

Go, Mountain-Plains

Omaha, Neb. — A new JACL chapter is being formed in Houston, Texas, under auspices of the Mountain Plains District Council. This was the good news brought to the April 5 MPDC meeting at Omaha, by Houston delegate Hiroshi Sakahara, an aerospace engineer who hails from Tacoma, Wash. A nucleus committee of about 20 members has been formed and the new chapter will be ready for chartering by this fall with an initial membership of about 100. A subcommittee is now developing the chapter constitution, while other subcommittees are focusing on membership development and the program for the initial gathering of the new chapter's members this summer.

The addition of a chapter in Houston (with possible inclusion of members in Dallas who in turn could form a separate chapter later) will carry JACL into the State of Texas and will increase the size of the Mountain Plains District Council by 20 percent in both number of chapters and members. This hopefully sets a trend for further growth and vitalization of MPDC and JACL.

With the stimulus provided by Mr. Sakahara's report, other delegates spoke optimistically of establishing a new chapter in Kansas, and possibly one in New Orleans.

The Omaha meeting demonstrated to me once again that JACL is live and well and will continue to grow and capture the imagination and participation of Japanese Americans throughout the nation — as long as present JACLers are willing and able to offer a helping hand and are desirous of strengthening their bonds with all Japanese Americans in the United States wherever they might dwell. We owe many thanks to Mr. Sakahara, to past MPDC Governor Dr. Takashi Mayeda, and to JACL Staffer Don Hayashi, as well as to the dedicated JACLers in Houston, for their personal commitment and efforts in this promising venture.

Five MPDC chapters

The discussions during the meeting also reflected the great diversity in the makeup and concerns of the chapters in the JACL. Reports of chapter activities from all five chapters of MPDC clearly indicated that no two are exactly alike.

Three of the chapters—Arkansas Valley, Ft. Lupton, and San Luis Valley — are basically rural, but each has different concerns and needs. Nevertheless, all are fully integrated into the life of their respective communities.

The Mile High Chapter in

● From JACL Nat'l Headquarters

Communication

Asian American on EEOC sought

Washington — National JACL is requesting President Ford to appoint an Asian American to one of two vacancies on the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

The commission is charged with responsibility of enforcing provisions of Title VII, which prohibits discrimination in all employment practices on the basis of race, color, religion, sex or national origins.

First Nat'l JACL-sponsored charter flight to Japan launched with 132

By TAD HIROTA

SAN FRANCISCO — A group of 132 JACLers and members of their families queued up to Gate 6 at San Francisco International Airport last week (April 9).

"Pull the banner taut," a Japan Air Lines official directed. "Smile," the photographer begged. And a few clicks later, a group picture of the first successful nationally-sponsored JACL charter flight to Tokyo was recorded. And off they went for a three-week stay in Japan.

JACL representatives from the San Francisco office who assisted with the take-off procedures included Mac Ikuma, Aki Yoshida, ticketing manager Mas Yanase and JACL western regional manager Tak Kasuya. It was a smooth departure.

The JAL DC-8 jet made one refueling stop enroute, allowing passengers to stretch their legs or purchase duty-free merchandise. Customer relations mrs. James Tanizawa of Futv Free Shoppers, Ltd., San Francisco, saw to it their branch shop was open for last-minute purchases. He was also on hand at the S.F. airport, supervising the loading of pre-ordered merchandise and answering queries from JACL passengers.

The group landed at Tokyo International Airport 15 hours later in the evening and one calendar day later. Travelers crossing the International

Denver and the Omaha Chapter are urban, but also different. In Denver, other Japanese American and Asian American organizations and groups offer alternative ways of meeting personal and Japanese American community needs. Thus the chapter has had difficulty recently in developing programs which don't duplicate programs and services offered by these other groups.

In Omaha, on the other hand, the chapter is the only Japanese American or Asian American organization. Thus its programs must be diverse to meet the interests and needs of the relatively few Japanese Americans in the area.

Yet when the delegates from these chapters meet together, it is clear that the common bonds are the Japanese origin and ties of the members and the common desire to serve others and their respective communities.

The positive tone and forward looking mood of the meeting was ably set by meeting chairman Mits Kawamoto, landscape architect and urban planner of Omaha. In the election of district council officers, Mits was named the new governor of MPDC, replacing Dr. Mayeda, who has been at the helm for the past six years.

In anticipation of the revitalized and expanded activities of the district, Dr. Mayeda has been asked to continue his services to the MPDC and named Vice Governor for the State of Colorado, while Hiroshi Sakahara has been named Vice Governor designate for the State of

I. KOZO ISHIMATSU

San Jose semi-retired farmer-shipper honored by community at testimonial

By LINDA GOLDSTON (San Jose Mercury)

SAN JOSE, Calif.—When I. Kozo Ishimatsu came to America in 1917, he had \$30 in his pocket, could speak only one or two words of English, but he "was driven by a dream." Drawn by the freedom of this vast land "where your efforts are rewarded," the 17-year-old lad knew he had to leave his native Japan "where you worked day and night and died."

Staying with his aunt who lived in Los Altos, the youth quickly learned coming to America was not enough. "I learned right away," he recalls, "that we should bring in the best part of our national identity into this country."

Today, Ishimatsu is 75 and



El Monte preacher still seeks ouster of Senate chaplain

Sen. Song's office being petitioned

MONTEREY PARK, Calif.—Petitions asking Sen. Alfred Song (D-Monterey Park) to help remove a Buddhist priest as chaplain of the State Senate are being circulated throughout the senator's own 26th district.

Petition was being promoted by Jack Johnson, preacher at the First Southern Baptist Church in El Monte, who said when he asked Song to do something about it, the reply was that he had received only two or three letters in opposition.

"He's going to have a lot more letters in the next few days," Johnson said. Most of his congregation had written earlier to Sen. Albert Rodda (D-Sacramento), who appoints the chaplain each year.

Administrative aide Richard Thomson told the Pasadena Star-News recently the letter-writing campaign will not sway the Korean American senator. "This is a matter of conscience, based on religious freedom, and not a question of popularity," Thomson said.

"Buddhism has been a religion of millions for centuries. And they seem to receive the strength and solace that others do from Christianity, Judaism or what have you. It will do no harm to the members of the Senate to listen for a year to Buddhist prayers," Thomson replied in answer to Johnson's argument about beseeching God whom the Buddhists don't believe exists.

Rinban Shoko Masunaga of the Sacramento Buddhist Church was appointed last December to serve as senate chaplain. Rodda, a Methodist minister, has the prerogative of nominating the senate chaplain from among the local clergy. Rev. Masunaga is also the first Nisei selected to deliver the opening prayer about three times a week when the senate convenes.

The No. Calif. Japanese Christian Church Federation, in support of the appointment, noted Johnson's reference to "idol worshipper" in the initial protest in January (Feb. 7 PC) and it revealed "he is uninformed about the nature of Buddhism and even more unfortunately, he exhibits a spirit of religious intolerance."

The National JACL Committee (EXECOM) had been previously scheduled to meet on June 6.

Prior to adoption of the resolution, the council heard a report of the Feb. 28-Mar. 2 EXECOM meeting at which National JACL problems were a major topic.

Also discussed were complaints from several MDC chapters regarding their individual difficulties in dealing with National Headquarters.

Pause for a Chuckle

Life is getting complicated. Remember when every question had only two sides?

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'A HELL NO'

Mineta responds to President's speech

WASHINGTON — Congressman Norman Y. Mineta (D-Calif.) last week (Apr. 11) characterized President Ford's State of the World speech as "more about war than about peace."

"With all the efforts being made toward detente and world-wide cooperation, I found the President's message to be most disheartening," Mineta said. "In his references to strengthening NATO, lifting the military embargo on Turkey, discussing the mutual security pact with Japan and protecting South Vietnam, I believe the President is in effect drawing a line around the world much like another iron curtain, as if to inform our adversaries not to test our resolve."

Mineta expressed his utter sense of shock and dismay over President Ford's \$722 million request for increased military aid to South Vietnam. "The President should realize that after he had received a resounding No from the Congress on his original request of \$300 million for military aid to South Vietnam, it seems to me that the response for the \$722 million would be a Hell No."

In a separate action, responding to a statement made by Robert McCloskey, Asst. Secretary of State for congressional relations, at a meeting of the Freshman Caucus, Mineta stated that he would "not support legislation changing the War Powers Limitation Act whereby a President would be given a blank check for the commitment of military personnel." He said that "such an action would be tantamount to the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution."

Nat'l Asian American Methodist group questions Vietnam baby lift

CHICAGO — The National Federation of Asian American United Methodists was organized here April 11-12 with the Rev. Lloyd Wake, president of Glide Foundation and minister of community life at Glide Memorial Church, San Francisco, chosen board chairman.

Deep concern was expressed by the 26-member board at the airlifting of children from Vietnam, questioning whether the baby-lift was beneficial "in light of its dehumanizing aspects." In a moving dissent, Filipino social worker from Dallas, Epi del Rosario, said that speaking as a mother she would rather have her children taken from her and flown to a place of safety than have them face possible death in their own country.

Among the 10-million members of the United Methodist Church, the estimated 13,500 Asian Americans (Chinese, Filipino, Japanese, Ko-

rean and Pacific Islands) along with American Indians are the smallest ethnic groupings.

The board was told that within the past five years, the Korean population in the U.S. has increased five-fold, the Filipino two times and the Chinese by 50 per cent with projections that the Asian American population would either triple or quadruple by 1985.

Board intends to ask for \$100,000 for its work from the National Division of the Board of Global Ministries and projects additional activities involving over \$1-million if and when funds become available.

Bishop Wilbur W. Y. Choy of Seattle, first Asian American elected to the United Methodist episcopacy, addressed the opening session. At the closing banquet, Bishop Paul Washburn of Chicago said racial pluralism in United Methodism is here

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Twin Cities hosts MDC spring meet, nat'l issue aired

Special Nat'l Board meeting requested

MINNEAPOLIS — Much of the time was spent at the spring Midwest District Council meeting here April 4-6 discussing the many articles in the Pacific Citizen regarding accusations of alleged incompetence and malfeasance of the National Executive Director and the National President.

Culminating two days of spirited discussion, the Midwest District Council here voted unanimously to call for a special meeting of the National JACL Board to resolve the charges which have arisen concerning the National JACL leadership.

According to the resolution introduced by Gordon Yoshikawa of Cincinnati, the charges which have surfaced over the past few months "have served to polarize the organization, resulting in large amounts of time and effort being utilized to resolve these problems with no apparent success."

In an attempt to finally clear up the situation, the MDC asked that the National Board "immediately institute an investigation into the charges" and then convene on the weekend of June 6 "to review the results of the investigation and come to a final resolution of eth charges."

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Soliciting in Illinois

Perry Miyake, president of the Chicago Chapter, reported that a National JACL letter of solicitation asking for an unrestricted gift of \$5,000 had been sent to unknown corporations in the State of Illinois. When one such letter was turned over to the Illinois Attorney General, it was discovered that National JACL was not registered in the state to solicit charitable donations.

Because the Chicago Chapter is incorporated in Illinois, it was mistakenly assumed that the Chapter was the soliciting organization and therefore received a letter from the Attorney General advising them of the civil and criminal penalties which could be imposed for not registering.

It was Miyake's fear that National's action in violation of Illinois statutes placed the Chapter in a tenuous position which could result in a full-scale audit.

While not concerned about audit per se, Miyake felt that it would cause the Chapter to have to spend an unnecessary amount of time and effort to account for every expenditure over the last few years.

The MDC voted to "support the efforts of the Chicago Chapter to obtain satisfactory resolutions to the problems they are having with National Headquarters."

Discrimination charged

Another incident was related by Gloria Kumagai, a Twin Cities JACL Board member. It was her feeling that she had been discriminated against in the selection procedure for the coordinator position with the federally-funded JACL Ethnic

PSWDC calls for Nat'l special board meeting

LOS ANGELES — PSWDC Gov. Masamune Kojima has requested a special National JACL Board meeting to convene some weekend in June to discuss its Mar. 9 motion for investigation of charges against the National President and National Executive Director.

By that time, the verbatim transcripts of the Mar. 9 meeting will have been in possession of all board members. Kojima revealed at the PSWDC executive board meeting April 16.

The national president may call a board meeting upon written request of three or more board members.

Nat'l Board probe opposed

FREMONT, Calif.—A vigorous stand in opposition to the Pacific Southwest and Midwest district council resolutions calling for a National Board investigation regarding the leadership of Shig Sugiyama and David Ushio was unanimously adopted by the Northern California - Western Nevada JACL District Council executive board at its meeting here April 13.

The board met here to prepare for its May 4 spring quarterly meeting being hosted by the Fremont JACL at Ohlone College, Newark.

The NC-WNDC resolution called for "unification of JACL" and reaffirmed support for national president Sugiyama and national executive director Ushio.

NC-WNDC executive board, chaired by Gov. Wesley Doi of San Francisco, contended in its resolution that the PSWDC and MDC had not substantiated its charges through submission of a bill of particulars.

And in failing to submit a bill of particulars, the NC-WNDC resolution said, the PSWDC abdicated its responsibilities by attempting to delegate this duty to the National Board.

"It is imperative that JACL, as an organization primarily concerned with civil rights... be cognizant of the rights of individuals to due process, and particularly the rights of individuals to be apprised of the charges against them," the NC-WNDC resolution continued.

Without specific grounds for impeachment and dismissal, the NC-WNDC regarded the PSWDC and MDC resolutions as "irresponsible, ill-advised and in violation of the basic rights of due process for which JACL was organized to defend."

Rather than submerging JACL into discussion of "unsubstantiated allegations centering on personalities and petty differences which only serve to divide the membership and impede the organization's efforts for positive action," the NC-WNDC called for "all segments of JACL (to) unify its full energies toward the fulfillment of worthwhile endeavors."

Resolution reminded JACL continue to respect and protect due process and civil rights of all individuals and pursue the National Council mandates that benefit the JACL membership and Japanese American community.

PNWDC board meets

SEATTLE, Wash.—Due to the serious nature of the PSWDC accusations and implications against the National President and Executive Director, the PNWDC executive board held a special meeting here April 12 to consider the issue.

Viet students in L.A. put in bind

LOS ANGELES — South Vietnamese college students here watching the conflict in their homeland are facing an uncertain future. Here on student visas, which require them to be full-time students, they wonder whether they'll have the money to continue their studies.

(Approximately 2,000 Vietnamese and 80 Cambodian students are currently on U.S. campuses, according to August Benson, Michigan State University foreign student adviser and president of the National Assn. for Foreign Student Affairs.)

District Director Joseph Surek here said his office will probably grant them work permits normally hard to obtain. And he also said the U.S. would not force any of these students to return to their country in the event they had to quit school.

There are 58 Vietnamese students at Cal State-Los Angeles, some of them being permitted because of their special visa to have part-time jobs on-campus.

But at Cal State-Fullerton, Louise Lee of the Office of International Education and Exchange hopes out-of-state tuition (over \$1,700) is waived for the five Vietnamese students, all of whom who have had their financial support interrupted.

Calif. 'Little Dies' committee buried

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — The sole surviving remnant of California's Communist-hunting legislative subcommittee on un-American activities is being quietly buried in the state legislature.

Once known as the "Little Dies" committee, it was a rostrum for anti-Nisei hate-mongers during World War II when State Sen. Jack B. Tenney of Los Angeles headed the subcommittee.

Former Mayor San Yorty, then a state assemblyman, was the first chairman in 1939 of its counterpart in the Assembly. Ten years later, it was dropped as the Senate assumed exclusive control of the committee's work with Sen. Hugh Burns of Fresno chairman.

In 1970, the committee was reconstituted as the Senate subcommittee on civil disorder with Sen. Dennis Carpenter of Newport Beach in charge. Earlier this year, Carpenter began to wind down the committee.

es, and particularly the rights of individuals to be apprised of the charges against them; AND WHEREAS, in the absence of a bill of particulars specifying the grounds for impeachment and dismissal, the actions of the Pacific Southwest and Midwest District Councils can only be characterized as irresponsible, ill-advised, and in violation of the basic rights of due process for which JACL was organized to defend; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that all segments of the JACL unify its full energies toward the fulfillment of worthwhile endeavors rather than submerging itself into a discussion of unsubstantiated allegations centering on personalities and petty differences which only serve to divide the membership and impede the organization's efforts for positive action;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Northern California - Western Nevada District Council reaffirms its support of National President Shig Sugiyama and National Executive Director David Ushio and his staff and urge their full attention to their assigned responsibilities and provide leadership for the organization and continue to pursue the National Council mandated programs and projects which benefit the JACL membership and the Japanese American community.

Resolution reminded JACL continue to respect and protect due process and civil rights of all individuals and pursue the National Council mandates that benefit the JACL membership and Japanese American community.

Text of the NC-WNDC executive board resolution follows:

FOR THE UNIFICATION OF JACL (April 13, 1975)

WHEREAS, during the recent past weeks an inordinate amount of valuable time and effort of the JACL officers, staff, and members has been misdirected and exhausted as a result of the resolution adopted by the Pacific Southwest District Council (PSWDC) calling for the impeachment of the National President and the dismissal of the National Executive Director;

WHEREAS, the PSWDC to this date has been unable to substantiate its allegations with specific facts and has failed to submit a bill of particulars specifying the grounds for impeachment and dismissal;

WHEREAS, despite its failure to submit a bill of particulars to support its allegations, the PSWDC, in abdication of its responsibilities, has attempted to delegate this duty to the National Board;

WHEREAS, again without the submission of a bill of particulars to support the allegations, the Midwest District Council has recently adopted a resolution calling for an investigation by the National Board into the charges regarding the leadership of the National JACL;

WHEREAS, as a result of the unsubstantiated actions taken by the Pacific Southwest and Midwest District Councils, it is imperative that JACL, as an organization primarily concerned with civil rights, more than any other organization, be cognizant of the rights of individuals to due process;

WHEREAS, there is a deplorable tendency on the part of many members of the JACL to ignore positive achievements, and to criticize excessively any shortcomings or errors in judgment that may have occurred on the part of David Ushio and his staff members;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Central California District Council of the JACL, in convention assembled in Fresno, Calif., this 24th day of November, 1974, commend David Ushio and his staff members for dedication to their work beyond the ordinary call of duty, and for overall, excellent record of accomplishment under difficult conditions.



MANZANAR—Ryozo Kado, Venice-Culver JACL's 1974 Community Service Award winner, helps cement in bronze plaque at Manzanar on guardhouse he built in 1942.

Octogenarian earns service awards

LOS ANGELES — The Venice-Culver JACL presented its 1974 Community Service Award to Ryozo F. Kado, longtime resident of the Mar Vista area, at the recent Venice Community Center new ceremony.

Commendation certificates from Mayor Bradley and City Councilwoman Pat Russell were also presented the spry, jovial octogenarian who still serves as grounds superintendent of some dozen Catholic cemeteries comprising approximately 1,000 acres in the Los Angeles archdiocese.

In spite of his busy schedule, Kado has always found time to support worthwhile community programs and with JACL endeavors, a chapter spokesman said. Most recently, Kado established a chapter scholarship for a deserving high school graduate of the community.

A naturalized citizen who hails from Shizuoka-ken, Kado and his family were evacuated to Manzanar where his talent as a landscape designer and working with stones still remains—the cenotaph at the camp cemetery and the stone guard house at the camp entrance.

Recently Kado said his feelings at the time of building the Manzanar guard

house and monument at the cemetery was "as a Japanese who was never discouraged by the circumstances to do his utmost and not let any American or any man laugh at the workmanship of his efforts."

His works, however are unsigned, because "I did (them) as one of the Japanese who stayed at Manzanar." He was happy that America has kept these camp relics untouched all these years and are now accepted as a state historical landmark.

Appreciation shown at Manzanar pilgrimage

LOS ANGELES — Manzanar Committee has presented certificates of appreciation to three key individuals: Rev. Sentoku Maeda, the Buddhist minister who has been making the annual trip to Manzanar since 1964; Rev. Shochi Wakahiro, Protestant minister who has been participating in the Pilgrimage each year with the Committee; and to Ryozo F. Kado, the stone mason who built the cemetery monument and the guardhouses still standing at the former campsite.

Shigeki J. Suyama, National JACL President
Alfred Hatate, PC Board Chairman
Harry K. Honda, Editor

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Harry K. Honda

Ye Editor's Desk

PC READERSHIP SURVEY

In the first story on the PC Readership Survey three weeks ago, we stated 10% of the 254 respondents added their comments on "How the PC can be improved to better serve the interest of most readers." Here's a random sampling. The last time we were able to identify respondents by occupation. We didn't this time so the ideas are grouped geographically.

Northern Cal

"I volunteer much of my time in school, doing considerable work with the bilingual task force, curriculum development, etc., and find many PC articles very helpful and share them with my colleagues."

"Relocation / internment was indeed a traumatic tragedy. (Its) repetition in every issue becomes boring - especially for the second or third party who gleans through the PC. One should not forget but keep it in one small corner of our hearts. Isn't it time we become big-hearted like the big country we live in... and look for greater and higher horizons?"

"More political concern or coverage of minority legislation. State-local affirmative action programs."

"We miss the birth, marriage, death column."

"Less local L.A. news and more chapter news throughout the nation."

"Being a bowler, we miss Gary Yamachi's column."

"Holiday issue was fascinating. More history please. The columnists tend to be too personal and parochial."

"Add more news on social security, wills, retirement saving, buying a plot and real estate investment." A 68-year-old reader.

"As JACLER in the retired group, I read the PC just to see what's going on. To keep the younger group interested, seems to me you need more younger writers who can relate to that group (30-45 years), not the grandfathers who talk of their grandchildren and their antics."

"Is it possible to list more job offers in professional or blue collar positions (dealing with Japanese Americans)?"

"Japanese recipes so that the rest of us can continue when the Issei have gone."

Southern Cal

"Because the PC reaches so many places and read by so many people, I am satisfied as it is."

"PC can be a major national JA paper by reducing emphasis on internal organizational problems and appealing to broader readership topics affecting JAs in general. Any political or economic activity in Japan has repercussions for us here; thus, our interest in things Japanese."

"Too much Hawaii news there." (This reader hasn't been there.)

"Beekman's reviews have led me to books I would not have known."

"I question the necessity of the continual reminders of the camps and discrimination suffered by the Japanese American years ago. With the number of good things happening, why can't the focus change and make the JA proud of these achievements - beyond scholarships and awards."

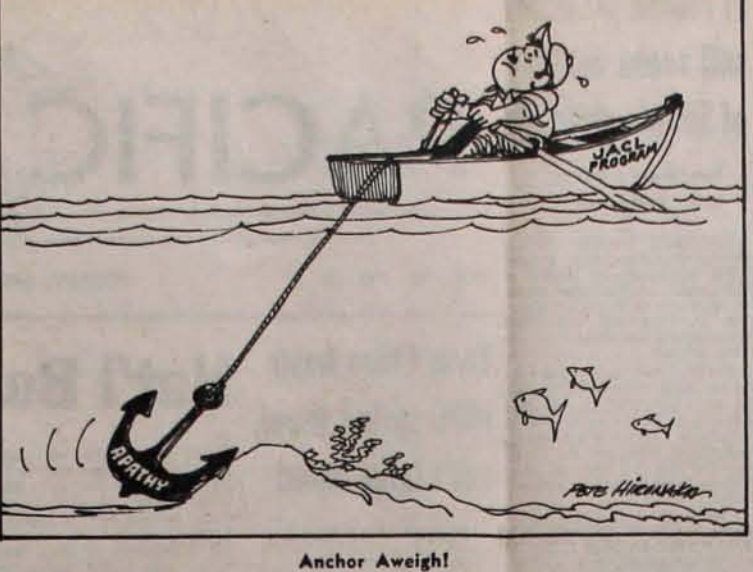
"This is the only source of news about JAs for me."

"I wish PC wouldn't be such a hate-sheet at times... Use your paper for better things than spreading more misunderstanding."

"Am 83 years old and most of the print is too fine for me to read comfortably. Mr. Hosokawa in larger type I enjoy."

Other districts
"Holiday issue has very interesting articles but the weekly paper is 'ho-hum' although I look forward to it."

25 Years Ago
In the April 22, 1950, PC
Apr. 14 - Oak Ridge, (Tenn.) Institute of Nuclear Studies clears Riesel, Leslie, Jerry Aikawa for atom project dual citizenship issue declared to be "misunderstanding."



NATIONAL DIALOGUE: David Ushio

Operation Babylift

San Francisco
Airlift of thousands of orphans from South Vietnam is an emotional subject. As a national civil and human rights organization, representing Japanese Americans and with deep interest in Asian American problems, we have received many inquiries asking our position on the airlift. Coming to a precise position statement in this complex situation is a taxing process.

The facts in this airlift are hard to come by. Sketchy information, propaganda, politicians on both sides of the question using the airlift for their own political gain, all make it difficult to know what exactly has been happening.

Some have called the airlift a racist act while others say we are saving lives by it. As a human rights, humanitarian organization we are dedicated to saving lives.

The JACL, by precedent, has been against U.S. involvement in Vietnam. We called for the withdrawal of U.S. troops in the 1972 National Council resolution. We felt U.S. involvement in Southeast Asia was morally wrong and racist, had caused much human suffering and taken thousands and thousands of lives.

We now see the villages lie in ruins; farmlands are devastated and unable to provide food for the people; refugees flee and children are orphaned, starving and sub-

LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Immigration issue

Editor:
For years John Lennon (of the Beatles) has been trying to get permission to stay in this country. Various immigration officials have tried to keep him out, despite the fact he pays thousands of dollars in taxes here. From what I've discerned in watching this case over this long period, I'm sure the reason to be purely discriminatory.

Lennon's wife is Japanese - in fact, Lennon has said as much. This has nearly led to the break-up of their marriage. The action is based on a minor conviction many years ago to which he pled guilty in England of having a small amount of "pot" on his person. Nowadays this is treated the same as a traffic violation. Anyone familiar with some of the unfair actions of immigration officials know this is no idle speculation. I think JACL should stand up on this one.

VAUGHN M. GREENE
San Francisco JACLER

'Save the Whales'

Editor:
It is apparent the main thrust of the "Save the Whales" campaign, is anti-Japan, basically racist in effect. I oppose this campaign because I know that a resentment being directed toward Japan can also be misdirected toward Japanese Americans.

Large ads urge boycott of Russian and Japanese goods but since there are no Russian goods of any consequence, in effect the ads are calling for boycott of Japanese goods only.

I would believe in the sincerity of these campaigners if they would try to tie the "most favored nation" trade status that the Russians desire to the whale issue as have the backers of the Soviet Jewish emigration issue.

SHIGEO YUGE
Los Angeles
Brief letters (about 250 words) are preferred in the PC Letterbox. They are subject to condensation and require signature and address of the writer or writers.

District Dialogue

COLLEGE-AGE SANSEI AND JACL

Los Angeles
I had the opportunity last week of sitting in on a Japanese American History class at USC. Two films on the camps were shown, "Nisei: Pride and Shame" and "Sub-Verision". Most of the students were Japanese American and appeared to be juniors and seniors. For the first time in many months I went as an observer. I told the instructor that I did not want to be introduced as JACL Regional Director. I was there to listen to the students.

I sat in on one of the discussion groups trying to see if the dialogue and ideas were any different from those that took place during the late '60s, early '70s. The responses were similar in most instances, differing mainly in language. Gone was most of the "street talk" and "movement rhetoric". The emotions expressed were also generally similar. The discussion got around to the JACL and the responses should be of interest to JACL members.

Wayne Horiuchi
Plain Speaking

THE 'GUTS' OF JACL-VOLUNTEERS

Washington
The strength of the JACL is "volunteerism". This isn't a profound statement but often a comment taken for granted. A volunteer organization such as the JACL must come to grips with the problem of motivation and in each individual the motivating force to participate in JACL is different.

Let me give you a few examples of what I think motivates JACLers. Robyn, my wife, and I attended the EDC meeting this weekend in Philadelphia. During a TV taping session with Congressman Norman Mineta (recently named by the Wall Street Journal as the Congressional "Rookie of the Year" and who is one of the most impressive Congressmen that I've met so far), I got a chance to talk with Grayce Uehara, former EDC Governor.

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PEPPER POT: Interest Group Politics

Berkeley
In examining developments within the Japanese American Citizens League over the past three years, and more specifically over the past several weeks, it appears to me that a number of the organization's difficulties have resulted from a particularly artificial notion of interest-group politics which has begun to shape the content of recent organizational conflicts and misunderstandings.

By this perception, it seems as though a few elements within the JACL have started to view the organization as consisting of two components - for want of better terms, the vocal activists and the less vocal moderates - each apparently having separate and seemingly irreconcilable thoughts about the direction in which, as well as the persons by whom, the JACL should be guided.

In line with this view, it further seems as though these elements, representing one of these status-bound interest

We must be consistent as an organization. Consistency as a human rights organization seems to dictate that we should be for the preservation of human lives, that we should be very concerned that if these children are brought to the U.S. that they be given the opportunity to learn of their own native culture so they have the chance to have self-identity.

If unique problems relating to the children's heritage are raised later on for them to face, they must have special care and sensitivity guaranteed to them to better cope. JACL is dedicated to the ideal of a multi-cultural, pluralistic society. That would include the possibility of people of Vietnamese ancestry to understand their heritage and to contribute that heritage to the general public.

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SMALL ALIENS IN OUR MIDST

Denver, Colo. It is a hard heart that is not moved by newspaper photographs and television films of tiny Vietnam orphans being cuddled in the arms of their new American foster parents. Through the compassion and generosity of American families, these fragile bits of life are being given a fighting chance at life. These making a new life possible for these children are Americans at their best.

Yet there have been more than a few voices raised in criticism. One of the more articulate is Bob Greene, the Chicago Sun-Times columnist, who calls the bawling yet another expression of "the overwhelming American arrogance that has made Vietnam a tragedy for our country from the day we arrived there." Greene charges that we are taking the babies out of Asia because we have the mistaken notion "that the American way of life is the only good way of life, and that we are doing the Vietnamese a favor by allowing them to try to be like us." These children, he says, "will grow up, outsiders in a land not their own."

were the realities of Vietnam more than a decade ago before the country had been destroyed, when there was still hope that the war could be won and peace restored.

By all accounts the Saigon of today is an infinitely more grim cesspool. The orphans not fortunate enough to be airlifted away are likely to be turned out into the streets as soon as they are able to scavenge out of life that is destined to be brief, hungry and deprived, without the protection of family and marked by the Oriental stigma of mixed blood. How much of this does Greene know? Is it arrogance to offer these children love, warmth, security and the opportunity of the American way of life flawed though it may be?

Even more disturbing is Bob Greene's reference to the children as being "outsiders in a land not their own." There is no law, no barrier other than American racist prejudices, to keep these Vietnamese children from becoming Americans as millions of other naturalized citizens did before them.

True there will be problems. But the difficulty will be less with the children than with those who deal with them. Within a brief time the Vietnamese youngsters will be prattling away in English. They will make their adjustment to American customs and the American diet which will be proper in their role as adopted Americans. And in time, if we permit them, they will date friends of other pigmentation and some will marry and start a new generation of Americans. Is that bad? It will be bad only if we as a nation refuse to accept the fact that tiny Vietnamese orphans will grow up into adults whose genetic heritage is different from that of the American majority, but who nonetheless will be American in aspirations and outlook.

The probability, as this is being written, that the United States will offer political refuge to substantial numbers of Vietnamese adults will provide an interesting opportunity to reexamine our racial attitudes. The nation provided asylum to numbers of Czech and Hungarian refugees from Communist aggression, and far larger groups of Cubans. Will we offer the same hand of welcome to substantial numbers of refugees of a different race and culture? This is likely to be the final test of the sincerity of our friendship for the Vietnamese people, a friendship already demonstrated by the sacrifice of more than 50,000 American lives.

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Names in the News

Federal Judge Martin Pence and Eleanor Fisher Johnston were married April 12 at the bride's home.

Herman Del, 47, has been reappointed to another 6-yr. term as state ombudsman.

Daniel Ishii, 24, finance major, was elected Associated Students president at the Univ. of Hawaii for the coming year.

The state senate has been asked by UH to honor the late Sen. Larry Kuriyama by naming the Leeward Community College theater after him. Kuriyama was murdered in 1970 just before his re-election. The assailant has never been found.

Sports Scene

The 1975 state AJA baseball championship went to Hawaii, which bumped off Maui 10-9 at the War Memorial Center field in Kahului. Onlu finished third, edging Kauai 9-1.

Head football coach Herbert Moriyma Jr. at McKinley High has resigned after talking with new athletic director Joseph Ho. but will continue teaching physics at McKinley. Neal Takamori, assistant coach, was offered the position. Takamori's brother Allan is head football coach at Moanalua High.

Crime File

Murder charges were filed against Kenji Nishijima, 47, accused in the fatal shooting of Tiny Adams, 67, at a Makiki apartment April 4.

Luther Makekawa, 84, of Puna was freed of felony theft charges when the prosecuting county attorney failed to present evidence at a preliminary hearing. Father of 21 children, Makekawa had been accused of stealing a cow and butchering the animal.

The Masahichi Ajimuras of Hanalei, Kauai, was to be arraigned on charges of evading federal income taxes for 1968-69-70. Agents said the couple reported no taxable income for the three years.



SANTA BARBARA—Five oldest Los Angeles area Issei enjoying the recent Hanami sponsored by the Japanese American Optimists accept orchid plants from San Lorenzo Nursery, managed by David Shin-de. They are (from left) James Orura, 89; Ume Yamagishi, 90; Heiko Nakamura, 91; Tajiro Takahashi, 92; and J. R. Funakoshi, 96. Buses were chartered to transport 175 senior citizens and hosts for a one-day flower-viewing trip, which included a visit of Sandlyand Nursery, known for its potted 'mums' and an obento stop at Tucker's Grove.

Chicago JA denounces secret police files on organizations and individuals

CHICAGO — The Chicago JA on April 1 denounced the past secret surveillance activities of the Chicago police department, which were first reported Mar. 22 by the Chicago Daily News.

According to Perry Miyake, Chicago JA president, the board called for destruction of any and all files dealing with individuals and community groups acquired illegally by unauthorized methods. The JA board also supported full and complete investigation of the case by authorized, disinterested agencies to identify those accountable for such actions.

"We believe that such official behavior cannot be allowed to continue in a democratic society," the board resolution concluded. "Only by the complete revelation of the truth will the ideals enumerated in the Constitution be preserved."

The Daily News learned the police intelligence units had kept dossiers on scores of Chicago civic leaders, politicians and journalists. Among them was one Nikkei — Hiroshi Kanno, active with JA in its Title II repeal campaign (1969-71), president of the Chicago JA in 1972 and unsuccessfully as an independent in 1971 to unseat the Mayor Daley-backed alderman in the 2nd Ward and who in 1970 was cited by the Catholic Interracial Council with its outstanding service award.

The list included an incongruous range of individuals — from Arthur Woods, chairman of Sears, Roebuck & Co., Rev. Theodore Hesburgh of Notre Dame University to State Sen. Richard Newhouse, who ran against Mayor Daley in the recent primary, and Mike Royko, Daily News columnist who has been critical of Daley.

Republican State's Attorney Bernard M. Carey, also on the secret police list, announced he would present the police surveillance matter to a Cook County grand jury for investigation.

JA Midwest regional director Tom Hibino (see April 4 PC), who also protested the undercover police activity, supported Carey's efforts to determine whether any illegal acts were committed by Chicago police.

The Mayor's office said Daley opposed such infiltration practices and was assured by police they had been halted last November. The Daily News earlier in the week found undercover police had become active in various civil rights and community groups, such as:

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Cemetery clean-up

SALINAS, Calif. — Salinas Valley JA's spent a day (April 20) cleaning up Yamamoto Cemetery and worked on a sidewalk and driveway. (This is probably the only JA chapter maintaining a Japanese cemetery.)

The Alliance to End Repression, which concerned itself with cases of alleged police brutality; the Metropolitan Area Housing Alliance; Rev. Jesse L. Jackson's People's Union to Save Humanity (PUSH); and the Organization for a Better Austin, a community improvement group in that racially changing neighborhood.

May Events

Chicago JA announced a scholarship in honor of Dr. Thomas T. Yatabe will be awarded annually to a graduating high school student.

The first presentation will be made at the chapter scholarship dinner-dance May 31 at Marriott Motor Hotel with Mike Masaoka as guest speaker. Shig Wakamatsu will be emcee.

Tickets at \$12 per person are available from Masako Inouye, 4241 N. Winchester Ave., Chicago 60613 (728-7171 day, 936-9294 eve.)

Tulare County JA will show two Japanese films as a chapter program benefit on Friday, May 2, 7:30 p.m., at the Visalia Buddhist Hall. Hisao Yehisu is in charge.

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Illinois solicitors need to register

CHICAGO—The Chicago JA was placed in a potentially embarrassing situation because of "careless" solicitation procedures by National Headquarters according to chapter president Perry Miyake.

Last month (Mar. 31), chapter board members, committee chairmen and chapter credit union were advised by Miyake that JA Headquarters had sent to either organizations and/or individuals in the State of Illinois a letter dated Nov. 25, 1974, soliciting a \$5,000 donation. An unidentified party then turned the solicitation letter to the Office of the Illinois Attorney General.

Its charitable trust and solicitation division then determined that neither the National JA nor the Chicago JA chapter was registered with the state as a "soliciting organization" and therefore the chapter, as well as National, was in violation of a state law.

Miyake was also concerned whether JA chapters in other states and communities might be similarly jeopardized.

Upon consultation with the chapter legal counsel, Miyake said, the following definitions and determinations were made:

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DENVER JEWISH GROUP HONORS MINORU YASUI

DENVER, Colo.—Minoru Yasui, executive director of the Denver Commission on Human Relations for the past 7 1/2 years, received the annual Human Relations Award of the Men's Club of Beth Joseph Congregation on Mar. 25.

Prior to becoming director, he served as a member of the commission since 1959 and was also a member of the original advisory group in 1947.

Denver Post editorial page editor Robert Patridge last April 10 noted in an opinion column that "(Denver) has kept its cool and is a better place to live because of Min Yasui." His work directing "the Commission, while not at all easy, exhibited a truthfulness one might not expect from a mild-mannered Nisei," Patridge noted.

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Heritage Project

In describing the background of her case, she recounted how she had written to David Ushio, National Executive Director, expressing her opinion that she had not been given a fair chance at the position. His response was to advise her of the right to file a complaint with HEW and/or the equal employment agencies.

In a follow-up letter to Ushio, Ms. Kumagai expressed concern with JA's apparent position that it would not look into the matter, leaving only the option of filing with an outside agency. When she received no further reply from National, she went ahead and lodged an official complaint of discrimination with the HEW Office of Civil Rights in San Francisco and intends to file with the HEW Regional Office in Chicago as well.

"Although I would have preferred to work things out within the organization, David Ushio's apparent lack of concern for my situation left me no alternative but to file for an outside investigation," said Ms. Kumagai.

Other issues raised by the MDC which involved National Headquarters concerned implementation of the Ethnic Heritage Project, the National Travel Program, and communications problems.

Charter flight problem

After discussing the charter flight difficulties in Chicago and Dayton, the council unanimously supported a resolution recommending that "National Headquarters cease to operate the National Travel Program and that control of charter flights revert back to the chapters."

The MDC also expressed concern that JA strictly adhere to the wishes and interest of Iva Toguri regarding any efforts on her behalf. Delegates instructed Bill Dol, a member of the new National Committee on Political Education, to request that the Iva Toguri Committee be placed under auspices of that committee.

MDC also voted to establish the Rice Act of 1975 as a program priority for the District. MDC Gov. Lillian Kimura will appoint a committee to work with Dr. Leslie H'racka and the National JA Rice Act Committee.

Gordon Yoshikawa of Cincinnati reported on the national scholarship program, revealing that the Eastern District Council will probably form the final selection committee.

Next meeting of the Midwest District Council will take place in Cleveland on Aug. 21 during the 11th biennial EDC-MDC Conference.

Henry Tanaka, EDC-MDC conference chairman, made his progress report, indicating the package deal of about \$40 would cover lodging, food and registration for the Aug. 21-24 conference at Baldwin-Wallace College near the Cleveland airport.

Twin Cities JA host for the spring session, outdid themselves for the meeting, visiting delegates agreed in thanking May Tanaka and committee.

Ishimatsu

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nursery near Mount View, which soon blew into the building of Japanese gardens.

When the depression years hit, he sold life insurance at night to aid in the support of his family. His willingness to give the "extra effort" and his obsession to succeed provided him with stamina that later enabled him to rise above the adversities to come.

Following the death of his first wife, Hatsuho, Ishimatsu later married her sister, Yoshino. They moved to San Jose, where he worked for a produce shipper until he learned the trade and then ventured out on his own with a couple of small farms and a company of his own.

But the war came along and after Pearl Harbor "we had to leave everything and evacuate," he says quietly. He packed up his relatives and evacuated voluntarily to Utah, where a friend he had met through his shipping company had invited him to come.

His family was the first Japanese to arrive in Cedar City, where they were housed up in a motel trying to decide the next step. A town council representative demanded Ishimatsu appear at the next town meeting to explain their presence.

Armed with letters of recommendations from Santa Clara County officials, Ishimatsu managed to convince the town council that he was not a spy and that he would rather "work and be useful during this time, rather than live in a concentration camp at government expense."

The decision to let the Ishimatsu family stay proved to be a profitable one for Cedar City residents. Drawing upon his experience with farming and produce shipping, the California exile quickly set about to investigate the farm and labor needs in the area. With his help, local farmers were producing a profitable peach crop. Then sugar beet farmers, h'l by a labor shortage as local young men went into military service, turned to Ishimatsu for help.

Again, Ishimatsu's ingenuity was equal to the task. He arranged for labor crews from the WRA centers, accepting full responsibility for their custody, "to get the job done in time."

When Japanese were allowed to return to the west coast, Ishimatsu was ready to come home in Santa Clara Valley.

But Ishimatsu made many friends in the once hostile town. Locking back on his forced exile from California, he holds no animosity toward the people who made him go.

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