

OAKLAND JACLER FILES COMPLAINT AGAINST NAT'L

Executive Director Alleged to Have Promised Job at HQ

SAN FRANCISCO—A denial of charges and allegations contained in the complaint filed by Oakland JACLER president Ray Nagai was made by David Ushio, national JACLER executive director.

In view of the litigation, Ushio said he would not make any comments other than to say the charges are false.

OAKLAND, Calif. — Ray Nagai, Oakland JACLER president, has filed a \$42,850 lawsuit against David Ushio, national JACLER director, the JACLER and five "Does," alleging breach of contract, detrimental reliance, fraud and negligent misrepresentation.

Nagai's complaint is based upon a job he was fraudulently promised in the organization in early 1973.

Nagai contends that in January 1973, Ushio allegedly agreed to employ him as Assistant Director of Chapter Development for the National JACLER for one year beginning Feb. 1, 1973, at an annual salary of \$13,900.

In preparation for accepting the post, Nagai resigned a \$950 per month job he was holding at the San Francisco Medical Center.

On or about Feb. 1, 1973, Nagai was informed that he would not be hired for the JACLER position and would not receive any part of the salary due him under the oral contract.

In his lawsuit Nagai charges that Ushio fraudulently promised him on behalf of the JACLER that he would receive the job.

Nagai is asking for payment damages for the salary promised to him and for damages to his reputation.

The lawsuit was filed Jan. 15, by Nagai's legal counsel, Schindler & Byrne, in the Superior Court at San Francisco.

"I feel it imperative," said Nagai, "to let people know what happened at the national headquarters in an organization whose avowed purpose for existing is to fight discrimination."

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Pleasanton Mayor Mori in runoff for Assembly seat

PLEASANTON, Calif. — Mayor S. Floyd Mori, 35, won the special election Feb. 4 to fill the 15th Assembly District seat vacated by the death last year of Carlos Bee.

But since he failed to win more than 50% of the votes, he is entered in a Mar. 4 runoff.

Democrat Mori faces Guy Piccio (R) and Lonnie Moore (AIP). Mori had 5,472 votes.

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Communication

Eight Fellowship finalists named

Eight finalists have been selected from a field of 89 to compete for the JAL-JACLER Cultural Heritage Fellowship.

The finalists will appear in San Francisco on March 22 for interviews and final judging. The four Fellowship recipients will be announced at a banquet that evening at the St. Francis Hotel.

Four fellowships cover expenses for six weeks of summer study at Sophia University, Tokyo, and two weeks of independent travel arranged by Japan Travel Bureau International.

A panel of judges to select the four winners will be named shortly, reports Ms. Nishio.



LITTLE TOKYO—Ground was broken for the 16-story, 300-unit Little Tokyo Towers Feb. 2 before some 100 civic officials, community people and prospective residents of the senior citizens housing project. In front (from left) are Sachiyo Hirotsu, Little Tokyo Redevelopment Project manager; City Councilman Gilbert Lindsay; the three Towers board members from the PSWDC JACLER—Toshiko Yoshida, Gov. Masamune Kojima, and Dr. Kiyoshi Sonoda; and Mike Fujizawa, groundbreaking ceremony emcee. At rear is Morris Leenov, housing consultant. —Toyo Miyatake Photo

Rep. Norm Mineta emphasizes JACLER role: protect civil liberties

By PAT OKURA

WASHINGTON—In launching its 20th annual installation dinner-dance, the Washington, D.C. JACLER featured the first public appearance of recently-elected Rep. Norman Y. Mineta, first Japanese American congressman from the Mainland.

The installation capped off a successful Eastern District quarterly meeting held earlier in the day (Jan. 25). It is also

becoming somewhat a tradition here to offer newly-elected Asian Americans to Congress their first opportunity to address the public.

Rep. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii), elected in the fall of 1962, was the main speaker at the 1963 D.C. installation. Rep. Patsy Mink (D-Hawaii), elected in the fall of 1964, was the main speaker at the 1965 D.C. installation.

Then Rep. Dan Inouye (D-Hawaii), elected in 1959 when statehood was granted, made his first public speech before a Nisei group at the joint Eastern-Midwest District Council convention over the Labor Day weekend at New York. He did address the 1962 D.C. installation and that November was elected U.S. senator.

Sen. Hiram Fong (R-Hawaii), elected in 1959, addressed the D.C. installation in 1964.

(The first Asian American elected to Congress precedes the distinguished members from Hawaii. He was the late Rep. Dalip Saund (D-Calif.) of Bruley, a native of India, who served three terms between 1957-1963. He was keynote speaker at the 1958 National JACLER Convention at Salt Lake City—Ed.)

Mineta, the freshman congressman from San Jose, stressed the need for the protection of civil liberties for all citizens in his "maiden speech."

Reminding that JACLER was founded as a national organization in 1930 and striving since then for human and civil rights of all people, Mineta found JACLER's record one of "which you should be proud."

"And as Japanese Americans, we share a historic commitment to, and a unique responsibility for, the protection of civil and human rights of all Americans," Mineta declared.

The action taken by the newly-elected Congress of phasing out the House Internal Security Committee is an example of the vigorous support Mineta and his counterparts are stressing in the protection of civil liberties.

Mineta, who couldn't avoid mentioning how cold and snowy it was here after back in nearly all his life in the sunny climes of his Santa Clara Valley, also mentioned the need to amend the Hatch Act, which involves all Federal employees and their political activities. He also pointed out the encroachment of the CIA and FBI on all public servants and members of Congress and the need for legislation to protect the civil liberties of all Americans.

For the Japanese Americans, who were urged by Mineta to avoid the ever-present temptation to erase the memories of the WW2 detention camps, the well-received address closed with a lesson from Supreme Court Justice Tom Clark, who said:

"Those who cherish liberty may learn much, now that the racial hatred and fear of con-

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Nikkei Christians back appointment of Buddhist priest as Senate chaplain

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. — The Rev. Joseph Jackson, a Southern Baptist pastor in El Monte who recently protested the appointment of a Buddhist priest as chaplain of the California State Senate, was chided by a Japanese Christian group for his religious intolerance.

This charge was contained in a letter (see Feb. 7 PC) sent to State Sen. Albert S. Rodda of Sacramento who named Rev. Shoko Masunaga of the Sacramento Buddhist Church as State Senate chaplain for this year.

The Rev. David T. Nakagawa, pastor of the local Christ United Presbyterian Church, wrote Rodda:

"As Japanese Christians and as officers of the Northern California Japanese Church Federation, an organization representing 35 Christian churches, primarily of persons of Japanese ancestry, we differ with Mr. Jackson."

The assumption that the

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JUSTICE DEPT. WANTS TOUGHER BAN ON ILLEGALS

Documentary Proof of Citizenship or Residency Suggested

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department last week (Feb. 4) proposed before the House Judiciary subcommittee on immigration that all persons hired in the U.S. be required to furnish documentary proof of their U.S. citizenship or legal alien status as a means of reducing employment of illegal aliens.

The new proposals are stronger than those advanced in Congress.

Acting Attorney General Laurence Silberman, however, said his proposal would not lead to requirements that all citizens carry a national identification card if the Social Security card could be made more difficult to counterfeit.

Immigration and Naturalization Commissioner Leonard Chapman told the subcommittee that between four and 12 million aliens are living illegally in the United States.

The subcommittee is studying a bill introduced by Rep. Peter W. Rodino (D-N.J.), committee chairman, to prohibit an employer from knowingly hiring an illegal alien.

The J&N Service, meanwhile, reported over 701,000 illegal aliens were apprehended last year in the Southwest, the 12th year that the number of arrests for being in this country illegally has increased. More than 46,000 of them were found working in the California agricultural industry and 25,000 in urban industries.

Chapter Chairman Dr. Melvin H. Chiojio, D.C. chapter chairman, JAY's co-chairpersons Roxanne Uyeda and Kala Kitagawa, and their cabinet members were sworn into office by EDC-governor Vernon Ichikawa of Seabrook, N.J.

In his acceptance remarks, Chiojio, an official with the U.S. Naval Ordnance Command, outlined three goals he would like to reach this coming year:

1—Greater participation in a program for young adults (20-30 age group).

2—An on-going program on cultural heritage in order to communicate to the larger public the contributions made by those of Japanese ancestry.

Chiojio was stationed as a naval officer at the Adm. Byrd station in the Antarctica as well as in California and Hawaii. He graduated in electrical engineering from Purdue, and holds an MBA degree in management from Hawaii and a doctorate in business administration from George Washington University.

Henry Goshio, toastmaster, was introduced by outgoing chapter chairman Sus Uyeda. A musical interlude was provided by Mrs. Aiko Hiratsuka on piano and Kala Kitagawa on the cello. The Capital City Band provided the after-dinner dance music.

On the banquet committee, co-chaired by Mary Toda and Mrs. Akemi Kamei were: Mrs. Aiko Iwata, Mrs. Katherine Matsuki, Mrs. Mary Ishino, Mrs. Yoshiko Watanabe and Taro Hirose.

EXECOM postponed

SAN FRANCISCO—The National JACLER Executive Committee, slated to meet here this weekend, will convene Feb. 28-Mar. 1, it was announced.

The teacher who supervised grants worth a million dollars, Cleo Abraham, resigned Jan. 24 without explanation. The shake-up was described as the biggest in the university's history.

As promised, Univ. of Massachusetts chancellor Randolph Bromery told a press conference Jan. 30 the audit showed few details of possible federal fund misuse but he was not ready to elaborate on the audit. He was not certain whether criminal indictments might result.

Two senior UMass professors at the School of Education, Robert Wellman and Albert Anthony, have charged

outreach, according to the Rev. Wesley Woo, RAMS chairman. The racial composition of the board includes one Korean, one Filipino, two Japanese, three Chinese and seven Caucasians.

The Richmond Asian Caucus, which was responsible for compiling the data for the proposal, is a citizens group chaired by Terry Hall. The San Francisco JACLER contributed \$100 toward writing of the proposal to NIMH.

After the contract is signed, the services at Richmond Maxi-Center will be announced.

Revenue sharing program proposals dissatisfy JACLER



WASHINGTON—Twenty-two civil rights and religious groups, including the Japanese American Citizens League, sent a letter Jan. 21 to President Ford saying they were dissatisfied with proposals before him to renew revenue sharing with minimum changes.

The President was urged "to take into account the specific needs of the poorest and most disadvantaged among us—those who feel most acutely the greatest impacts of simultaneous inflation and recession."

The organizations also contended that renewal of the program (which will expire Dec. 31, 1976, unless extended by Congress) with few changes would "perpetuate discrimination," deemphasize citizen participation in the use of the funds and do nothing to make local officials more accountable on expenditures.

In mid-January, the President told a group of governors, mayors and county executives at the White House that he favored its extension through fiscal year 1982. The White House task force reviewing the General Revenue Sharing Program also recommended a \$150-million annual increase to cover inflationary costs to the \$30.2-billion program, now distributed quarterly to nearly 39,000 jurisdictions.

While local communities would have greater freedom to spend the money without regard to federal guidelines, according to the White House task force recommendations, it would weaken the Office of Revenue Sharing to cut off funds to localities judged guilty of civil rights violations, the critics held.

Effects described

Signers of the letter maintained the proposals would have the following effects:

1—Nothing would be done to require local officials to give citizens some say in the way supplementary money is spent.

2—Recommendation to place the appropriation on a nearly six-years basis would weaken the power of Congress or the executive branch to oversee local uses of the money.

3—Changes in the distribution

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JERRY ENOMOTO: Sacramento JACLER Brown picks new Corrections chief

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Jim Jerry Enomoto, 48, former National JACLER president (1966-70), was appointed by Gov. Jerry Brown this past week (Feb. 5) to head the state's Dept. of Corrections.

Appointment to the \$37,312 post as director requires Senate confirmation.

Enomoto has been acting superintendent of the Calif. Institution for Women at Chino for the past four months.

The San Francisco-born Nisei was in the first class to graduate from Tri-State high school inside Tule Lake War Camp in 1943. He worked briefly in Chicago, served two years with the Military Intelligence Service and returned to the west coast in 1946.

He received his bachelor and master degrees in social work at UC Berkeley before working as a prison counselor at San Quentin. During his 20-year career with the department, he was stationed at several facilities in Northern California.

Though a Democrat, Republican Gov. Reagan appointed Enomoto in July and the Senate confirmed him in October, 1971. His appointment at the time with the state's first black to a similar position at Calif. Institution for Men at Chino was regarded by prison reformers as a positive step to relieve some prison tensions.

Besides his community work with JACLER, Enomoto has been active with the Y.M.C.A. Lions Club, professional organizations and a was San Joaquin County's first Community Action Council president. He is married to the former Joyce Hashimoto of Cortez, Calif.

10 ASIANS IN L.A. FIRE DEPT. CLASS

LOS ANGELES—Of the 160 recruits sworn in last week (Feb. 1) by the L.A. Fire Dept., ten are Asian—the first ten among the 3,000 new on the force. They start training Feb. 18.

The department, under local and federal pressure to hire more minorities, agreed at least half of the new firemen would come from the minorities. The new class is nearly two-thirds minority: 85 whites, 34 Asians, 33 blacks, 10 Asians and 6 American Indians.



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● Harry K. Honda

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INFLATIONS IN THE PAST

Years ago when we started to collect stamps, a fat package of 2,000 worldwide stamps would include look-alike German varieties from 5 Tausend to 50 Milliarden marks, issued in 1923—the year when inflation there was at its most virulent stage. The 50-Milliarden mark stamp is the world's highest value literally—million in German means "billion". At that time, the U.S. dollar was worth 4.2 million marks and the story goes that one egg could cost 100 million marks.

This was about the same time Hitler launched his putsch in a beer hall. Because of the war, the inflation which affected Central Europe a half century ago was a tragic revolution of the worst kind.

On the other side of the world in China, a quarter century later in 1948, inflation was handing its knicks mercilessly upon the millions there. In a seven-month period, the U.S. dollar rate went up 50 times on the black market—it was officially exchanged at 12-million yuan to \$1. About then the Nationalist government made its final currency reform to bring the exchange rate back down to the old U.S. dollar to four gold yuan.

As evidence of this era, there is series of Chinese stamps whose values range from 5,000 to 5-million yuan. There's a lot of zeros to print on a little adhesive. It did not stop until the Nationalists departed the mainland for Taiwan.

The highest value U.S. stamp—\$10,000—was not a product of inflation but had been in use among stock brokers years back as a revenue stamp for use when securities changed hands.

So, another quarter century has passed and we're back on this side of the world—in the U.S.A.—where one finds interest intense on matters economic.

Because of the role of oil in the current economic crisis (too complex for us to consider), this week's dab upon inflation was only to recall those two stamps with a lot of zeros sitting in an album at home. It's one hobby which I find relaxing—especially in times like these.

The Scapegoat

Presence in the U.S. of large numbers of immigrants who lack proper papers to live and work here has been pub-

licized in the media with a kind of fever that arouses arguments from both sides. Instead of describing them by race, color or creed, as was the situation with respect to the Chinese and Japanese, the identifying label today reads "illegal aliens".

Even the government does not know how many of them are here and it has been a frustrating task for the Immigration and Naturalization Service, understaffed as it is, to stem the flow. Believing 90 per cent of the illegal aliens hail from Mexico, the agency concentrates its efforts along the Mexican border.

But receiving as much attention in the media are statements that can generate public resentment rather than against his exploiters. To hold that he is taking a job away overlooks the fact he is also a consumer, creating jobs for others. He pays the same sales tax, even Social Security of which he may never benefit. The money he sends home to his family can be regarded as a kind of foreign aid which will ultimately redound to the U.S. economy in one form or another.

JACL has long sought justice and compassion in the administering of immigration laws. It is also aware the arguments used against the immigrant without documents could easily be turned against all immigrants and their American-born kin and kind. The Nisei need not be reminded of this... but they should remember since the problem is the same—even though it has assumed a different name, "illegal aliens". Ways need to be found to avoid the massive breakdown of the immigration laws that now occurs.

Congratulations, Jerry

In a way, we are congratulating two "Jerrys"—the Governor of California "Jerry" Brown, for appointing a top administrator with heart to direct the Dept. of Corrections, and the director-designate, Jerry Enomoto, for assuming an even greater challenge and perhaps make his department a model for the nation.

Needless to say, new job pressures will pre-empt the time he has spared in the past writing his well-read "Perspectives" column in the Pacific Citizen for nearly a decade. But, come back anytime, Jerry.



● Connie Sakai, JAYs Cor. Sec.

Conning Tower

JAYS OFF AND RUNNING

San Francisco
The changing of the guards is finally complete for the JAYs. Despite personal difficulties in this transition, a lot of growth has resulted.

New chapters have budded and old ones have sunk their roots more firmly with new and younger members. All chapters are sprouting and becoming involved with the community and JACL itself. Through this evolution the JAYs have been experiencing some personal difficulties among their peers, with themselves, and in the organization.

Leadership has always been a problem with the JAYs as it is with most any organization, even the parent JACL. Unlike JACL, the JAYs must continually seek new members and develop them into leaders who will take over when the old members move on. The period in which this occurs is short, approximately 4-6 years, compared to the many years which a JACLer remains in the organization.

This is a continuous problem for the JAYs for many times the old timers fail to hand down their knowledge to the younger members and as a result the chapter dies, a definite problem with the JAYs and their peers.

For community

The JAYs are very much in tune with community problems. JAYs realize the importance of working with the community and it is not enough for them to be a JAYs member. Although JACL supports community action, some JACLers profess to be preparing the JAYs (little JACLers) to take on the responsibility of the leaders of JACL today. This results in

a deep conflict within JAYs members. JAYs who are very active in the organization also find it very difficult to view that their only destiny is to become the future JACLers. Many feel that this is too restrictive of a future for one whose interests encompass not only JACL, but the community.

There are transitions taking place now which involve a move by some JAYs into the JACL organization.

As mentioned above, there are those JACLers who profess to be developing the JAYs. For those JAYs who would like to work with the JACL organization this would seem to be an ideal situation. But, these same people who "support" the JAYs also are the same people who take on a patronizing attitude.

The JAYs have much to offer and are full of great potential. For example, the Cleveland JACL Board is comprised of 50% Sansei and the Chicago JACL Board is comprised of nearly 100% Sansei. These chapters should be commended for their support of the JAYs.

Breakthroughs

The lone example for the West Coast seems to be Dale Shimazaki, a student at UC Berkeley. He is a member of the Eden Township JACL Board, an approved advisor of the Eden Township JAYs (even though he is a member of that chapter); a non-voting representative of the JAYs as their NYCC chairpersons on the National JACL Board; a voting member of the EXECOM; and has recently been elected chairperson of the Ethnic Heritage Advisory Council by the members of the committee who, incidentally are all established people in their professions.

Such breakthroughs by JAYs are only the beginning of a future of further involvement in JACL by JAYs. It is hoped that the JAYs may be supported by the JACLers in all their endeavors and that this support will not be too overbearing as to stifle the latent potential of the JAYs. All this encouragement and knowledge given to us by the JACLers has been truly appreciated and will be used to the best of our abilities.

Revenue sharing—

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tion formula would be inadequate to attack the differences between the poorer urban and outlying areas.

4—Not enough would be done to make localities more accountable on spending, either by means of reports to citizens or the government.

5—Enforcement of civil rights requirements might be diluted.

And noting that the President has recommended a 30 pct. increase in revenue sharing to pay state and local governments for anticipated fuel costs, the organizations asked him to provide resources "to poor, unemployed and otherwise disadvantaged persons" through revenue sharing. "Their needs far outweigh those caused by higher fuel costs."

Signing for JACL was Shigeki J. Sugiyama, national president. Other organizations signing were:

Americans for Democratic Action, American Friends Service Committee, Joint Center for Political Studies, Center for Community Change, Center for National Policy Review, Center for Women Policy Studies, Communities in Action Together Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, League of Women Voters, Movement for Economic Justice, Nat'l Assn. for Advancement of Colored People, Nat'l Assn. for Community Development, Nat'l Assn. of Social Workers, National Urban League, Southern Regional Council, Nat'l Comm. Against Discrimination in Housing, Nat'l Conference of Catholic Charities, Nat'l Organization for Women, Nat'l Rural Housing Coalition, Nat'l Urban League, and United Methodist Church Board of Global Ministries.

Quote of Note

The lowest ebb is the turn of the tide.—Longfellow

More Nisei should join a Kenjinkai in their area

By SHIG SAKAMOTO
(As I Was Saying)

Sacramento
The month of January is set aside for many Kenjinkai New Year parties and the particular one that I try to attend is the Wakayama Kenjinkai fustest.

My folks came from Wakayama prefecture, so that made me eligible to join and \$3 per year is dirt cheap considering that a Kenjinkai is more or less strictly a service and

GUEST COLUMN

social club. A lot of Kenjinkai do more in the involvement of community projects and charity drives.

The club membership itself is composed mostly of Issei and Kibei Nikkei and a few Nisei.

I think more Nisei should get involved in Kenjinkai and also should the Sansei in due time. Undoubtedly in the near future, they will.

The many Kenjinkai are well known for their picnics, sports sponsorships, social events and entertainment. In time of need, they will help a family make all the arrangements if a death occurs.

The many services the group undertakes during the family bereavement is truly a help and relieves the family of the many burdens they will encounter in preparation for a funeral service. This, as the service club which Kenjinkai really are, will assist in every way.

You even need not be a member but have a slight connection to an area where your parents may have come from. Or you may even be a total stranger to the community, and one or another Kenjinkai will be on hand.

This is technically involvement, an involvement to an individual or a community in need. I believe these organizations are great and to help them, you should become a member yourself.

Sacramento's Wakayama Kenjinkai New Year celebration attracted a full house of 300 persons last week and several came from out of town to join in the festivity. Many non-members were also on hand to celebrate this occasion. Outside of passing out 50 door prizes consisting

● Lillian Kimura, MDC Governor

By the Board

MUMBLINGS FROM THE MIDWEST

Chicago
If we are to help the Pacific Citizen reflect the programs and interests of JACL chapters throughout the country, I decided that we must make more frequent contributions to it. Ergo, I share these "mumbblings from the Midwest".

Through the 'Peep Hole'

The Chicago JACL embarked on an Asian American voter registration drive in the 48th Ward of the city in cooperation with the Japanese American Service Committee and other interested Asian groups. The 48th Ward was chosen because of the large influx of Asian residents in recent years which creates a potential for a real political power base for us.

Ross Harano, immediate past MDC Governor, was invited by the incumbent alderwoman of the 48th Ward to run for the office she is vacating. Ross sought endorsement from the regular Democratic Party but lost out to a proven vote getter who narrowly was defeated for State Senator. As many of you can guess, Democratic Party endorsement is critical in Daleycity. Ross now serves as campaign manager for the Party candidate which should be valuable experience should he be interested in running for political office in the future.

But back to the drive. We were instructed to check the mailboxes in every building for Asian names and to call on the families if their names did not appear on the precinct voter list.

Everyone who thinks we've "made it" in this country should have the experience of going on a door-to-door campaign in a large urban area. I say the large city because that is where new immigrants tend to congregate for job opportunities, to be near relatives, etc. It is the strangest feeling to talk to someone through the peep hole—someone who refuses to open the door to you even if he could see you are Asian. You get the sense of the real fear in which these strangers to a new country live.

We need to work on those issues which will make for safer cities.

White House Visit

MDC was invited to send a representative to a Tuesday at the White House meeting Jan. 28, sponsored by the Office of Public Liaison as an attempt to have two-way communication between the Administration and the people. Michael Balzano, Director of ACTION, was the speaker at this meeting. I attended along with dozens of white ethnics. There were ap-

proximately twelve of us of color; four were Asians. The demands of white ethnics are the same as those asked by racial minorities; namely, increased visibility in the media and in high administrative positions, increased opportunities to enroll in medical colleges, Administrative support of the Ethnic Heritage Act, more sensitivity by government to the plight of the non-English speaking white poor, etc.

Because of the relatively small numbers of us out here east of the Rockies, coalitions with other racial minorities and white ethnics will be necessary if we want something. Michael Novak, author of "The Rise of the Unmeltable Ethnics", reminded us at the meeting that white ethnics make up one third of the population of this nation. Although white ethnics may be relatively invisible in the Administration, there are a great number who are in Congress.

President Ford was busy on the "Hill" that day so we did not see him. We all did receive a pen with his autograph across it. A tour of the White House was part of the program but I opted for lunch with Mike Masaoka and Kaz Oshiki. As I told the folks at the Cleveland installation dinner, the last time I was at the White House in July of 1974, the occupant left within a month. I wonder can it happen again?

Bldg. fund—

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poses in the San Jose area. He is currently working on a site in Oxnard.

Wakimoto calls himself "self-made", having applied the discipline and dedication which characterizes Japanese culture to his own life and lifestyle. He has a working relationship with his wife, Margarita, which he calls "teamwork," and cites the family aspect as one of the most important aspects of Japanese culture.

Having travelled extensively in Japan and deeply appreciative of his Japanese heritage, Wakimoto hopes that the Japanese American youth may come to understand and appreciate their Japanese heritage as much as he feels he does. "Education in the appreciation of this heritage—this is one of the major activities of JACL that makes it an important part of the community," he said.

"The JACL as an organization will continue for many more years," Wakimoto concluded. "This building will be a symbol of the Japanese American community and its ability to accomplish many great things as a group. This building will be such a symbol for the majority society to recognize and appreciate."

Wakimoto and his wife, Margarita, live in San Jose with their two sons, Roger and Jon. Their two daughters, both married, Kimiko Kamada and Janice Nitta, live in San Jose and in Hawaii, respectively.

of 25 lbs. of rice, sugar, coffee and other items. The group also had performances of shibui and singing backed by a four piece Japanese band.

Everyone had a good time, I can happily report.

—Hokubei Mainichi

LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Dobashi-Ushio Dialogue

Editor:

National Director David Ushio's beautiful defense of the JACL (PC, Jan. 31) should be summarized, framed, and sent to every chapter as recommended reading. Yet, even Mr. Ushio must admit that something is amiss in our present organization.

The paid staffs at national and district levels are highly qualified and dedicated. However, it is obvious to an experienced person that there is a certain lack of maturity.

The 1974 Biennial Convention in Portland is a case in point. There were many worthwhile accomplishments; but so much time was spent on semantics, procedural details, and grandiose projects that some important matters were neglected. For example, developing guidelines to help coordinate the activities of our far-flung chapters for the coming biennium. Especially deplorable were the ill-considered attacks on the JACL Creed, which grieved the author, elder statesman Mike Masaoka.

Any veteran of the dog-eat-dog business world knows that administrative ability comes only through years of grappling with real problems. Sometimes we fail. We achieve final success only if we develop a practical, imaginative approach to the my-

riad difficulties we face daily.

But for some mysterious reasons the battle-scarred Nisei old timers have disappeared from the scene, like the extinct dodo bird. The torch has been passed to a new generation of sophisticated activities, feminists, and other serious-minded reformers.

Because of the high caliber of our present leadership, we can expect exciting new programs. However, costly mistakes will be made unless youthful rashness is tempered by the caution of those who have already suffered from that folly.

One likely candidate for such a role is critic Mas Dobashi (PC, Jan. 31), who is serving his fourth term as president of the ELA Chapter. Perhaps if he is appointed National Vice Director, his exemplary achievements will be an inspiration to other chapters and their leadership. Clearly, our broad aspirations for ourselves and our children can only be attained through a national organization. Together, let us go for broke!

MASARU ODOI
Gardena, Calif.

Mother & child projects

In developing countries, children under two are found to be ill 30 percent of the time. UNICEF is working to lower that percentage through its mother and child health projects.

25 Years Ago

In the Pacific Citizen, Feb. 11, 1950

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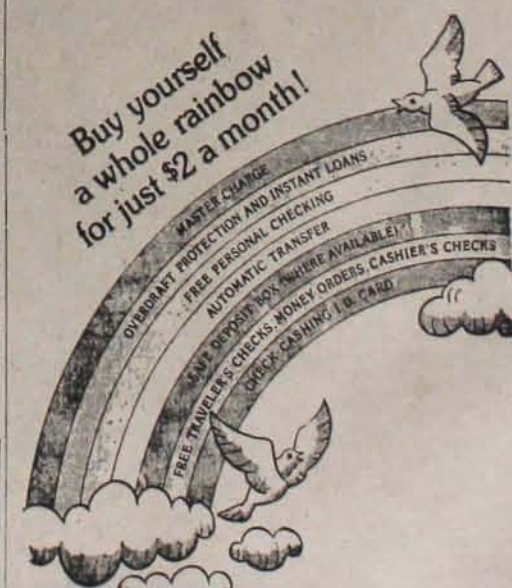
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THE ASIAN WAY OF LIFE

Denver, Colo. — Somebody, maybe it was Herman Kahn, predicted a few years ago that the next century would belong to Japan. Impressed by Japan's swiftly expanding gross national product and the productivity of Japanese workers, he saw that country overtaking a faltering America and a Europe skidding down the road of decline. That was before the world-wide food shortage and the Arab oil policy made clear what should have been apparent all along — that Japan with virtually no natural resources aside from an industrious and intelligent people, is heavily dependent on the rest of the world for raw materials and markets. She cannot prosper without both of them, and she will remain an economic superpower only with the cooperation of her suppliers and customers.

But the Asian countries, and Japan in particular, may soon be playing an even more significant role in the world order of things because they have developed a civilization based on scarcity. They have much to teach the United States and Europe whose way of life is pegged to abundance. For centuries the West has enjoyed a surplus of food and energy and when on rare occasions these became in short supply it was easy to import them. Now all that is changed. We are told that never again will the United States produce as much natural gas as we did in 1974. It will be many years, if ever, before we can rebuild the food reserves that once were a national problem. Petroleum is plentiful worldwide but the economists tell us we face financial ruin if we continue importing the billions of barrels necessary to maintain our way of life.

These thoughts came to mind the other evening while enjoying a dinner at a Japanese restaurant. For example — Japanese cooking, in fact all Oriental cooking, uses little meat. The huge steaks and roasts that we enjoy so much are alien to their cuisine. When meat is used, it is sliced and chopped and made to stretch a long way. Since the grain it takes to produce one pound of beef would feed 15

or 20 people, meat is a luxury we may have to cut back on in the not distant future.

—Oriental dishes feature crisp vegetables. They are cooked only briefly, a style that may have been developed to cope with fuel shortages.

—Oriental cooking, particularly Chinese cooking, utilizes all kinds of flora and fauna, and virtually all their parts. We throw away about as much as we eat. Take vegetables. We eat the radish root and discard the tops which the Japanese pickle. We eat the stalk of the celery and throw away the leaves which are delicious as tempura. These are minor examples, but you get the idea. Once in China I found the claws and head of a chicken floating around in a bowl of fantastically delicious soup. The Chinese, Japanese and Koreans know how to make tasty and nutritious dishes out of all kinds of slimy, crawly creatures from the ocean bottom which we scorn, and there's not a thing wrong with them except that we just aren't accustomed to them. We throw away most of the innards of cattle and hogs, except maybe liver, and our dogs and cats get it in their petfood, but many delightful Chinese dishes use the very parts we discard.

—Japan always has been short of fuel. Until after World War II, when electric heaters and kerosene or distillate burners became popular, most homes were heated by a tiny charcoal brazier and the family huddled over it to keep from freezing. The only time a Japanese was truly warm in winter was when he parboiled himself in a tub of water. And to economize on fuel, every member of the family soaked in the same water, washing and rinsing outside the tub.

—Sensible-sized Japanese cars use less steel, rubber, gasoline, oil and parking space than American vehicles. We're just getting around to accepting the idea that bigger isn't necessarily better.

These are customs and practices developed in lands where scarcity makes frugality imperative. We Americans may be fast approaching that state.

SAN MATEO JACL SEEKS STATE HELP TO COMBAT 'BLANKET BANDIT' GANG

SAN MATEO, Calif.—An urgent request was made by San Mateo JACL upon Attorney General Evelle J. Younger for immediate assistance to curb the brutal assaults and frequent robberies upon the elderly population here.

At the January chapter board meeting, discussion had centered on what other means might be employed to stem to crime wave which has persisted over the past two years. It was decided that chapter president Tom Konno and to-be-installed president Yosh Kojimoto (he was installed Feb. 1) draft and send the letter.

In asking for additional law enforcement efforts, Konno feared, "If these vicious criminals are not soon captured, like-minded criminals in other parts of the state are encouraged to adopt similar methods. Many other communities would then be subjected to the same breakdown."

The Attorney General was updated on the crime situation as it affected the Japanese American community, which includes two murders (one was the Frank Tsujisaka Case—see Jan. 17 PC), a rape and numerous forced-entry robberies.

Because victims were most-often in detached single-family dwellings, they are repeatedly victimized, Konno explained. One person was victimized 11 times. Black, Chinese and white elderly in the same north-central section have been similarly accosted he said.

"Our knowledge of the community indicates that many of the elderly victims are afraid to report these crimes for fear of retribution and the actual crime rate in the area is believed to be more than three times the reported ones," Kono said.

Working with police

The San Mateo JACL has been working closely with the local police department and other community groups to thwart the so-called "blanket bandit" gang. Chapter volunteers have accompanied sheriff deputies inspecting homes, checking on locks for the doors and windows. Four local locksmiths have also donated their time to assist in the initial phase of a community crime prevention program initiated in December.

A reward of \$2,600 remains unclaimed for leads leading to the arrest of the slayer of Tsujisaka, 70-year-old semi-retired gardener who was robbed and murdered last Dec. 13.

The Attorney General was also told families in the area are acquiring firearms in alarming numbers, families refuse to visit or answer their doors at night—thereby "reducing the community viability," encouraging suspicions of neighbors and youth, while the more affluent are seeking to flee from the area.

The City of San Mateo has been asked to allocate \$100,000 from its Housing and Community Development Act funds to provide adequate security for the harassed residents. The JACL board was also expected to push for supplemental funds or expertise to insure adequate protection.

MIKE HONDA: San Jose JACler Named Outstanding Young Man of '74

SAN JOSE—Michael M. Honda, San Jose JACL president, was named San Jose Jaycee's Outstanding Young Man of the Year at their 42nd annual banquet here this past week (Jan. 30).

The first Nikkei to be selected for this distinguished service award here, he was among eight nominees between the ages of 21 and 38. Honda was on a business trip in Georgia. His wife, Jean-

nie, accepted the award. Honda is program associate at Stanford Center for Research and Development in Teaching and chairman of the San Jose city planning commission.

He is also active with the Asian Americans for Community Involvement and a number of community and civic groups.

S.E.R., multicultural advisory board for De Anza and Foothill Colleges; United Latin American Citizens; Nat'l Federation of Concerned Drug Abuse Workers, Neighborhood Youth Corps.

Honda is a San Jose State graduate, served with the Peace Corps in Latin America, taught science in high school and was ambudsman at San Jose State before joining his present post at Stanford.

Names in the News

Brother Oliver Ali, acting president of Chaminda College, was presented with the eighth annual Outstanding Alumnus of St. Louis High School award. He is a 1960 graduate of the school.

Rep. Patsy Mink is following a light schedule in Washington after undergoing surgery at Bethesda Naval Hospital Jan. 21. Mrs. Mink was discharged from the hospital Jan. 24. Her office has not received the notice of the operation.

George Tanji, a Kula farmer, has been appointed a Maui County committee member of the Farmers Home Administration.

June Lizama, 24, is the first woman to be recruited for police work on Kauai. She has a degree in education from the University of Hawaii.

Curtis Chang daughter of the Mun Bo Chang daughter-in-law, is the 1975 Junior Miss of Hawaii. Miss Chang, 17, is a senior at Sacred Heart Academy.

Leo Pritchard has been sworn in as deputy city manager of Honolulu. Harold Shima also has been sworn in as the city's deputy building director. Shima's predecessor, Robert Tsunura, has retired after 31 years with the city.

Sports Scene

The State of Hawaii has purchased the old Honolulu Stadium and its surrounding properties for \$8,494,000. The Mollili plant was opened on Nov. 11, 1974. The stadium board was to meet Feb. 7 to finalize the takeover by the State.

Neighbor Islands

Merle Lai, 30, has been appointed by the Big Island County Council to fill a vacant council seat when John Farria, Jr. resigned to become state agriculture director. Miss Lai won the vote over Roland Higashi by a 5 to 3 vote. Miss Lai was an aide to former Mayor Shunichi Kimura.

Pause for a Chuckle

Ours is an age which is proud of machines that think, and suspicious of any persons who tries to.



LOS ANGELES—Receiving a standing ovation is the new Downtown L.A. JACL president George Fujita (behind the rostrum) from City Councilman Gilbert Lindsay, School Supt. Dr. William Johnston and emcee Glen Pacheco at the chapter installation.—Cut courtesy: Kashu Mainichi

Chapter Pulse

Scholarship San Fernando students face two deadlines

Students in the San Fernando Valley JACL area can apply for scholarship in both the National JACL program by March 1 and the local chapter by April 7. It was reminded by scholarship adviser Nancy Gohata, 14229 Carl St., Arleta 91331.

Chapter awards are based on scholastic ability, financial need, student and extracurricular activities and letters of recommendation.

Gardena Valley offering three \$250 chapter awards

Gardena Valley JACL has set a May 1 deadline for its three chapter scholarships, each worth \$250. Forms may be received from chapter scholarship chairman, Masaru Odai (329-9587 or 329-8386).

Applicants can also apply for the National JACL. Deadline being March 1. (Chapter restriction to one nominee for the national awards no longer applies.)

Installation

Salinas Mayor Hibino addresses Gilroy dinner

Gilroy JACL held its annual installation dinner Feb. 1 at the Peralta's Restaurant in town and local school superintendent, Dr. Robert Infelise, installed president Shig Yamane and his board.

Salinas Mayor Henry Hibino, who is ending his term this June as mayor, was main speaker. While relating interesting incidents during his four years as mayor, he stressed the need for JACLers "to get involved" in local politics, school board city council posts and other committees.

Only by actively participating could the Nisei voice be heard where it counts, he concluded, and not be considered just another "quiet American."

Bob Hirahara, outgoing president chaired the dinner.

Home for Aged

LOS ANGELES — The Japanese Home for the Aged Development Fund reached \$880,000, the volunteers attending the weekly report dinner meeting Feb. 4 were informed. Mrs. Ruth Watanabe, chairman of the General Gifts Division, presided. The goal is \$1,200,000.

Bilingual gerontology class for Issei starts

LOS ANGELES — University Adult School has started a unique bilingual gerontology class with Mrs. Toy Kanegai, active West L.A. JACler who was recently credentialed by the City Schools in this field, in charge. Group meets Thursdays, 9 a.m. till noon, at Felicia Mahood Senior Citizens Center, 11338 Santa Monica Blvd.

Lessons in English, consumer education, hobbies, Social Security and other activities are planned, according to coordinator Sid Yamazaki (GR 7-2737), who adds transportation on a limited basis to aged Issei is available.

The West L.A. JACL has invited the class on a one-day field trip to the Date Festival in Indio on Feb. 22, the bus leaving at 10 a.m. from Mahood Center.

Nisei Relays revamped for 1975, entry deadline Apr. 30, meet June 1

LOS ANGELES—The gentlemen responsible for reviving the all-Nisei track and field meet after WW2 were back to restyle what is now the JACL Nisei Relays as it prepares for the 24th annual event on June 1 either at El Camino College or Harbor College.

Dr. Robert Watanabe, UCLA sprinter in yesteryears and orthopedic surgeon today, and George Yoshinaga, longtime sports promoter and Kashu Mainichi English editor today, co-chaired the first postwar Nisei Relays in 1951.

Both had devised the system classifying athletes by weight, height and age into open or junior divisions—a format which has persisted unchanged. Dr. Watanabe, who has been meet physician with Nisei Relays, felt the classification system needed a complete overhaul and Yoshinaga long hoped the Nisei Relays would regain the color and appeal it once commanded.

The current Nisei Relays committee, co-chaired by Jim Mita of Gardena Valley JACL and Mas Dobashi of East Los Angeles JACL, met with the two gentlemen last month (Jan. 29) and before the evening was over, a new look was given the Nisei Relays.

Competition will be classified strictly on age, simplifying as well as speeding up the registration process. The new classification standards are: D—12 and under, C—age 13, 14; B—ages 15, 16; A (or Open)—17 and up. The committee has set an April 30 deadline for registration, the same date being "cut-off" date for birthdays under the new classification system.

Adding the senior (30 years and up) men's 100-yd. dash and a girl's 100-yd. dash in the regular card of 34 events as "specials" were aimed to encourage wider participation and interest both on the field and in the stands.

Other minor changes have been incorporated that affect the athletes, such as eliminating the "football throw" events from the lower divisions and standardizing events to avoid delays in setting up the races. The 440-yd. run, for instance, prevails in all four divisions.

Meanwhile, the Nisei Relays committee announced help was needed to stage the one-day meet, especially appealing to former athletes. They can call on:

Tak Kawagoe, Gardens Valley; Norman Hiroshima, Bee Shiman; Orange County; Dave Ro, San Gabriel Valley; George Kanagel, West Los Angeles; or Mas Dobashi, East Los Angeles.

Entry forms are in the process of preparation.

Oh yes, chapters will be looking for young girls, between 15 and 17, to compete in the Miss Nisei Relays contest—a touch of "lace" for a sweaty session.

Oakland—

Continued from Front Page

mination of all kinds. The JACL is advertising itself as a fighter for justice and human dignity, but in fact is an organization plagued by the same detrimental characteristics so rampant in the dominant society.

"I also hope my course of action to be beneficial in the longrun to the JACL movement which I feel to be a just and worthy one though there are many faults which must be faced. There is no room for misrepresentation or breaches of good faith."

Besides being current president of the Oakland JACL chapter, Nagai was the chapter's official delegate to the National JACL convention in Portland in 1974.

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Manjiettes reunion

REEDLEY, Calif.—Longtime YBA Manjiettes basketball coach Masaru Abe will be honored at the 40th year reunion on Mar. 22, 6 p.m., at the Dinuba Memorial Hall. Former players should call Hitoshi Aoki, co-chairman, (16791 E. Dinuba Ave., Reedley 93654—209: 638-2845) for further information. Reservations by Feb. 15 was requested.

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Aloha from Hawaii

Hawaii Today

Honolulu

Circuit Court Judge John Lanham has ruled that the state law which requires a woman to assume her husband's name after they are married is unconstitutional. Two women Leona Cragun and Penelope Spiller have brought suit challenging the law, but Lanham says his decision will apply to all married women as a result of the plaintiffs' action.

Sen. Hiram Fong has reported that the islands will not get a break on the oil tax. He says Hawaii will feel the full impact of President Ford's increase in foreign crude oil tariffs. According to Gov. George Ariyoshi, Hawaii depends on oil for 97 per cent of its energy needs and of that 65 per cent comes from foreign sources.

Magr. Charles Kekumano told members of the Hawaiian Civic Club recently that "time is running out" and that the true history of Hawaii may be lost if it is not preserved now. Kekumano said, "We must capture what we can now, for the treasure of previous data is becoming less and less." He charged that too much of the historical material available in print is superficial and lacking in depth of research and depth of feeling.

Political Scene

Federal Judge Martin Pence has levied \$6,000 in fines against Mineo Okamoto, president of Wilson, Okamoto and Associates, and his firm for making illegal political contributions. Pence said, however, the contributions were not made for financial gains. He also pointed out that it was the first time such a case had been brought to the attention of the federal court in Honolulu.

Congressional Scene

Sen. Daniel Inouye following a trip to the Middle East reports that he will file only a confidential report on the

10-day visit. The chairman of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Foreign Operation pointed out, however, that he is against the idea of selling sophisticated weapons to Mideast and other nations by the U.S. and other powers.

Charles Maxwell, president of ALOHA (Aboriginal Lands of Hawaiian Ancestry), has blasted Sen. Inouye for his lack of support for ALOHA's plan of winning federal reparations for land allegedly seized illegally when Hawaii was taken over by the U.S. Maxwell said that Inouye does not recognize ALOHA as an organization which is truly representative of people of Hawaii extraction.

From Congressman Spark Matsunaga's office: (1) Confidence is the key to a gradual economic recovery in 1975, Matsunaga told the Filipino Chamber of Commerce here Jan. 23. He predicted a gradual economic upturn during the second half of this year, basing his prediction on "President Ford's new, more realistic view of the situation, and the fact that Congress has already passed legislation to stimulate the sluggish economy." (2) Legislation to preserve Kuapa Pond as a private, non-navigable waterway was reintroduced Jan. 23, he said, to prevent the Army Corps of Engineers from opening the private marina to the public by declaring it a navigable waterway. (3) Matsunaga has introduced a House resolution calling for a change in current Little League Baseball rules which, he said, "smack of discrimination and foul play." The new rules, adopted last year by Little League Baseball, Inc., a congressionally chartered corporation, exclude teams from outside of the U.S. from participation in the annual Little League World Series, held at Williamsport, Pa.



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