immigration officials who look for a record of legal entry. If none is found, aid can be cut off.

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Pre-Jan.	554	July	359
January	5,488	August	231
February	2,912	September	269
March	2,043	October	147
April	1,410	November	88
May	171	December	34
June	319	1974 Total	17,077

Bill of Rights Day

SAN FRANCISCO — Retired California chief justice Roger J. Traynor received the Earl Warren Civil Liberties Award during the ACLU Foundation Observance of the Bill of Rights Day here Dec. 13. Edison Uno was among the speakers.

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• Lillian Kimura, MDC Governor

By the Board

It's catch-as-catch-can (to borrow a phrase from the wrestling world) with conductors of "By the Board," who have an open invitation to appear on this page. It's been a long time that two have appeared in as many weeks. Again, we gladly defer this week, enabling us to proceed to other matters which need immediate attention. We were in the midst of preparing the Holiday issue the last time, we didn't fly "Ye Ed's Desk." Lillian Kimura's piece this week allows us to continue on to finish the PC financial report and other year-end matters.—Ed.

WOMEN IN JACL

Chicago
 The thrust of the women's movement today has had its effect on all levels of American society. The results of the November elections indicate that women are beginning to assert themselves in new roles. We now have women as Governor (elected in her own right), Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State (who is also of Asian ancestry), Mayor of a major city, chief justice of a state Supreme Court and we even had a "madam" run for the Nevada House.

And so too has JACL been affected by the women's movement. We have for the first time in our unbroken years of history, women (plural) in the top decision making level of the organization, namely the Executive Committee. Women have always been the backbone and, alas, in the background of JACL. Fortunately, today we have women who are willing to be "upfront" in leadership roles. (Credit must be given to Mari Sabusawa Michener and Lily Okura for their early involvement.)

However, as women become increasingly more involved in the previously male dominated power structure of JACL, there are complaints and some outright hostility to the efforts being made to "democratize" the system. I do not mean to imply that these manifestations are a result of women becoming part of the "establishment" but that it is the first time we have been able to penetrate the inner sanctum to know what is going on. (And sometimes we don't like what is happening.)

But, one is led by these expressions of displeasure to speculate on the differences in styles of leadership between men and women.

Styles of leadership

Working for the oldest women's organization in the country (YWCA), the differences become more apparent as I assist local YWCA's in their relationships with YMCAs and United Way. Males have traditionally operated in a pyramid hierarchical system with power running from top to bottom—"head of the house" syndrome. Men, in leadership position, is production-oriented and moves with administrative sanction and consequently depends less on process. Whereas women, relegated to second class roles, have had to depend on decisions being made by groups. Getting the job done seems to be more a man's approach while the values derived from process and participation seem to be more important to women.

Then, when women do enter into hitherto "foreign" arenas, their questioning of

Fem chief justice

Bessie Marshall Sharp of Raleigh, N.C., is the nation's first female chief justice of a state supreme court. She was named to the superior court in 1949 and to the No. Carolina supreme court in 1962.

Fem prime minister

Elizabeth Domitien of Bangui, Central African Republic, is the world's third woman prime minister. She assumed office on Jan. 2.

25 Years Ago

In the Pacific Citizen, Jan. 14, 1950

AJC urges Navy to resume pension to veterans in Japan. Houghton, Mifflin to publish book by Nisei, Hanama Tagaki on Japanese Army. Study bill to restore citizen rights to Nisei who voted in

1946 Japanese elections. Claims for \$3 million filed by Chicago residents for losses from mass evacuation. Twelve Nisei in Osaka start fund for world peace drive.

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THE RICE ACT OF 1974

Manna in the U.S.

DR. LESLIE S. HIRAKAWA

NEW YORK — The U.S. is a major grower of rice and surprisingly enough a leading exporter of the white grain. It produces about 5 million tons per year in four states: California, Texas, Louisiana, and Arkansas. About 60% is consumed at home (primarily by Asians, Hispanics, blacks, and the poor) and the rest is exported to a very hungry world.

The recent Rome Conference and NBC documentary underscored the plight of the rice-eating world. The New York Times also wrote (Oct. 22): "In country after poor country, its production is an end in itself, almost ritualistic drudgery of stoop labor in the sun, whole families bent together on painful plots, men, women, and children struggling to stave off starvation, pushing hand-grown shoots into sticky gimbo, one by precious one, row after tiring row, year after year after year, until rice, becomes as much a part of the psyche as of the diet."

The contrast with U.S. rice production is startling. Rice is not a staple in the U.S. diet and hence to the grower, it represents another commodity like sugar or peanuts to make a living on. The U.S. rice farmer is primarily concerned with one aspect — price, and he would just as soon curtail production to keep prices high as worry about the state of affairs in Asia or Africa.

The farm lobby being what it is, it is not too surprising to learn that rice production is highly regulated by the Department of Agriculture; for example, you or I could not grow rice for sale even if we wanted to. One has to have an acreage allotment and these are only held by a handful (15,000) of farmers in a handful of states. The rice-farmers' bloc is very strong.

Besides preventing increased production, rice growers are guaranteed a minimum support price and a market for their crop if it cannot be sold commercially. With such arrangements, rice farms in the U.S. have been referred to as "heaven on earth" and "valuable little monopolies." Strong denunciations, but the farmers do have it pretty good at the expense of both hungry people abroad and rice consumers at home.

This is most evident by the support-price, export-subsidy arrangements for rice. Until the recent shortages, the high government supported price for U.S.-produced rice made it uncompetitive on world markets; that is, American rice was more expensive than rice grown abroad.

Also because of government tariffs and quotas, none of the foreign cheap rice could enter the U.S.

With U.S. producing more rice every year than it consumes, it becomes imperative to find ways to export or give away the excess rice before the bins overflow. When the rice is exported for sale, the exporter must be subsidized in order to make a profit on the higher-priced, American rice.

For instance: If the worldwide price for rice is 5c a pound, and American rice is supported at 7c a pound, no rice could be sold abroad because of the price differential. The U.S. government subsequently pays the exporter 2c a pound enabling him to profitably export the American rice. The result: the American consumer must buy rice at the higher 7c a pound support price, while the foreign consumer gets the same American rice for 5c a pound!

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• Connie Sakai, JAYs Cor. Sec.

Conning Tower

Quite a few JAY activities were planned around the DYC's as the cold month of December came, but most were in isolation preparing for the grueling exams. Like everyone else, it was then scurrying about trying to find that perfect something for someone special on Christmas. Santa was good to all of us as the new year dawned. Through it all, JAYs were planning for 1975.

A number of activities dotted the December calendar for NC-WNDYC chapters. The San Francisco JAYs after two meetings for preparations made merry at their first Christmas dinner-dance at Pine Methodist Church Dec. 21.

Eden Township, the JAYs and JACLers carried off a successful chicken teriyaki dinner which netted over \$600. Special thanks go to Dona Kurotori, Lisa Momono and the senior JACL. . . . As a district, JAYs visited Children's Hospital Dec. 21 to distribute presents and spread a bit of happiness to the youngsters who had to spend their holidays there. . . . And Chris Norma edited the first NC-WNDYC Newsletter and is now preparing for the February issue.

"Crossroads" is the theme of the NC-WNDYC quarterly workshop to be hosted by Eden Township JAYs Feb. 22-23. It will be a learning experience for both JACLers and JAYs. Tab for registration, overnight accommodations, dinner and dance comes to \$17. Saturday registration dinner only is \$8. Check for details with:

Randy Chiu (642-8780), Donna Fane (337-6457) or Grant Horuchi (849-0841) — all 415 area code.

For the most part, CCDCY spent its energies in December stabilizing the youth program in Central California and it now appears three new JAY chapters will be formed in Clovis, Sanger and Tulare County. . . . The Fresno JAYs held its annual mochi-suki Dec. 21, an experience shared with other Asian American friends and community. . . . The Tulare County (Lindsay) JAYs hosted a CCDCY Christmas potluck party, where parents and community members shared in the good food and fun with the JAYs.

In November, the Intermountain DYC held its first meet in a long time and the feedback was good as various chairpersons for national projects were selected. However, one of their major problems is that everyone has social activities on the side, leaving little time for JAYs. DYC chairperson Glen Morinaka remains optimistic: "The JAYs here are trying to work around despite other social activities."

It was a time for giving in December as the Salt Lake JAYs assisted in the Sub-for-Santa, Issei Center program and making cookie trays for Isseis. . . . They look ahead for a possible DYC retreat with skiing on the side in February.

Things are looking up in the Eastern DYC. Unable to find a suitable locale for the planned December workshop, it's been postponed to Feb. 14-16 (Washington Birthday weekend) in the Peconas at the Harvest Moon Lodge. Registration and agenda details are pending but one large cottage has been rented. It should attract a flock of new faces from Philadelphia, Seabrook, New York and Washington. The DC JAYs are planning something special for Saturday night. For latest info, write to: Kala Kikagawa, 2711 Central Ave., Alexandria, Va. 22302.

As a final note, many thanks to Dale Shimazaki, Norm Otsu, Glen Morinaka and Corinne Furukawa for enabling the Conning Tower to be seeing what's happening.

Happenings . . .

Jan. 11—Monterey JAYs met at Monterey Bay Community Bank (11th & Geary), San Francisco, 10 a.m.

Jan. 12—Detroit JAYs met at Detroit Cultural Heritage Fellowship application deadline, 10 a.m.

Jan. 24—Cultural Heritage Fellowship application deadline, 10 a.m.

Feb. 8—TDC mtg., Los Angeles, 7 p.m.

Feb. 15-16 — EDYC workshop, Peconas, N.Y.

Feb. 22-23 — NC-WNDYC workshop, Eden Township, Calif.

Apr. 14-16 — MDYC spring workshop, Chicago.

Youth —

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On Jan. 31-Feb. 1 in San Francisco, the Advisory Council of the Ethnic Heritage Project will meet. I have been asked to serve as a member of the council and will attend.

'Mini-workshops'

Finally, National Youth Director Gail Nishioka and I are in the process of planning, organizing, and putting together what we term as "mini-workshops." These workshop kits, once prepared, will be available to any JAYs Chapter or DYC. The topics which we will attempt to put together workshops on include Educational Reform, Youth and the Law, the American Political System, Leadership topics on Health (such as VD, birth control, acupuncture, mental health, etc.), the church and Japanese Americans, and Asians in the Literature and Arts. Although we have started work, we have found that this project will take a good deal of time to complete if we are to put out a good quality workshop. So gang, don't expect this to be ready too soon okay? We'll keep you posted as to its progress.

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ON OPPOSITE SHORES

Metaphors the Little Tokyo Anti-Eviction Task Force doth protest too much—in more ways than one. Apparently some of this column's pinpoints in the three-part articles in the PC from Nov. 1-15 hit home, for not one but two massive articles have appeared in rebuttal.

Massive releases for the media are one of the things Task Force members seem always to find time for and do passably well. If they don't put the readers to sleep first.

In acknowledging that Task Force members are also involved in other projects, such as the Pioneer Center, help for drug abusers and more concerned help to the disadvantaged on the part of government agencies, the gist of the first rebuttal seemed to be that this columnist is some kind of orge for knocking such unselfish, community-minded people.

I have great respect for the above-named projects and while editor of Kashi Mainichi, devoted much first-hand reportage to those efforts; however, that does not make me automatically approve everything Task Force individuals do. In their activities on behalf of Issei housing, the Task Force has been more sound (noise) than substance.

The Task Force's point of view toward redevelopment stems from the premise that business interests and government agencies are not to be trusted and must be fought in everything they do. Task Force members seem not to comprehend that community interests can often dovetail with business and government interests, that often compromises can be achieved which do not give everyone concerned everything they want but do give something for everyone.

I recall one Task Force meeting I attended in which Issei residents in Little Tokyo were lured to the meeting with home movies of relocation camp life, then not so subtly attempted to be influenced into declaring that they would not approve of a senior citizen's home which was not owned by the community. The practical-minded Issei were not bamboozled. They indicated that they didn't care who owned or built the senior citizen's housing, just get it built quickly and at a rental that they could afford.

The about-to-be-built Little Tokyo Towers will not be the perfect solution to senior citizen housing, but it will be better than what most Issei have now.

The junkies

The Little Tokyo Task Force takes the CRA administrator to task for making a trip to Japan to get the New Otani Hotel for Little Tokyo, but not making such a trip to Washington, D.C. for senior citizen housing money. Wrong. Richard Mitchell has made many such trips to Washington, but the Nixon administration was adamant about releasing the petrified funds.

I recall that some Task Force members were able to scrape together funds to go to Wounded Knee, South Dakota, to agitate for Native Americans. I do not recall a similar effort made to go to Washington, D.C. on behalf of the Issei whom they profess to defend so well.

As early as April, 1971, the CRA's Little Tokyo project manager, his assistant, and about four or five members of the Little Tokyo Community Advisory Committee took the midnight "red-eye" flight to Washington, D.C. (each paid for his own ticket) to plead successfully with the then HUD Secretary George Romney to speed funds to buy up earthquake-damaged property along Third St. where Little Tokyo Towers will stand.

It seems obvious to me that when credits are passed out for senior citizen housing in Little Tokyo, any fair-minded reader will see that the Anti-Eviction Task Force will be far down the line after the Little Tokyo Towers Board of Directors, made up of representatives of four major community organizations—the Buddhist Church Federation, the Christian Church Federation, the JACL and Southern California Gardeners Federation—who talked week in and week out to work out the myriad details necessary to getting a building built: the CRA Little Tokyo Project staff which contributed much know-how and the day-to-day efforts in keeping the ball rolling; and the LTCAD which provided back-up support.

Buildings are not built by sound and fury.

Nisei VFW set for 25th reunion

LOS ANGELES — The 25th annual Nisei Veterans of Foreign Wars reunion will be hosted by the L.A. Nisei Memorial Post 9938 Feb. 14-16 at International Hotel adjacent to the airport.

Bill Fujimori and David Monji, reunion co-chairmen said they anticipate 500 comrades and their wives from the 14 Nisei VFW posts in California.

Among the honored guests will be Alva J. Fleming, who felt a large national veterans group could help eliminate the many discriminatory statutes which existed through WW2. Fleming also encouraged formation of Nisei VFW posts as a means to expedite the return of Japanese Americans to the West Coast.

NEWS CAPSULES

Elections

Mrs. Eunice N. Sato, 53, was among 20 candidates certified for the special election Feb. 19 to fill the vacant 7th District seat for the Long Beach city council. A 17-year resident in the area, she has been active in community and church work. Bulk of the Asian community in Long Beach resides in the westside 7th district.

Education

Stan Hatanaka, pre-dental major, is assistant director of the Asian American Tutorial Project at the Univ. of Southern California. He is also a member of the Asian American Education Commission of the L.A. City Schools. His parents are the Edwin Hatanakas of Kaneohe, Hawaii.

CSU Fresno senior Janis Minabe, daughter of the Ichiro Minabes of Livingston, was nominated to the Who's Who among Students in American Universities and Colleges for 1974-75. An honor student in home economics, she was dorm sports manager, camp counselor, home ec club president and student representative on the home ec faculty committee.

International Institute of East Bay is accepting nominations for its annual outstanding immigrant award until Feb. 14. Applications may be secured by calling 451-2846 during office hours. The dinner will be held April 12 at Kaiser Center.

Los Angeles

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Courtroom

Toshio Hiraide, Gardena Valley attorney, was elected president of the South Bay Chapter people Handling 1975 JACL Memberships

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DURING DECEMBER

Headquarters acknowledged 93 new and renewing 1000 Club memberships during the second half of December for a month-end active total of 2,886 as compared with 2,879. There may have been some members who were disappointed in not seeing their name in the Holiday Issue honor roll last month. We must explain that the Nov. 30 deadline prevailed. However, all names in this corner starting with acknowledgments made by Headquarters during December are being saved for the 1975 Holiday Issue honor roll.

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Bar Assn., comprised of some 300 members. He is believed to be the first Nisei to head a California bar association. A graduate of USC and the Southwestern Law School, he began his practice in 1957, served as judge-protem in the South Bay Municipal Court and has been president of Gardena Valley JACL and Japanese Cultural Institute and was unsuccessful in his bid for the Democratic nomination to the State Assembly in 1966.

UC Davis law student Yoshinori H. Tose Himel, 29, was appointed a one-term law clerk to Albert Bryan, senior judge of the U.S. appellate court for the 4th Circuit based at Alexandria, Va. A

Sacramento JACLER Himel graduated from Harvard in 1967, got his master's in sociology at Michigan in 1969 and heads the Asian Law Students Assn. at Davis.

Local Scene

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Univ. of Idaho's choir is touring South America this month (Jan. 2-25) under a Partners of the Americas program. Ronette Tomihama of Honolulu is among Vandaleer Tour Choir members.

Flower-Garden

Ray Kitayama, manager of Colorado's largest greenhouse operation, Greenleaf Wholesale Florists, Inc., at Brighton was named to the wholesaler's council of the Society of American Florists. He is formerly of Union City, Calif.

Book

USC potter Susan Peterson, South Pasadena, well known in the world of ceramic art education, is author of "Shoji: Hamada: a Potter's Way and work", one of Japan's living national treasures who has worked for more than 50 years in the town of Mashiko, north of Tokyo.

Milestones

Fowler's 1974 Chapter President Haruo Ii was recently engaged to Eiko Hiruchi, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Takahashi Higuchi of Dinuba.

Mrs. Kiyoko Miyama, 81, of Detroit and mother of long-time Detroit JACLER June Otsuji, died Jan. 8. Other survivors are S. Albert, 8 Frances Takahashi, Edna Murakami, all of Detroit, Miyako Ishiyama of Cleveland, 12 ge and 4 ggc.

Churches

Rev. Gibun Kimura, who is retiring as rabbin of Fresno Betsuin, was honored by the community Dec. 15... Buddhist Churches of America has assigned Rev. Kakuyei Tada from Reedley to Palo Alto Buddhist Church. He succeeds Rev. Kelsio Motoyama who has been granted temporary leave to serve at his father's temple in Japan. Rev. George Shibata of Gardena and assistant English editor of the BCA "Wheel of Dharma" publication has been assigned to Reedley Buddhist Church.

Rev. Harold Oda of White River Buddhist Church will

Christmas Cheer

In a post-Christmas cheer report, 86 more contributions totaling \$697 were acknowledged as of Jan. 10 by the So. Calif. JACL Office. The 1974 campaign total is now \$9,886.50. C h e e r chairman Glenn Ohnori reported.

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Ordeal of a Japanese Immigrant

HOPE SHINES IN THE WHITE CLOUD: An Issei's Story, by Rev. Andrew N. Otsu, paperback, 179 pp.

One evening in December 1924, when the famous Japanese Christian social reformer, writer and evangelist Toyohiko Kagawa lectured in Honolulu, an associate showed the audience a curious letter delivered with a book, that day, at the kitchen door of the home where Kagawa lodged.

The letter expressed appreciation of the lecture Kagawa had given the preceding evening, adding that it had inspired the writer to strive to become a Christian minister. The letter was unsigned; both letter and book were marked with a cross drawn in blood.

The following noon, a group of Japanese students lay on the lawn of the Episcopal cathedral, St. Andrew's in downtown Honolulu, discussing this incident. One turned to Naofumi Otsu and said, "Who else would do such nonsense besides you?"

The speaker had made the proper deduction, but Naofumi tried to avert the suspicion. He had reasons for wanting to avoid being identified with the aspiration he had expressed in the letter to the evangelist he revered.

Born into a Buddhist home and neighborhood in Wakasa, Fukui prefecture, Japan, Naofumi had come to Honolulu, at 17, Feb. 4, 1921. His father had died in Japan, the preceding year. An older brother had settled in Honolulu. Naofumi and a sister, 15, and brother, 12, looked to this older brother as head of the family; they had come to join him.

Naofumi had found employment in the home of a Japanese doctor and had entered Holy Trinity School. An adjunct of the Episcopal Church, the school specialized in teaching English to young persons newly arrived from Japan.

A regulation required the students to attend daily services at St. Andrew's Cathedral. The services, in English, were incomprehensible to Naofumi, but he was moved by the majestic architecture of the English-style cathedral, the beauty of the stained glass windows and the liturgical music of the organ.

Because of his background, he had resisted conversion. But one Sunday afternoon, while visiting his older brother's home, Naofumi had found the novel "Shisen o Koete" ("Across the Death-line"). Kagawa had begun to write this first of his many books while imprisoned for assisting the workers in the 1921 Kobe shipyard strike.

In the book, Naofumi had found a satisfactory explanation of the difference between Buddhism and Christianity. He had concluded that the spirit of self-sacrifice is peculiar to Christianity and had found that spirit epitomized in the dedication of the hero.

His doubts dissolved, Naofumi had become a Christian. Having come face to face with Kagawa, Naofumi had resolved to become a Christian minister.

But the obstacles between him and the realization of this dream were great. Among them was the opposition of his older brother to having Naofumi continue acquiring an education. Naofumi feared that if his older brother learned of this ambition he would strive to hinder the achievement of it. Even without such opposition there were the stumbling blocks of poverty and the lack of English.

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