

Scapegoating

Each passing day brings downturns in the economy more depressing news on the state of the economy. JACL has traditionally avoided direct involvement in economic issues so this may seem to be belaboring the obvious. Few, if any, of us can avoid being affected—as individuals, as Japanese Americans, or as JACLers—in some way by the deepening recession. While general economic conditions affect us all in some way,

● From JACL Nat'l Headquarters

Communication

JACL commends Sen. Rodda choice

Japanese American Citizens League chapters and concerned citizens are being encouraged to voice their support of the appointment of the Rev. Shoko Masunaga as the first Buddhist Senate chaplain, according to David Ushio, JACL National Director.

Ushio and his staff in San Francisco have contacted the almost 100 League chapters nationally, 62 of which are in California, and urge them to join in commending California Senator Albert S. Rodda for his appointment of Rev. Masunaga.

Last December, Rev. Masunaga of Sacramento was nominated Senate Chaplain by Senator Rodda and approved unanimously by the Senate Rules Committee recently for a one-year term. He is the first Buddhist clergyman ever to serve in this capacity.

An article in the California Southern Baptist magazine by Rev. Jack Johnson of El Monte, assailed the appointment. Since that article appeared on Jan. 16, the Los Angeles Times reported that Senator's office has received eight or nine letters of protest a day.

Ushio has already sent a letter to Rodda in which he states, "Buddhism, like Christianity, has resulted in a number of traditional ethnic holidays. Japanese Ameri-

cans, be they Buddhist or Christian, have come to accept them as part of their cultural heritage."

He further wrote, "Religious freedom is one of the basic tenets of our nation. The diversity of religions and cultures in the United States is what has helped to build it into a great nation. If we deny one element of our total society, we deny them all."

The Northern California Western Nevada District Council of JACL, made up of 27 chapters, met last weekend (Feb. 9) and agreed to initiate a letter writing campaign backing Senator Rodda's appointment of Rev. Masunaga. Letters from groups and individuals can be sent to:

Sen. Albert S. Rodda, California State Senate, State Capitol, Sacramento, Calif. 95814

In support of this campaign, Ushio said, "Those of us in the San Francisco area should be especially sensitive to this issue. The national headquarters of the Buddhist Churches of America is located here and many of us are personally acquainted with its leader. If we sincerely believe in the concept of freedom upon which our country is based, we should support Rev. Masunaga's appointment, regardless of our religious background."

JACL Statement on the Economy

The National Japanese American Citizens League has released a statement regarding the economic state of the nation. The text follows:

The JACL, a nationwide human rights organization of 30,000 Japanese Americans, urges the leadership of this nation to resolve the critical economic situation America faces without further distress to the poor, the working class, and those on fixed incomes, many of whom are persons of racial minorities. These persons are disproportionately

affected by the inflationary costs of living and the rising rate of unemployment.

We deplore statements made by administrative officials who seek to solve the crisis by cutting social welfare services and raising taxes on individuals while corporations would not be taxed on grounds that "they need money to invest."

We affirm the rights of all Americans to have a decent standard of living including housing.

Feb. 12, 1975

PC Board of Directors appointed

With the addition of a representative from Intermountain District, the appointments to the Board of Directors of the Pacific Citizen is complete. JACL President Shig Sugiyama has appointed Ted Matsushita of Wasatch Front North Chapter, to represent his district on the board.

Other appointments previously announced include Chairman Al Hatate, Los Angeles; Steven J. Dol, San Francisco, for NC-WN; Fred

'Back to Bataan' film protested

Following complaints from JACL members to the National Headquarters calling attention to the recent televising of the war-time propaganda film, "Back to Bataan," by KGSC, (36) in San Jose, a protest letter was sent Jan. 28.

Margaret Yamamoto of the Headquarters staff asked Sid Conley, KGSC station manager, to drop this film from his library because it was a propaganda film made at a time "when it was popular to hate Japanese."

She pointed out that such sentiments as these resulted in the forced evacuation of

Japanese Americans, most of them U.S. citizens, in 1942. She also pointed out that unfortunately the American public still has a difficult time differentiating between Americans of Japanese ancestry and Japanese in the distorted and fictionalized film.

If the station insisted on showing the films, she said that before, during and after the broadcast the station should make an announcement regarding its propagandized content and the fact that the station does not condone statements by the performers reflecting derogatorily on any ethnic group.

700 expected for Fellowship dinner

With Hawaii Gov. George Ariyoshi as featured speaker and in his first major address on the Mainland since election last November, the JACL-JACL Cultural Heritage Fellowship dinner Mar. 22, 7 p.m., at the St. Francis Hotel, San Francisco, is expected to draw 700 persons.

The dinner will also introduce the four summer fellow-

ship winners to six weeks of study at Sophia University and a two-week tour of Japan.

Reservations are available at JACL National Headquarters at \$12.50 per person. Group reservations of 10 or more are also welcome from chapters and organizations. Checks are payable to the JACL Fellowship Banquet.

Travel program-committee details

The National JACL Travel Program/Committee (the 1000 Club designation has been dropped) announced Feb. 5 several minor changes in the 1975 program.

The 747 Jumbo Jet being sought for the Oct. 4-27 flight originating in Los Angeles and stopping to pick up other passengers in San Francisco for Japan is still unconfirmed. Stand-by schedule would be separate flights from both departure points as follows:

FL 4-A: From Los Angeles, Oct. 2-25.
FL 4-B: From San Francisco, Oct. 7-20.

Meantime, flight applicants, travel committees and

agents were advised of the precise departure and arrival timetables for the following flights:

FLIGHT 2: JAL 1981 (DC 8)
Apr. 9-Lv SFO 3:35 pm
Apr. 16-Ar TYO 10:00 pm
Apr. 30-Lv TYO 7:50 am
Apr. 30-Ar SFO 4:00 am

FLIGHT 3: JAL 1993 (DC 8)
Jul. 24-Ar TYO 9:05 pm
Aug. 20-Lv TYO 7:50 am
Aug. 20-Ar SFO 4:00 am

FLIGHT 4: JAL 198A (747)
Oct. 4-Lv SFO 3:35 pm
Oct. 8-Ar TYO 10:00 pm
Oct. 20-Lv TYO 7:50 am
Oct. 20-Ar SFO 4:00 am

Passengers should plan, arriving at the airport at least ONE HOUR before departure. The fare for Flight 5, Oct. 5-26, Chicago-Tokyo-Chicago goes up \$2 to \$567.



JACL URGES VOTE FOR CLOTURE IN SENATE BE LOWER

Rockefeller Can Rule Simple Majority To Stop Debate

SAN FRANCISCO — A modification of the U.S. Senate rule on cloture has been strongly supported by JACL in a letter to Vice President Nelson A. Rockefeller. The proposed modification would make it possible to limit debate on any issue with a three-fifths vote of those present as opposed to the current two-thirds vote rule.

According to David Ushio, JACL Executive Director who wrote the letter on behalf of JACL, "We feel it important to support this resolution for modification because in the past we have seen too many bills of benefit to the minority and majority public killed by filibustering by a very small number of opponents in the Senate."

A recent example cited by Ushio was a bill to establish an agency for consumer advocacy. "This bill would have been helpful to the majority of Americans," he said.

The move to modify the present cloture rule is being led by a bloc of senators: Walter Mondale (D-Minn.), James Pearson (R-Kan.), Jacob Javits (R-N.Y.) and Alan Cranston (D-Calif.).

JACL is urging Vice President Rockefeller to use his prerogative as President of the Senate to rule that a simple majority vote can halt debate on the resolution. This action on the part of Rockefeller would be in keeping with the precedents set by then Vice President Richard Nixon in 1957, 1959 and 1961 and by Vice President Hubert Humphrey in 1968 when they allowed cloture with a simple majority vote.

In the letter to Rockefeller, Ushio wrote "JACL is especially concerned that legislation designed to guarantee equal treatment and opportunity not be killed by a filibuster rule that serves to perpetuate inequities and prevents equal access for all people."

Most Senate insiders are predicting Rockefeller will risk irritating the liberals rather than the White House and the conservatives.

EDC wants staff salaries public

WASHINGTON—A half dozen motions were carried to spotlight the Eastern District Council session held Jan. 25 at the Key Bridge Marriott at nearby Rosslyn, Va., along with progress reports from visiting national JACL officials.

After National Executive Director David Ushio outlined the various functions and responsibilities of national and regional staff, the EDC requested the National Board to make available to all interested members "the salaries and all other monetary and financial arrangements of every member of the JACL staff at all levels."

What ticked off the motion was the question concerning the salary of the director of the ethnic heritage program. Ushio explained the National Board had decided salary discussions were confidential and could not be disclosed. Nevertheless, delegates from the four chapters comprising the EDC, insisted they, in fact, paid the salaries of all national staff people, they

Correction

The story (Feb. 14) of Ray Nagai lodging a complaint in court against David Ushio and JACL wrongly identified him as the Oakland JACL chapter president. He never was.

Ogden mayor to address IDC meet

OGDEN, Utah — Mayor A. Stephen Dirks of Ogden will be guest speaker at the first quarterly session of the Intermountain JACL District Council convening here Mar. 1-2 at the Ogden Defense Depot Officers' Club.

The district business session commences at 1:30 p.m. Saturday and the mayor will address the evening banquet.

Out-of-town delegates will stay overnight at the nearby Holiday Inn, with the session resuming Sunday morning there.

Wasatch Front North JACL is hosting the meeting. The youth group with IDYC chairman Glen Morinaka will meet concurrently.

NIHONGO MISSING IN HEW PROGRAM FOR ASIAN AMERICAN BILINGUALISM

BERKELEY, Calif. — The Berkeley Unified School District has been selected by the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare to develop a program for teaching future Asian American bilingual classes.

The initial grant of \$449,532 has been received by the district for the first of a five-year program which may be expanded into a \$5 million comprehensive curriculum development program.

Requests for funds to develop the Asian American bilingual program were made by many school districts, including those in San Francisco, and Oakland.

"This is not an ethnic studies project and it is not for a foreign language course as we think of it," explained Linda Wang, Berkeley's Asian American studies coordinator.

"The concept is to teach the children two languages with the expectation that they will use both in everyday life." As mandated by HEW the new Asian American bilingual materials development center in Berkeley will initially be aimed at children from kindergarten to third grade.

It also calls for development materials for teaching English along with Chinese, Korean, Samoan and Tagalog.

Asked why Japanese was not included in the government directive for funding, Etsuko Steinmetz, member of the citizens advisory group assisting in the initial planning, said apparently no mention of it was made in the original proposal.

As Berkeley has a sizeable Japanese American community with many students, local school officials definitely wish to include Japanese bilingual studies in this program, she said.

The citizens group did not see the original proposal submitted to HEW, but the situation has been corrected and provisions for a fifth class — in Japanese — has been submitted for the second year starting in July she said.

Applications for additional annual grants are to be made yearly to the Office of Education, bilingual division.

The whole program is expected to get under way as soon as a project director is selected.

Also serving on the nine-member citizens advisory committee assisting in the initial planning are Valentine Sugiyama and Ron Takaki.

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PACIFIC SOUTHWEST DISTRICT COUNCIL

Move on for impeachment

By HARRY K. HONDA

LOS ANGELES—Dissatisfaction with the current National JACL administration was voiced by a number of chapter delegates attending the Pacific Southwest District Council first quarterly session here on a wet, dreary Feb. 9, culminating in a resolution asking the National Board to initiate impeachment proceedings against National President Shig Sugiyama.

Documentation to a bill of particulars is to accompany the PSWDC resolution that was passed by 13 chapters, six abstaining and one chapter

splitting its single vote.

While it appeared the spotlight falls on the National President with a motion to impeach, the immediate cause for this unprecedented action in JACL stemmed from Mac Dobashi's contention: "David Ushio should step down and get back to his original job as the Washington JACL representative."

Proponents for impeachment also admitted on the council floor they were unsure as to how to proceed with the resolution asking the National Board to have Ushio resign would be processed. Orange County JACL president Mike Ishikawa added:

"Unless the National Board and its officers take action, then this District (should) move for impeachment of its national officers."

The pursuit for impeachment began after East Los Angeles JACL president Dobashi recounted his grief and frustrations with the National Director. While his letter to Ushio (see Jan. 31 PC) threatened chapter secession, Dobashi said he put that in "just to make sure to make a point as to how we felt about the National organization". If he didn't put that in, a reply would not be forthcoming, he reasoned. "We never had intention of defecting and going by ourselves. It would be foolish if we pulled out," the four-term chapter president added.

PSWDC Gov. Masamune Kojima was patient throughout the two-hour exercise on this question and persistently called for comments and instances to justify removal or resignation.

Discussions alluded to various instances of what some delegates regarded as "misfeasance, malfeasance or nonfeasance in office", which are constitutional grounds that the National Board must investigate before presenting the case to the National Council. A yes vote from three-fourths all chapters is needed to remove an officer.

Discredited logo

The San Diego JACL president Vernon Yoshioka called the continued use of the discredited JACL logo on 1975 membership material blatant disregard for the 1974 National JACL council mandate restoring the original JACL "Eagle" logo until such time the general membership accepts and the National Council approves for use a new logo. The mandate was based on a 47-13 vote at the Portland convention.

Dobashi reiterated a point made in his original letter to Ushio that chapters in populous Los Angeles need a program "with which to sell JACL" and blamed Headquarters for not trying to help JACL become more meaningful in this community. Charter flights and group insurance are not enough, Dobashi said.

San Fernando Valley president Phil Shigekuni said his chapter was planning a meeting to get ideas at the local level to push for evacuee reparations. "We feel to wait for National is a mistake because we waited that long already and it may never come about," he added. Eight chapters agreed with Shigekuni by a show of hands.

Wilshire delegate Dr. Roy Nishikawa, a National Board member in the 1950s including a term as a national president (1956-58), wasted no words in dwelling on the strength of JACL as a national organization. While emphasizing today is with local community problems, withholding dues or seceding can weaken "the only national organization that we really have" in spite of the unhappiness by chapters with National, he urged the organization be strengthened by improving "what we have."

Nonfeasance

Mas Hironaka of San Diego, onetime national membership committee chairman, thought it illogical and backward for Headquarters not to supply all the membership solicitation help necessary when the National Council at Portland knew it would need additional members to meet the 1975-76 budget. The new membership brochure—"that green thing"



Hiroji Kariya

Mountain View hosts annual BCA meeting

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif. — The Buddhist Churches of America will hold its annual National Council and ministerial meetings here Feb. 19-23 with Bishop Kenryu Tsuji presiding.

Outgoing BCA president Hiroji Kariya of Mountain View will pass his gavel to Tosh Nishimura of Chicago. Visiting delegates will be staying at the Cabana Hyatt House in Palo Alto.

—came out too late to be of any use to his chapter, he said. "This is one point I would like to stress that National has not done," he said referring to the belated start of 1975 membership campaign.

The PSWDC went ahead and ordered membership reply envelopes for its chapters in early January in the absence of direct aid from National. Gov. Kojima said he had been assured earlier by the National Director the material would be ready in time, since the PSWDC with its Nikkel population potential was counted on to help increase membership. "Headquarters wants more members from the PSW but doesn't offer to help the chapters here to make that effort," Kojima sadly fretted.

Past Orange County president Henry Sakai urged alternatives be discussed as well and referred to Mike Masamune's Holiday Issue article on the "future of JACL". Gov. Kojima also wondered if the delegates had a replacement in mind for a national director. None was openly mentioned.

Dr. Kiyoshi Sonoda of West Los Angeles, who ranks with

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Wayne Horiuchi of Salt Lake to be Wash'n JACL rep.

The appointment of Wayne Horiuchi as JACL Washington Representative was confirmed by the JACL Executive Committee. It was announced by Shig Sugiyama, JACL National President.

"Wayne should be a valuable addition to JACL, especially in the area of legislative advocacy," Sugiyama said. "He has been very active in state government and as a result very familiar with the legislative process."

Horiuchi, 26, is a resident of Salt Lake City, and is a graduate of the Univ. of Utah with Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees.

Horiuchi was previously employed as a hearing officer and assistant to the Director of Business Regulations for the State of Utah. He has also held positions as a consultant to the Japanese Community Improvement Program — Salt Lake City Japanese American Citizens League and an intern with the Office of the Governor of the State of Utah.

While in school, in addition to maintaining a high GPA, Horiuchi was active in the areas of forensics and debate, having won a number of awards throughout the state. He was also a member of a number of honorary societies relating to political science, debate and forensics.

Horiuchi is married and is expected to begin working out of the Washington Office the end of this month.

Chicago JASC gerontology proj. coordinator named

CHICAGO — Momoko Iko was named coordinator of the Japanese American Service Committee gerontology project to serve the Asian American elderly. It was announced Feb. 11 by Masaru Nambu, JASC executive director.

The project, which began last month, is expected to be completed by June. Funded for \$50,556 by the federal HEW Administration on Aging, the goals are to produce video-film training and reference materials to assist social work professionals and bilingual-bicultural para-professionals in their care of the Asian American aged.

Miss Iko is a graduate of the Univ. of Illinois and has taken advance courses at the Institute Allende in Mexico and at the Univ. of Iowa. The project office is in the Midwest JACL Office. Miss Iko is assisted by two para-professionals and a secretary.

240 PC READERS

RESPOND TO SURVEY

As of Feb. 14, there were 240 readers who have returned questionnaires in the current PC Readership Survey, which will close Mar. 1. A total of 1,036 readers was polled.

Tribulation of the first 100 replies indicates, for instance, 61% do not subscribe to other Japanese vernaculars. Age breakdown indicates 75% of our readers are between 40-59 and 52% in the 50s. About 20% made additional comments to the open-ended question on how to improve the PC.

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PSWDC not glad

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Dr. Nishikawa in terms of continuous active participation in JACL at all levels for over 33 years, openly questioned the money being spent today (\$100,000 for personnel alone) at National Headquarters, charging very little has been shown. "They've taken over committee functions and don't do anything, so the committees aren't functioning," he alleged.

Midway in this discussion on his own motion, Ishikawa felt it should be tabled until the bill of particulars is drafted and sought the legal counsel's opinion of whether the district could ask for Ushio's resignation. The server of the meeting led Vernon Yoshikawa of San Diego to declare: "Let's not wait three months (till the next DC session) to act. Perhaps we can vote on the motion in principle and let committee draft the reasons."

Kojima reminded it was necessary before a vote could be taken to come up with the particulars, "detailing exactly what acts were omitted, which acts were misrepresented, which acts were beyond (Ushio's) power so that he would have notice of what he did wrong or should have done or didn't do."

List of reasons

Vernon-Culver delegate Frances Kitagawa, answering Ishikawa's question, thought the National Board has the authority to hire and fire the National Director, Kojima continued. "That is why the list of reasons is needed to show the board why we are dissatisfied."

Kojima also expressed a dim view toward having a committee draft the bill of particulars. It should be done in the open, he specified. He was not too hopeful the response from the PSWDC chapters would be fruitful if the resolution required a mail vote.

Clarence Nishikawa, Selenoco president, said he needed to know what the bill of particulars contained to justify his vote before his chapter members. "I don't go for firing someone just because someone else said so," he added.

Steve Yagi, West L.A. JACL membership chairman, complained about the poor service from Headquarters, asserting a report submitted in December was still not acknowledged.

By this time, Dr. Nishikawa specialized the proceedings to remove Ushio from office as becoming ridiculous. "Here we're saying he's guilty and if not fired, let's impeach the National Board."

Ethnic heritage

The anguish of those most critical of the National Director's performance boiled during the morning half of the eight-hour session. Dr. Donald Hata, PSWDC representative on the advisory board to the National JACL Ethnic Heritage Project, reported on the meeting he had attended Jan. 21-Feb. 1 at San Francisco.

Hata seriously questioned the direction of the project and the technical competence of the personnel involved. (Stated goals of the project were published in the Jan. 21 issue.)

1—Hiring of the Director of Development, Ray Bendiner.

2—Testimony before the California State Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights regarding civil rights problems of Asians and Pacific Americans.

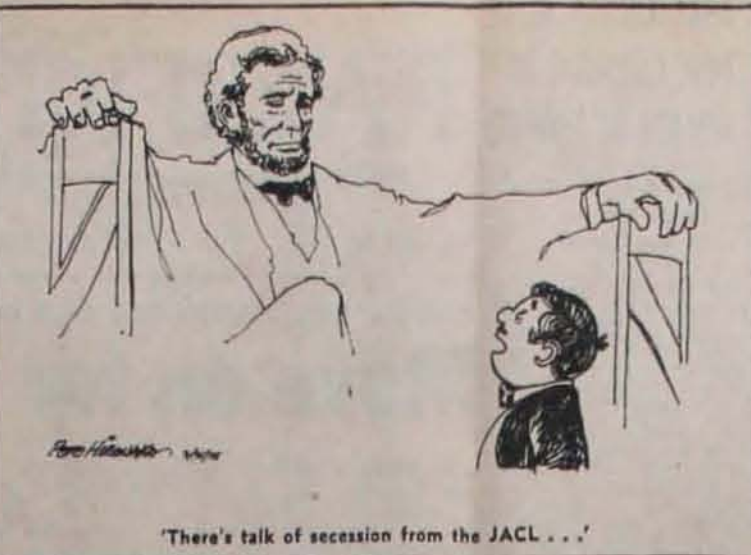
3—Continued use of the unauthorized JACL "logo".

4—Ethnic Heritage Project

The Impeachment Resolution

MSC—Feb. 16, PSWDC Meeting, Los Angeles

- 5—No action on the request for support from the A-bomb survivors.
- 6—Failure to coordinate the 1975 nation-wide membership drive.
- 7—Failure to monitor 1000 Club activities with policy decisions (e.g. charter flight procedures).
- 8—Attempt by JACL to co-opt the Gerontology project.
- 9—Failure to act on the Dr. Bob Suzuki affair.
- A detailed indictment was to be drafted by committee before its presentation to the National Board. A special district council meeting is being called by Gov. Max Baucus Kojima for Sunday, Mar. 9, to review and agree to the bill of particulars.



'There's talk of secession from the JACL...'

LETTERS

Teacher survey

Editor:

Regarding the ethnic survey of Hawaii teachers (Jan. 24 PC), I would like to express an opinion somewhat different from those of Hiras, Nugent and others cited. Were I to agree with them that no signs of discrimination exist, I would object to the idea of a survey which aims to compartmentalize Americans—a pastime which conflicts with the idea of America. I have first-hand experience that varies with the rationalizations of Hiras et al.

It may well be that that segment of American society that puts a high value on education includes a large portion of those Americans who had one or more ancestors in Japan. Naturally, those who hold such values are more apt to merit positions as teachers or administrators or to have children who should be in such positions.

But, I would most emphatically object to using myths such as "Haoles don't stick around" or "other ethnic groups lack the drive for education" to whitewash those cases of discrimination against Americans of European ancestry being employed in teaching or administrative positions.

Reason for my membership

In JACL is not "ethnic"—although I think that like all the others, I am a member of the human race—but because of the purpose of the organization is to combat such spurious pervasion of the human intellect as these myths imply.

I admit that the rejection I felt when I applied at several institutions here was a depressing disappointment because in each instance, the administrator had a Japanese name. But no more so than my coming here in the belief that Hawaii is (as our Governor said on the "Today" TV program) the nearest thing to perfect harmony between ethnic groups only to read of racial fights and one killing in the high schools or to read the (Univ. of Hawaii) Ka Leo O Hawaii newspaper editorial titled, "Racism: A Fact of Life."

Because I have spent over 30 years of my life trying to counter bias and prejudice against people in Japan and Americans of Japanese ancestry by some of those of my own ethnic background, I found it most disturbing when the mentioned administrators denied me the right of interview for positions they advertised as vacant and for which I was well qualified to fill.

When and if I ever am able to get employment in the education system here, it will be directly due to efforts of a Japanese American dean of instruction of a community college. Yet I have encountered sufficient instances of being given "the Haoles treatment" to understand why some Americans of European ancestry may return to the mainland. Moreover, Mr. Nugent does not indicate the number of these Haoles teachers who were wives of servicemen stationed here for a few years—many were.

The myths that "Haoles don't stick around" or that Japanese ancestry makes for better educators are so similar to those of "Orientals want to live together" or "Japanese are inscrutable" or "therefore untrustworthy". Myths such as these were concomitants to the concentration camps for one segment of the American people in World War II.

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Fremont JACLer
Kailua, Hawaii

Over 80,000 Readers See the PC Each Week

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knows about JACL." Ushio and Bendiner said they are in the process of putting together a JACL information kit for distribution to foundations and other funding sources.

In terms of funding for the PR office and East Coast history project, Bendiner said he had not been able to generate much interest and believed that the two proposals as they are now would probably not be fundable.

Marutani felt these proposals should not have been presented, if Bendiner thought they had no chance and thus lose a certain amount of credibility with the foundations. Bendiner replied that he was compelled to present the proposals since the National Board had instructed him to do so.

National vice-president Grace Uyehara summarized National JACL affairs, touching upon recent personnel appointments, ethnic heritage and gerontology projects, Asian American Legal Defense Education Fund, constitutional revisions, the Iva Toguri committee, travel and general administration.

Mrs. Uyehara is head of the

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wanted now, not in a year, two years, or five years hence.

And we are already seeing signs of scapegoating and demagoguery surfacing in response to these demands. Of direct concern to Japanese Americans is the types of response being made by the IBEW Union Local 684 of Modesto, California. This group appears to be placing the sole blame for the current economic predicament on the industrial growth of the "Japanese Empire" (sic) and the importation of Japanese produced goods and services. In their effort to "save jobs for Americans," they have distributed leaflets which characterize the "Japanese" and their actions in inflammatory terms which are unquestionably racially inspired. Pickets have been de-

ployed around Japanese American business establishments and Japanese American passers-by have been taunted to "go back to Japan".

Actions such as those by the union local may not have direct effect on Japanese Americans as a group. However, if they portend a trend toward more racist inspired scapegoating, similar encounters and confrontations can be expected in increasing numbers by Japanese Americans, particularly on the West Coast. We won't be happy to say the least.

Responding to such situations, however, will be difficult for JACL, since whatever we say or do can be easily twisted and construed to be a JACL defense of Japanese government or business interests—even though our only interest would be in the well-being of Japanese Americans. But respond we must and will.

Crossroads

TO SOMEWHERE • Wimp Hiroto

WHAT IT TAKES TO MAKE SOMEONE CARE

Los Angeles

Which foot do you lead off with when confronted by a fight of stairs? (If your answer is "elevator," the CIA will automatically reopen your file). Next, when arising from bed, which has the honor of taking the first step of the day? Your right or left? (And if some smart-derriere says it depends on whose bed, may The Bird of Paradise direct your Pandoral).

And, while you're pondering those mind-twisters, let me ask if you've ever been asked a question by Gallup? Been a participant in a Nielsen Rating? Do you personally know anyone on Nixon's Enemy List? (Or, better yet, anyone on his Friendly List). Now about holding six Exacta duets on all three horses in a triple deadheat?

Well, folks, there should come a time in everyone's life when you make up your mind to join the Chosen Few—The Elite—the ones you read about but never experience for yourself.

And that time came for me recently.

Joining the ranks of the 8.5% unemployed isn't exactly selective. And it isn't akin to winning the Irish Sweepstakes. I know. But when your friendly correspondent joined the temporarily disengaged last month, the

words of Jack Smith's "Dial tone sang in my ears."

As my journalistic school advisor (and drinking comrade) he constantly emphasized the necessity of knowing first-hand what you were to write about. Once my roommate and I spent a night in the drunk tank. Another occasion we hit seven bars around the SC campus to see if age identification was necessary.

So this observer became unemployed before attempting to write about it in the pages of The Pacific Citizen. (Such integrity!)

This present status should then explain the lead paragraph. For when you haven't got a helluva lot to do, your mind tends to focus on the damndest questions.

And aside from the "which foot first" dilemma, other noted brain-bogglers:

1—You wonder if the majority of toilet seats in the nation are more often up or down?

2—You wonder if anyone else in this country exists who has never seen a single episode of "All in the Family"?

3—Who was The Merchant of Venice?

Of course the ramifications of being unemployed progress downward from these lofty pinnacles. When experts predict the figure will soon top 10%, then you know the neighborhood is becoming much too common. And aside from the small inconveniences caused by this temporary condition (such as eating and making payments), there is the added embarrassment to three sons: No. 1 son at UCLA; No. 2 son trying to decide between UCLA and UC Irvine; and No. 3 son in Massachusetts trying to make it with the Updikes and Salingers.

When filling out applications and forms, they are stymied when confronted with the item concerning father's employment. "Self-employed" seemed a sensibly way out but then they get you with the "Type of Work" question.

So it's back to hitting the streets once again.

At one time being unemployed was a close second to having leprosy. Nowadays it's runner-up to a medal of valor, everyone is concerned.

President Ford, Governor Brown, Mayor Bradley... Hell, they never worried about me before...

MANZANAR PILGRIMAGE

SLATED FOR MAR. 22

LOS ANGELES — The Manzanar Committee announced plans are now being made for the 1975 Pilgrimage on Saturday, Mar. 22. There will be no coordinating of transportation this year or other activities because of limited "people power".

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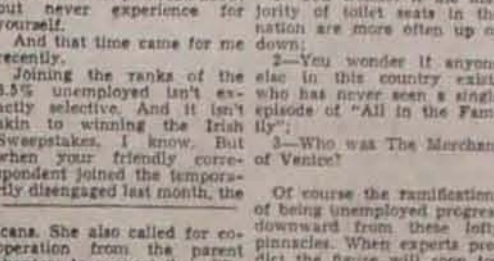
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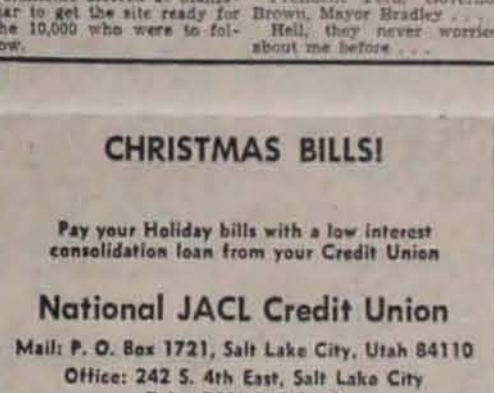
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SURPRISE IN THE MAIL

Denver, Colo. Among the goodies left by the U.S. mail a few weeks ago was an astonishing letter which I shall proceed to quote. It arrived first class and it began this way:

Good News for the Hosokawa Family!

Did you know that the family name Hosokawa has an exclusive and particularly beautiful Coat of Arms?

I thought you might be interested, so we've had a heraldic artist recreate the Hosokawa Coat of Arms in color exactly as the heralds of medieval times did it for the knights and noblemen. Mounted on a Classic Plaque, it will add warmth and refinement to your living room, den or office. But rather than describe it, I decided to send you a photo with our own Halbert Coat of Arms on it, so you could see for yourself (Photo enclosed).

The Hosokawa Coat of Arms in full color will be set against the regal red stocking and mounted on the 14" x 17" frame. People with a flare for interior decoration recognize the plaque as a highly valued personal accessory for the original wall decoration. And it's a most welcome and appreciated gift for relatives named Hosokawa.

Since we have already researched your family name and have the Hosokawa Coat of Arms on hand, we can offer it to you in full color for only \$19.95. If you've shopped for similar wall plaques in department or furniture stores, you'll really appreciate this fine value. Remember, you risk nothing...

The letter was signed by Nancy L. Halbert of Bath, Ohio, and if I had \$19.95 to spare I'd send it to good old Nancy just to see what her researchers in merrie olde medieval England have come up with in the way of a Hosokawa family coat of arms. Stalks of rice, perhaps, rampant on a rice paddy under

crossed chopsticks. Anything much different from that would be a brazen forgery because the honorable ancestors were rice farmers, not Knights or even samurai, as far back as anyone can determine. Chances are they were too busy trying to feed themselves and their families, and staying out of the way of samurai itching to test the sharpness of their swords, to be concerned about coats of arms even if they knew what they were.

Aristocratic and wealthy Japanese had their "mon," a sort of family crest that they imprinted on their possessions but the Hosokawas had, and still have, so little that a "mon" is a waste of time. And as far as I know, none of them left the homeland for Europe or anywhere else until Pop Setuho Hosokawa came to the U.S. A. back in 1899. His father was Zenshiro H., who married Riu Shinkawa. Zenshiro's father was Yachel H., and there the record seems to stop.

Pop harried Kimiya Omura, whose father was Yosaku O., and his father was Bunemon O. Yosaku married Uta Kunihiro whose father was Hukei K., whose father in turn was Yoshizshuro K.

I gather that the record stops along about here because, until fairly recent times, Japanese common people had only one name. Then it was decreed that they could have two names, just like the rich and important folks, and so my branch of the Hosokawa clan came into being.

And if Mrs. Halbert of Bath, Ohio, can find a coat of arms out of all that, one must admit with some admiration that she has a powerfully productive imagination. It just might be worth \$19.95 to find out what she's come up with. Come to think of it, this plaque might make a nice gift for my cousin's son, Tetsuji Fukuda, who was kind enough to dig up that information about my ancestors. He'd get a kick out of learning what's important to us Americans these days.



RENO—Nevada Gov. Mike O'Callaghan congratulates 1975 Reno JACL president David Baba, a Sansei attorney. Flanking them are (from left) James Ihara, scholarship; Kiyoshi Hase, 1974 chapter president; James Murakami, national JACL president-elect; the installing officers; and (to the right) Ronald Yamamoto, v.p.; Mrs. Sam Wada, sec.; Tom Oki, treas.; and Wilson Makabe, del., who also emceed the Jan. 17 event.

Chapter Pulse

Installation

In one of the most successful installation dinners in some years, turnout was tremendous for the St. Louis JACL Inaugural held Jan. 25. George Sakaguchi was sworn in as chapter president.

Interest centered on the progress of the Japanese garden as Prof. Koichi Kawano of Los Angeles, who drew up the plans, and Dr. William Klein, assistant director of the Missouri Botanical Garden, were present. Other speakers for the evening included Richard McGee, administrative assistant to the Mayor of St. Louis, and main speaker Henry Tanaka, past national president, from Cleveland.

Sam Nakano was dinner chairman.

John Tada, retired Army colonel who researched the so-called Tokyo Rose treason trial for his master's degree, will be main speaker at the San Francisco JACL installation dinner Feb. 28, 6:30 p.m., at the Marines Memorial Club, Sutter and Mason.

The San Francisco Nisei will discuss the "Case of Iva Toguri," a stimulating and informative topic, according to Dr. Yosh Nakashima, incoming chapter president. Tickets are \$8 and obtainable from:

Kaz Inouye (Bank of Tokyo, 440-0200) or Toshi Mithers (Paper Tree, 921-6341).

Edison Uno will be guest speaker at the Oakland JACL installation dinner Mar. 15, 6:30 p.m., at Marco Polo Restaurant in Jack London Square, it was announced by Tony Yokomizo, dinner chairman.

Outgoing chapter president James Uchida will host the affair. Past president Steve Hirabayashi will be installing officer. Uno will speak on "An Emergency Crisis within JACL."

David Baba, Sansei attorney, was installed president of the Reno JACL before the largest turnout of members and friends to a chapter installation held Jan. 17 at the Sharon House.

Nevada Gov. Mike O'Callaghan, main speaker, lauded the JACL for its patriotism and ideals. He related his personal combat experiences with the Nisei comrades in arms, especially with his wartime buddy Tetsu Nakahama, a bilateral leg amputee now living in Southern California.

The chapter scroll of appreciation and a personally addressed copy of the JACL Creed were presented to the Governor by Jim Murakami, national president-elect, who was the installing officer.

Kiyoshi Hase, a postal employee who hails from Ely, was presented the past president's pin. Wilson Makabe was a toastmaster. Geoffrey Oshima, accompanied by Steve Murdock, entertained with songs. The Rev. Del Schriver, First Church of God, gave the invocation.

David Baba's late father, Max, was the chapter's president when it was formed in 1948.

February Events

The St. Louis JACL board will meet at the Maras on Feb. 21 and host a potluck dinner Feb. 22, p.m., at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in University City with Arlene Sueoka in charge. Square dancing will follow. Carol Fujita is in charge of entertainment.

West Valley JACL will have a potluck dinner Feb. 22, 6:30 p.m., with square dancing called by Duane Nelson at the Grace Methodist Church Fellowship Hall in Saratoga.

Art Okuno, chapter president, also appointed the following committee chairpersons:

Jane Miyamoto, membr; Rose Nishimura, Betty Shimagawa, hosp; Mari Inai, telephone; Dorothy Kohara, Rose Tsunakawa, ar citizens; Dave Murakami, clubhouse mgr; Tom Taniuchi, clubhouse treas; Tom Kaminori, sec; Sam Tanabe, cult her; John Kaku, George Onoda, fund; Its Uenaka, school; Helen Kanno, Blue Cross; Ray Shimada, sub; Mideri Yokoyama, mailing; Hideo Uchiyama, bulletin (temp).

Fremont JACL holds its first general membership pot-

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May I take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the JACL members and Pacific Citizen readers for their generosity and concern during my serious illness this past year. A special thanks also to the many friends who have so generously contributed toward the Kidney Fund in my behalf. It has helped to lighten the financial burden of the entire "Kidney Day" program.

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LOS ANGELES—The PSWDC Trust Fund, established in November 1972 from receipt of a \$72,900 retention fund from Capitol Life Insurance when the district terminated its major medical plan with the firm, now totals \$87,000, according to Dr. Roy Nishikawa, a trustee of the fund.

He projected that by November, 1976, when the trust fund becomes available for use, it would be \$94,000.

Tri-District JACL conference slated for fall

LOS ANGELES — Orange County JACL, which will host the second Tri-District Conference (TDC) of the chapters comprising the Northern California - Western Nevada, Central California and the Pacific Southwest councils, announced it would be scheduled sometime in September at the Disneyland Hotel.

Mike Ishikawa, chapter president, and Henry Sakai, immediate past president, are co-chairing the biennial event, which are held in the odd-numbered years. In March 1973, Central California hosted the first TDC at Fresno, most memorable for the tour that coursed through the farms where fruit trees were in full bloom.

A planning session for TDC is being scheduled for March. Matters of particular concern to the California-based chapters are pegged for the agenda.

lock dinner Feb. 22, 6:30 p.m., at the Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church. The event gathers old, new and potential members.

Oscar Sakamoto, activity chairman, is assisted by: Nori Sakamoto, Carol Yamaguchi, Loretta Tanouye, June Hashimoto and Phyllis Yagi.

Chapter president Wallace Terui also announced the following board appointments: Bill Sakamura, Shig Tanouye, ways and means; Ray Kawaguchi, Loretta Tanouye, newsletter; Ted Sato, 1000 Club; Dr. Jim Yamaguchi, its comm; Frank Nakasaka, Eugene Nakashima, scholarship; Frank Kasama, Moss Kishiyama, DC del.

The chapter will host the next NC-WNDC meeting in May as well as the DC executive sessions here in April. Kasama and Kishiyama will be in charge of arrangements.

Dr. James Johnson, assistant superintendent for Hacienda Heights-La Puente Unified School District, will be guest speaker at the San Gabriel Valley JACL scholarship awards program Feb. 22, 8 p.m., at the East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center, West Covina.

Topic of his talk is affirmative action in the hiring of teachers.

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NEW YORK JACL BACKS JOB SEEKER ALLEGING RACE BIAS AT WNBC-TV

By LESLIE HIRAKA

NEW YORK—Leslie Sugai, a Nisei born in New York, has filed a complaint against NBC alleging that its New York station WNBC failed to employ him because of his race.

Sugai first applied to WNBC for a position as a videotape engineer in January, 1974. In June, it was learned, that the station had hired several lesser qualified individuals of other races (predominantly white). Sugai subsequently retained counsel and filed complaints with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the New York State Human Rights Commission, and the FCC.

After listening to his case, clerical.

the New York JACL board voted to support his case with WNBC. Both Sugai and the local JACL chapter, 56 W 67th St., Apt. 6B, New York 10023, are interested in hearing from individuals who are or have been in similar situations with the broadcast industry.

WNBC broadcasts cover the New York-New Jersey-Connetquot metropolitan area. Its license comes up for renewal in June. In its FCC Form 395 filed in January, 1974, WNBC lists no Oriental males employed in its total work force of 330. The five Orientals were broken down as two professionals and three in office and clerical.

In July, 1974, NBC testified before the New York State Advisory Committee of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission on the subject of Asian-American problems. "And one of the messages that we hope to bring to you at least from NBC's standpoint, is that our records, insofar as employment, indicate that we are not getting the number of applicants from the Asian American community that we would like; that efforts in working through community groups has not been sufficient to attract the number of Asian Americans which are of a sufficient nature. And, further, one of the messages which we hope to bring to the groups that are sitting here is that it would be greatly appreciated if they serve as a referral agency for their members, for their constituents."

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Aloha from Hawaii

Hawaii Today

Honolulu. Sweeping overhaul of the Hawaii State Prison began Feb. 10 with the resignation of state correction chief Ray Belnap, mass transfer of prison guards and the National Guard takeover ordered by Gov. Ariyoshi. The Kalihii Institution "invasion" was under command of Brig. Gen. Edward Yoshimoto. Social Services Director Andrew Chang explained serious guard intimidation, alleged involvement of prison personnel in contraband smuggling and what he described as bad prison leadership caused the drastic step. Deputy chief Michael Kakesaka has been named writing corrections chief, according to Lt. Gov. Nelson Del.

A total of 36,649 persons moved to Hawaii from the Mainland in 1974, according to the Hawaii Visitors Bureau. In 1973, the total was 36,866; in 1972, 44,388. Aliens moving to Hawaii numbered 4,975, according to figures released by the Honolulu office of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service. Provisional figures on alien immigration in earlier years were 4,835 in 1971; 4,281 in 1972; 4,843 in 1973; and 5,119 in 1970.

Univ. of Hawaii

Rep. Donna Ikeda has proposed that the Univ. of Hawaii maintain stricter admission standards. She says she would like to see the state begin a three-tier system, explaining that Hawaii already has the seniors in its major UPs at Manoa, Hilo College and the community colleges. She suggests that Manoa take in only the top 20 per cent of freshmen applicants, Hilo the top 30 per cent and the community colleges the rest.

Neighbor Islands

After an expenditure of some \$3.3 million by the Kahoala Task Force on the Big Island to stimulate new industries, there is still a great

deal of uncertainty. The task force has succeeded in getting some new industries, but whether they will be able to accommodate all employees if sugar production ceases remains to be seen.

State Capitol

The state administration has settled on a block in Kakaako for a \$30 million judiciary complex. The block is bounded by Halekauwila, South Puukaina and Kakaako Sts. Most of the land is owned by the Bishop Estate. The State Senate on Jan. 30 adopted a resolution inviting the Emperor and Empress of Japan to include Hawaii in their proposed visit to the U.S. this year. The resolution was offered by Sen. Duke Kawachi.

Names in the News

Five Islanders have been presented Aloha Spirit Awards for the "friendliness, grace, warmth and hospitality" they bring to their jobs. Presentations were made by the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii. Picked from some 50 employees were Peter Bismonte, Island Optical Co.; Mrs. Mildred Hias, Kahala Hilton Hotel; Mrs. Barbara Nauahi, Polynesian Cultural Center; Allen Nasse, Aloha Airlines; and Mrs. Yukie Yamashiro, Halekulani Hotel.

Peggy Ann Lee, 31, a Univ. of Hawaii senior, is the 1975 Miss Hawaii. She is a speech major at the university. Mariana Kishida, 31, executive director of the Queen Elizabeth Children's Center since 1967, has been named deputy director of the State Dept. of Social Services and Housing. Raymond Bartholme, managing editor of Pacific Courier, has been installed as president of the Filipino Chapter of Commerce.

Claudio Royal, Castle High School principal, has been named deputy superintendent of the Westwood-Cahu District. He succeeds Joseph Aganah who left to become the director of the State Dept. of Labor. Ronald Yama, Manalulu High School teacher, has been named Hawaii's 1975 teacher of the year.

The devoted the home of Dr. James Tanaka in Upper Kalihi Valley Feb. 1. Occupants escaped after fire broke out downstairs about 4:15 a.m. Dr. Lawrence Wong has been elected chief of staff and president of the ex-

Honolulu Scene

George Villegas, director of City transportation, is in pillikia with the city council over the proposed TH-3 freeway. The council wants it understood that Villegas' opposition to the proposed freeway during a recent trip to Washington, D.C., was not the official position of the city. Villegas' trip reportedly was paid for by the Moanalua Gardens Foundation which is opposed to TH-3. George Akahane, city council chairman, has suggested a possible need for a City Ethics Commission. Investigation since Villegas' trip was paid by a private group that opposes the proposed freeway.

Deaths

Dr. Albert Shimamura, 71, of 427 Kakaia Place, former chief of the Kakaia Hospital staff, died Feb. 3. He was a native of Honolulu. Samuel Peahu, 81, one of Kauai's most colorful tour guides, died Feb. 3 at Wilcox Memorial Hospital. He was recognized as the first licensed chauffeur on Kauai.

Seattle 'Samurai'

SEATTLE—With Seattle expecting a professional football team here soon, one Nisei has suggested it be nicknamed "Samurai" or some other Asian-flavored name in recognition of the city's fame as the gateway to the Orient.



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A TROUBLING POINT

Los Angeles
The appointment of Jerry Enomoto as head of the California prison system by Gov. Jerry Brown was welcome news. With Mrs. March Fong Eu winning the post of secretary of state, former mayor of San Jose Norman Mineta now Congressman Mineta and a good chance that Mayor Floyd Mori of Pleasanton will become the second Nisei in the California legislature, the Asian American political scene appears brighter with each passing day.

Jerry is a career man in the prison system and must know what a controversial position he now occupies. The risk, in fact, has already started, with reports that his own appointments to key positions under him indicate to some people that he is ousting the "hard-liners" from position of influence.

After decades of discrimination, it is still news for Nisei to occupy positions of power in government that one hesitates to add to the risk. But knowing Jerry (we have hosted a few cups of cheer together in days gone by at Betty Yumori's parties in Culver City) I know he will take comments with equanimity.

What troubles me at this point is a statement attributed to Jerry by a San Francisco Examiner writer following a telephone interview.

"Personally, I've always been opposed to the death penalty," Jerry is quoted as saying, adding, however, that he will carry out a death penalty sentence as prison chief.

"My feeling has been, as long as I choose to work within the system, and I feel strongly about working in the system, I should carry out its rules."

And therein lies my unease.

Just so a Nazi concentration camp guard may have stated his position as he herded his hapless victims to the gas chambers. Is that not in essence what Lieutenant Calley said about his role in the infamous My Lai massacre?

The line of demarcation which marks our beliefs and what we are willing to pay for those beliefs is not always an easy one to establish. There are so many mitigating factors, and the more educated and sophisticated we are, the more factors we find to take into consideration.

But the central, burning question is still there.

How can you be opposed to the death penalty and still even figuratively push the button or do whatever one does to flood the death chamber with lethal gas?

Perhaps there was not enough scope in a telephone interview for Jerry to explain his position more fully. Perhaps the reporter did not ask the right questions.

The biblical injunction of

"An eye for an eye . . ." is a harsh one when applied to murder. Just as the law recognizes degrees in murder, perhaps Jerry feels as I do that the death penalty is justified only in certain cases (and I am well aware that this opens a Pandora's box of questions on just what constitutes a "justifiable" death penalty.)

I watched a television program, "The Court Martial of Chaplain Jensen" last week in which a couple of bored and unhappy Navy wives bring adultery charges against their chaplain based on lies. Fighting for his reputation and career, the chaplain at one desperate point asks his expensive civilian lawyer, "why? How can this happen?"

The lawyer's wry and cynical answer is that when a system gets as big as that in the Navy or anywhere else, bucking that system is no longer a matter of conscience but of guts.

Local Scene

Los Angeles

The L.A. Chinese Drum & Bugle Corps celebrates its new year with a fashion show luncheon Feb. 22, noon at the Pasadena Huntington-Sheraton. CBS-TV host Mario Machado will emcee the event to raise funds to support corps activities.

Japan America Society of Southern California celebrates its 68th anniversary with a local talent evening Mar. 4, 8 p.m. at the Scottish Rite Auditorium, 4357 Wilshire. Traditional and folk music and dance will be featured with orchestra under direction of Tak Shindo. Tickets to the public are \$3 and \$5 at the Society's office, 125 Weller St. (629-1247).

So. Calif. Society of the Japanese Blind, headed by Herman Ishino, 1021 E. 7th St., Los Angeles 90021, continues to meet every two months on a Saturday at the Community Pioneer Center, 125 Weller. Next meeting on Apr. 5 starts at 11 a.m. and is open to both the sighted and sightless.

San Francisco

Yoshiko Kakudo, curator of Japanese arts at the Asian Art Museum, will speak at the Japan Society of San Francisco luncheon Feb. 26 at Paoli's. She will focus on the use of the rabbit in decorative art in the Avery Brundage collection.

Denver

Sunset Park Senior Center, adjacent to Tamal Towers, has succeeded in enticing some of the Issei residents for lunch after the kitchen staff managed to prepare rice the way the Japanese prefer it. Issei volunteers have also taught cooks how to prepare Japanese dishes. The center, managed by the Volunteers of America, was looking for a bilingual Nisei social worker and interpreter.

San Jose

Fourth annual YJA Invitational basketball tournament will be held Mar. 15-16 at San Jose City College and San Jose High School gyms. Sixteen teams from Northern and Central California with players ranging in age from 9 to 14 are competing, according to Hiro Kurotori and Shaw Saso, co-chairmen. The championship matches are scheduled for 2 p.m. Sunday at SJCC.

Orange County

Cal State-Fullerton Extension Service is offering "Asians in America" on Wednesday and "Japanese American Relocation" Thursday night, 7-10 p.m., on campus, Rm M-163, with Mrs. Sue Kunitomi Embrey as instructor. For info, call (714) 870-2611.

Seattle

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Education

Yuriko Moriuchi was named acting asst. director at San Francisco's John Adams Community College Center in the Pacific Heights area, effective Feb. 3 (start of spring semester). A personnel assistant and with the district for the past decade, Mrs. Moriuchi holds an AB from UC Berkeley and a MA in education from Univ. of San Francisco. Community college centers offer 1,000 tuition-free classes in locations throughout the city. Working with the Rocky Ford (Colo.) School District's accountability committee, Ray Shima is meeting with parents and students to identify and recommend solutions to any flaw in the district's educational program.

Courtroom

Fellow jurists in the Seattle-King superior court elected Judge Warren Chan to be presiding judge from Feb. 1. First Chinese American elected to a superior court position in the Northwest, he was in private practice for 18 years before becoming judge in 1968.

Politics

Paula Higashi Essex, 25, of Los Angeles was elected one of the three women to the Democratic National Committee at the state central committee convention at Sacramento Jan. 21-22. A UCLA graduate in sociology, the Sansei political consultant carried a clear majority of the 1,200 delegates on the first ballot. There were 18 candidates for the six openings with two runoffs needed to settle the voting.

Government

Rep. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) was reappointed deputy majority whip in the U.S. House of Representatives. He was one of the first deputy whips two years ago when the post was created.

Artist

Isamu Noguchi won \$10,000 second prize in the Society of Four Arts sculpture competition, conducted by the group to acquire major works of art for display at its Palm Beach, Fla., headquarters. Noguchi's work was a tetrahedral fountain design. Photographs, drawings and models were submitted by 68 entrants.

Sister Cities

Past chairman Jiro Morita of the Pasadena-Mishima Sister City program, was commended by Pasadena Mayor Tim Matthews representing the city for outstanding work in behalf of peace and friendship. Local Issei pioneer leader Morita hails from Mishima in Shizuoka-Ken.

Japanese Home for Aged campaign tops \$822,000

LOS ANGELES — Current (Feb. 11) total for the Japanese Home for Aged fundraising campaign reached \$822,425, according to Fred L. Wada, development fund general chairman.

The program to secure \$1.2-million began in November and has passed the two-thirds mark. Division subtotals are: General gifts, \$163,764; Big gifts, \$427,835; Special gifts, \$139,385; Dental, \$28,230; Employees, \$16,230; Rentals, \$27,178.

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Radio-TV

Randall Sugawara is a new staffer in the news dept. KRON-TV in San Francisco.

Milestones

Mrs. Hatsuno Higuchi, 77, of Philadelphia died Jan. 24. She came to the U.S. in 1918 as a nurse with Japanese Ambassador Ishii. She later worked at Garfield Hospital, Washington, D.C., and with the Dr. T. Takami, New York. In 1926, during a family visit in Nagano-ken, she was married to Hisaki Higuchi, who survives along with two sons George (past Philadelphia JACL president) and Henry.

Tatsuichi Shibata, 71, former president of the Bank of To-

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