

The Year Ahead

We are barely into 1975, and yet it seems that the events of 1974 are already rapidly fading away as we scan the new year ahead. We would like to believe that if we can learn from past experience and look to the future, there is always hope that tomorrow will be a better day for all of us. Unfortunately, the problems of today and the future appear to be unprecedented, and it is not yet clear whether the lessons of the past will help us solve our present and future problems.

At the beginning of 1974, our major economic concern was the oil crisis, later compounded by the rapidly rising rate of inflation. Holding down fuel consumption and "whipping inflation now" were offered as ways of getting out of our economic difficulties. In the background was also the aftermath of Watergate. The closing chapters on Watergate were being written by the end of 1974—but it was also clear that the implications and lessons of that scandal would remain with us for a long time to come.

But without having resolved the energy and inflation problems, our economic problems have worsened with the deepening recession as hundreds of thousands of workers are now without jobs.

So, as we begin the new year, our leaders in the White House and on Capitol Hill face a Gordian Knot of national and worldwide economic problems for which solutions based on the conventional wisdom of the past may not be appropriate. What may appear to be a solution to one aspect of the problem, be it the energy shortage, inflation, or recession, may have a worsening effect on other aspects. It is clear that whatever solutions are offered, they will not work unless everyone works together in trying to make them work. No one can truthfully claim to have an infallible solution to any of our present and foreseeable economic problems.

The best that anyone can claim is that a particular action may be a step in the right direction. The only way to test it is to try it.

Wake of Watergate

JACL is not unaffected by the environment in which it exists. The popular mood of the times affects the perceptions, concerns and attitudes of the members.

At the same time that deliberate efforts were being made by the leadership to broaden the base of membership participation in the direction and decision making process of the National JACL, public confidence in governmental decision-makers was being eroded by revelations of Watergate. This mood has seeped into JACL, at least at the National level, so that there has been increasing demands for accountability and justification of individual as well as collective actions and deci-

Mr. Sugiyama's address: 8319 Cushing Court, Springfield, Va. 22153

ASIAN AMERICAN STUDIES

UCLA cuts winter courses

LOS ANGELES—Community support for courses to be offered by the Asian American Studies Center this coming winter quarter at UCLA was being sought this past week. "The most disturbing aspect of this situation is that in one stroke, the Asian American Studies Center has lost one of its most essential components—the course offerings," commented So. Calif. JACL regional director Craig Shimabukuro.

While the UCLA administration has reaffirmed its commitment to ethnic studies as recently as Dec. 18, its council of Educational Development (CED) could not be persuaded by Prof. Lucio Hirata, AASC acting director, to alter its decision to approve and sponsor the new proposed courses.

Courses sought for approval were:

(1) Religious Institutions in the Japanese Community (new); (2) Education in the Chinatown Community (new); (3) The Pillage in America (previously approved and offered in the fall of 1973); (4) Asian Women in America; (5) Asians and the Law; (6) Introduction to Asian American Studies.

CED has turned down the first three. The next two had been CED-approved but rejected for the new quarter. The last one has been rein-

KIMIKO FUJII: Eden Township JACLeR

Heads AC Transit board of directors

OAKLAND, Calif. — Kimiko "Kimi" Fujii of Hayward, has been elected president of the board of directors for AC Transit, the public bus system which operates in 13 cities and surrounding areas on the East Side of San Francisco Bay.

Miss Fujii is the first woman member of the transit board and has served two terms as vice president.

She was first appointed to the board in April, 1972, to fill out the term of a board member who had died. She was returned to the board in November when voters gave her 62 percent of the ballots over three challengers. She received 23,131 votes.

Miss Fujii and her brother, Ken, operate the family wholesale florist nursery and its retail outlet in Hayward, Calif.



Kimiko Fujii



2nd questionnaire to update needs of L.A. center

LOS ANGELES—Japanese community organizations will receive an updated version of a 1970 questionnaire to determine their desired accommodations in the proposed Japanese American Cultural and Community Center.

The questionnaire, a cooperative effort by the cultural/community centerboard of directors and the Little Tokyo Project Office of the Community Redevelopment Agency, will help provide information to aid architects in planning space and design for the buildings, it was explained by George J. Doizaki, board president, and Sachio Hirotsu, project manager.

"The questionnaires were mailed this week to some 200 community organizations. We hope to have them completed and returned to Suite 400, 324 E. First St., Los Angeles 90012 by Jan. 31," Doizaki said.

Miss Hirotsu added that while cultural and community organizations that are now tenants of the CRA (as in the Sun Building on Weller St.) will have priority in moving into the proposed cultural/community center, all other similar organizations are welcome and encouraged to apply for accommodations.

Organizations which did not receive the questionnaire may call Mrs. Aiko Sharpless (628-2752) and request a copy.

NAVY SAYS PIE-THROWER WASN'T ABLE TO COPE

SAN FRANCISCO—Navy Seneca Leon L. Louie, court-martialed and disciplined last December for tossing a chocolate cream pie at Lt. (j.g.) Timothy Curtin during formation, was undergoing psychiatric treatment due to maladjustment to life in the Navy, the Chinese American Journal East-West learned.

Asst. Secretary of the Navy Joseph T. McCullen Jr. also disclosed that unhappiness with Navy grooming standards might have prompted the Fresno-born Chinese American to throw the pie in response to Gary Tom, former director of a veterans program at City College here.

Tom had earlier written the President, protesting Louie's conviction of "assault and battery upon a superior officer."



LOS ANGELES—County Supervisor Peter Schabarum is assisted by Akiko Honda Bright, Seattle-born advertising agency director, now his deputy since her joining county government in December, 1973. UC Golden Bear fans member Schabarum as halfback in 1949-51 and later with the S.F. 49ers. He represented the San Gabriel Valley in the State Assembly (1966-72) until appointed and later elected to the board of supervisors.

L.A. county's first Nisei woman supervisor's deputy aids Schabarum

LOS ANGELES—Who is Akiko Bright, a name appearing as the "information contact" for County Supervisor Peter Schabarum, whose name should ring a bell with UC Berkeley football fans.

Mrs. Bright, whose husband Ed is a financial consultant, hails from Seattle and a resident here since 1955. She is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Seita Honda. She was hired by Schabarum Dec. 1, 1973 and became the first woman of Japanese ancestry to be a supervisor's deputy.

Her duties involve community relations and continuing contact with all phases of the news media, apprising them of the supervisor's activities on behalf of the county. (Latest "Update" from his office dwells on the So. Calif. Rapid Transit District, where he now sits on the district's board of directors).

She previously operated the Akiko advertising agency for ten years and is also public information officer for the American Cancer Society, L.A. chapter, and a L.A. Press Club member.

Her father came to the U.S. from Kanazawa, pioneered in lumber import-export in the Pacific Northwest. The family was interned at Tule Lake and Mindoka; one brother, a Notre Dame graduate, served with the U.S. Army counterintelligence corps in Japan, and another brother, Dr. James, lives in nearby Fullerton. Other family members live in Chicago and Seattle.

Ad Hoc Committee in Support of Dr. Bob Suzuki Case

Temporary address of the local committee is care of: Tooru Kanazawa, 611 W. 11th St., Apt. 36, New York 10013 (647) 7867, MO 2-0940 after 5 p.m.

Those wishing to contribute to defray legal expenses as Dr. Suzuki, who disclosed the fiscal scandal, has had to retain legal counsel to advise him on all possible ramifications, should send it to:

Ad Hoc Committee in Support of Dr. Bob Suzuki Case, Sen. Inouye, Repts. Matsunaga, Mineta and Mink.

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Dies Committee vs. JACL

WASHINGTON—As the heavily Democratic 95th Congress convened Jan. 14, the House in one of its first moves voted 259-150 to abolish its Internal Security Committee which in the days when it was known as the Committee on Un-American Activities was the most controversial committee in Congress.

The committee's doom was sealed the previous day when the House Democratic Caucus voted by a wide margin to junk it. The action Tuesday last week was a formality and transferred jurisdiction and files on some 750,000 Americans to the House Judiciary Committee.

Democratic members of HISC had abandoned their assignments except for its chairman Richard Ichord (D-Mo.), who last October was able to kill an attempt to eliminate his committee. But defeat of many conservative Republicans who favored the committee last November, spelled its end.

Rep. Robert Drinan (D-Mass.) who purposely joined the committee in 1971 to eliminate it is now a member of the Government Operations committee.

Started in 1938

The Internal Security committee was established in 1938 as the House Select Committee on Un-American Activities and was chaired by Rep. Martin Dies (R-Texas). The committee, through news releases and extensively carried by the Hearst press, "exposed" many persons allegedly disloyal to the U.S. in the pre-war years. Dies addressed the House at length on the "fifth column" in America comprised of Nazi and Communist elements.

When Pearl Harbor was bombed, he took an "I told

you so" attitude, claiming the government had stopped him in August, 1941, from publishing his expose of Japanese espionage activities, and promised to publish a "Yellow Paper." Dies was predicting the west coast was due for a tragedy greater than Pearl Harbor's.

The Dies committee in February, 1942, finally published its "Report on Japanese Activities," consisting of 300 pages and listing every possible charge of disloyalty against the Japanese on the Mainland and in Hawaii. It was dubbed "The Yellow Book" and regarded as a compilation of previously printed material of uncertain veracity.

Another committee member, the late John Rankin (D-Miss.), was the first to utter "Once a Jap, always a Jap!" in his Feb. 18 debate in the House urging complete evacuation of Japanese from Hawaii and the West Coast. That was the day before Executive Order 9066 was promulgated. Thus Southern white supremacists gave support to the western political effort to bring about Evacuation.

On the eve when the first evacuees were sent to Manzanar, Rankin sought to have American-born Japanese de-

naturalized and "put every single Japanese in a concentration camp for the duration" and urged they be incarcerated separately by sex. Otherwise, he feared, in five years each family will emerge with five more children.

Actions against JACL

After Japanese Americans were evacuated from the West Coast, the Dies committee on several occasions blasted the JACL, "since it was the only Nisei organization active in defense of civil rights of persons of Japanese ancestry." Saburo Kido, then national JACL president, said it was "only natural that the enemies of the Japanese Americans would want to destroy the only vocal medium that existed among the group."

The Dies committee raided the Washington JACL Office on June 11, 1943, and seized its files. JACL officials then thought their effectiveness had come to an end. But JACL's friends in the East did not take the Dies committee investigation seriously, noting that the "halo for respectability as a liberal" could not be earned until an individual or an or-

ganization had been branded or investigated by that committee. JACL officials were encouraged.

Collaborating with the committee at the time (1943-44) in spreading the myths and allegations of Nisei disloyalty were the Hearst press and race-baiting organizations on the West Coast.

War Relocation Authority was also hounded by the Dies Committee for using too light a hand on Japanese evacuees.

WRA attacked

The committee had charged the WRA with releasing thousands of saboteurs and pro-Japanese propagandists despite a WRA leave policy to the contrary, that it was pampering the internees who were living luxuriously in the camps when actually food rations came to 28 cents per day, with six to ten people were jammed in apartment barracks and pay was between \$14-19 a month.

The committee even charged the Japanese Americans were responsible for instigating the race riots of Detroit of 1943 when there was no shred of evidence.

The late Rep. Herman P. Eberhart (D-Pa.), after the 1943 hearings on the WRA

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Nikkei credit union shut down

LOS ANGELES—Commissioner of Corporations Robert L. Toms issued an order last week (Jan. 15) revoking the certificate of the Pasadena Japanese Credit Union, 959 Lincoln Ave., Room 209, Pasadena, Calif. The order prohibits the credit union from doing business in California.

The Commissioner also issued an order taking possession of the assets of the credit union. The Dept. of Corporations will act as conservator for the assets in order to protect the depositors. Examiners from the Department will now audit the books to determine if it is possible to preserve the credit union and put them back on their feet. If this does not appear to be feasible, the Commissioner may also liquidate the affairs of the credit union.

The Dept. of Corporations had issued a Cease Business Order on Oct. 23, 1974 as a result of the findings of an examination of the credit union's books and records, which indicated that the credit union had a capital impairment of approximately 32%.

A revised Order to Cease Business was issued on Dec. 18, when the credit union was found to be still conducting business in an unsafe and injurious manner.

On Dec. 28, an Accusation was issued by the Dept. of Corporations seeking to take action against the credit union's license as well as to take over the business and assets. There was no request for a hearing during the 15-day period following the serving of the Accusation.

Consequently, the Commissioner issued the Orders revoking the certificate of the credit union and seized the assets as authorized by the Government Code of the State of California in those instances where there is a default on an Accusation.

Corporations Commissioner

LOS ANGELES—The Korean Commonweath Credit Union based at 2920 W. 9th was shut down last week by the state corporations department after it found sufficient reserves were lacking to meet requirements. (It happened at the same time the state stopped the Pasadena credit union.)

The Korean credit union is being liquidated while there was some hope the Pasadena group might be on its feet again. Of the 174 members in the Korean organization, all but 13 of the letters were returned with no forwarding addresses to the corporations department, which has assumed the assets. The state also found it has more than enough assets to pay off outstanding members' accounts.

Koreans Americans

LOS ANGELES—To serve the increasing needs of their growing community, the Korean American Community Council of Southern California was organized recently with Charles W. Choi, Ph.D., as board president. Its office is located at 2920 W. 9th St., Room 7 (382-8880).

Home for Aged

LOS ANGELES—The Japanese Home for the Aged development fund, as of Jan. 15, reached a total of \$336,820, according to Fred Wada. This is a prelude to the general campaign starting Jan. 28 for a goal of \$1.2 million.

Have You Made Your Pledge to the Bldg. Fund?

Toms said that anyone who has funds in this credit union and wishes further information should contact the Dept. of Corporations, 800 S. Commonwealth Ave., Los Angeles.

James S. Mead, special administrator for credit unions in the corporations department, revealed the Pasadena credit union had total loans of about \$132,000, of which \$85,000 (two-thirds) were delinquent. Share accounts totaled \$78,000. Available reserves left a deficiency of \$24,600—resulting in a 32% impairment of capital, meaning that members would get back only 68 cents on the dollar if it had to be liquidated.

Of the 480 members in the Pasadena credit union, 74 so far have been unaccounted for because letters the state sent to them were returned. The credit union is cooperating with the corporations department in finding the missing members.

Not the first time

Almost two decades ago, the same credit union was in the public limelight. Saburo Kido had devoted three "Observation" columns in Shin Nichi-bei Oct. 11-13, 1956. Wimp Hiroto, Crossroads editor, confessed in his column of the Oct. 12 he had been aware of the "scandal" two months

earlier but was reminded of possible repercussions as "literally thousands of persons, in and out of Pasadena, would be financially affected if the story were printed at that time."

The internal difficulties of the Pasadena Japanese Credit Union in 1956, first reported in the Japanese section of the Rafu Shimpu concerned a reported \$45,000 "investment" with loans from the credit union made to a Japanese corporation marketing frozen shrimps.

The chief difficulty then was that officers of the credit union board, including the president, were also officers of the business firm. One third of the loan was secured, according to published reports, with the expectation that the rest would come from the profits of the venture; but it just happened that the shrimp business had suffered a temporary slump.

The corporation commissioner was also dissatisfied with the operation of the credit union at that time and had ordered it to stop accepting new deposits, make loans and stop withdrawals until its books were audited.

The PSWDC JACL Credit Union (no longer existing) went to the aid of Pasadena Japanese Credit Union to the extent of taking over loans acceptable up to \$10,000.

GEORGE YUZAWA: New York JACLeR

Chapter's Man of the Year

NEW YORK—If there is anyone who is highly visible and yet hides his light beneath a bushel basket it is George Yuzawa, the Man of the Year. Extracting facts of his life is harder than pulling an impacted molar. He admits that he was born—that much he admits—in Los Angeles, that is, and that he attended City College.

The key to George's philosophy is, as he says: "I love life." And the corollary to that is that he loves people. As far back as he can remember, he has worked with groups of young people. In Los Angeles where he worked with the YMCA, he was the youngest member of the board of managers. At Granada (Amache) Relocation Center, he was director of athletics and ran several leagues.

Another facet of his philosophy is his interest in old people and in civil rights. The latest tragedy that struck home to him was the death of elderly Henry Suzuki, who owned the Japanese Employment Agency until his retirement recently. "An Issei living by himself can die, and who's to know. It was only by chance that I learned of his death." He is an active member of JAHFA. A member of the Japanese American

United Church, he has served in various official capacities.

He came to New York in 1943 and presently is owner of Park Central Florist which provides most of the wreaths and floral decorations for community functions. Skating is his principal hobby and he manages to get away for at least two weeks every winter. He takes catnaps between red lights which enable him to squeeze 36 hours into 24. His wife is Kimi and they have two children, Gene, who is an industrial designer, and Patty, who is studying psychology at the University of Rochester.

The honors were accorded during the chapter inaugural dinner held Nov. 19.

Friends to honor Dr. Terry Hayashi

SAN FRANCISCO—Friends of Dr. Terry T. Hayashi, recently conferred the 4th Order of the Sacred Treasure from the Japanese government, will honor him Feb. 8, 6:30 p.m., at St. Francis Hotel with a festive testimonial dinner.

Vice president Robert I. Nagata of the Bank of Tokyo of California, who is coordinating the event, said a table of 10 reservations (\$10 per person) will be accepted at any of the bank's Northern California offices until Feb. 4.

The 80-year-old Nisei honoree is a founding member of the National JACL and chaired the 1932 national JACL convention in San Francisco.



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• Harry K. Honda

Ye Editor's Desk

PC FINANCIAL REPORT—1974

Our midnight-oil burning sessions are now over. We have completed the 1974 Pacific Citizen financial report. Here it is:

Income:	1974	1973
JACL Subscriptions	\$ 70,336.00	\$ 66,400.00
Non-Member Subs.	8,691.85	8,198.59
Street Sales	97.73	111.20
Less comm./refund	— 16.50	— 37.88
	79,109.08	74,671.91
Advertising, Reg.	24,856.95	26,188.47
Advertising, H.I.	22,661.00	19,112.30
Less comm./refund	— 3,467.51	— 3,595.61
	44,050.44	41,705.16
Miscellaneous	862.85	1,242.15
TOTAL INCOME	\$123,822.37	\$117,619.22
Expenses:		
Editorial	\$ 20,579.96	\$ 21,824.52
Business	24,552.81	22,005.54
Production	42,418.32	37,593.12
Mailing	29,588.76	28,420.90
Overhead	9,641.66	9,079.02
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$126,781.51	\$118,026.10
Balance	\$-2,959.14	—1,306.88

COST ANALYSIS

Avg Press Run	22,379	20,690
Cost per Issue	0.697	0.680
Cost per Year	3.485	3.41
Number of Pages	328	340
Cost per Inch	885	846
Cost per Page	148.74	142.22

SUBSCRIPTION BREAKDOWN

JACL Members	17,521	16,145
1000 Club	2,274	2,522
HQ GIRL	301	310
Non-Member	1,263	1,362
Office Use	1,020	351

Total Press Run (Unaudited)	22,370	20,690
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Description of PC Expenses

While the figures speak for themselves, we shall explain what is covered in the various departments of our operation.

EDITORIAL—Covers the salaries of the editor, editorial assistant, newspaper subscriptions, reference books, photos, clipping service and "orei" to special contributors. (Since 1973, the addition of an editorial assistant raised the budget for this department from \$14,700 to \$20,600.)

BUSINESS—Covers salaries for three full-time personnel, dealing with subscriptions mostly, bookkeeping and general office; advertising expenses (like our little "ad" in the Yellow Pages), work on the HI "ad" kits, office stamps and supplies. (For every 6,000 subscriptions, PC is authorized one full-time business dept. staff person. The 2-cent increase in first-class postage shoved "stamps" \$600 up to \$2,750 for 1974.)

PRODUCTION—Covers printing costs, engravings and Holiday Issue work. (In 1973, regular issues of 280 pages came to \$29,000. In 1974, there were 268 pages regular or 4 pct. less but due to unexpected increases in cost of newsprint, we spent \$32,200—a 11 pct. jump. The Holiday Issue for both years consisted of 60 pages each yet the costs were \$6,730 in 1973 and \$7,540 in 1974—a 12 pct. jump.)

In the weeks ahead, we are going to revise the 1975-76 PC budget with these percentages in mind.) PC has its type set and the paper printed on a commercial basis. We have no shop of our own.

MAILING—Covers second-class postage (nearly \$16,000 in 1974 to have over 21,000 pieces mailed each week—about 1 1/2 cent per copy; so you can understand why PC does not want to jeopardize its second-class privilege) and the mailers, who stick (actually, it's done mechanically now) the labels on each copy and deliver the sacks of mail to the Post Office each week. Mailers also maintain our address plates, which are filed according to ZIP. (Over a third of the 21,000 plates on file has some type of change—address, chapter code, membership status, etc. It's incredible.)

OVERHEAD—Covers personnel fringe benefits, social security, rent (\$125 per month, though as tenants of a city-owned building, PC is paying less with the difference being reserved for the eventual move), public relations, telephone, travel and other miscellaneous expenses. Social Security is the biggest item here (\$2,200). The phone bill is modest (\$360 last year) as we skip on one number.

Cost analysis

To determine the actual cost per year (\$3,485), expenses chargeable to subscription income—much of the business department, presswork, mailing costs and attributable overhead expenses—are divided into the total number of papers printed (press run).

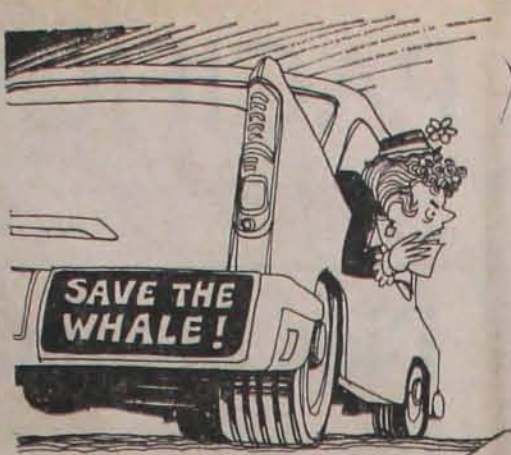
To determine the cost of producing a page ready for the press (\$148.74), expenses chargeable to advertising income—all other expenses—are divided into the number of pages (328). The cost per inch (88 1/2 cents) helps set what our advertising rates should be. Since we expect to break even at one-third of the page filled with ads, triple the cost per inch to figure what the advertising rates should be. (Basic PC advertising rate today is \$3 per inch.)

This, in brief, is a picture of newspaper accounting—maybe, too sophisticated for a small weekly like ours. The average reader may not be interested—indeed, we may have lost him after our initial sentence. But it should be stated for the record.

Subscription breakdown

What is not indicated above is the paid-subscription count: 20,340 in 1973 and 21,359 in 1974—a 5 pct. jump, which is better than expected. JACL membership didn't make that kind of jump this past year.

What surprised us, however, was the trebling of the copies reserved for "office use," which includes those copies going to delinquent subscribers who later do not renew and a stack of 200 delivered each week to the office for samples, advertiser's checking copy, filing, etc. We'll have to "cut-off" more precisely if this figure is to be trimmed back to the 300s.



Ruthless Murderers!

PERSONAL PROFILE

Ron Amemiya

By MARY COOKE
(The Advertiser)

HONOLULU — Attorney General Ron Amemiya, one of Governor Ariyoshi's youngest cabinet appointees, cracked his knuckles and pulled on a bottle of orange soda pop. Sitting behind his massive desk on the fourth floor of the Capitol he recalled, as if it were yesterday, the childhood creed that propelled him out of a plantation camp and into the top legal job in the State.

His philosophy: Keep going, try harder, do a little bit more.

Amemiya, who is 34, couldn't say when he first became aware of this unspoken rule of life in the Waihala plantation camp house where he grew up with six siblings.

"All of us were accustomed to hard work. We weren't told to do it. My parents (both of whom worked in the pineapple fields, and neither of whom spoke English) set the example," he said.

Parental advice

"I remember once telling my father I was tired. He told me in Japanese, 'Don't ever be afraid of hard work. With a good night's sleep you can be as good as new.'"

"Some people think they have to conserve their energy. My father said, 'Give all you have, every day.'"

"The average human being, although he doesn't realize it, has tremendous adrenalin he can bank on in emergency," Amemiya said, remembering the grueling days and nights he spent at his desk last January when, as director of the Office of Consumer Protection, he helped put together the nation's first government-controlled gasoline regulations.

LETTERS

Bowling tournament

JACL takes offense at every little thing and cries discrimination. Yet JACL practices the same thing—I refer to the bowling tournament.

I fail to see why any JACL member cannot participate in any event sponsored by JACL regardless of race. There have been times not a single team from the San Luis Valley JACL could participate because of the team make-up requirement.

If JACL can't take it, then don't dish it out—discrimination, I mean.

MILDRED WEST
Blanca, Colo.

JACL has finally dropped the traditional Nisei bowling tournament and plans to sponsor a National JACL tournament in which one's ethnic background will have no consideration.—Ed.)

Short notes

Editor: Speaking of World War 2 and relocation centers, Sadakichi Hartmann, whom John Barrymore described as being "fired by Mephistopheles out of Madame Butterfly," spent the war years on an Indian reservation near Banning, Calif., and escaped the forced exodus of 1942. He died in 1944. Who was Sadakichi Hartmann? Go to the library and check out "Minutes of the Last Meeting" by Gene Fowler (Viking Press, 1954) and meet Sadakichi Hartmann, a critic, poet, lover, and King of old New York's Bohemia.

NAOMI KASHIWABARA
San Diego

Quote of Note

"I'm concerned that there are no voices pointing out to the American people that 95 percent of the people in government are honest, decent people trying to do a good job."—Dean Rusk, ex-Sec'y of State.

Retired Bishop Stephen G. Spottwood, 77, chairman of the NAACP board of directors, died Dec. 1, leaving executive director Roy Wilkins, 73, almost alone among those who have guided the organization for the last 25 years.

California governor tells Nipponese legislators state has no "Japanese problem."—Washington survey discloses prejudices of white residents toward non-Caucasian group.

Report high employer bias against California Orientals. State, justice departments set procedure to restore citizenship to renunciants.—Japanese legislators to watch democracy in action in U.S. ...

Amemiya's wife, the former Ellen Fujimoto, worked at the Sheraton Palace Hotel and later got a job with the civil service commission in San Francisco. Of the couple's two sons, now 9 and 4, the first was born while Ron was still in law school.

"My wife put me through law school," he said. "Pride in doing a good job, that was instilled by my parents. Governor Burns gave me my start by appointing me to the Consumer Protection office and Bob Hasegawa—we used to have many long conversations—helped me become a better administrator."

With a staccato cracking of the knuckles on two hands, he talked more about the influences that made Ron run.



Ron Amemiya

ment-controlled gasoline regulations.

He revealed another bit of parental advice, also delivered in Japanese by his mother when he became attorney general.

"She said, 'Please do a good job. Don't embarrass the person who appointed you.'"

"I guess, without my knowing it, Japanese ways have had a very great impact on my career," he said.

The launching pad of Amemiya's career was Haleiwa Park where he played baseball on the Police Activities League (PAL) team when he was a very young, very small teenager.

"One day Joe Dawson, a policeman and the PAL director at Waihala, asked me if I wanted to go to Punahou. I said, 'Sure, but my parents can't afford it.'"

Scholarship to Punahou

"I don't know what he did, but I was called to take the exam at Punahou. He knew I was a pretty good student and I think he realized I was ambitious."

"Athletics are important," said the man who went through Punahou on a baseball scholarship. "In sports, people are put under great pressure and they're better people because of it."

To keep in shape, Amemiya said he still relies on sports—tennis, golf and baseball—and three big meals a day. "For breakfast I often eat rice with my eggs and bacon. My other meals are big, too, except that I don't care much for dessert."

"After lunch I try to walk and I'm thirsty when I get back to the office," he said, brandishing his pop bottle. But athletics, hearty meals and orange soda do not an attorney general make. What else, Ron?

"During my formative years I was associated with winning." He said it not as a boast but a plain matter of fact. "I think this has an influence on a person's life, to know that you can win. You get to be more poised and confident."

Armed with such confidence Amemiya graduated from Punahou in 1958 and hastened up the educational ladder. He earned a bachelor's degree in business administration at the Univ. of Hawaii, then borrowed money to go to Hastings College in San Francisco where he got his law degree.

There, for the first time, he thought of quitting.

At Hastings

"It was three years of slavery," he said. "At least now I'm working hard but I'm getting paid for it. At law school there were other students from Hawaii and none of us had money. We were very close. We had to do the simple things like going to Golden Gate Park and the zoo. We studied together and had voluntary seminars."

For treats they munched on fresh sushi, made by Amemiya's mother, and box-

es of Waihala watercress brought in by an airline pilot they knew.

Amemiya's wife, the former Ellen Fujimoto, worked at the Sheraton Palace Hotel and later got a job with the civil service commission in San Francisco. Of the couple's two sons, now 9 and 4, the first was born while Ron was still in law school.

"My wife put me through law school," he said. "Pride in doing a good job, that was instilled by my parents. Governor Burns gave me my start by appointing me to the Consumer Protection office and Bob Hasegawa—we used to have many long conversations—helped me become a better administrator."

With a staccato cracking of the knuckles on two hands, he talked more about the influences that made Ron run.

His formative years

"At Waihala, the kids I knew were primarily the children of immigrants. Punahou was a whole new world and then I met a different group at the University. In the Army I met people from all over the Mainland. At law school it was still a different group," he said.

"I couldn't ask for a more diverse environment in my formative years. Because of it, I feel I have a better understanding of people. It's helped me making decisions."

Minority Week

The Navajo Nation of Arizona has one of the most significant Bicentennial programs of any of the over 1,500 recognized native American communities to improve communications and exchange of information among almost 800,000 American Indians in the U.S.

The U.S. Civil Rights Commission charged the federal agencies responsible for improving housing conditions had failed to combat against women and minority groups in housing. "Steps have not gone nearly far enough to have a major impact on racial, ethnic and sex discrimination," the Dec. 16 report said. The commission recommended President Ford direct the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development to give enforcement of fair housing provisions a higher priority.

The Wampanoag Tribal

Council of Gay Head, Mass., is seeking return of 250 acres (a part of the Gay Head Indian reservation until 1870), which the state legislature approved as part of the town when it was incorporated. Land includes the clay cliffs, cranberry bogs and Herring Creek—scenic spots at Martha's Vineyard. This is the tribe that greeted the Pilgrims in 1620.

Backers for the equal rights

amendment have picked 10 states in which to concentrate their ratification efforts this year: Illinois, Missouri, North Carolina, North Dakota (almost certain of favorable action); Arizona, Oklahoma (regarded as good but not certain); Florida (good but later in the year); and Indiana, Nevada, South Carolina (less favorable). The amendment, which invalidates all laws that discriminate on the basis of sex, has been ratified by 33 of the necessary 38 states.

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ies Committee vs. JACL

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and JACL, refuted the Dies Committee charge that evacuees released from the camps were dangerous and disloyal and called for an end to the "unfair criticism" of WRA.

"After careful consideration, I cannot avoid the conclusion that the report of the majority is prejudiced and that most of its statements are not proven," the Pittsburgh Democrat stated. "The majority report has stressed a few shortcomings that they have found in the work of the War Relocation Authority without mentioning the many good points that our investigation has disclosed or the magnitude of the job with which the WRA is dealing."

FDR defends WRA

Outcome of the June-July 1943 hearings found President Roosevelt promptly issuing a statement supporting the relocation program and defending the WRA screening procedures for persons leaving the camps to work in the Midwest and East.

The leave program, consequently, was stepped up and project directors granted clearances to those who had answered "yes" to Question 28 of the Jan. 1943 registration.

The Nov. 1, 1943, riot at Tule Lake WRA Center found the Dies committee putting WRA Director Dillon Myer again on the carpet, so to speak. One committee member, J. Parnell Thomas (R-N.J.), called for his resignation as the first step toward cleaning up the "powder keg" at Tule Lake. The flare-up came when Rep. Clair Engle (D-Calif.), whose district included both Tule Lake and Manzanar, was being questioned. Engle wanted the Army to assume control of the camps.

Also appearing at these hearings was the late John R. Lechner of the American Educational League, Los Angeles, who charged Japanese secret societies—the Bu-

toku-Kai and Black Dragon Society—continued to operate within the evacuation camps.

While congressmen during the second hearings demanded the independent WRA agency be placed under the War Department, President Roosevelt in February, 1944, placed it under the Dept. of the Interior and retained Myer as director.

Because of illness and a hard renomination fight, Dies in mid-May decided not to run again. Rep. John Costello (D-Calif.), who headed a Dies subcommittee investigating WRA camps, was defeated in the primaries. One Chicago editorial said Costello tried to buy some "extra election insurance by trotting around to Japanese relocation centers" while promptly being denounced by his colleague Eberhardt for "mere gossip-mongering."

The Nation (May 27, 1944) saw Costello's defeat as "the unanticipated collapse of anti-Japanese racism as an effective political weapon in California."

Proscribed organizations
By executive order in June, 1974, former President Nixon abolished the Attorney General's list of proscribed organizations that was drawn up in 1947. Over 20 defunct, brewer Japanese groups were included with the Ku Klux Klan, Communist Party and Blue Star Mothers of America.

In the postwar years, JACL urged the Attorney General to drop the so-called "subversive" Japanese organizations from the list since the groups were long defunct and their subversiveness had never been established. The Dies committee

• Bill Hosokawa

Frying Pan

Denver, Colo.

AS EISENHOWER REMEMBERS IT—As students of the relocation experience know, Dillon S. Myer was the second director of the War Relocation Authority. First was Milton Eisenhower, younger brother of Dwight D. Eisenhower. (Myer, now 83 years old, is living in happy retirement in Washington, D.C. He and his wife celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last fall.) Eisenhower headed WRA for only a few months before President Roosevelt asked him to move to the Office of War Information.

A few months ago Eisenhower published a book titled about his experience, "The President is Calling" (Doubleday & Co., \$12.50), one chapter of which is devoted to the evacuation. Much of what he writes has appeared in other books, but he offers many insights which are new.

Eisenhower was on an inspection trip of the Tennessee Valley Authority early in March 1942 when he was summoned back to the White House. There Roosevelt instructed him to set up the War Relocation Authority "to move the Japanese Americans off the Pacific Coast." That was about all Eisenhower was told, and he suddenly realized he knew next to nothing about the so-called Japanese American problem.

"Hurrying back to my office," he writes, "I was deeply troubled. My instincts told me that the course we were embarked on was an extreme one. But I must confess that I spent little time pondering the moral implications of the President's decision."

On his first trip to the Coast after taking over WRA, Eisenhower met with a group of Japanese Americans "and we established an advisory council . . . This was the wisest thing I did in that whole traumatic experience." The council was headed by Mike Masaoka "a man of great perception and heart." Eisenhower says "I did not make a single major decision without first conferring with this young man and, when necessary, with the advisory council." He continues:

"I believe to this day that most of the evacuation could have been avoided had not false and flaming statements been dinned into the people of the West Coast by irresponsible commentators and politicians. There was surely some underlying and latent dislike for Japanese in that part of the country and that provided fuel for ignorance, intolerance, and bigotry to spread like fire. The evacuation of Japanese Americans from their homes on the coast to hastily constructed assembly centers and then inland relocation centers was an inhuman mistake . . .

"How could such a tragedy have occurred in a democratic society that prides itself on individual rights and freedoms? How could responsible leaders make such a fateful decision? I have brooded about this whole episode on and off for the past three decades, for it is illustrative of how an entire society can somehow plunge off course."

Eisenhower names some individuals who have been blamed: General DeWitt, Colonel Bendetsen and others. Then he writes: "All of these men—and many others—played key roles in the tragedy and all must share the responsibility. But I am convinced that no one fully understood at the time, or even knew about, all of the events that transpired between Dec. 7, 1941, and March 1942 and which led ultimately to the evacuation . . .

"By the time the situation was presented to President Roosevelt in February of 1942 the decision was all but inevitable. The pattern was largely formed; the course was nearly set. The alternative courses of action at that point were limited and generally all undesirable. And so, as often happens, the President's action was less a decision than a validation. This might be said of President Truman's decision to drop the atomic bomb, or President Kennedy's Bay of Pigs decision, or President Johnson's decision to bomb North Vietnam . . .

"The evacuation of the Japanese Americans need not have happened. If public officials had provided strong and positive leadership at the outset they might have calmed the public. If the media had been responsible they could have cooled instead of incited passions. If the military had been more effective, it might have assessed the situation more objectively and, thus, not have pressed for evacuation. If the political leaders had resisted the pressures of the misguided public opinion perhaps they could have influenced it rather than succumbing to it. If those closest to the President had given him better advice, perhaps he would have decided differently. If the President had asked harder questions, demanded better information, been more skeptical, perhaps he would have overruled those who counseled mass evacuation."

How true. How very tragically true. History is heavily burdened with such "ifs."

• Jim Henry

Sakura P.S.

RISING RATES AND OTHERWISE

RICHARD SHINN, city manager of Satellite Beach, Fla., has done his bit for women's liberation. The cause got a tremendous boost when he ordered a "personhole cover" for the Street and Water Department. A woman clerk in the department scratched out the hallowed name, "Manhole cover," and substituted her own choice of name. Not tone to sit up women fanatics, Shinn signed the requisition. After all, it probably won't be long before women are working in the sewers right along with the men.

ALL THE MURDERS we read about add up to the highest homicide rate, per capita, that we've ever had in the U.S. In 1973 there were some 20,000 homicides or about 9.8 deaths for every 100,000 population. Interestingly, the second big year was way back in 1933 (the year I was born) when the homicide rate was a healthy 9.7 per 100,000. That year was in the depths of the Great Depression. We hope there's no special significance here.

THE SITUATION in Japan is also depressing. Half of all the rapes in this country last year were committed by youths under the age of 20. This was reported in a white paper on crime presented to the Cabinet. Juvenile crimes are becoming more vicious,

crimes are being committed by groups rather than individuals, and the number of repeat offenders is rising. Crimes are being committed by school children and children from middle-class families and the juvenile crime rate is rising in the large cities.

WHAT'S HAPPENING to this world. People are so angry these days. I know a fortune teller in West Hollywood here who no longer reads palms—she heads fists.

PERSONAL OPINIONS — What is called "international policy," is as stupidly suicidal as that of the motorist who, "if he doesn't dim his lights, I'll give him my brights" . . . There are no "superior" or "inferior" nations; there are only nations whose time has passed, whose time is here, or whose time is yet to come . . . To understand a foreign country, it is not enough merely to live in it a long time, as many persons believe; it is also necessary to think in that country's way, or else one remains a perpetual stranger.

CALIFORNIA'S NEW governor, Pat Brown, Jr., is reported to be a card-carrying student of Zen, and Ronald Reagan has been given a job as a radio commentator. Upheaval and a downgrading are becoming you look.

Evacuee reparation a sleepy issue in JACL

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — During the Korean conflict, the San Diego naval base was "home" for Edison T. Uno, who was guest speaker at the recent San Diego JACL installation dinner-dance, a bit of personal history that surprised those present at the Vacation Village party Nov. 23.

Vernon Yoshioka, who was re-elected for a third term, was installed as chapter president in ceremonies conducted by PSW JACL regional director Craig Shimabukuro. Harry Kawamoto was emcee. The Kawanaka Band, a Pan Asian group, entertained after the dinner.

Before expounding on his major theme of his talk, Uno recalled how the repeal of the Emergency Detention Act succeeded, despite contentions it would be costly and couldn't be done. Yet in three years, Title II of the 1950 Internal Security Act was repealed. But he faulted JACL for not pursuing Chief Justice Earl Warren for his racist statements while Attorney General of California in 1942 that resulted in the Evacuation.

In passing, Uno mentioned other JACL successes including support of Iva Toguri, anti-whaling resolutions and federally insured student loan program being accepted by the major California Japanese American banks. What has eluded JACL victory, however, is the campaign to seek evacuee reparations—"the one which has the greatest potential, the one (with the most) significant economic implications."

Uno charged the JACL leadership has ignored the issue for over a quarter century and it looms as its greatest test and challenge.

Reparations bill

The demand for reparations was unanimously adopted by the JACL national council at its 1970 and 1972 conventions. The keynote speaker, Joseph Rauh Jr., in 1972 had urged JACL to lobby for reparations.

When the same issue was raised by the guest speaker at the 1974 national convention, Uno was told it was in advent oversight and would be included in committee resolutions.

In raising the issue of evacuee reparations, Uno declared, "It embodies several important concepts which will have historic consequences and its economic, social, political and psychological impact may be significant to our children and our grandchildren." He called the Evacuation Claims Act, which JACL secured in the late 1940s, as "totally inadequate" as it paid less than 10 cents on the dollar for documented property losses.

If the Congress passes an evacuation reparation bill, Uno said, it will accomplish several key points:

- 1—it would admit liability for false imprisonment, wrongful detention, loss of civil rights.
- 2—it would pay monetary damages for mental anguish, loss of gainful employment, hardships and suffering, etc.
- 3—it would admit legal liability, thereby affirming legislatively the illegal, unjust and wrongful in perpetration of the Evacuation episode.
- 4—if successful, it has the potential to provide our communities of many hundreds of million dollars for community needs.
- 5—it would vindicate the entire

Milwaukee to hear Rep. Zablocki

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — Rep. Clement Zablocki (D-Wis.), dean of the Wisconsin congressional delegation, will be guest speaker at the Milwaukee JACL inaugural dinner Feb. 1, 6:30 p.m., at Country Gardens Restaurant, 911 W. Layton.

Takio Kataoka, outgoing president, is being succeeded by Victor Heinemeyer. The Milwaukee congressman, now chairman of the House foreign relations committee, was first elected in 1948.

State rehab office to open in Gardena

SACRAMENTO — Officials of the State Dept. of Rehabilitation met with Assemblyman Paul Bannai (R-33rd Dist.), this past week to discuss plans to bring their district offices to the city of Gardena.

Jon Bergstrom, rehabilitation supervisor, and Stevelyn Christopher, assistant administrator, told Assemblyman Bannai that new district offices should be opening by the first of April.

Purpose of the rehabilitation program is to provide handicapped persons attain or maintain suitable employment.

Defamatory license plate holders sold

LOS ANGELES — Despite an assurance that offensive license plate holders bearing a statement, "Made from Jap Beer Cans," would be removed from its shelves, a clerk at the Sunset House and Gadget Store branch in Beverly Hills said they were "selling like hotcakes" for the Christmas trade, Rafu Shimpo reported.

Sunset House, in an effort not to alienate its Japanese American clientele, was to withdraw them after it had earlier received violent objection over use of the racial slur.

question of the loyalty and patriotism of all persons of Japanese ancestry.

It may prevent the government from taking future actions which violate the integrity and dignity of American citizens.

7-11 would be an important educational vehicle to educate millions of Americans as to this American tragedy.

8-The funds would provide us the security to insure our future well being and of future generations.

Psychological fault

While acknowledging personal guilt in not pushing this issue harder over the past three conventions, he also sensed JACLers in high place refuse to act "simply because I authored the original resolutions or played a significant role in pushing for its passage". This, he cited, was reflective of a weak trait among the Nisei and suggested personal differences interfere in the progress of the organization.

"JACL is much bigger than any one of its members. If not, it should be," he declared. "There is no real excuse for JACL dragging its feet on reparations."

Uno envisioned construction of multi-purpose community centers, national headquarters and regional offices with reparations funds. He was of the belief the government should be paying for building the JACL Headquarters, that it should be a community center facility and ventured he would probably be one of the first to seek space in the JACL Headquarters Building for

community-based groups. He was optimistic that the building campaign would succeed.

As a JACL maverick, Uno recalled his role to have JACL change the title to Bill Hosokawa's book, "Nisei: the Quiet Americans", but the struggle was not in vain in that sociologists and younger Nisei apply the "quiet American" title upon the Japanese American as a question of real concern.

Uno, said he regards the book as "really the JACL story" and not the Issei, Nisei or Sansei story.

Also pointed out was the loss of Sansei confidence in JACL about the time when S. I. Hayakawa became a household word during the turmoil at San Francisco State, where Uno is now lecturer. A strong Asian American movement sprang from the student strike at S.F. State, Uno continued, resulting in the founding of ethnic studies.

But Uno saw hope in JACL "to develop something" from the Ethnic Heritage Act grant. "I hope it will be a major contribution and not just a token effort," he added.

Turning philosophical as he closed his address, Uno said the time has come for "us JACLers" (his membership goes back to 1948 when only 18 he was elected chapter president of East Los Angeles) to examine the concept of "equation of success".

Like the rest of the Japa-

nese American community, JACL often operates to its own disadvantages, Uno said, "because our behavioral responses are entirely wrong".

'Quiet' American crutch

Nisei operate under a "deficit theory" as opposed to an "asset theory", Uno continued. He observed decisions made by JACL and the community are often made by a "consensus of default" or the deficit theory. The "quiet American" syndrome makes it possible for self-appointed leaders to fill the void created the deficit theory of operation. And those cultural traits, such as Enryo, Gaman, Haji and Shikata, implement the deficit theory, Uno theorized.

One of the "cultural crutches" Uno suspected, is the Nisei conformity not to speak out, not to be demanding, no to be oneself.

To implement the "asset theory", Uno said, are the younger generation, where the future of the community and JACL rests. The positive values of the "asset theory", Uno cited, were in their responsive approach, through commitment, dedication and involvement while not totally

rejecting their cultural heritage.

"Their emancipation is their independence from the value system of material dependence their parents have attained," Uno concluded. "They may not have a comfort zone; they may be too impatient, too idealistic, but whatever their dreams or aspirations, I feel they are the future."

Cabinet Committee for Spanish Speaking expires

WASHINGTON — A bill to extend the Presidential Cabinet Committee for the Spanish-Speaking was killed in the House Dec. 20, thus ending the committee Dec. 31. (A similar cabinet committee for Japanese Americans was sought by JACL.)

A new agency to defend the interests of the second largest U.S. minority (between 12 and 15 million) will be considered, according to Sen. Joseph Montoya (D-N.M.).

The cabinet committee was established by Congress in 1959 at the request of former President Nixon to replace the inter-agency committee for Mexican American Affairs which President Johnson established in 1967.

Push continues for Asian counselor

LOS ALTOS, Calif. — Asian student and community interest in support of a full-time Asian counselor at Foothill College was expected this week before the college trustees, the Asian Americans for Community Involvement of Santa Clara County reported.

Prior to the 1974 fall quarter, the college disregarded the needs of Asian students by removing the one Asian counselor. Community protest followed, resulting in hiring of an Asian counselor part-time. Of the community colleges in this area, Foothill has the most Asian students.

Kimono artist

Japan's national treasure in the art of making a kimono, Koko Moriguchi of Kyoto produces only 10 works a year, employing the multicolored Yuzen method.

FRANK GIKIU: Gardena Valley JACLer

Doing what he wants as an artist

By CINDY BUZZARD
(Gardena Valley News)

GARDENA, Calif. — "Once in a while, you can do what you really want to," Frank Gikiu, artist since he was 10 years old knew that "art would be my way of life."

He has lived in Gardena for 12 years. His art work alone has supported a family of four for 10 years.

"I didn't care to do anything else but paint," Frank admitted in his living room walled with paintings done by friends. "I love to be surrounded with art."

In his driveway sits a late model car and he has a new van to tote his art work to showings. Frank sells his paintings from San Francisco to San Diego, in Arizona and Nevada.

He has lost confidence in many galleries that have shown his paintings. "It is a sad thing to work out of galleries. I now have a lawsuit pending with a gallery," Frank said. He has found many of them to be careless with payment from selling his work.

Frank works with oils, acrylics, ink, wood, stains and he creates many of his own frames. He describes himself as an "independent artist."

Frank began his career with a commercial art company where he utilized the mediums of art he learned at California Institute of the Arts, formerly Chouinard Art Institute.

The artist, like everyone else, is going through an economic slump. "People are buying small things now," Frank says. At an exhibit, he carries up to 70 paintings.

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• Kats Kunitzugu

On Margin

BRAVO!—"The rich," someone once observed, "suffer in a different way."

The majority—white in the case of these United States of America—apparently suffers in a different way, too, as the white outsider son-in-law in Frank Chin's play, "Year of the Dragon" so eagerly points out.

I must say the same observation can be made about the Los Angeles Times' television critic, Cecil Smith. From his previous writings, I've built an image of him as a fine, sensitive critic, but he dismissed Chin's play (and misspelled his name in the process) as "a lengthy Odetsian mishmash of colliding cultures . . . You've seen it many times before."

Well, I'm glad I was an Asian watching the American Place Theater production of "The Year of the Dragon" seen on the Theater in America series last Wednesday night on KCET, the commercial-less community television station whose insistent spots on its membership drive, incidentally, are getting as annoying as any commercial on Channel 13.

It was a tremendously moving performance which I couldn't watch with Cecil Smith's detachment or sense of ennui. Fred Eng's fears and frustrations were real to me in a way that they couldn't possibly be to Smith, and this was his loss.

Smith did acknowledge the calibre of acting in the APT production, to which I can only add a heartfelt encore. If George Takei is not nominated for an acting award on the basis of his portrayal of the wise-cracking, poetic, tormented Fred Eng, I will state here unequivocally that there is no justice in the Emmy Awards. What a finely honed, beautifully balanced performance it was, paced just so, clearly and convincingly.

Most unforgettable was his soliloquy about his high school graduating class, a hard, shining gem of a scene which will remain etched in my mind for a long time.

He was supported faultlessly by all the other characters in the play—Conrad Yama as the blustering father; Pat Suzuki, sinking her teeth into as juicy a role as ever came along for an actress, enunciating her volcanic spew of words so clearly and with such timing that they almost made sense; Tina Chen as Fred's sister Sissie, the Chinatown chick who flew the coop; Doug Higgins as her bumbling well-meaning white husband; and Keenan Shimizu who was very right as Fred's younger brother Johnny, who belongs to a new generation of kids in Chinatown.

After this production, you can't tell me that there are not Asian actors who are every bit as good as those you'll find on the stage of the Ahmanson.

Let the critics cavil. I celebrate the first Asian American play with characters that are real, not some non-Asian's idea of what Asian Americans are like and not some untalented Asian American playwright's idea of what Asian Americans are like—mere cardboard and puppets representing abstract ideas or else something "typical," something "composite," than living, breathing human beings.

Bravo to the APT production of "The Year of the Dragon!"

• Allan Beckman

Book Review

FIRST TRANSLATION OF FAMED AUTHOR

THE BROKEN COMMANDMENT, by Shimazaki Tōson, tr. by Kenneth Strong, Univ. of Tokyo Press, 240 pp., \$12. Distributed by International Scholarly Book Services, Inc., Portland, Ore. (Tr. in the UNESCO Collection of Representative Works.)

The dust jacket says that "The Broken Commandment" (Hakai) is "one of two or three important novels that pioneered serious modern fiction in Japan." Many critics concur.

The reputation of Tōson, the pen name by which he

is called in Japan, has preceded through favorable criticism and through film versions of his novels. Some Americans may know the story of "The Broken Commandment" through the movie produced by Daisai and NHK radio and the magazine Kinema Junpo chose this film, bearing English title "The Outcasts," as the best movie of 1962.

Consequently, this excellent translation of Tōson's first novel is particularly welcome.

Published in 1906, the novel concerns the problem of the protagonist, Ushimatsu Segawa: whether to observe or break the commandment of his father to keep secret the family membership in a parish caste known, in the novel, by the provincialism *eta*, a term meaning "very filthy."

The *eta* caste appears to have evolved in response to a combination of Shinto and Buddhist prejudice against occupations considered ritually polluting. Prejudice fixed on those engaged in such occupations: midwives, funeral attendants and tomb guards, executioners, butchers and tanners. Forbidden to marry, *eta* were restricted to their traditional occupations, shunned and segregated.

Keeping the paternal commandment, Segawa, 23, has become a primary school teacher. A wealthy man, exposed as an *eta*, had just been evicted from an inn where Segawa had lodged, making him more self-conscious. On the other hand, his self-justification for concealing his *eta* identity has been shaken after reading the polemics of Inoko, an educated *eta* who publicizes the *eta* plight, seeking emancipation not only for himself but for all *eta*.

Embarrassed by the incident at the inn, Segawa flees to a temple. Here he becomes apparent to the threads of the story that, in the hands of a craftsman, might have been woven into a well-organized plot.

Indeed, he stumbles at the very start; though the decision on whether to break the commandment should have been withheld until the crisis, near the end of the story, Tōson has revealed it in the title, seriously weakening the suspense.

The story has a happy ending, but this denouement springs neither from the character of Segawa nor from the preceding events. West-

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Chapter Pulse

Installation

John Hada to address San Mateo JACL fete

San Mateo JACL officers and board of directors, led by Yosh Kojimoto, will be installed Feb. 1, 7 p.m., at the Shadow's Restaurant by George Yamasaki Jr., national JACL legal counsel.

Col. John J. Hada (ret.), who has written a paper on the Tokyo Rose trials of 1949, will be guest speaker. Dancing will follow with the George Yamasaki Combo.

Judge Richard Hanki to address Selanoco JACL

Selanoco JACL will have its annual installation dinner Jan. 31, 7 p.m., at the Twin Dragon Restaurant, 1550 Harbor, Anaheim, which was announced by Charles Ida, who is handling reservations (714-532-4385).

Clarence Nishizu, who helped found the chapter in 1966, will be installed president. Los Cerritos Municipal Judge Richard Hanki will be guest speaker.

Berkeley JACL to hear municipal Judge Barsotti

Mario Barsotti, presiding

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Bob Endo, chmn; George Sato, chmn-elect; Shin Kawa mura, treas; bd memb—Paul Okamura, Kent Shiozawa, Tom Morimoto, Kaz Endow, Joe Sato, Kuno Yamada, Kay Sumida.

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FORELAND JACL

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PLACER COUNTY JACL

Koichi Uyeno, pres; Seisichi Otow (prog), Nob Hasegaki (memb), Frank Kagata (PR-tour sv), Ellen Kubo, treas; Ida Otani, rec sec; Roy Yoshida, cor sec-pub; Sami Konaka, hist; Steve Kubo, youth; Tad Yamashiro, schol; Mike Yego, 1000 Club; Judge Coma Sakamoto, insur; Kay Takemoto, hall ground; Harry Kawahara, Ernest Sasaki, Sam Ikeda, Bob Nakamura, Mack Tsutsumi, dir.

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Dr. Paul Ellis, pres; Greg Mizukami, 1st vp; Tak Ikeda (Tacoma), Bob Watanabe (Fife), James Hami (Summer-Orting), area vp; Nobuo Yoshida, treas; Carolyn Takemoto, cor sec; Karyu Yotsumi, rec sec; Shiz Yamada, hist; Emi Semeiwa, bd del; Yoshio Kosal, 1000 Club.

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SONOMA COUNTY JAYS

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WEST VALLEY JACL

Arthur Okuno, pres; Maurice Martin, Hideo Yamada, vp; James Furutani, Jr., Chiro Hiroki, rec sec; Kay Kawahara, cor sec.

Pause for a Chuckle

The man who finds himself on hot water should act nonchalant—take a bath.

FBI traces S.F.

suspect in Taiwan

SAN FRANCISCO — FBI agents have traced to Taiwan a 40-year-old Chinese American executive who disappeared after allegedly embezzling at least \$500,000 from the Chinatown branch of the San Francisco Federal Savings and Loan Assn.

The embezzlement, largest in the company's 40-year history, was disclosed Jan. 14 by association President Donald W. Mitchell.

Mitchell said at least \$500,000 was taken from the branch through unauthorized savings withdrawals and forgeries. He emphasized there would be no loss to depositors in any of the association's 21 Northern California branches.

Being sought for the embezzlement is Qualland Tom, assistant vice president and manager of the Chinatown branch and an employee for 14 years.

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Japan Today

ROYALTY — Queen Elizabeth II and her husband, Prince Philip will pay an official visit of Japan May 1-12. She will be the first British monarch to ever visit Japan and repays the visit of the Japanese Emperor and Empress to Britain in October, 1971. Prince Yoshihito, 26, second son of Prince Mikasa youngest brother of the Emperor, began working for Japan Broadcasting Corp. (NHK) in the president's office for international projects. He is the second imperial prince to become a salaried man. His elder Prince Tomohito worked in 1972 with the Sapporo Olympics organizing committee.

INSIDE TOKYO — To be the first person to buy a public lottery ticket at the Korakuen Stadium, one shirtmaker appeared three days before the windows opened. To pass the time, he was folding paper cranes hoping his wish to win ¥20 million (\$6.67) will come true. Chromium contamination has affected the land purchased by the Tokyo Metropolitan Government from Nippon Chemical Industrial Co. in Koto-ku. Inspectors found the area too poisonous for its intended use: housing, nurseries and a subway depot. The dilemma for the city fathers is whether to spend ¥1 billion to decontaminate the soil, which is equivalent to building 200 apartments. The year-end attraction in Setagaya-ku, "Boro-ichi" (Bag Fair), which dates back 400 years, drew a record 272,000 bargain hunters. Stall keepers complained it was too crowded but housewives were dissatisfied with lack of bargains. The Tokyo Central Station observed its 60th birthday Dec. 20. Over 770,000 people pass through daily.

IN FIVE PARTS — A post WW2 plan to have Japan into five parts with the U.S., Soviet Union, Britain, China and Tokyo jointly controlled by the four powers was uncovered in the U.S. National Archives by a Hiroshima professor. Russia was to govern Hokkaido and the Tohoku area, the U.S. given the Kanto and Chubu areas, China and the U.S. the Kinki area, China the Shikoku area and Britain the Chugoku and Kyushu areas. General MacArthur is credited with killing the plan and creating the framework of government in Japan.

CHUSHINGURA — Appeal of "Chushingura" remains strong despite democratic ideals being idealized in modern Japan. A popular story which portrays the meaning of "giri" (obligation) is viewed as outrageous since it praises a feudal, illegal revenge story. The contrast was noted in the press Dec. 14—the day the 47 ronin carried out their revenge attack at Sengakuji Temple, wondering whether the new Premier Takeo Miki is the "real thing". He has scored points on "honesty, purity and sincerity". The 47 ronin, in order to carry out their secret mission, deliberately lived, "un-samurai" lives as tradesmen or loiterers until that morning of Dec. 14.

CALENDARS — A German Catholic priest appealed to the public for 1975 calendars to raise funds to construct a nursery school at Iwabashi-ku, Tokyo. Last year, he disposed 30,000 of them with Japanese scenes or cultural art on the calendars to schools and homes in 43 countries. He has been doing it for the past 12 years.

MME. MAYOR — Mrs. Tomo Matsumoto, 62, was re-elected mayor of Hozumicho (Gifu) for her eighth term and is the only woman mayor in Japan. Her husband (now a member of the Diet) was former governor of Gifu until purged by the Occupation Forces in 1947. Absentee voting (by mail) for the physically handicapped may be promoted nationwide. A Sapporo judge has ruled the 1952 abolition of voting by mail unconstitutional and awarded the plaintiff, who is paralyzed, ¥100,000 in compensation for having been denied in the past eight elections.

'ZERO' — An Australian airplane built is offering a Japanese Zero plane be salvaged two years ago from the sea off Rabaul for ¥15-million in response to an appeal from the National Science Museum in Ueno Park, which wants one for display. Ex-Zero pilots are donating to the museum since it has no funds for the purchase.

TOWER OF PISA — Two Japanese companies joined four Italian construction firms to develop a special method to save the leaning Tower of Pisa from possible collapse in response to a world-wide plea for help from the Italian government. The Japanese firm calls for a mixture of cement and liquid glass being injected through revolving steel pipes.

SHOPLIFTERS — Tokyo metropolitan police reported shoplifting by juveniles is on the increase. One poll among junior and senior high school students thought 10 out of every 100 were shoplifting while teachers believe it's only two or three out of every 100. Police said two-thirds of the crimes committed by youth are related to thefts, half of them being shoplifting in the department stores and supermarkets.

Richard Gima

Aloha from Hawaii

Hawaii Today

Honolulu — "If you're looking for the U.S. city with the cleanest air, the highest percentage of high school graduates and the largest number of hotel rooms per 1,000 residents, then you needn't look far. It's Honolulu." That's what the Honolulu Advertiser says. "But if it's a big, roomy house with a modest price tag you're after, chances are you won't find it here. You might try Portland, Ore."

Telephone Co. has asked the State Public Utilities Commission for a 20 per cent increase in rates throughout the Islands in an effort to offset increased labor costs. The increase, if approved, will raise home service rates on Oahu from \$9.50 to \$11.40 a month.

The traffic death toll for the State of Hawaii in 1974 was the same as in 1973—140. The record high was in 1970 when there were 167 traffic deaths. There were 55 traffic deaths in 1974 compared with 66 in 1973. On the Big Island, there were 21 deaths in 1974, two fewer than in 1973. Other counties: Maui County, 12 in 1974 and 12 in 1973; Kauai County, 12 in 1974 and 12 in 1973.

Honolulu Scene — A crime-fight plan has been set for the Kailua-Lanikai area. Mayor Frank Fasi outlined his Good Neighbor Program under which neighbors are organized into small groups to exchange information, such as working hours, phone numbers, to implement a neighborhood watch. "Through education and voluntary exchange of information among the participating neighbors, I see no reason why our goal of reducing burglaries and crime in residential neighborhoods cannot be accomplished," Fasi said.

Courtroom — A record-breaking 472 petitions were filed in 1974 with the federal bankruptcy court in Honolulu. It was the largest number in the past 18 years. The government has indicted 18 men for fraud, embezzlement, conspiracy and theft in the naval reserve program at Pearl Harbor. The U.S. Attorney's office reported Jan. 3. The fraud was described in the indictment as a kick-back scheme in which take travel orders were issued for reservists in the indictment were Michael Gallo, Phillip Mhoon, Arthur Char, James Carskadden and David Hawkins. Named co-conspirators and defendants were James Greene, Roland Green, Jerry Gelling, Clifton Dantin, Leonard Bruce Mann, James McKnight and George Goetch.

Neighbor Islands — Kauai County last year issued a record \$36,745,117 in building permits. It topped 1973's previous high by \$5.2 million. Hotel and apartment

Beekman — Continued from Page 4
ern readers will find the conclusion unsatisfactory. Despite such structural flaws, the novel shows considerable psychological insight. A particularly memorable scene has the petty, vindictive Katsumi torturing Segawa with hints that the identity of the latter has become known. Shimazaki is the surname of the author. He wrote the book in circumstances of extreme want, published it with borrowed money and peddled it, on a pushcart, to the book-sellers. It became an instant success and has been in print, in Japanese, ever since.

Puzzling world — Today, it's indeed a very puzzling world we're living in. Burroughs (Japan) Ltd. had employed about 150 university graduates distributing notices to report to work in November, 1975. Similar recruitments are occurring every place. You are employed and told to wait at home until further notice. Just the opposite happened with a bus company in Shiga Prefecture, central Japan. In order to reduce their personnel expenses, they recruited

construction accounted for \$14.6 million of the 1974 building permits. Outlook for 1975 is not good, however, according to representatives of the construction industry.

Entertainment Scene — Island musician Tony Tardaro has written a book, "Tony Tardaro Presents: The Golden Years of Hawaiian Entertainment (1874-1974)," which is dedicated to the late Alfred Apaka. The 500 pages include biographical sketches, profiles and photographs of 275 persons who have or are still contributing to Hawaiian music. They include composers, entertainers, singers, musicians and hula dancers.

Names in the News — Ronald Bright, Castle High School drama teacher, has been nominated by Teichiro Hirata, superintendent of education, as Hawaii's candidate for the 1975 National Teacher of the Year. Bright, a native of Hilo, has been at Castle since 1957.

Crime File — Wallace Tanouge, 20, of Haula, Windward Oahu, has been charged in the fatal shooting of Tevita Teputepu, 32, a Kullam hotel security guard on New Year's Eve. Teputepu died Jan. 1 at Kahuku Hospital of a gunshot wound in the chest.

Congressional Scene — In a letter to Earl Butz, Secretary of Agriculture, Rep. Spark Matsunaga has urged that full funding for the establishment of tropical agricultural research centers be requested in the department's fiscal year 1976 budget. In his opening address at the recent World Food Conference in Rome, Sec. of State Henry

Deaths — Edna Jackola, 57, one of the top women golfers in Hawaii for the last 25 years, died Jan. 2 of cancer. Seichi Tsuchiya, 64, retired publisher-editor of Commercial Times, died Dec. 30 in Kaiser Hospital.

El Pimentero — Frank Fukazawa



Two Against One

Struck by stagnation, each country is creating a disunity among themselves by pursuing only their national interests. Japan is also no exception, faced with high inflation prices and slipping business, nobody cares about the "Clean Politics," it was announced by the new Miki Administration. Their only concern is to have someone quickly stop the galloping high prices and get the business revived before everything commences disintegrating.

For the government, inflation is "Public Enemy No. One" and the Finance Ministry is certainly doing a good job, by squeezing the credit so tight that 1,000 bankruptcies have become a routine matter. This measure has created such a liquidity shortage in the industrial sector that it is now affecting big companies.

It was only in early December, when the famous rotary engine manufacturer Mazda was compelled to put their own head office building and land FOR SALE to make their operational expenses meet. The automobile industry is a typical example, clamped between high personnel cost, high cost materials and 45% drop in sales. They had increased their prices and wound up with such a devastating sales turnover that unsalable brand new cars by the thousands are packed in lot after lot.

Massive headache — Juggled between inflation and recession, Japan is now experiencing a wracking headache no existing economic Aspirin can cure. Confronted with such unhealthy symptoms, the forecast for Japan's economy for 1975 is filled with dire significances. Can she pull through with two powers working against her?

ry Klasinger stated that 'national research programs must be concentrated on the special needs of the chronic food deficit nations and they must be intensified.' Matsunaga pointed out.

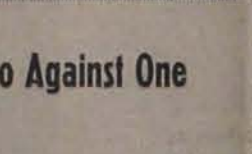
Sports Scene — Kenny Kanehiro, who has sponsored more than a hundred Jolly Roger teams in four major sports, was honored as Hawaii's 1974 Sportsman of the Year in ceremonies before the Hula Bowl game Jan. 4. Roy Shivers, former St. Louis Cardinals star who coached the backfield of the Univ. of Hawaii football team last season, has been fired for not having a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution. A bachelor's degree is a basic requirement for employment at the university.

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Two Against One

Struck by stagnation, each country is creating a disunity among themselves by pursuing only their national interests. Japan is also no exception, faced with high inflation prices and slipping business, nobody cares about the "Clean Politics," it was announced by the new Miki Administration. Their only concern is to have someone quickly stop the galloping high prices and get the business revived before everything commences disintegrating.

For the government, inflation is "Public Enemy No. One" and the Finance Ministry is certainly doing a good job, by squeezing the credit so tight that 1,000 bankruptcies have become a routine matter. This measure has created such a liquidity shortage in the industrial sector that it is now affecting big companies.

It was only in early December, when the famous rotary engine manufacturer Mazda was compelled to put their own head office building and land FOR SALE to make their operational expenses meet. The automobile industry is a typical example, clamped between high personnel cost, high cost materials and 45% drop in sales. They had increased their prices and wound up with such a devastating sales turnover that unsalable brand new cars by the thousands are packed in lot after lot.

Massive headache — Juggled between inflation and recession, Japan is now experiencing a wracking headache no existing economic Aspirin can cure. Confronted with such unhealthy symptoms, the forecast for Japan's economy for 1975 is filled with dire significances. Can she pull through with two powers working against her?

First ethnic survey of Hawaii teachers held

Honolulu — The first ethnic survey ever conducted by the Hawaii State Dept. of Education shows most of the teachers and administrators are of Japanese ancestry, according to Superintendent of Education Teichiro Hirata.

Teachers included in the count were 4,828 elementary; 3,382 secondary teachers; 268 counselors, 229 school librarians, 25 registrars and several dozen special teachers. The survey was taken last June, but the DOE refused to release the figures till late December, according to Tom Kaser of the Honolulu Advertiser, for fear they would affect a similar survey that was scheduled but now indefinitely delayed among students.

A questionnaire was used in which the participants could designate his or her ancestry among 12 choices including "mixed" or "unknown." Where employees refused to fill out the form, their supervisors made a guess.

Survey also revealed a lack of women in DOE positions of higher pay, responsibility and status and a lack of men teachers in elementary schools. For example, there were 4,488 women teaching in Hawaii's public elementary schools but only 340 men. At the secondary level, the two sexes were more balanced: 1,500 men and 1,882 women. There were more than three times as many men (291) as women (93) who were principals or vice-principals. The DOE survey:

ETHNIC BREAKDOWN OF EDUCATORS IN HAWAII (As of June 1974)		
Group	Census	% of Ed
Caucasian	20.2%	22%
Japanese	28.5	55
Philippine	12.4	
Hawaiian and part-H	7.3	11
Chinese	6.8	
Korean	1.3	11
Negro	1.0	
Others	1.8	
Teachers		
Caucasian	18.70%	12.27%
Japanese	27.93	67.36
Philippine	2.16	2.43
Hawaiian and part-H	8.58	4.56
Chinese	1.88	9.85
Korean	1.39	2.10
Negro	0.33	0
Others	3.53	1.64

* Includes counselors, librarians, registrars, special teachers.
* Includes principals, vice-principals program specialists and other State and district Dept. of Education officers.

Despite the high percentage of Japanese Americans as teachers and administrators, the DOE—including many non-Japanese officers—emphatically denied that there has been any ethnic favoritism in hiring or promoting. Superintendent Hirata and various professors at the Univ. of Hawaii have maintained that the abundance of Nikkei in teaching is the result of a push for upward mobility within that ethnic group.

Japanese Americans have always regarded education as an attractive and honorable career, Hirata reminded. In explaining the survey to the Advertiser, Asst. Supt. George Mau and recruitment

HOTEL SAFE LIABILITY IN HAWAII ONLY \$250

HONOLULU — Two Japanese tourists last month checked their valuables in the hotel safe rather than risk becoming another crime statistic. But when checking out of the Sheraton Waikiki, more than \$1,200 was missing from their safety deposit box—apparently as a result of a theft by a hotel employee.

When the tourists took steps to recover the funds, they discovered the hotel was liable legally for only \$250. The deposit record card signed by all guests using the safe states the limits of liability as \$250 "unless by special agreement in writing" beforehand.

Tourists from Japan are now being duly warned through Japan Travel Bureau about the 1915 statute. Sheraton has offered to reimburse two-thirds of the stolen amount.

specialist Donald Nugent said DOE's experience with teachers from the Mainland is that "they don't stick around." Nugent pointed out that between 1966 and 1973, some 3,000 haole were hired as teachers and yet today there are only 1,660 Caucasian teachers in the system. Some of the 1,660 are kamaaina who were in the system before 1966.

Meanwhile, a voluntary teacher "desegregation program" is scheduled to go in effect this year in the Los Angeles city school system. A mandatory plan was opposed by many teachers who presumed it would involve forced transfer of Anglo teachers into minority areas to achieve racial balance in faculties.

EMPEROR PENS 'WAKA' MARKING FORD VISIT

TOKYO — Emperor Hirohito wrote a poem about President Ford as he was preparing to return, the Imperial Household Agency revealed. The traditional 31-syllable "waka" form was translated by Kyodo News as follows:

There against a clear wintry sky
Stood Mr. President after spending
Days of interchange with us so friendly.

The tribute was among a group of imperial poems released to mark the new year.

Japan seeks return of homicide suspect

HONOLULU — Extradition proceedings were launched in mid-December in the U.S. District Court at request of the Japanese Embassy to return homicide suspect Kazuyuki Sakaguchi. The alleged offense occurred two years ago while the suspect was visiting in Japan two years ago. His attorney said Sakaguchi is a permanent alien resident who has been here 10 years.

Methodists organize inter-ethnic coalition

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. — Representatives of the United Methodist Church's ethnic minority caucuses met here Dec. 10-12 at an interethnic convocation to build a coalition among the Asian American, black, Hispanic American and Native American membership.

The Asian American presentation was given by the Rev. Roy Sano, Mills College chaplain, with the Rev. Lloyd Wake of San Francisco presiding. Edison Uno of San Francisco was among panelists from the secular community.

1975 goals set by Asian Rehab unit

LOS ANGELES — The Asian Rehabilitation Workshop, which operates a sheltered workshop for the handicapped, is seeking to become a comprehensive agency for the Asian handicapped.

It would require additional staff to improve the training and social services. A fund-raising drive is underway to assist in staff expansion.

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SUMO ASSN. DEMOTES BIG JESS

TOKYO — Big Jess Kihachiro, lost 17 for a win percentage of .611. Rival yokozuna Wajima had a 70-20 mark for a .778 percentage and komusubi Kakekazu finished third with a .66-34 record and .622.

Takamiyama and Sekiwake Kurohimeyama tied for fourth spot with identical 50-40 records that gave each a .556 percentage. Jesse, who entered the makuuchi or major league division in January 1968, now has a 305-325 career mark.

The brightest newcomer in the makuuchi division in 1974 was Wakamitsugi, 21. Coming up from the juroo ranks in the second tournament of the year, he scored kachikoshi in five straight meets, topping off his consistent performance with an 11-4 record in the Kyushu tournament.

Counting his 8-7 juroo record in the opening tournament of the year, Wakamitsugi had a win percentage of .613. Wakamitsugi, who rose to komusubi during the year, is expected to be ranked as a sekiwake for the 1975 New Year Tournament, along with Kakekazu.

Two yokozuna, Kitanofuji and Kotokazura, hung up their mawashi in midyear and they were followed into retirement by ozeki Daidirin.

Four from Tonga — Jesse was not the only foreign wrestler in sumo in 1974.

Four husky young fellows from the Pacific island kingdom of Tonga made their debut in the Kyushu tournament in November.

The four apprentice wrestlers all won two or three initial bouts to qualify for ranking in the New Year meet.

They were given the sumo monickers of Hidenoshima, Fukunoshima, Minaminochima and Yashinochima. Chinese wrestler Chang Lihua, competing in the juroo class under the name of Kiyonohara, wound up with a 6-9 record in the Kyushu tournament.

Thought for the Week

The only way for a rich man to be healthy is, by exercise and abstinence, to live as if he were poor.
—Dr. Paul Dudley White

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