



**SAN FRANCISCO**—Hawaii Gov. George Ariyoshi (center) stands with winners of the JAL-JACL cultural heritage fellowship and two New York visitors who made presentations. They are (from left): Hisashi Ito, Japan Air Lines; Theresa Fujiwara, Seattle; Mark Tajima, Greater Pasadena Area; Ariyoshi; Joanne Fujita, Seattle; Takashi Fujii, Long Beach-Harbor; and Kazuo Riko, Japan Travel Bureau International.

## TO THE POINT: Shigeki Sugiyama

# On Being Responsive

Washington. Our remarks made at the June, 1973, National JACL Board interim meeting on where stood organizationally as JACL hopefully entered a new, dynamic era are still pertinent and worth restating here in summary.

The JACL had closed its era when programs and activities were based primarily on the persuasiveness of individuals or domination by power centers. We said:

"To remain a viable and effective organization, we must be responsive to the needs and interests of the membership and the communities served. But being responsive puts the organization under increasing pressures and strains as conflicting demands and requirements mount and compete for limited material and human resources. Therefore, there is a need to make organizational processes more adaptive to present and future needs and to assure optimum allocation and use of available resources."

There was implicit understanding of how many of the routine functions in National JACL were accomplished—word of mouth or tradition. This approach worked so long as no changes were desired and the same people involved. But problems arise when changes are needed or those involved drop out while new people with new ideas may be shut out.

Furthermore, decisions were extemporaneous, with or without adequate consultation or consideration of possible adverse consequences—an approach which could have locked JACL into an untenable position and with little capacity to anticipate new problems.

To correct past shortcomings, we said two years ago: We need to develop and establish processes which will enable the national leadership and staff to—

a) Provide continuity of understanding and direction, regardless of who is filling the particular organizational roles.

b) Reduce or eliminate the need to cope so frequently with totally unexpected problems and nuisances.

c) Improve our capacity to respond to real problems with efficiency and effectiveness.

d) In place of non-productive discourse and rhetoric, increase time and effort to work rational decision-making; and

e) Provide means for meaningful and effective input and participation in programs and activities by concerned members.

Some of these needs, we said, might be met by (a) documenting regular, recurring processes and procedures to reduce misunderstanding; (b) effective organization and staffing including full use of talents and capabilities of staff and volunteers; (c) effective programming based on adequately based and supported decisions, realistic and viable program planning; (d) vigorous program implementation; and (e) follow-up.

However, all of the foregoing depends on a clear articulation of JACL goals and

## ARIYOSHI LAUDS JAL-JACL PUSH IN ETHNIC PRIDE

Four Winners Named for Fellowship; '76 Program Planned

**SAN FRANCISCO**—Four outstanding young Japanese Americans who received the coveted Japan Air Lines-JACL Cultural Heritage Fellowships, March 22, heard words of praise from keynote speaker Gov. George Ariyoshi.

Governor Ariyoshi congratulated the recipients for their achievement and praised the JACL for its efforts in providing opportunities for Japanese American young people to learn of their roots and culture. The first Japanese American to be elected to the post of Governor remarked, "All people must recognize the validity of each other's history, culture, and contribution to our nation. When this happens, understanding will replace racial strife, and brotherhood will make our society a better place."

The winners were Theresa Fujiwara of Seattle, Mark Tajima of Altadena, Joanne Fujita of Seattle and Takashi Fujii of Long Beach. The award includes summer study at Sophia University in Tokyo, round trip air fare, room and board while in Japan, and a specialized two-week tour.

JACL President-Elect Jim Murakami made the presentations to the happy recipients.

"The National JACL is proud to provide this opportunity for young people to maximize their potential as human beings. We are encouraged by the quality of young people who are participating in JACL programs throughout the nation. Our goal as an organization is to develop a generation of young people who can be assets for the entire nation through the development of their leadership talents."

The four fellowships were made possible through the sponsorship of Japan Air Lines whose vice president, Hisashi Ito, came to San Francisco from New York to formally present the awards. President Kazuo Riko of Japan Travel Bureau International, Inc., also from New York, presented the special two-week tour of Japan with compliments of his organization.

In his speech before the large gathering of JACL members at the Hotel St. Francis, Ariyoshi emphasized his efforts as governor of Hawaii to build an environment that is manageable, that allows planned growth and development, and most of all, emphasized the most important natural resource of his state—the people. Stressing the type of understanding that Hawaii has between racial groups as a positive contribution and model for the nation, Governor Ariyoshi urged the JACL to continue its efforts to provide leadership to all people toward this type of understanding.

Describing the evolution of the Fellowship Program, National JACL executive director David Ushio pointed out that this particular program has enjoyed national grassroots support from all segments of JACL. "The Issei believe that the culture of their homeland should be passed onto each generation. The Nisei first recognized the need for such a program many years ago for the then emerging generation of Sansei. The youth and Sansei are increasingly desirous of experiencing the root sources of their culture and heritage."

The eight finalists were interviewed earlier in the day by judges.

Richard Elwood, pres. Japan Society of San Francisco; Nobuo Ishikawa, pres. Toshiba International Corp. (previously involved in program with Sophia University); Consul Yoshinori Tsujimoto, cultural affairs officer, Japanese Consulate, San Francisco; Sharon Uyeda, a teacher, San Jose JACL board member and 1970 Cultural Heritage Fellowship recipient; and Yori Wada, YMCA Buchanan Street director.

The judging procedure included impromptu speeches by the finalists in the morning and oral interviews with each during the afternoon. Over 85 applications from throughout the nation were received.

Discussions are already underway between JAL and JACL for the 1976 program.

"The recent accounts of Chicago police investigations of private citizens and organizations bring back memories of the WW2 situation. JACL believes that these activities have no place in American society and could only lead to further abridgment of the rights of all citizens," Hibino concluded.

**Rep. Mineta to speak at Phila. installation**

**PHILADELPHIA, Pa.**—Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.) will be guest speaker at the Philadelphia JACL installation dinner-dance April 12, 7 p.m., at St. David's Inn on the Lancaster Pike (Rt. 30).

The Eastern District Council will convene from 10 a.m. at the same locale. It was announced by EDC Gov. Vernon Ishikawa.

Reservations for the dinner-dance are being accepted at \$13 singles, \$25 couple, \$10 students and Sr. Citizens by: Gladys Kamihira (609-438-7691); Rita Eado (215-571-4731).

**Join the JACL**

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## IN STATE OF WASHINGTON

# Seek E-1 visa student tuition waiver

**MOSES LAKE, Wash.**—For the past year, the Columbia Basin JACL here and the Pacific Northwest District Council have been working with State Sen. Nat W. Washington for a bill which would grant resident student privileges in colleges and universities to E-1 visa aliens. In effect, the bill (SB 2508) would permit children of Japanese American citizens here to attend state universities and colleges by paying a resident student tuition fee. Presently, they pay a foreign student tuition fee, which is more than \$1,000 per year higher than what resident students pay.

The bill, which has had its first reading, has been referred to the Committee on Higher Education, according to Ed M. Yamamoto, PNWDC vice-governor, who has virtually single-handedly pushed the campaign. He has urged JACLers in the State of Washington to encourage their legislators at Olympia by April 10 to adopt the measure.

To have SB 2508 reported out of committee with a "do pass" recommendation, Washington state JACLers have been asked to write to members of the Senate Committee on Higher Education, 409-A Legislative Bldg., Olympia 98501.

Sens. Gordon Sandison (chm.), Hubert Donahue, R.A. Goltz, Gary M. Odegaard, Max E. Benitz, Sam C. Guesz, and George W. Scott. The legislation further recognizes that "such families are for all intents and purposes residents in this state; paying local and state taxes, contributing to the social and cultural activities within their neighborhoods (and) contributing most substantially to the economic welfare of this state." The bill concludes therefore these families should be accorded in some measure rights coincidental to that of their neighbors within their community.

The Columbia Basin Daily Herald on Mar. 18, aware this bill needs a lot of help if it is to pass, urged its readers to "let the legislators know." The paper endorsed the legislation.

JACL interest has also been focused on a similar bill (HB 52 by Rep. Douthwaite) which makes tuition waivers for foreign students discretionary. At the February board meeting of Seattle JACL, the issue was tabled because too many questions were unanswered.

**Research starts**  
The local JACL became concerned as children of JAL employees began graduating from Moses Lake High School and faced stiff tuition fees. Sen. Washington indicated his willingness to sponsor remedial legislation and requested JACL to provide necessary research.

The bill, incidentally, is restricted to assist children of resident alien employees with an E-1 visa and not those who specifically immigrate to enroll in the state colleges or universities. The E-1 visa student has a diploma from a high school in the State of Washington.

The E-1 classification is reserved for "employees of a foreign employer, governmental or commercial, living in the U.S. and in the state where they are employed"—formerly known as "treaty traders or merchants."

From the standpoint of equity, the JACL research found, Japan has a single rate as to the amount of college or university tuition and other fees regardless of the nationality of the students. Private institutions may decide their own tuition but the rate

While the staff felt it inappropriate for them to reply to Hata's last question about selection and qualification of project staff, the subsequent response outlined the procedures that had been taken and included Ms. Nakano's personal resume.

Following the public call for project personnel, there were 10 applications for project director and 15 for research coordinator. The personnel screening committee ranked them and Nov. 13 was analyzed by the committee chairman. The executive director made the appointments subject to approval of the JACL EXECOM.

**Little Tokyo housing**  
LOS ANGELES—Senior citizens residing in one of the 14 apartment-hotels in Little Tokyo will participate in an update survey April 1-18 to be conducted by the Little Tokyo Towers, Inc. to determine how many will qualify for senior citizen housing.

**UTAH BICENTENNIAL BACKS TOPAZ COMM.**  
SALT LAKE CITY—The Utah Bicentennial Commission has been authorized to allocate \$2,500 to the Utah Tri-Chapter JACL Topaz Committee, chaired by Frank Yoshimura, on a matching-fund basis.

The allocation was welcomed since the committee will soon start an \$8,000 campaign to purchase two monuments to be erected at the former Topaz WRA campsite and at the Delta city park.

Meanwhile, Nichi Bei Times editor Yasu Abiko is helping to organize a San Francisco-East Bay Committee of 100 to assist the Topaz Committee.

**NATIONAL DIALOGUE: David Ushio**

**National Advocacy**

**PART FOUR**  
San Francisco  
Aesop told a fable about an old farmer near death. He hated to die and leave his son because they were always quarreling. He called the three sons, asking the eldest to bring him a bundle of sticks. After directing the young man to tie the bundle together, the father asked him to break it. The first son could not do it. Then the second son tried and failed as did the third son. The father asked them to untie the bundle and each break one stick. They did it easily. The father then said, "As long as you separate yourselves from each other you will be weak. United, you will be so strong that no one can harm you."

Through national advocacy JACL is able to tie the bundle together. When we appear at a Senate hearing and explain the good or ill of proposed legislation for our unique group, we are tying that bundle. When we speak to foundations about the needs and hopes of our community we tie it. When we work with news media representatives in explaining our positions we tie it. When we speak to advertising executives and publishing representatives about false stereotypes we tie it.

Ideally, we would hope that decision makers would come to us when they are deciding our future. But, this has not always been done. We have had to explain and convince those in power that our views were vital in making a wise decision.

**Vulnerable position**  
We are a minority that is recognizable. Because we are recognizable, we are vulnerable in times of problems. We have seen evidences of this in being made scapegoats, in misinformation or stereotypes being placed on us without our consent. But being vulnerable has a positive sense because when we do something good or positive it becomes that much more visible.

When I was a child my father explained to me that because I was Japanese I would be noticed. I had a unique physical appearance that would stand out in a group whether that group was stealing apples or earning awards. He made it clear that it was better to stand out in a positive way rather than a negative way.

As a small minority the same is true of Japanese Americans as a whole. That's the job of national advocacy. JACL's obligation is to be recognized for taking positive action.

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is the same as at the national universities, the JACL was informed by the Ministry of Education.

JACL also learned reciprocal resident student tuition arrangements exist between Japan and the State of Hawaii. Last fall, about 120 students from Japan were attending Univ. of Hawaii under this arrangement.

The California State University has granted waivers in two instances to Japanese exchange students on a reciprocal basis, but the waivers are initiated by the campus with foreign institution.

**Gov. Shapp names Marutani to court of common pleas**

**HARRISBURG, Pa.**—Pennsylvania Gov. Milton J. Shapp has appointed (Mar. 24) William M. Marutani of Philadelphia to a seat on the Court of Common Pleas to fill a vacancy created by the recent departure of the President Judge of that court.

Marutani had been previously approved and recommended for appointment by the statewide Merit Selection Board, which advises the governor on judicial appointments. The nomination now goes to the Senate for approval.

If confirmed by the Senate, it is believed that this will mark the first time that an Asian American will sit as a judge on a court of record outside of the Pacific basin states.

In addition to being a court of record, the Common Pleas Court has jurisdiction over appeals taken from arbitration proceedings, the traffic court as well as municipal court.

**CALIF. ASIANS, PACIFIC PEOPLES UNDERCOUNTED AND MISIDENTIFIED**

**LOS ANGELES**—A year-long study by the California advisory committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights on Asian Americans and Pacific Peoples indicates they are frequently undercounted and misidentified to their detriment by public agencies which have responsibilities to serve them.

The committee report, "Asian Americans and Pacific Peoples: A Case of Mistaken Identity" (61-pp, U.S. Comm. on Civil Rights, Washington, D.C. 20425), was released here Mar. 25.

Herman Sillas, recently appointed director of the State Dept. of Motor Vehicles, chaired two informal public hearings in 1973 at San Francisco and Los Angeles where statements and testimony from 110 witnesses were taken to formulate the report and recommendations. They came from the Chinese, Gu-

manian, Japanese, Korean, Filipino and Samoan communities as well as representatives from public and private agencies.

The advisory committee recommendations are:

1—A special federal census of all Asian Americans and Pacific Peoples. (Present method either undercounts or omits specific groups.)

2—Adequate and accurate data to measure specific needs of all Asian Americans and Pacific Peoples. (This is directed toward federal agencies funding programs in social service areas.)

3—Reassessment of community needs and determine extent of under-utilization and underrepresentation of Asian Americans and Pacific Peoples by California social service agencies. (Committee found many eligible for services are either unfamiliar with the programs or not getting them.)

4—Bilingual outreach employees and printed material in Asian and Pacific languages. (Need is critical for all public social service agencies.)

The committee also intends

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**Couple celebrate 75th wedding ann'y**

**PHOENIX, Ariz.**—Aizen Asano, 94, and his wife, Rin, 83, celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary here this past week (Mar. 22).

While the actual wedding date is Nov. 1, the celebration was advanced to enable family members of three sons, three daughters, 21 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren attend during the Easter school break.

The Asanos were married in Miyagi-ken, Japan. When a neighbor moved to Hawaii in 1903, Asano decided also to make the venture. He worked on a sugar beet plantation for two years before sailing for San Francisco, then moving on to Colorado and New

Mexico. He settled in Arizona in 1912 to farm and five years later called his wife and son. The children attended Alhambra School. He became a naturalized citizen in 1933 and retired in 1961.

The two could not account for longevity and had no specific reason for their long marriage. Mrs. Asano said that she had considered her husband the head of the house.

Congratulatory messages, gathered by the Arizona JACL, were read from Consul General Kiichi Tachibana, Arizona Gov. Raul Castro, Phoenix Mayor Timothy Barrow and National JACL President Shig Sugiyama.

## From JACL Nat'l Headquarters

# Communication

### Bldg. Fund donors lists due May 1

**San Francisco**  
Over 4,223 names will appear in the volume of names commemorating the donors to the JACL National Headquarters Building Fund. According to Steve Doi, national campaign co-chairman, this figure represents the total through the end of February. Chapter Building Fund chairpersons are now being asked to help verify the spelling and preferred style of donor names. Names distributed to the chapters have been taken from the pledge cards.

### Student Aid deadline June 1

**San Francisco**  
Deadline for JACL student aid awards has been changed from June 30 to June 1. It was announced by Mrs. Grace Uyehara, national JACL scholarship program chairperson.

Grants ranging from \$100 to \$500 are made in memory of Abe Hagihara, whose pioneer work with youth in Cleveland and Chicago and within National JACL has been legendary.

Award is made on the basis of need, motivation and potential. Any student of Japanese ancestry, permanently residing in the U.S., JACL or

JAL member or their family members attending high school, college, university, trade or technical school may apply.

Forms are available at JACL Headquarters or from student aid committee:

EDC — Grace Uyehara, 1935 Marlboro Rd., West Chester, Pa. 19380

PNWDC — Albert Abe, 3500 SW Crestview, Portland, Ore. 97222

RC-WBDC — Howard Yamamoto, 2294 Del Monte Dr., San Pablo, Calif. 94606

PSWDC — Mrs. Mitsuo Sano, 1232 Deschutes Ln., Los Angeles 90044

MDC — Gordon Yoshikawa, 7781 Glenway Dr., Cincinnati, Ohio 45226

JAY — Tom Nakao Jr., 2515 Lincoln Ave., Parma, Ohio 44134

Further information on any of the current JACL programs may be obtained by writing or calling National Headquarters, 22 Plaza Plaza, Suite 203, San Francisco 94112, (415) 583-02, or the local JACL chapter.



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• Tomio Moriguchi, Nat'l Treasurer

# By the Board

## AN INSIDE LOOK AT EXECOM

(Following appeared in the March issue of the Seattle JACL Reporter.)

Seattle

A college professor, a college student, a couple of social workers, an engineer, a salesman, a politician, a businessman and a government worker are what you have when the Executive Committee of the National JACL is shown into a room. This body, "EXECOM," shall, during the interim that the National Board is not in session, be responsible for and conduct such functions of the National Board as designated and authorized by the National Board.

In addition to the seven elected officers, the chairperson of the District Governor's Caucus and the chairperson of the National Youth Council make up the EXECOM.

As the elected National Treasurer, my "businessman" input to this executive body is a very interesting and gratifying experience. As representatives of the Nat'l Board, we must implement the resolutions and decisions of the National Council. In these efforts, we do not deserve a very good grade.

This may be, since the EXECOM shall also act as a personnel advisory committee (if one is not formally constituted, and one wasn't), we have been devoting a lot of time to personnel matters. As the Pacific Citizen states, there are a lot of problems in our personnel make-up. Geometric increase in personnel and budget has brought about tremendous pressure to the office of the Executive Director and other new staff members the past couple of years.

Is it a realistic anticipation

— what the director and staff are expected to do? Yes, if one expects in miracles. No, if one realizes the human, physical and achievement capacities of the staff. Then, what's the problem?

1—Over-extension of staff and resources.

2—Lack of proper communication with staff, officers and members.

3—Failure to comply with established procedures.

4—Failure to touch base with Regional Staff and National Officers often enough.

These, very briefly, are the concerns we are focusing on at this time. Only the tip of the iceberg.

Since these failures only point to the problem — the cause of the problem, what are they?

1—Inadequate organizational and administrative skills.

2—Lack of effective leadership.

Finally, suppose the problems and causes are as stated, what now? Are administrative skills, quality leadership, acquired or learned through education or experience? I personally feel that education and experience are very important. However, a basic credibility and integrity are essential before these skills can be administered effectively.

Credibility and integrity are a whole new set of parameters. Can these be measured? How would you measure it? Does one measure them equally as one does administrative skills and leadership? Very interesting and challenging points I must deal with as a member of the EXECOM. Your thoughts on these and any concerns of the JACL at any level are always welcomed.

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Value of conferences

JACL has always encouraged our members to be visible and participate in national conferences. These are places where policy is made that ultimately filters down to the local communities for implementation. We must have an organization representative of our community at conferences where policy is being set.

We send out position statements to the news media for similar reasons. A nationwide organization with a national network of chapters and 30,000 members carries weight when decision makers read it. They recognize it as a viewpoint of an identifiable group with a unique perspective.

Many do not realize the long range benefit of a visit to a conference. A recent example is our work with the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration. In the beginning the committee did not allocate funds for racial and ethnic group participation.

A group of 50 national and community organizations representing many different ethnic groups met at a conference and formed a coalition to advocate to the head of the U.S. Bicentennial organization as well as the President and Congress to make the Bicentennial meaningful for the people of the United States.

We thought symposiums, monuments, exhibits, about the freedom train, and exhibits on the Mall in Washington, D.C., were not going to reach the people.

We joined in asking that the celebration be made meaningful for the citizens in their local communities. Now, because of the effectiveness of this coalition advocacy, Sen. Edward Brooke, head of the Bicentennial, and John Warner, the head administrator of the Bicentennial Administration,

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# PEPPER POT:

## Impeachment and the Failure of Trust

By JOHN SUGIYAMA

Berkeley

A former national JACL officer was once asked why the leaders of some fortunate chapters — resourceful and successful in responding to the particular needs of their own chapters and of the entire national organization — were unable to impart to the leaders of other less fortunate chapters the secret of their success. In response, he stated:

"Elemental. The fortunate try to teach the less fortunate all their techniques, and give them all the wisdom of their experience. Yet, the more the fortunate do this, the more the less fortunate become convinced and bitterly resentful of the fact, as they see it, that the fortunate are deliberately withholding from them the one all-important secret that they need, and that is the knowledge of how to understand and trust one another."

In reflecting upon this story, and considering it in the light of the impeachment efforts recently attempted by several chapters, it appears that a segment of the JACL has withdrawn its understanding and trust from, or perhaps never even attempted to trust, the organization's elected president and its executive director.

This is extremely unfortunate for, as in the past, the basis for the ever-changing JACL must continue to be understanding and trust.

Without understanding, the closing of minds becomes a dangerous reality, for hope for a vital organization lies in respecting different perspectives, in accepting different operating styles, in finding a way together because there is no way apart.

Moreover, without understanding, the organization may no longer remain responsive and alert to grievances, open to dissent as well as to persuasion, sensitive to the needs of the entire membership and the needs of the society from which that membership is drawn.

Notwithstanding the need for understanding and trust, however, several chapters of the JACL have apparently become so disillusioned with current developmental efforts within the organization that their only response has been to seek the simplistic, illusory solution of calling for the replacement of those leaders with whom they disagree.

Perhaps, over time, these chapters will be willing to re-evaluate their positions and will be willing to work with the national leadership in order to resolve basic differences constructively. In this way, results which are more beneficial for the entire organization may possibly be obtained, and understanding and trust may perhaps once again become the basis for the changing JACL.

# LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

PSWDC impeachment

Editor:

It took Watts to dramatize the plight of the blacks; Watergate to zero in on political corruption at the top. And JACL's problems were brought into sharp focus by the PSWDC on Feb. 9 with its motion to impeach.

Appearance of both Shig Sugiyama and David Ushio at the Mar. 9 special meeting to answer the charges and concerns of the district took five hours and the delegates were less than convinced. They opted by a 13-9 majority to have the National Board air the charges and print the results in the PC.

It was both interesting and predictable to hear former national JACL presidents George Inagaki and Dr. Roy Nishikawa and longtime Fresno JACL Fred Hirasuna defend the antics of Sugiyama and Ushio. No one questions the contributions of the three men to JACL, but in light of today's new morality, their voices seemingly belonged to the distant past.

Hirasuna's accusation that PSW was carrying on a singular vendetta against Ushio following his appointment as executive director at the 1972 convention was ludicrous and myopic, especially in light of the last EXECOM meeting when four out of nine (all from other districts) voted to ask for Ushio's resignation.

JACL must have credibility unless it no longer cares about the future. Madison Ave. rhetoric will not do it. Neither will secrecy at closed meetings. Truth will out and I, as a concerned member, would like to see it published in the PC, whose primary function is to keep the members informed.

KEN HAYASHI

Orange County JACL

Editor:

In all my life I have never attended a meeting (the PSWDC session of March 9 at East L.A.) that consisted of nit-picking, jealousy, charges without research and accusations. There were six charges of malfeasance and misfeasance hurled against two respected men, Shig Sugiyama and Dave Ushio. Here is my opinion of the charges:

(1) Bendinor Case: Ushio explained how the development officer was hired and his explanation was very good. I went outside for fresh air and spoke with two delegates who explained to me that Gerry Mukai told them he could raise a million dollars in a year for 20% or \$200,000 for himself. After negotiations, he stated he would work for \$100,000 or 10%. They said this was a fact of life. Whether Mr. Mukai made these statements is questionable. Money raisers should be paid, but not that much. If true, I would not choose a firm so that they could use the good name of JACL for personal gain.

(2) Bob Suzuki Case: This must have been a pet project of the judge, who attacked Ushio like a new attorney trying his first case. Ushio explained when he was in Washington, he was in contact with Sen. Inouye, Sen. Kennedy, Rep. Matsunaga and a few others who all assured him they would investigate the matter. It seems to me the judge was disturbed because Ushio did not do exactly as he wanted him to do. Ushio is not accountable to the judge, but to the National Board. If Ushio did everything every member wanted, it would take a 100 hours a day.

EXECOM Meeting

Editor:

Your report (Mar. 14 PC) that EXECOM members had 240 pages of Xeroxed progress reports prepared by JACL staff should be questioned in view of the delay in issuance of convention minutes, tardiness in membership services, problems about the role of regional directors, a lawsuit, district and chapter complaints and misunderstandings with the Japanese and Asian American communities. Why did so much work go into these reports?

Had there been less detail, more time could have been spent by the staff in other productive endeavors, such as raising of funds, reduction of expenses or making of substantial progress in JACL programs.

The National Board's investigation of the National President and National Director should include (1) examination of priorities and set of values of National JACL as exemplified by the top men, (2) administrative lapses and lack of substantial progress which have resulted in the unprecedented disenchantment of members, chapters and district leaders, and of the community, and (3) over-spending of funds.

25 Years Ago

In the Pacific Citizen, Mar. 25, 1950

Judge Clark denies state's motion for new trial in Masaoaka land law test case. Work of Masaoaka, JACL known in Japan, says Earl Finch. "Fair market value" used as yardstick in evictee claims. — Washington Post asks House restore 50 per cent slash in evacuation claims funds. — Stranded's right to return for hearing upheld. Hail decision outlawing state land law in Masaoaka case.



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**A SMALL VISITOR**

Denver, Colo. For the past week our home has echoed with a sound that has been missing for a long time—the laughter of a small boy in ebullient good health, with boundless energy and endless curiosity. His name is Patrick. His father is Pete, our No. 2 son, who consented to let us have Patrick while he and his wife are vacationing in sunny Hawaii. So Patrick has come to share his life with us, however briefly, and small as he is he has changed our well-ordered way of life.

Almost from the moment he awakens until long after his normal bedtime Patrick races through the day at

breakneck speed, both his mind and his voice working without rest. This activity would seem to defy the laws of heredity. Pete was the strong, silent type. It was rare for him to utter a complete sentence until he was almost ready for school. Until then grunts and gestures seemed to accomplish all the necessary communicating. Even after he got into school he acted like the prototype of the Quiet American.

But Patrick is different. He is a chatterbox, even as we struggle through the snow (with which he is totally unfamiliar) in imaginary pursuit of some bad guys lurking behind the next hill. He was vociferously delighted to discover the snowflake shapes lighting on our dark jackets. He is utterly fascinated by dinosaurs, just like his cousin Mike who lives in Columbia, Missouri now and spends a good deal of his time searching for fossils in a sandy wash. Patrick can identify creatures like brontosaurus, triceratops and tyrannosaurus rex, and pronounce their names correctly.

But at 4 years of age, he also is a little boy. He saw his grandfather cracking pecans and, not being familiar with them, wanted to know what I was going to do.

"Are they bad for little boys?" he asked. We shared the pecans.

Another time I unwrapped a small bar of chocolate. "What are you going to do with the chocolate?" he asked. "I said: 'I'm going to eat it.'"

"Grandpa," Patrick said, "it's nice to share things. Do you want me to crack it for you?" We also shared the chocolate bar.

One night Patrick said it would be fun to reverse roles. He wanted to be the Daddy and he asked me to be the little boy. Okay, I said. Patrick looked at me sternly and declared in a voice that must have sounded to him like his father's: "Now get in your pajamas and go to bed. It's way past your bedtime." Then he seized me by the arm and pulled me into the bedroom.

Patrick races through the day at such a pace that it leaves his grandmother exhausted. Still she is enjoying the experience of having a small one in the house again. He is a happy soul, full of laughter and good cheer, rarely whining, never sulking or pouting. Will he go through life that way? Will he be able to resist the arrows and slings of fate, turn aside adversity and continue to see the bright and exciting side of existence? If so, he will be fortunate man. And chances are that he will, for he has a vivid imagination combined with a sharp mind and the ability to take on one and all on his own terms.

Soon Patrick will be going home to his own folks, to cheer them up and race through the house, challenging, teasing and demonstrating to them what a blessing it was to enjoy a little peace and quiet for a while, and to show them also how much they missed by his absence. We will miss him, too. We will remember him by the scuffed prints on the wall and the fingerprint smudges on the woodwork, but we will remember him more vividly from the silence in the rooms that, for a week, rang with his laughter and hurried footsteps.

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**SAN BENITO COUNTY**—Gary Shingal (left) was installed president of the San Benito County JACL, accepting the gavel from past president Frank Nishita, San Juan Justice Court Judge James Botelho swore in the officers. Bank of America agricultural specialist Roland Bianchini from San Francisco spoke on the changing trends in farm technology and finance, predicting California farm income will drop only 4% below last year's record \$8-billion. Kay Kamimoto was dinner emcee.

**Emotion-based problems among Nikkei male on mainland high**

**LOS ANGELES**—Ulcers, colitis, psoriasis, falling hair, and other emotion-based problems occur at an unusually high rate among Nikkei men, studies by Professor Jerry Weaver of California State University at Long Beach revealed recently.

The public health expert says that, in addition, there is no comprehensive information about the frequency and severity of cancer, heart disease, and drug abuse among Japanese Americans. Official figures, he says, often distort the situation, and the true nature of the health care needs and problems of Japanese Americans is unknown.

Weaver discussed his findings, taken from over 100 reports of Japanese American health conditions, at a meeting March 27, sponsored by the Metropolitan Los Angeles JACL.

For his talk, he used studies among persons of Japanese ancestry in Japan, in Ha-

wai, and on the mainland United States.

The heart disease rate, for instance, is climbing dramatically. For every heart attack in Japan, there are four among Japanese Americans in Hawaii, and 10 among mainland U.S. Japanese Americans, Weaver says. Changing diet and occupations — especially among males — have been linked to the increase in heart disease and attack.

Japanese Americans suffer three times as many stomach cancers — 48.6 per 100,000 persons compared with 18.7 for Anglos — Weaver reports. Cancers of the colon, rectum, and large bowel, once rarely reported for Japanese Americans, are now being found at a rate nearly equal to that of the Anglo population. The rate of breast cancer has doubled.

One study in Hawaii revealed that the rate of benign ulcers among Japanese men to be 150 per cent greater than among Anglo men, he adds.

Finally, he says, the death rate of infants (a figure generally used as an indicator of the overall well-being of any community) as reported by the state of California, shows the Japanese American infant death rate significantly lower than the Anglo: 13.2 deaths per 1,000 live births to 18.8 for the Anglo population.

"But other figures, more rigorously collected, reveal that the Japanese American community is not enjoying a superior survival and good health situation. These alternative figures show the Japanese infant death rate as 22.0 per 1,000 compared with 19.3 for the Anglo," Weaver says.

He suggests that any questions about the likelihood of a certain health problem be directed to the family physician.

When the majority society and its public institutions deny these differences (e.g., language and culture), we become victims of mistaken identity," according to San Francisco attorney Gordon Lau who chaired the study subcommittee.

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**Chapter Pulse**

**April Events**

Dinner is served between 7 and 10 p.m.

● **Salt Lake JACL** hosts its annual membership dinner-dance April 5, 7 p.m. at the Buddhist Church with Gary Amaya's Classic Brass band as the special attraction. The group, which played for the recent JACL Credit Union dinner, is one of the outstanding Sanel-led musical groups in the Intermountain area.

To encourage membership participation and beat the cost of catered dining, the ham and turkey will be featured potluck on a first come-first serve basis for \$4 per person. Students will be admitted for dancing only at \$2 per person. Membership chairman Sadao Nagata is being assisted by:

Al Kubota, Alice Kasai, Tomoko Yano, other board members and wives.

● To raise funds for chapter scholarships, the San Francisco JACL annual "Nite at the Races" has been scheduled for Saturday, April 12, at Bay Meadows where its quarter horse racing program starts at 7:45 p.m.

For the \$7.50 admission fee, a buffet dinner is included but the tickets must be secured in advance from either Henry Ikeda (Bank of Tokyo: 445-0380) or Gary Nakamura (Bank of Tokyo: 445-0320).

**West L.A. benefit for March of Dimes, Cancer**

**LOS ANGELES**—West Los Angeles JACL and Auxiliary host their annual wine-tasting benefit on Sunday April 13, 12:30-3:30 p.m. at Yamato Restaurant at the Century Plaza. Proceeds from the "Taste of Spring" go to American Cancer Society and the March of Dimes. Tickets at \$5 are obtainable from chapter an auxiliary members.

**Bay Area JACL backs PSWDC resolution**

**BERKELEY, Calif.**—The Bay Area Community JACL on Mar. 21 announced its support of the Pacific Southwest District Council motion of Mar. 9 calling the National JACL Board to investigate the charges and concerns regarding the actions of Shig Sugiyama and David Ushio and call an open hearing with disclosure in the Pacific Citizen.

"We believe only through a fair, impartial and public investigative and adjudicative process can a correct decision be made," chapter co-chairman Dale Minami said. "Until and unless the charges are fully examined and discussed, the festering suspicions and behind-the-back innuendos and comments will only serve to devastate the vitality of our organization."

**Quote of Note**

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**JAPANESE AMERICAN ARTISTS**

**On Exhibit at Syntex Gallery**

**PALO ALTO, Calif.** "Transcendent Blossoms", which opened this week at Syntex Gallery and continuing through April 19, features the works of 11 Japanese American artists, many of national acclaim. They are:

Ruth Asawa, Sachi Tatsumi Hayward, Tom Kamifuji, George Matsumoto, Kenjiro Nanno, Arthur Okamura, Mine Okubo, Kay Sekimachi, Edward Takemori, Mitsuo Yoshida and Chester Yoshida.

The Asawa sculptures have been in major museums but her work in the San Francisco area (Ghirardelli Square, Fox Plaza, Hyatt on Union Square, Joseph Magnin) has gained special appreciation. In 1973, a major retrospective of Miss Asawa's work was organized by the San Francisco Museum of Art.

Illustrator and co-author of several books for children, Ms. Yoshida's works have appeared in U.S. women's and Japanese magazines.

Graphic designer Kamifuji was art director in advertising in New York and San Francisco before moving his studio to Palo Alto. Okamura is perhaps one of the best known Nisei abstract painters.

Sumi Honnami and Benesse Remout Hall of the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California assisted in arranging the exhibit. Syntex Gallery is located at 3401 Hillview, open daily from 10-4, Saturday 1-4 and closed Sunday.



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