

First call for Hagiwara Award seekers

Applications will be available for the National JACL Student Aid Program, according to Mrs. Grace Uehara, Chairperson, National JACL scholarship program. The grants are named in memory of the late Abe Hagiwara, a JACLer who devoted much of his time working with the Japanese American youth on local and national levels.

The Hagiwara awards range in amount from \$100 to \$500 and are granted primarily on the basis of need. Other areas of consideration are the student's motivation and potential. The number and amounts of grants are determined by the National Scholarship Committee.

Application is open to any student of Japanese ancestry permanently residing in the U.S. JACL or JAY members and members of their families,

who show need of financial aid while attending high school, college, university or trade and technical schools.

Deadline for application is June 30. Serving the JACL Scholarship Committee as District Chairpersons are: Grace Uehara, EDC, 1835 Marlboro Road, West Chester, Pa. 19380; Albert Abe, PNW, 1200 S.W. Crestview, Portland, Ore. 97223; Mrs. Mitsuo Sonoda, PSW, 12323 Deerbroke Lane, Los Angeles, Calif. 90048; Howard Yamamoto, MDC, 2284 Del Monte Dr., San Pablo, Calif. 94606; Gordon Yoshikawa, MDC, 1761 Greenway Dr., Cincinnati, Ohio 45203; Tom Nakao, Jr., 2510 Lincoln Ave., Parma, Ohio 44134.

Completed forms and reference letters should be sent to the National Committee c/o National Youth Director at the JACL Headquarters.

JAL Fellowship finalists introduced

A wide spectrum of talents and interests sanctions the eight finalists for four JAL-JACL Cultural Heritage Fellowships being offered again after a four-year hiatus.

All are either full or part-time students working for baccalaureate or graduate degrees. They are to be interviewed by a judging panel in San Francisco, Mar. 22.

Fellowship winners will be announced at the banquet that night at the St. Francis Hotel, where Hawaii Gov. George Ariyoshi makes his first major public appearance on the Mainland as the keynote.

All banquet seating is reserved. Individual or tables of 10 at \$12.50 per person can be ordered through JACL Headquarters (415-363-3202). Profiles of the eight finalists are:

**Takashi Fujii, 24
Long Beach-Harbor JACL**

A board member of his chapter, he is a student at Cal State Long Beach, and plans to graduate this fall with a degree in Sociology and Asian American Studies. He has been active in groups such as Kyodai (past president), Long Beach Harbor Pioneer Project Board, and Asian and Asian American studies group. He has also served as English editor of Young Topics, youth commissioner on his local JACL Board, president of the Asian American Student Assn., and visual media coordinator for the Educational Opportunity Program at CSU-Long Beach.

**Joanne T. Fujita
Seattle JACL**

A junior at the Univ. of Washington, she is majoring in Secondary Education with emphasis in Asian American Studies and Psychology. Her community activities have been with Asian Family Affairs, newspaper staff, Asian Counseling and Referral Service, Asian Student Coalition, Rokko Ski Club and YBA. She is coordinating the curriculum for an Asian American Studies class being taught at a local high school and is involved in an Asian American studies research class project to produce a reader focusing on Asian Americans in the North-western United States.

**Theresa Fujiwara, 23
Seattle JACL**

A board member of Seattle JACL, she graduated from the Univ. of Washington in 1973 with a B.A. in Sociology and expects to receive her Master's in Social Work from the university this summer. Her activities have included the Asian American Graduate and Professional Students Assn. (treasurer), Asian Student Coalition, Asian American Studies Committee and Recruitment Committee for the School of Social Work. She is a two-time winner of the Toyoi Scholarship and is

**Jerry Ryo Egusa, 22
San Jose JACL**

Currently teaches the educationally handicapped at Fremont High School. He is also in the teacher education program at Santa Clara where he received his B.S. in Psychology last year. In May, 1974, he represented his University at the Western Psychology Conference for Undergraduate Research and presented a paper on "Japanese Cultural Traditions Affect Verbal Usage." Jerry is affiliated with the San Jose Japanese American Community Youth Service, American Assn. on Mental Deficiency, Asian Americans for Community Involvement, Mental Health Assn. of Santa Clara County and the University Psychology Club.

**Kenneth K. Egusa, 21
San Jose JACL**

Jerry's brother, is studying sociology at Stanford where he will receive his B.A. and M.A. concurrently in 1976. Last summer, Ken served as a U.S. Congressman intern in the office of Representative Gumm McKay of Utah.



Jerry Egusa



Ken Egusa



Takashi Fujii



Theresa Fujiwara



Mark Tajima



Susan E. Tsuchiya



Joanne Fujita



Marilyn Tokuda

NAHA, Okinawa — The Okinawa War Memorial VFW Post 9723 has presented a resolution in support of evacuee reparations to be voted upon by its membership March 18 and if approved through channels, it may ultimately come before the National VFW convention at Los Angeles Aug. 18-23.

Headed as a resolution "to rectify a grave injustice to loyal Japanese Americans", its preamble recalls the tragic WWII history of Evacuation in almost pathological detail, of the heroic record of the Nisei in combat during the same war, and asserting the evacuation and internment without trial or due process of law to be "violating the integrity and dignity of law-abiding citizens and residents", it asks:

1.—The government through the Congress and the President right the wrong by passing an Evacuation Reparation Act;

2.—That the Act cover monetary damages to all evacuees for "mental anguish loss of gainful employment, hardship and suffering, cultural deprivation and forced relocation" at a sum to be determined by a panel of west coast and Hawaiian congressmen and senators;

3.—That recipients of reparations include all those interned, those who were born in the camps, those who voluntarily relocated to avoid internment, those who were jailed because they refused to evacuate and to heirs of those who died or were killed in the camps or outside;

4.—That the Okinawa Post 9723 be on record supporting the loyal Nisei and Sansei, their families, and

5.—Said resolution forwarded to Pacific Areas Department and National VFW Headquarters for approval, so that each member of Congress, the President, Vice President and the Cabinet is informed.

The VFW is remembered as the first nationally-organized group to assist JACL in

currently working on an audio-visual presentation on Issei Wop- en. She has also participated in Asian Counseling and Referral Service, Nutrition Task Force for the International District Youth Council, and Asian American Cultural Heritage program.

**Mark Andrew Tajima, 23
Greater Pasadena Area JACL**

Enrolled at UCLA's School of Architecture and Urban Planning and a teaching fellow in Asian American Studies at the University, Mark received his B.A., cum laude, from Carleton College, Northfield, Minn. He is a member of the UCLA Student Committee for the Arts, the Asian Student Committee, and Asian Americans for Fair Media. He was a California state scholarship winner, received a second place scholarship from the Japanese American Centennial Treaty Organization and was named a Governor's Scholar.

**Marilyn Sakae Tokuda, 22
Seattle JACL**

Marilyn is a student at the Univ. of Washington and will graduate this month with a degree in drama and dance. She wrote and directed "Marilyn" and "An American Play" which toured high schools and universities in Washington and Oregon. She is a member of Theatrical Ensemble of Asians (TEA) and won first prizes in drama and dance at the U of W Art Fest in 1973.

**Susan Emi Tsuchiya, 20
Twin Cities JACL**

A 1972 recipient of a National JACL Scholarship, she graduates this year with a B.S. in education from the Univ. of Minnesota, presently serving as president of the Twin Cities JAY (Japanese American Youth) and is a Sunday school teacher at the Twin Cities Buddhist Church.

Bicentennial funds sought

SAN FRANCISCO — Concern for financial assistance to support ethnic and racial groups to participate in the national Bicentennial celebration has been expressed by David Ushio, JACL Nat'l Executive Director, in a letter to John W. Warner, administrator American Revolution Bicentennial Administration (ARBA).

Ushio attended the Bicentennial Ethnic-Racial Conference (Jan 20-22) in Washington, D.C. with representatives of 200 other ethnic and racial groups.

According to Ushio, the delegates were continually disappointed and frustrated during the meeting because they came with the sincere feeling that they could contribute something of value and the Bicentennial would help in these efforts. Instead, Ushio writes, they were told "time and again that help was not forthcoming and that funds were simply not available for the project which various groups wished to conduct".

Ushio reminded Warner of his commitment to the conference delegates to make every effort to seek funds from any and all available sources.

Berkeley minority hiring overruled

OAKLAND, Calif. — Berkeley's equal employment hiring program was ruled unconstitutional Feb. 14 by Superior Court Judge Lyle Cook and ordered the city to stop using its 1972 program to employ the same ratio of each race and sex as exists in the community.

The case was filed by two white firemen who contended they were passed over for job openings and promotions solely because they were white.

Judge Cook said the program violated the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment and the Civil Rights Act.

**Topaz WRA camp
monuments set**

SALT LAKE CITY — Tribune staff writer Jane Cartwright talked to some Nisei who do not want the Topaz WRA Center forgotten, though the desert has reclaimed the WW2 camp in Millard County. Her story was the front cover story in the Tribune's Sunday "Home" magazine Feb. 2.

Shake Ushio described his recent visit to Topaz, which the Utah Historical Society may nominate to be on the National Register of Historic Places. Berkeley-born Ted Nagata, who was only 6 at the time, remembers it partly as adventure. But one of his camp teachers, Mrs. Fred Aoki, remembers the sand blowing in barracks and speaks of the effect internment had on her father and others like him.

Virtually forgotten and unmentioned, however, was the internment of Salt Lake's own area Issei by the FBI after Dec. 7, 1941.

In San Francisco, a number of ex-Topaz camp residents are gathering for luncheon at Suehiro Restaurant this Sunday, Mar. 9, according to Yas Abiko, to discuss plans to raise funds for the Topaz Committee erect two monuments—one at the campsite and the other 15 miles away in the city park of Delta, the closest town to the WW2 camp.

The Topaz Committee, comprised of Utah JACLers, revealed the project will cost around \$5,000.

Manzanar journey reset

LOS ANGELES — Because of heavy conflicts with other community weekend events, the Manzanar Committee announced its 1975 pilgrimage to Manzanar Center has been reset from Mar. 22 to April 19.

**SEATTLE JACL OFFICE
REORGANIZING ITS FILES**

SEATTLE, Wash. — One of the first tasks assigned by Seattle JACL President Dr. Lindbergh Sata with historian Connie Asaka and three other board members was to begin the process of organizing, sorting, color-coding and settle up the Seattle JACL office files.

Over the years, there have been extensive records of committee works, projects and information of invaluable aid to persons who take over various committees or who deal with a particular subject—but which has had mysterious ways of disappearing.

Strict control by the historical is to be maintained. Past chapter presidents and officers who have papers of permanent value are also expected to contribute to the office files.

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Re: PSW Impeachment

To: JACL Chapter President
JACL National Board
JACL Staff

The Feb. 21 issue of the Pacific Citizen advises me that I stand accused of misconduct by the chapter delegates of the Pacific Southwest District Council for alleged performance of wrongful acts, failure to act, as well as wrongful exercise of lawful authority. In view of the seriousness of these charges, which have not been officially communicated to me as yet by the District Council, I believe that the members of JACL at large are entitled to some statement from me.

Since I presume that the Pacific Southwest District Council will eventually advise me of the specific charges against me, it would be premature to attempt to respond to the individual items in the so-called "bill of particulars" reportedly part of the impeachment resolution adopted by the District Council. I will state, however, that as National President, and in every other capacity that I have ever served JACL, I have always tried to do my very best and have always acted in what I believed to be the best interests of the members at large and the organization as a whole, rather than to cater to provincial or special interests.

I have also recognized that some individuals or groups in the organization will always disagree no matter what is said or done by those who have accepted the duties and responsibilities of leading and managing the work of the organization.

Thus pending some clear indication from the members of JACL at large that they also believe me to have been wrongful in my past actions as National President, I shall continue to do the best that I can just as I have in the past. I shall also continue to direct and support the work and efforts of the Executive Director and his staff, whom I believe have worked most conscientiously and faithfully to the best of their abilities on behalf of the entire organization under most difficult and trying circumstances during the past two years.

Springfield, Va.

SHIGEKI J. SUGIYAMA
National President
Feb. 23, 1975

**JAPANESE DAY SCHOOL SCHEDULED
TO OPEN THIS FALL IN NEW YORK**

NEW YORK — For the parents of some 2,000 Japanese school-aged children, the fear is that a few years of education in New York may be a disadvantage on their children's future education back home.

To assure their children's education will keep competitive with their peers in Japan, a number of parents will send their children to a Japanese day school scheduled to open in Queens next fall.

One principal of a Queens public school with a sizeable Japanese enrollment—PS 117 in Hillcrest—is anxious over the loss of these students whom he values as a considerable asset. Benjamin Dorogusker, the principal, is making efforts to reassure the Japanese parents about their children's schooling, but many are still not sure what to do about the problem.

Retention of Japanese culture to one parent meant the opportunity of his daughter working her way through Japan's fiercely competitive examination system to enter the top universities.

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pals fear that with Japanese students who do not speak English very well, the level of the school will be lowered.

The new Japanese school will be located at what is now the Parkway School, a private junior high school at 187-30 Grand Central Parkway. The junior high school will move its classes to the Highland School, its sister senior high school.

The new school is the expansion of the Saturday classes conducted by the Nippon Club.

—New York Times

**YORI WADA NAMED TO
SCHOOL STUDY GROUP**

SAN FRANCISCO — Twenty-five distinguished San Franciscans, including Buchanan YMCA director Yori Wada, were appointed Jan. 18 to take a year-long look at the city's beleaguered public school system.

The commission was jointly announced by the State Supt. of Public Instruction, Dr. Wilson Riles, Univ. of California president Charles Hitch and former Stanford University president J. Wallace Sterling.

The appointment had aroused some fundamentalist Christian reaction.

**Cherry Blossom festival
grand parade April 27**

SAN FRANCISCO — The 1975 Cherry Blossom Festival grand parade will be held on Sunday, April 27, 1-4 p.m., climaxing a week-long community springtime spectacular at Japan Center.

Organizations planning to participate in the parade should call Richard Tsutakawa (445-8132) or Hiro Hockyo (445-0320).

**EXECOM sweats
over inside issues
and tax status**

By HARRY HONDA

SAN FRANCISCO — Two heavy "inside" issues—the PSWDC impeachment motion (PC Feb. 21) and the Nagai complaint against David Ushio and JACL (PC Feb. 14)—occupied a better part of the 24 hours spent this past weekend for JACL EXECOM members. Group met at the Miyako Hotel Feb. 28-Mar. 2.

Just as weighty but not discussed in closed executive session as the previous two were concerned an evasive reparations bill and the need to re-activate a separate JACL corporation to engage in legislative activity.

Upon advice of counsel, National President Shig Sugiyama has renamed the legislative committee, recently organized to consider an evasive reparations-type bill. It will be known as the political education committee.

It was explained to EXECOM members that "political education" being much broader in scope than "legislative," was better suited to describe the nature of "legislative legal" committees.

The Internal Revenue Service, in recent years, has disallowed tax-exempt privileges of nonprofit organizations, as the Sierra Club, because of its legislative activities.

JACL, since 1944, has qualified as a tax-exempt "educational" organization described in the Internal Revenue Code, Section 501(c)(3). None of the profits of the organization are to inure to the benefit of any private person and the organization cannot engage to any substantial degree in lobbying activities and endorse candidates for political office.

The limited extent to which JACL has engaged in protecting the civil rights of Japanese Americans, many of whom are JACL members, today poses a significant tax problem, National Director Ushio was advised.

The New York law firm of Whitman & Ransom (the late Tom Hayashi was a founding partner) prepared the special report of JACL's tax status for EXECOM study.

The report also pointed out many organizations similar to

JACL but operated for social welfare may be tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(4), the prime distinction is that contributions, deductible under Section 501(c)(3) as charitable contributions, are not allowed under Sec. 501(c)(4).

Ushio was told a (c)(4) organization would probably not receive and funds from foundations, corporations or individuals with means or from the government.

Even the non-educational services provided members—bowling tournaments, trips to Japan or health plans—may affect JACL's tax status.

On sponsorship of charter flights, Ushio was counseled that it should be made clear JACL is not merely lending its name to third parties without compensation under an arrangement which could give rise to a question as to whether part of JACL's income is inuring to the benefit of a private person. Similar cautions were expressed with respect to the insurance program with the understanding that JACL's role was merely one of sponsorship and the contracts are between the carrier and members with no private parties, except the members as a group, benefiting from the arrangement.

A statement regarding the "closed" session wasn't available from Sugiyama when the EXECOM meeting concluded Sunday noon except that he was planning to attend the special PSWDC meeting Mar. 9 in an East L.A. school.

Ushio, if he were also invited, said he would go. Other national officers in California and a group from Central California were also planning to attend.

A detailed report of the EXECOM meeting follows in the next issue.—Ed.

Special PSWDC meet

LOS ANGELES — Gov. Mervyn Dymally has called a special district council meeting Mar. 9 to draft its bill of particulars to the impeachment motion at Robert Hill Lane School Auditorium, 5240 Brooklyn Ave., L.A. 90022 at 1 p.m.

**FBI, HEW start giant probe at UMass
School of Education over fund misuse**

AMHERST, Mass. — What Dr. Robert Suzuki uncovered at the Univ. of Mass. School of Education in November last year by way of fiscal irregularities has culminated Feb. 4 in the Federal Bureau of Investigation about to conduct a far-ranging investigation into use of some \$15 million in grant funds by the school.

District Attorney John Callahan told the Daily Hampshire Gazette the Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare would also join what may be the largest federal probe of the use of grant funds at a university ever conducted. Some 20 state and federal auditors and investigators are expected.

The search may require a half year, Callahan speculated, and if criminal indictments develop, "we will then decide how to go about it," he added. The state legislature is also considering an investigation of its own if the university attempts to cover up any wrongdoing, according to Rep. James Collins (D-Amherst).

Dean Dwight Allen, who has resigned, came to UMass School of Education in 1968, and administered some \$15 million in federal grants.

Two special committees have also been organized to check on academic irregularities after University President Robert Wood feared as much as \$2.4 million (10 per cent) may have been misused by the School of Education. One will be comprised of outside experts and the other will be an ad hoc faculty committee of review.

The Gazette also reported a number of doctorate degrees have been granted by the School of Education in quick time periods under the Allen administration, that some students received credit for courses that were never taught and for oral examinations that were never given and for dissertations which were felt of low quality.

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**Red Cross help in 'undeclared-type'
of conflict urged as change in policy**

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. — with the U.S. captives since they were regarded as "war criminals" rather than "prisoners of war".

If the changes are implemented, Red Cross may help in accounting for some 1,300 men still missing in action in Southeast Asia.

Dr. Abe, who has been on the ARC chapter board for 16 years, said his first contact came during the Korean war when his wife became ill in Korea and the Red Cross took care of her.

He hopes the San Bernardino resolution will reinstitute the International Red Cross as a neutral peacekeeping body and that all nations recognize their support of the Geneva Conventions which allow Red Cross service in times of war and international incidents.



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• David Ushio

Dialogue

THE CALIFORNIA CALAMBOUR

San Francisco
Japanese Americans have come a long way since World War II and yet how much work remains to be done. In the past month we've seen some interesting things happening in California.

Progressive prison chief
On the 6th of February, Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. appointed a former national president, Jerry Enomoto, to perhaps the toughest, most demanding job in the state other than the Governor. He was appointed head of the State Department of Corrections. The corrections field is under severe criticism from all sides now. Some feel they are not tough enough, others feel they are too tough and creating more criminals. Some believe there should be a death penalty, others rehabilitation, others that the prison system should offer imprisonment and nothing else. There are racial pressures and conflicts within the system. The recent unrest in prisons was seen in Attica, the San Quentin riots, the Soledad brothers. Controversy surrounds the subject of prison reform.

Who should head the department now? A Japanese American, Jerry Enomoto. The ironic thing, which was mentioned by some of the newspapers reporting the appointment, is that 30 years ago he was in prison himself in an American style concentration camp. In those 30 years there has been a big change. Thirty years ago Japanese Americans sitting in prison would never have dreamed that one of them would become head of the Department of Corrections in the most populous state in the union.

Jerry is known as a very tough-minded administrator, but one who has compassion and empathy with all minority groups because of his own incarceration. Although he is tough he has the support of a large and diverse group who are concerned about prisons. Many of these people have asked us how we feel about his appointment. We have nothing but the best to say about him. As a national president he was one of the more progressive we've ever had.

Mayor of Pleasanton
Almost simultaneously with Governor Brown's announcement, S. Floyd Mori, a young Japanese American, was the top vote getter in a special election to fill the state assembly post. He is Mayor of Pleasanton, Alameda County, one of the strong large counties in northern California. The minority population in the county is small. And, it looks as though he'll have a good chance of winning the general election because the Republican he's running against finished way down the line.

Floyd Mori will undoubtedly be elected at the general election to the largest state's legislative body.

Thirty years ago that legislature was passing anti-Japanese American laws, contributing to the placement of Japanese Americans in concentration camps. That same legislature had previously passed alien land laws which made it impossible for Japanese people to own land in California. At one time there were around 800 statutes on the books that were discriminatory towards Japanese Americans.

While we look at this Reverend's statements we have to look at what makes this country a great country: It is not that we all think the same or look the same. America has attracted people from all different cultures and different faiths. Each has brought the good things of his culture and religion and it is the diversity and differences that make this nation a great place. Unfortunately we fail to recognize this. When you look at how far we've come in politics and decision making areas in the last thirty years, certain segments of the society have not kept pace.

'The Toshiba Story'
Within the same month, in San Francisco outside the Bank of Tokyo of California at Japan Trade Center, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Union were picketing the bank. They were picketing because they felt that Japanese businessmen were taking away jobs from white workers in Modesto. They were particularly aiming at the Toshiba Corporation, saying that Japanese were taking jobs from Americans.



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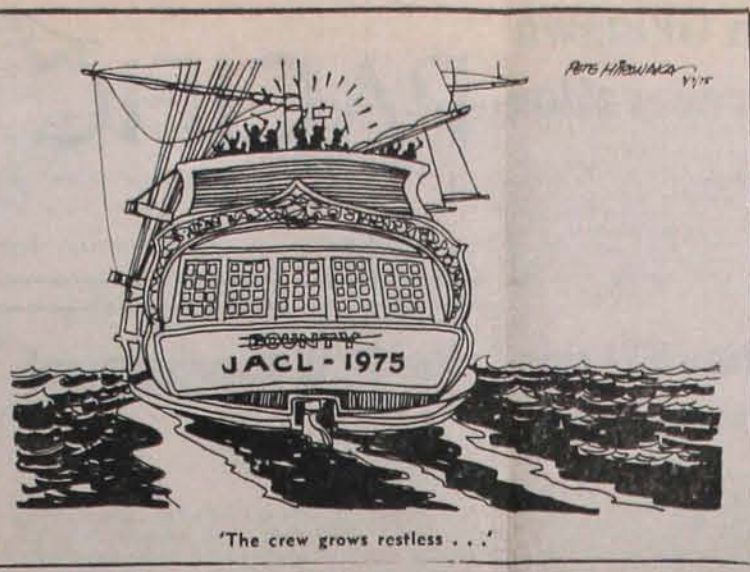
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PSWDC's IMPEACHMENT MOTION Fair Play was real victim

I believe the "Motion to impeach" passed by the PSWDC was ill-conceived and poorly executed. Even some of the strongest proponents of the motion now admit that their primary thrust was to remove the National Director and to use the threat of impeachment against the National President and/or the National Board as a means of accomplishing this end.

When the National Board is the body to investigate due cause for impeachment how unrealistic and ridiculous can you get?

Some but not all of the proponents are now ready to admit that the discussion was one-sided, that a bill of particulars should have been submitted to all interested parties before the motion was made and that the principals should have been invited to attend the meeting with enough advance notice so that their presence could be assured, and so that charges and allegations could be answered.

It has been customary in the PSWDC for the Board to get together prior to district meetings to discuss agenda items of importance. In this case there was no advance notice of any impending impeachment and as far as I can determine no advance chapter notice was given regarding specific impeachments or resignations so that chapters could consult with their membership. In other words some who speak so strongly for "accountability" proper consultation, or of unilateral decisions, etc., are not playing by the rules.

I am not writing particularly as an advocate for the National President or National Director. But I am a strong advocate of fair play. I know that National JACL has many shortcomings. I know that it has made errors in judgment. I know that there have been intolerable delays in handling certain membership problems. At the same time, I know from personal experience the tremendous pressures made upon both the National President and the National Director.

And I also realize that sometimes the buck stops with you and a decision must be made. These are judgments where time is of the essence and they could backfire but the decision must be made. I also know that the President and the Director are human with human limitations. And I know too that when expectations are not met, the top staff and board men are vulnerable to all kinds of attack — some justified, some not.

I believe too, that the membership has the right, has the responsibility in fact, to call the attention of the National Board and Staff to their problems and concerns.

The threat to impeach as a means to force the resignation of the National Director is a very serious matter which requires meticulous research, documentation, an opportunity for both sides to present their cases and advance detailed notices to chapters who vote upon the issue. And so I was saddened to see the PSWDC take the action that it did in, as the PC called it, the "fervor of the meeting."

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What is dismaying to me is that, a small group of highly aggressive and articulate people well intentioned I am sure, can sway an entire district council to vote the way it did without regard for due process (Advance notices, documentation and the presentation of both sides).

There may be some who will say these internal matters should be taken up and resolved by the National Board and that there is no need to wash our dirty linen in public. OK. But if the Board and Staff have not been sufficiently aware and responsive then the pressures will build up and sooner or later there will be an explosion.

I believe that we can, we must deal with our internal problems in a more effective and intelligent fashion now that the P.C. has published the full report of the PSWDC motion.

The report, which I understand was taped and is therefore substantially accurate, remains not only as an indictment of National JACL and its officers but also as a research, documentation, an opportunity for both sides to present their cases and advance detailed notices to chapters who vote upon the issue. And so I was saddened to see the PSWDC take the action that it did in, as the PC called it, the "fervor of the meeting."

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• Jerry Enomoto

Perspectives

TO A POSITION OF RESPONSIBILITY

Tehachapi runs.

After a five month absence from the pages of the P.C., I have prevailed upon Editor Harry to let me share some thoughts with you. My thanks, first of all, to all those good people who took the trouble to convey their good wishes to me regarding my appointment as Director of Corrections in California.

I must admit to some uneasiness about being congratulated for assuming a position of responsibility over an essentially negative function, that exposes many human beings to heartaches and hardships, albeit self-imposed. Perhaps that is over sensitivity on my part. Obviously the way to counter that is a full commitment on my part to influence the system as positively as I can, with reasonable concern for society's well-being.

While avoiding false modesty, I feel that the impact of one individual in any field is too often overstated. However, I recognize the reality that the current evidence of success obtained by Asian Americans generally, and Japanese Americans specifically, makes us feel good. That reality also gives me a feeling of greater obligation to do a good job. That sentiment may be viewed by some as a "Nisei Syndrome" but I'm comfortable with it.

I read with real interest the "On Margin" (Feb. 21) by Kats Kunitzugu. I appreciate Kats' good wishes and have also warm memories of friendship shared together. I also have a great deal of respect and agreement, most of the time with her, about issues.

Kats' comments about the death penalty question, deserves careful attention. As she says, this is a very complex subject that can not be simply resolved by cliches such as "killing people is wrong no matter who does the killing" or "the death penalty deters murderers". Perhaps there are different kinds of killing and, depending upon the motivation, some murderers should be executed. Are some killings justified, while others are not? Are we justified in sitting in judgment as to who dies and who does not? Do we know for a fact that the death penalty has any deterrent effect? Is revenge a legitimate reason for executing people?

These are only some of the age-old questions. My own conscience is not satisfied about the answers, nor am I unaware of the fact that the loss of a loved one at the hands of someone could compel me to retaliate. This is a human reaction that is inconsistent with opposition to the death penalty.

However, the simple fact is that if I am asked about the death penalty I must, as a civilized human being, say I am against it. However, I can in good conscience carry out my responsibilities in the criminal justice system nevertheless.

There are thousands of human beings involved in the process, to whom we in the system have responsibilities. For me to reject those responsibilities, because I cannot accept the continued existence of the death penalty would really be a copout.

LETTERS FROM OUR READERS


Hosokawa's Column
Editor:
Bill Hosokawa's "Surprise in the Mail" (Feb. 21) gave me a hearty laugh to put it mildly. I thoroughly enjoyed it especially his guess as to how his family coat of arms might appear.

A friend of mine, proud of his Italian heritage and certain his ancestors were fighting men, sent away for the plaque expecting battle axes. Instead, much to his chagrin, the mailman delivered the long awaited news that the clan were a bunch of shepherders. Handsomely portrayed were several sheep, two or three shepherd's crooks, and a tuft of grass.

Perhaps Mrs. Nancy Halbert of Bath, Ohio saw a card of the 1000 Club Membership showing a European plumed knight with shield and this led to the error. Wouldn't it be more appropriate to picture a samurai with his pair of swords and an open fan?

GEORGE M. GOMM
Portland JACLer

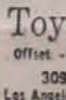
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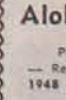
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
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
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Total interest paid to savers: \$1,276,833.
Net worth increase over 1973: \$240,957.
One month (Jan.) savings increased: \$1,100,000 (the best month in the past 10 years, due to great response to its new branch opening in Torrance-Gardena Jan. 6.)

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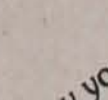





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Bill Hosokawa

Frying Pan

AND CHUCK, TOO, IS GONE

Denver, Colo. For some unexplainable reason there is a sort of jungle telegraph that functions among old Nisei friends. One may not hear directly from the person directly, but the word gets through—good tidings and bad—about people one knew long ago and lost touch of over the years. It is hard to explain how this communication system works. One just knows that it functions.

Some months ago the word came from the East that Chuck Kambe was ill and the outlook wasn't good. Chuck had settled in Philadelphia many years back and had established a fine medical practice. I hadn't seen him since the fall of 1963. The year is precise because there was a convention in Philadelphia that year and a souvenir on my desk carries the date. Our meeting on the occasion was brief, but long enough to stir up some recollections of boyhood summers at the Salvation Army Fresh Air Camp on the Green River south of Seattle.

When the Depression had cast a deadly chill over the national economy, Chuck's dad gave me a summer job at the wholesale produce market he managed. Chuck's brother, George, was older so he was a salesman. Chuck was smarter, so he worked in the office as a bookkeeper. My job was to unload produce from the farmers' trucks as they began to arrive about 3 a.m., and to load that same produce into the grocers' trucks when they came shopping for the day's supply beginning about 5 a.m. For a while each morning the activity was furious and we worked frantically. After the rush ended it was my job to sweep out, and I envied Chuck working over the books in comfort. He probably was paid no more than I received, which was \$10 a week, but he had it a lot easier.

One rain-spattered Sunday last June, en route home from Seabrook, N.J., I telephoned Chuck from the Philadelphia airport. His wife Myro answered. She said it was true, Chuck wasn't well. But last day he had felt well enough to go out for a round of golf with their son Joe, a

resident physician at Boston University Hospital. That didn't make Chuck's illness too serious, but as I hung up I wondered if I'd ever talk to him again.

This week we got the word that Chuck was gone. Another good man taken before his time.

We had had fun together back in the days when we were too poor and too carefree to know we were underprivileged. Like the time Chuck and George and Farmer Watanabe and I borrowed the Kambe Pontiac—most families had only Fords or Chevs in those days—and made our first trip to California. Chuck was the youngest so he was kidded the most—like being told that Vallejo was pronounced Valley Joe, and the roadside palms we saw for the first time were indeed rain trees. We drove all night to save the time and money and came home a lot wiser about the great wide world beyond the Seattle limits.

Perhaps Chuck got his first inkling about what discrimination was all about when at the University of Washington he was invited to a fraternal party for prospective members. His name was Kambe, and the fellows in charge of invitations couldn't tell that the freshman who owned it was an Oriental. When Chuck, in his innocence, showed up, they had the decency to be embarrassed and say they were sorry, it was an unfortunate mistake, but after they said it they closed the door with Chuck standing on the outside.

A lot of that sort of thing has changed now, and part of the credit goes to guys like Chuck who persevered through medical school and became a good doctor who could afford to live in a decent neighborhood and let the world know that he was just as good as the next fellow, never mind race or color or creed.

And these are some of the things I thought about on a quiet afternoon when the jungle telegraph, with a little help from the U.S. mail, brought the word about Chuck Kambe, another one of the good guys.



DETROIT—Outstanding Detroit JACL members recognized during the 1975 installation dinner are (from left) Tom and Miki Tagami, Boz and Sally Higashi, Alice and Tom Hashimoto, Kay and Art Morey.



DETROIT—Before 200 persons, 1975 Detroit JACL board members were sworn into office Jan. 18 by Tom Hibino, Midwest regional director. They are (from left) Jan

Ishii, Mary Kamidol, Sud Kimoto (pres), Tom Tagami, Miki Tagami, Margaret Watanabe, Tam Satow, Alice Hashimoto, Karen and Joe Gersch.—Photo by Tom Hashimoto.



DETROIT—Inaugural photograph of the 1975 Detroit JACL officers, who were sworn in Jan. 18 by Scott Furukawa, MDYC chairman, shows (from left) Karen Gersch (adv),

Dan Oda, Keri Fujii (co-pres), Steve Shimomura, Coreen Nakayama, Susan Tagami, Karen Yoshikawa (co-pres) and Joe Gersch (adv).—Photo by Tom Hashimoto.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Ruling the Air Waves and Waiving the Rules

By DR. LESLIE S. HIRAKA

New York Citizens and New York groups have recently become extremely vocal about television programming and equal opportunity in the broadcast industry. As sophistication about Federal regulation has increased, these groups have shifted their complaints directly to the FCC.

Wallowing in its bureaucracy, the FCC, nevertheless, has been buffeted by these pressure groups. In 1973, the FCC established the Industry Equal Employment Opportunity unit which began the review of annual employment statistics of broadcast licensees in a move to eliminate employment discrimination. In January, in a first-of-its-kind decision, the Commission refused to renew the State of Alabama's license to operate educational television stations because of past racist policies in hiring and program content.

In another first, the Los Angeles chapter of National Association for Better Broadcasting was successful in forcing a broadcaster to eliminate a program, a daily cartoon of Batman, Superman, or Aquaman which was deemed too violent. The pressure was applied when the NAB group petitioned for non-renewal of license. The station, KTTV, unwilling to participate in a protracted legal fight before the FCC, succumbed to the group's demand.

These examples reflect the changed environment in which the FCC finds itself. Criticisms and petitions are on the rise, not only from citizen groups but from legislators and the Ford Administration as well.

Mrs. Reid—FCCer

The Federal Communications Commission was created by the Communications Act of 1934 for the regulation of radio and television broadcasting, cable television, and telephone and telegraph communication. As a government agency, it was, of course, established with the public interest in mind. Therein lies the discrepancy.

Recent reports by The Wall Street Journal and the U.S. Civil Rights Commission indicate strongly that the FCC is out of touch with the needs of the nation and manned by such incompetents as Mrs. Reid. In a lead column on Oct. 25, 1974, the WSJ wrote of FCC Commissioner

"Mrs. Reid typifies many of her regulatory colleagues: She lacks apparent qualifications for the job, and she doesn't display much interest in the work."

Why was she selected by former President Nixon for the important Commissioner post? Well, she was a friend, a Republican, a woman, and for three years, a singer on a morning radio show. Her annual salary: \$38,000.

Mrs. Reid's colleagues at the FCC include six commissioners and a chairman

appointed by the President with approval from the Senate. The bureaucracy which administers three bureaus: the broadcast bureau that licenses all radio and television stations, the cable bureau, and the common carrier bureau for telephone and telegraph.

Within the broadcast bureau is the complaints and compliance division (in Washington, D.C.) to which a citizen can address regarding a station's programming. In addition to the three bureaus, the office of General Counsel exists and houses the Industry EEO Unit.

In its regulation of the air waves, the FCC is responsible for assigning each radio or TV station to a specific frequency, such that interference among stations is minimized and service maximized. There is only so much space in the frequency spectrum for radio and TV, and hence, a station holding a three-year license operates against a small, finite number of competitors—essentially an oligopolistic situation.

The stations are, in general, private and profit oriented and because of the nature of their services, they are protected by "free speech" of the First Amendment. Nevertheless, the semi-monopolistic state of the industry and the ubiquitous effects of broadcasting on the public domain give sufficient reasons for the FCC to ensure that each radio and television station holding a license operates in the public interest. The public-interest criteria are applied when licenses are issued, re-newed, transferred, or revoked.

Licensing Crucial

As the preceding cases have shown, it is at these critical licensing junctures where citizens and minority groups have historically been pressed along two lines: (1) discrimination in employment and (2) programming content.

The first was enunciated by the FCC on July 23, 1968: "Discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin is grounds for license revocation or non-renewal."

Programming content can be challenged by the community since the FCC requires that the station serve the problems, needs, and interests of the community. A canvass of the listening public must be made by each station followed by consultation of leaders in community life. Views of minorities within the community must be reflected in the surveys and consultations.

Avenues hence exist via which minorities and citizens can channel criticism or seek redress. The action once begun is protracted and expensive and usually bottled up in the legal maze. Backlogs at the FCC are horrendous.

The increasing number of licensing suits and complaints have not gone unnoticed by the broadcasting industry and organization works for

the FCC, itself. In the last session of Congress, a license renewal bill sailed through both houses of Congress which would have lengthened the licensing period from three to five years. Professor Barnett of Berkeley along with consumer and minority groups immediately saw this as an attempt to "case already lax renewal standards to freeze out public protests and competitive challenges."

Endorsed by the head of the FCC and by local industry stations, the bill passed the House by 297 to 14 and the Senate by 69 to 2. Such is the power of the media over consumer and minority "pressure" groups. The bill, however, stalled and never reached the President's desk in the hectic last hours of the last Congress. It is expected to be introduced in the current term.

(The National JACL 23rd Biennial Convention in Portland passed a resolution opposing the license renewal bill following considerable spadework done by Ross Harano and the MDC. The JACL resolution further resolved that all members make efforts to communicate this opposition to their Congressional representatives.)

Ushio—

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pan tries to steal jobs of American workers.

Many of their statements reverted back to the "sneaky Jap" stereotype: "The Manager of Toshiba grinned in subtle acknowledgment"; in Japan there is "hated and contempt for America and Americans. It is unsafe for our Ambassadors to walk the streets or our Secretary of State to visit."

This is the same type of mentality that caused Japanese Americans so much trouble in World War II. We became the scapegoats of animosities directed at Japan. Stereotypes emerge. Unfortunately, when they pick institutions like the Bank of Tokyo of Calif. and other Japanese American institutions because they happen to look Japanese, they're hurting Americans who work for those companies.

In an effort to save American union jobs they are discriminating against American workers in other types of job opportunities. There is a lack of clear thinking on the part of some of these unions.

These four incidents happening within two weeks of each other were almost mind-boggling in their implications. On one hand we see how far Japanese Americans have come, how we've realized many of the dreams we thought were impossible 30 years ago. And yet how a type of basic racism and misperception is still there.

It becomes the role of an organization like JACL to continue promoting the one and fighting against the other. Those are the goals the broadcasting industry and organization works for.

Chapter Pulse

Installation

The Detroit JACL held its 29th annual installation dinner dance, Jan. 18. Approximately 200 people attended the gala affair at the Bonnie Brook Golf Club in Detroit.

Mike Hashimoto, a JAY graduate, served as toastmaster. Emphasis was on Asian Americans. The president of each of the ethnic groups of the Asian American Council were guests. Invocation was given by Rev. Moody Yap, evangelist of the Reformed Church of America.

The installation of the JACL board and JAY's board was performed by MDC Regional Director Tom Hibino and Scott Furukawa, MDYC Chairman. Chairman Min Togasaki passed the gavel to Sud Kimoto, 1975 chairman, and Paul Teshima, JAY president, passed the gavel to incoming JAY co-presidents Keri Fujii and Karen Yoshikawa.

The Brian Lang Band played for young and old alike. The 65-plus JAYs who converged on Detroit from the Midwest District for the weekend, especially enjoyed the extra entertainment provided by Mike Hashimoto and Stan Eto, two promising young musicians.

Serving on the installation committee were: Elaine Akari Prout, and Harold Izumi—co-ch; Mary Kamidol, Vir-

ginia Izumi, Toshi Shimomura, Bill Prout, Ron and Kathy Yee, and Karen Yoshikawa.

The Seattle JACL installation banquet Feb. 7 at Busch Garden was conceded to be the largest ever for the chapter—the entire second floor for 270 was oversubscribed. Noble Chan and her ticket committee were roundly applauded for their 60-day campaign. The speaker (Mayor or Wes Uhlman), musical entertainment, emcee Frank Hattori and the presence of youth as honored guests all helped to make the evening memorable.

To show that youth does have top priority in the Seattle scheme of things, Dr. Lindbergh Sata, new president, said the board has approved a \$1,000 youth project grant fund.

Tomio Moriguchi, who was installing officer, also presented a certificate of appreciation to the North American Post, postwar successor to the North American Times. H.T. Kubota, president and publisher, accepted the certificate.

Mayor Uhlman urged the JACL to help lead the way to saving the International District's cultural and historical identity. He also encouraged that JACL continue its role monitoring and keeping the City honest. JACL's role in helping to achieve its first Asian minority in the fire department was a significant, the mayor said.

Because the International District contributes to the diversity of the city, Mayor Uhlman said, "We have to work hard to keep the District economically viable and strong. There are very serious factors threatening to destroy the area. Young Asians of the community are aware of that. I applaud them for their efforts to bring this to the attention of the larger community. I can serve notice on every speculator and developer who thinks he's going to make a fast dollar adjacent to the (dome) stadium, that is not going to happen... International District is an important part of this city's heritage and we're going to maintain it."

Among special guests were Consul General Sono Uchida, White River Valley president

claim that Aloha tried to monopolize air transportation in the state.

Governor's Office

In spite of a rejection of his budget request by Gov. George Ariyoshi, Lt. Gov. Nelson Doi has renewed his plea for additional staff before the Senate Ways and Means Committee. Doi wants to hire in new staffers at a cost of more than \$200,000 a year.

The Univ. of Hawaii board of regents has reaffirmed its plan to press for the establishment of a four-year college in West Oahu. The regents have endorsed a recommendation that the college open in temporary quarters by January, 1976.

Marianos-U.S.

SAIPAN—The U.S. and the Marianas Islands signed a commonwealth agreement Feb. 15, the first step toward establishing a new U.S. territory.

Hiroshi Oyama, Poyallup Valley president Dr. Paul Ellis and PNW-IDC regional director Stan Kiyokawa.

March Events

The blooming fruit orchards of Central California Nikkel farms will be the West Los Angeles JACL "hanami" tour this year. Charter bus transportation and one-night lodging at Fresno is included in the \$20 tour package departing Felicia Mahood Recreation Center on Friday, Mar. 7, 6 p.m., and returning Saturday by 7:30 p.m., according to Toy Kanegai (820-1133), program.

The tour is being coordinated by Harry Kubo of the Nisei Farmers League and past CDCC-JACL Gov. Fred Hirano. Fresno area Issei will accompany the group during the morning tour.

As the first in a series of community service forums at Japanese Community Services, 2012 Pine St., San Francisco, the Bay Area Community JACL on Mar. 14, 7:30 p.m., presents the Revs. Roy Sano and Lloyd Wake, representatives from the Asian American Caucus of the United Methodist Churches, who visited South Korea Nov. 3-28 on a goodwill tour "in support of South Koreans who were struggling for human life."

Their participation in the forum is to express their support for the struggles of Koreans and Korean Americans—not speak for them, it was stressed. Their report is also expected to broaden many of the presently-held perspectives to the U.S. international problems and its effect upon Asian Americans in the community.

February Events

Ron Dangaran, PR officer with the Fresno Unified School District, was guest speaker at the Fowler JACL dinner meeting Feb. 7 at Tiny's Restaurant.

Now is the time for Asian Americans to move into public administration jobs, especially in the schools, he said. Dangaran, who is of Filipino ancestry, is one of the few Asian county school system administrative officer. Only other Asian with him is Victor Takeuchi.

Speaking on affirmative action in the school district, the problem for teachers is that job opportunities here are declining because of reduced enrollment, he added.

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George Yoshinaga

Ringside Seat

NISEI RELAYS—1975 EDITION

Los Angeles As an added attraction to this year's Nisei Relays (stated June 1) there will be a "special event" 100-yard dash for those over 30.

It was not clear if they meant 30 years or waitlines over 30 inches.

At any rate, this writer indicated an interest in running in this event although first place is impossible.

First place is impossible because Dr. Bob Watanabe, who is in the over 30 class, will be entered. And Dr. Bob, the ex-UCLA sprinter is still capable of touring the 100 in 10.5 or 10.6.

The only way I could run 10.5 would be if I was running downhill with a bill collector chasing me.

Since my interest in the race, some challengers have popped up.

One is Mas Fukai, Gardena City Councilman, who must have decided that "if that fat slob typewriter jockey can even finish the 100 yards I should join in the race, too."

Actually, guys like Dr. Bob

and Councilman Fukai should have a race of their own. These guys, though over 30 years, are still in too good shape to compete against the "real" over 30s.

Mas works with a lot of baseball teams in the FOR program so he's running and playing with the youngsters and keeps in top notch shape.

Maybe a staggered start, with handicaps for each runner would be an interesting idea to toy with.

Ex-University of California football player Kenji Sakaki is another enter in the special 100. And, he looks like he's in good shape, too.

That means that maybe the best we can hope for is a distant fourth.

If a couple of more of these aged, but well-conditioned types file entry blanks I may decide to enter the special women's race over the same distance.

At least the view from last place in this race wouldn't be too hard to take.

—Kashu Mainichi

Richard Gima

Aloha from Hawaii

Hawaii Today

Honolulu

The Miss Hawaii Pageant returns to Honolulu this year (June 14 at McKinley High) after being held the past five years on the Big Island...

Sen. Duke Kawasaka wants to see the death penalty reinstated for crimes involving the murder of a police officer, judge, elected official or a witness to a murder. He also believes murders caused by explosives or committed during a rape, kidnapping, arson, or burglary should be punishable by a death sentence... Efforts of a special group of native islanders "Hou Hawaiians" in the federal manpower program, who say unemployed Hawaiians are not included as native Americans in some provisions of the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) of 1973, are being supported by state manpower planning administrator Robert Weis. Appeal is being made to include persons of Hawaiian ancestry will be eligible for federal assistance at the regional U.S. Labor office... To assist the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development in their participation of land development, the U.S. Geological Survey has issued a preliminary report describing volcanic hazards of the Big Island and pinpointing

areas of relative risk for each hazard. Potential for loss is said to be increasing because of population growth and development expansion.

Education

Authorities say a fire which damaged the interior and furnishings of a double classroom at Kaneohe Elementary School Feb. 16 apparently was deliberately set. Firemen said the fire was started in three separate parts of the classroom. There was no immediate estimate on the cost of the fire damages.

State Board of Education has made the following appointments:

PRINCIPALS—Young Yee Ku, McKinley High; Gordon Ozawa, Mililani High; Lawrence Chung, Waiawa Elementary; Melvin Seki, Moanalua Intermediate; Nigeo Uchiro, Highlands Intermediate; Margaret Ooka, Naalehu High School, Big Island.

ADMINISTRATORS—Edmund Tama (former McKinley High principal), academic sec. Instructional Services, DEK; Rose Yamada, compensatory edu.

Names in the News

Nori Statz, 4-year-old son of the Harry Statz of Kailua, windward Oahu, is the 1975 March of Dimes poster boy, who spent 3 1/2 years in a Japanese hospital because of brain damage which affected his ability to move his arms and legs. He was adopted by

the Statzs last April and is a grandson of former Gov. and Mrs. Burns.

Jim Brown, English editor of Hawaii Ichu, translated a story appearing in its Japanese section polling its readers who the outstanding player in Hawaii were. The results: Gov. George Ariyoshi, 43; Sen. Daniel Inouye 35; Fujio Matsuda, 17; Rep. Spark Matsunaga and Byron Goto, 10; Lt. Gov. Nelson Doi, 9; Masayuki Tokioka, 8; Dr. Kenji Goto and Kijunji Kondo 4; Frank Oda and Rev. Paul Otsu, 3.

Newly-elected Edward Sakai of the 42nd Club is assisted by Katsuhiko Nakamura, Thomas Tanaka, Edward Tanaka, vp; Alexander Ooka, treas.; and Robert Sakaki, sec. sec. Mrs. Irma Low is president of the Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu... American Institute of Architects, Hawaii chapter, elected Owen Chock its

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IN THE NAME OF PROGRESS

San Francisco
A few weeks ago, while I was doing my weekly shopping at the neighborhood supermarket the manager called over the public address system for anyone who can speak Japanese to please come to the first checkout stand. I thought to myself, maybe I can help, although I confess my Japanese conversation ability would hardly qualify me to watch a Japanese film without English subtitles. The request for help was made because an elderly Issei man was incapacitated, disoriented, and could not communicate with the store manager. Fortunately, another Issei patron was assisting and it was ascertained that he lived a few blocks from me and he wondered away from home, stumbling into the market feeling weak and confused.

With the help of my mother-in-law, Mrs. Saburo Kido, who went shopping with me, we managed to get him into the back seat of my car and delivered him home. His wife was very grateful as we helped him into the house. An ordinarily spry Issei, we were surprised to hear that he was over 93 and was in the habit of walking long distance away from home. As I drove my mother-in-law home to unload her groceries, I saw Mr. Kido who has also had problems since his stroke several years ago.

I've often wondered about the problems of our senior citizens and with the recent reminders that it is very close to home, we should be concerned with it as an immediate crisis.

I read with interest that the Salvation Army is moving its officers' training school from San Francisco. It is currently located next to Nihonmachi on Geary Street. I have mixed feelings about that edifice as I was told that some funds were contributed by the Japanese community prior to World War II and as a result of the Evacuation the community lost its interest in it. It would be an ideal location to convert it into a residence for our senior citizens. Why not?

I keep asking myself. Over the years I have seen the changes taking place in our traditional Nihonmachi community. In the name of progress we see the building of commercial and high rent structures. The building boom is quite evident as new buildings mushroom a neighborhood which was originally residential and community

oriented. Today, commercialism and tourism seem to be the top priorities. It is no wonder the young people and residents of Japantown have come together to fight those forces under the banner of the Committee Against Nihonmachi Eviction.

JACL retirement home?

With every passing day, the new national headquarters building is closer to completion. As predicted the fund raising efforts have been successful. As advertised in the Pacific Citizen, "This is the house that Sacrifice built." I guess my opposition to this project was in vain; however in principle I can publicly state that I have been consistently against it because in my opinion it is a luxury we can ill afford at this time. Like many other communities, I believe an Issei retirement home would be more honest than the fraudulent advertisement by-line.

I am pleased and yet dismayed that there are fund raising efforts in the Los Angeles area to build a home for the aged. I am pleased because they recognize the need. I am dismayed because I believe we have not been properly compensated for the tremendous losses we suffered during World War II. Sacrifice built many buildings and institutions prior to the war.

It is a sad commentary and a shame for us to neglect those who really sacrificed for us. Their time is running out. We must emerge on a crash program to seek reparations from our government to fund badly needed and worthy projects. Otherwise maybe it is not too late to ask the JACL Building Fund Committee and its architects to think seriously of converting it to a senior residence home. Then it would truly be a house that Sacrifice built.

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Kegfest scores high

SALT LAKE CITY — The 10th annual Utah all-Nisei bowling tournament held at Fairmont Bowl Feb. 1-2 attracted its biggest field with over 200 entrants. Wai Misaka was tournament director. Prizes went for scratch and handicap play. The New South Sea Cafe team of Walt Matsuda, Yuji Okumura, Ike Ogata, Tami Takagi and Ted Okawa won the scratch title with 2936.

Japanese Myths, where he examines the conceptions of earth and mankind as depicted in the myths of the "Kojiki" (PC: Oct. 16, 1970) and "Nihongi" (PC: Dec. 1, 1972). "The moral of the myths... seems to be that life for men can be expected to follow courses that are almost wholly intelligible and actionable in earthly and human terms."

This illuminating essay is followed by the exceptional well-written "A Culture of Love and Hate," by Eiichiro Ishida, the culture so designated being Western, which goes to extremes, according to the author, compared to the Japanese.

"...love as portrayed in Western literature is deep, intense, and full-bodied in a way that leaves far behind the gentle pathos of its Japanese counterpart; it has its roots in the very nature of Western civilization, with its thoroughly-going loves and hates. My memories of life in Europe are an odd compound of inextinguishable goodwill and kindness on the one hand and an implacable severity in human relationships on the other..."

Research findings

Less technical is the presentation of the findings of "Japanese Research on Mass Communications." The book jacket says:

"Professor Kato has unlocked the door that barred English-speaking scholars from Japanese communication research. With grace and scholarly authority he presents 98 long abstracts in English of significant Japanese research. He says: 'According to international comparative statistics prepared by UNESCO and other agencies, and by such scholars as Wilbur Schramm and Richard Carter, the development of mass communications in Japan is among the highest in the world. Japan is one of the most highly developed in the diffusion of newspaper and broadcasting media. Her literacy rate is highest in the world, and the consumption of magazines and books is also extremely high. In the development of mass communications, Japan is quite similar to West Germany, Great Britain, and the United States.'"

The first abstract is "A Survey of Popular Songs," conducted by Takashi Inui and appearing under the title "Yume to Omokage" (Dreams and Images) in 1952.

Survey was to learn what kinds of songs attracts and what psychological effect they have upon their listeners. The information used to gain the information was the distribution of a questionnaire to 833 young persons in the Tokyo area in April 1948.

Six major findings resulted, each being neatly listed by Prof. Kato.

PC's People

Redevelopment



Michael D. Oh

Appointed Feb. 26 as assistant project director of the Little Tokyo Project Office of the Community Redevelopment Agency, Michael Oh is a USC graduate in English with extensive commercial and industrial real estate development experience. His previous employers included Equity Real Property, Coldwell Banker Management Corp. Sachii Hirotsu, project manager, said over 80 candidates applied for the vacancy. His first major assignment will be with the shopping center. He is married to the former Sharon Goya, a Belmont High School teacher.

Travel

A 20-year JAL veteran, Yukio Akiyama, district manager of operations at Los Angeles, has returned to Tokyo where he will become president of International Food Corp., a new subsidiary of the airline. The Hawaiian-born Mike Takamatsu of Huntington Beach was named main-

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U.S. Bicentennial

The Washington (D.C.) Performing Arts Society has commissioned works for solo piano to be premiered at the Kennedy Center during the Bicentennial period. Among the pianist selected was Etsuko Tazaki who will play a new work by George Rochberg in the 1976 fall recitals. John D. Rockefeller III, a director of the national committee for the Bicentennial Era, declared Feb. 20: "Our government and wonderful country is in trouble. The Bicentennial could be a major factor to work the country out of trouble by going back to the fundamentals as they were put forward by our forefathers."

Radio-TV

Rai Okamoto, San Francisco architect, was elected vice-president of the KQED, Inc., board of directors. He was one of seven elected to the 25-member board of the local educational TV station. It produced the currently running "Japanese Films" series hosted by Prof. Edwin Reischauer. Longevity is the accurate word for the Japanese-language program conducted on KMMI, Maui, by Haruo and Fusayo Koike. The husband-wife show is in its 27th year.

Entertainment

A Japan Night program featuring talented Ransel Fujima and Cherry Matsuo as classical dancers and Yoko Aways and June Kuramoto as koto instrumentalists was enjoyed

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Feb. 6 by 200 guests of the Redondo (Beach) Masonic Lodge. Program was arranged by the Bank of Tokyo of California's Torrance branch. Debbie Sabusawa is rapidly making a name for herself as singer with the vocal group, "All of Us". The niece of noted

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