

Refugees from Vietnam

The following statement has been issued by David Ushio, National Executive Director of the Japanese American Citizens League regarding the Vietnamese refugees.

San Francisco — The Japanese American Citizens League urges the American people to welcome the Vietnamese immigrants to the United States.

The JACL deplores the racist and inhuman remarks made by some political figures who are more concerned with pleasing a few of their constituents...

Little Saigon in L.A. possible

By HARRY HONDA (Ye Editor's Desk)

First there was widespread opposition toward the refugees from Vietnam, insensitive and hostile remarks about Orientals in America.

House Judiciary Committee chairman Peter Rodino (D-N.J.) declared, "When this country forgets its immigrant heritage and turns its back on

civil rights to Asians. So often this nation justifies racist actions by the state of the economy.

Since its inception over 40 years ago as a national human and civil rights organization, JACL has opposed such racist tactics and stereotyped portrayals of Asians as immoral and ruthless...

JACL especially commends fair-minded leaders such as President Gerald R. Ford, Governor David Pryor of Arkansas, Governor George Ariyoshi of Hawaii...

Throughout history, many refugees migrated to the United States for various reasons: famine, war, religious persecution.

Much of the responsibility surrounding the displacement of Vietnamese refugees from their homeland lies with the United States' involvement in Indo-China.

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The President was "damned mad" and "very upset" at the way some Americans refused to welcome the war refugees at his televised news conference...

A number of governors were praised, including Gov. Ariyoshi of Hawaii. Not mentioned was California's Gov. Brown...

of the Americans would not welcome them. Those fears were laid to public misinformation: (1) that up to 2 1/2-million refugees were coming...

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Information is to be regarded as "high priority feedback" that merits immediate attention of the membership.

Topics in the Bulletin, both of national and internal significance, will be briefly presented to show how it relates specifically to each chapter and member.

- 1-New filibuster rule in the U.S. Senate.
2-Calendar.
3-California gray whales.
4-Voting Rights Act extension.

Communication

HQ Bulletin wears new format

San Francisco — JACL National Headquarters Bulletin, focusing on current projects and programs, was published under a new format with Barbara Fujimoto...

As an alternative to the mountain of material now mailed by National staff in its weekly coordinated mailing, the Bulletin contains five sections: (a) National Issues...

JACL position paper on whaling

San Francisco — In January, the National JACL issued a whaling issue paper to chapters, public figures and conservation groups.

Dr. Clifford Uyeda, chairman of the Whaling Issue Committee, in a second progress report dated April 19 acknowledged responses from conservation groups.

Christine Stevens, president of the Animal Welfare Institute, Washington, D.C., reaffirmed in no uncertain terms their organization is "completely opposed to racism in any form."

The New England Whale Coalition of the Fund for Animals, Inc., Boston, revealed they are rewriting their literature concerning the entire whale issue in order to point out the racist effects that was brought to their attention by the JACL position paper.

Joanna Gordon Clark of London replied that the Friends of Earth are now pursuing selective boycott and do not endorse a blanket boycott.

Alice Harrington, president of Friends of Animals, Inc., New York, said they are not party to the call for boycott of Japan and Russian products because of the complexity of that form of protest.

Dr. Uyeda added people in Japanese university have also been asked to react to the JACL position paper.

The American Cetacean Society in Los Angeles has alerted the JACL committee of the impending threat to the California gray whales, an endangered species from Japan...

"It does not even make much sense economically," Dr. Uyeda said. "The already highly charted issue can easily explode into a violent anti-Japanese sentiment that can only harm economically to an extent far greater than the profits that will be realized by a handful of Japanese companies engaged in pelagic whaling."

Communication

From JACL Nat'l Headquarters

Legislation of interest noted

Washington — Five legislative measures of interest to JACLers currently before the Congress were noted by Washington JACL Representative Wayne K. Hojuchi in his April 30 report.

1-Minority Small Business Investment Act by Sen. Hugh Scott (R-Pa.), S 1124.

2-The so-called Hibakusha Aid bill by Rep. Edward Roybal (D-Calif.), HR 3897, provides reimbursement to atomic bomb survivors in the U.S.

3-National Center for Asian Studies by Rep. Patsy Mink (D-Hawaii), HR 6033.

4-Broadcast License Renewal Act by Rep. John Murphy (D-N.Y.), HR 660.

5-Peace Act by Rep. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii), HR 1894, to establish a Dept. of Peace.

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Further information on any of the current JACL programs may be obtained by writing or calling National Headquarters, 22 Peace Plaza, Suite 202, San Francisco 94115, (415) 543-3202, or the local JACL chapter.

USHIO CALLS FOR NIKKEI SUPPORT OF VIET REFUGEES

Addresses NC-WNDC, Gains Confidence, Vote from Delegates

FREMONT, Calif. — Japanese Americans should support the Vietnamese refugee program by which many thousands are now being relocated in the United States...

"It is incumbent on the JACL to approve the program on principle," he said to the delegates to the district's second quarterly 1975 meeting held at the Ohlone College campus here.

Ushio pointed out that the same issues which affected Japanese Americans throughout the years, including racial ones, are now being raised in regard to the Vietnamese.

"People who are complaining about the program are mostly racists and we can't go along with brots," he said.

Ushio added that hundreds of thousands of Cubans came to the U.S. a decade ago and have been absorbed, many becoming American citizens.

Vote of confidence

Ushio, who was the meeting's main speaker, was given a vote of confidence by delegates, along with the current JACL national officers and staff.

Earlier this year, the Pacific Southwest District Council was approved at the Northern California-Western Nevada JACL District Council meeting here May 4.

NC-WN approves text to Tule Lake landmark plaque

FREMONT, Calif. — Text for a plaque to go on a monument to be erected at Tule Lake at the wartime WRA center site was approved at the Northern California-Western Nevada JACL District Council meeting here May 4.

The delegates voted to accept the wording submitted by the Berkeley JACL in place of the draft proposed by the committee appointed for this task.

Asian American roundup

In Washington, the Asian American Federal Employees Caucus, at its monthly meeting (April 30), highlighted the Vietnamese refugees.

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Tule Lake was one of 10 concentration camps established during World War II to incarcerate 110,000 persons of Japanese ancestry...

These camps are reminders of how racism, economic and political exploitation and expediency undermined constitutional guarantees of United States citizens and aliens alike.

Yamasaki regrets differences over the continued service of the National Executive Director resulted in Sugiyama's verbal request to leave the National Board.

Yamasaki emphasized that he shared Sugiyama's desire to make JACL an organization which truly serves its members.

He saw the basic issue with which the JACL must deal is that of integrity.

Aware of specific instances of the National Executive Director's deliberate refusal to carry out the clear instructions of the membership, Yamasaki said he would be willing to testify as to the facts within his personal knowledge before any investigative body which may be convened in this crucial matter.

Omaha twister hits one Nisei home

OMAHA, Neb. — A three-bedroom home that Jack Kaya owned at 1433 S. 76th St. and being rented was demolished by the twisters that rained over \$138-million in havoc last week (May 6).

She was appreciative of the concern shown by National JACL President Shig Sugiyama who called three days later when phone lines were all back in order.

Quote of Note — Everybody thinks of changing humanity and nobody thinks of changing himself.

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WITH OWN GUIDELINES EDC hustles for its \$5,000

(Special to The Pacific Citizen) ST. DAVIDS, Pa. — Chapter input was varied regarding use of a National JACL budget item of \$5,000 by the Eastern District Council for program and when EDC delegates, assembled here April 12 for its spring session found that was the sum for one year and not the biennium—there

was a general sigh of relief. EDC has a total of \$10,000 for its use. But there was greater consternation over procedure to obtain the funds from the National Treasury when the EDC rejected the guidelines proposed in a Jan. 15 memorandum from Headquarters and passed one of its own. The

THREE VACANCIES IN EEOC, URGE ONE FOR ASIAN

U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Needs Major Overhaul

WASHINGTON — Created in 1974 to bring about desegregation of the American job market, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission has been in disarray in recent months.

Chairman John H. Powell Jr., who resigned in March has left the commission effective April 30, leaving vacant a Republican seat. A black Nixon appointee, his vacancy clears the way for a major reorganization of the five-member commission by the Ford Administration as the vacancy of Luther Holcomb (a Democrat), whose term expired last June 30, was not filled and the term of Mrs. Ethel Bent Walsh, vice chairperson now in charge, expires next June 30.

Immediate past national president Henry Tanaka from Cleveland explained the background to the \$5,000 for EDC, in response to a query from Kaz Oshiki, Washington, D.C. Tanaka said the national budget had no money allocated to the EDC and that it had been turned over by the Northern California-Western Nevada District Council "with no strings attached".

Tanaka said, historically, there has been no separate appropriation for the EDC because the Washington Office was felt to be providing at least some services. The Washington Office has a current annual budget of about \$40,000. The NC-WNDC regional office budget was \$23,900—of which, \$5,000 has been parceled to EDC.

The EDC guidelines were drafted by Oshiki upon instruction of the district when the Headquarters proposed guidelines were rejected. There was more Headquarters involvement in the rejected version.

Oshiki went on to suggest the New York proposal on public relations was another way of spending the sum though he noted "it is forbidden apparently to spend this money on an on-going program. The other way was the Washington chapter proposal to form a study group which gives a graduate student an assignment to research and prepare background papers" on legislative, social and other issues that affect Japanese Americans.

Mary Watanabe of Philadelphia also cautioned JACL should coordinate and work together with the Asian American Coalition to avoid duplication of research by other organizations with which



HONOLULU—Gov. George Ariyoshi welcomes Queen Elizabeth upon arrival May 1 for a two-day stay before continuing on to state visits in Hong Kong and Japan.

QUEEN ELIZABETH, PRINCE PHILIP VISIT TO BE LIFETIME MEMORIES

(Special to The Pacific Citizen) HONOLULU — Gov. George Ariyoshi was weathering a political storm over the pending state pay-increase bill before him for signature—If he signed it, he could retire at the end of his first term as Hawaii's governor at age 52 with an annual retirement income of \$37,000 for 24 years of public service.

Jean Ariyoshi in a red, embroidered, full-length jacket over a white dress. The queen wore a full-length, long-sleeved dress with a floral pattern in pastel lavender and green while the prince wore his customary dark brown suit.

But a change in plans, caused by the influx of thousands of Vietnamese refugees on Guam, found Britain's Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip resting two nights (May 1-2) at the Kahala Hilton, enroute from Jamaica to Hong Kong and a state visit of Japan.

It was an unanticipated and memorable change for the Nisei governor and his family. The royal party arrived Thursday morning at the airport. While the queen rested at the hotel, Prince Philip toured Pearl Harbor with Adm. Neal Gayler, command-in-chief of U.S. Forces in the Pacific that afternoon.

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The Governor was attired in white formal and Mrs. Ariyoshi in a red, embroidered, full-length jacket over a white dress. The queen wore a full-length, long-sleeved dress with a floral pattern in pastel lavender and green while the prince wore his customary dark brown suit.

After 50 hours in Hawaii, the Queen and her party departed Saturday morning for Hong Kong. The governor and Mrs. Ariyoshi will be returning to Hawaii on Sunday.

Mtn-Plains District elects officers

OMAHA, Neb. — The Mountain-Plains District Council, once comprised of chapters from southern Montana to the southern tip of Texas (a distance of 2,000 miles), has regained its link with Texas this time at Houston where a new JACL chapter is in process of formation.

Area-wise, MPDC is the largest in National JACL with five chapters in Colorado and Nebraska with a sixth one budding in Texas. During WW2 and the immediate postwar period, the district was served by a regional office based in Denver.

The MPDC, at its April 4 biennial convention here, elected Mitsuo Kawamoto, 53, of Omaha as district governor, succeeding Dr. Takashi Mameda of Denver who is remaining as vice-governor with Hiroshi Sakahara of Houston. Mrs. Haruyo Salki of Arkansas Valley is district secretary; Sam Kosho of Ft. Lupton, treasurer.

Paul Shimada of the Sacramento County Farm Bureau said many in his group favor flexibility in the regulations to burn. Proposed changes restrict burning hours, when not to burn due to weather and minimum and maximum acres for burning. One Colusa grower insisted the maximum 9,000-acre limit "will never get all the straw in the (Sacramento) valley burned."

ARB, while acknowledging other sources contribute also to air pollution, emphasized the impact of rice-straw burning on air quality is more significant because of its concentration—usually during October and early November. About 73,000 tons of rice straw and stubble were burned last year.

Whether President Ford intends to keep the same racial and sexual make-up is not known but by law the commission must be bipartisan.



Gov. Mits Kawamoto

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Frying Pan

HOW MANY ORIENTALS IS TOO MANY?

Denver, Colo. The old fears, dormant all these years, are responsible for these remarks. The Vietnamese are competition for American jobs. There are many unemployed across the land in this year of recession and the Vietnamese, hungering for opportunity, working with an Oriental single-mindedness, will take jobs from Americans.

Aloha from Hawaii

By RICHARD GIMA

Honolulu Since April 26, 50 Vietnam refugees have decided to make Hawaii their home. These include U.S. citizens with Vietnam dependent U.S. JANS district director John O'Shea estimates 2,000 former Vietnamese residents may eventually reside in the Islands.

Japan's tourism to Hawaii is expected to stabilize between 10 and 15% annually of the total number of visitors, according to JTB executive adviser Tashio Nishio. An estimated 380,000 Japanese visitors came in 1974 among the 2.8 million total, the Hawaii Visitors Bureau reported.

Honolulu Scene

Residential water bills on Oahu are scheduled to go up on the average of 23% from July 1 (60¢ to 74¢), says Honolulu Board of Water Supply chief engineer and board manager Edward Hirata.

West L.A. JACLER, visited Honolulu for five days in late April, assisting the Honolulu Japanese JCC present the highly successful Cherry Blossom Festival this year. She is an employee of Pauly & Herschorn, furniture distributor.

City Clerk Eileen Lota became the first woman elected to the Aloha Airlines board of directors. She replaced the late Gov. John Burns, who originally had been nominated.

Former city managing director Paul Devers was honored by 1,500 at a testimonial dinner. He has resumed his practice of law.

Among the outstanding federal employees of 1975 in Hawaii honored April 30 were Cynthia Hirakawa, Handicapped; and Melvin Yoshinaga, Supervisor.

Sports Scene

The \$27-million stadium at Hawaii was officially named "Aloha Stadium" with opening scheduled in late November. Malcolm Love, 25, was named head basketball coach at his alma mater, St. Louis High.

Univ. of Hawaii

Former Republican state legislator Hebben Porteus says his father, the late Dr. Stanley Porteus, was not a racist, although the Univ. of Hawaii board of regents has faced 300 protestors who contend otherwise and want the new social science hall named in recognition at UH renamed.

Japan Today

HERE AND THERE—Japan has demanded extradition of a U.S. Marine, accused of raping two junior high school girls on a beach in Okinawa April 19. Under the Status of Forces Agreement between the two countries, U.S. military is entitled to detain but Japan maintains jurisdiction over trial in a Japanese court.

Eighty descendants of the late time discredited Heike Clan gathered at Akama Shrine, Shimomori, last month in memory of their ancestors who drowned at Dan-no-ura in 1184. The one-mighty Taira clan which dominated the Imperial Court in Kyoto was swept out of power by the rival Genji (Minamoto) clan.

Over 700 Japanese firms, most of them joint ventures, were operating in South Korea as of June, 1974. They account for 8.6% of the total industrial production in 1973. Ventures began with the signing of the 1965 Japan-South Korean Treaty.



PHILADELPHIA JACL—Most of the members of the 1975 Philadelphia JACL board of governors installed April 12 pictured are (from left) Howard Omoto, EDC v.p.; Koson Kuroda, Hatsumi Harada, Raymond Masters, Nobu Miyoshi, Thomas Song (chap chmn);

Allen Okamoto, K-ge Suto Jr (imm past chmn); Thomas Kashiwara, S. Sim Endo and Hiroshi Ueyehara. Missing are Russell Mesi, John Briscoe, Gladys Kamihira and Grayce Ueyehara, nat'l v.p.

Nikkei have historic commitment to protect civil liberties: Mineta

By KOGE SUTO JR.

ST. DAVIDS, Pa.—Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.), guest speaker at the Philadelphia JACL installation dinner here April 12, drew a round of applause in remarks on President Ford's State of the World address delivered April 10.

While the President called for further military aid in Asia, Mineta commented: "I believe the most moral decision we can make is to oppose any further military aid to Cambodia and South Vietnam. Our only moral obligation, after such a dark period in our own nation's history, is to stop the killing. The way to do that is to stop providing the bombs and ammunition that kill."

The audience interrupted here with applause. "We must, on the other hand," continued Mineta, "extend humanitarian aid in the way of food and medical supplies, and ensure that such aid reaches the people."

We must acknowledge the human obligation all people bear to one another, but we cannot allow ourselves to be misled once again, to believe that to prolong a war is to win it. The realities of Southeast Asia are just too harsh."

Mineta then went on to his main theme—civil liberties and the political process. "As Japanese Americans, we share a historic commitment to, and a unique responsibility for, the protection of the civil liberties and constitutional rights of all Americans."

Fortunately men of good will have spoken up to welcome the refugees. The expressions of rancor have been muted by only a small minority. Congress, faced by a runaway budget deficit, is being asked to provide hundreds of millions to help resettle the refugees and chances are that when the shouting and tumult is ended the administration will get most of what it has asked for.

There is a lesson in all this for those of us whose faces mark our Oriental antecedents. Individually we may have made it, secure in social and economic positions painfully arrived at. But as a group we are still vulnerable because the angry, frightened, unthinking person isn't going to distinguish between a fourth generation American of Japanese or Chinese extraction and a Vietnamese fresh off an evacuation airlift. They are, in his view, all damn it, Orientals.

We will continue to be vulnerable until the great U.S. public accepts the fact that America is made up of immigrants from all points of the compass—not just Europe alone—and all shades of skin color and facial configuration, and those who set foot on these shores yesterday are just as much entitled to the opportunity of making their way in this land as those who have been here for numerous generations.

The plight and confusion of the Vietnamese refugees being processed through military camps, humane as the intent may be, is all too painfully reminiscent even after all these years. What are we as a group doing to give them a hand?

Awards, recognition

A program of awards and installation preceded the Mineta address. The 1975 high school and college graduates were recognized and presented copies of "AIEEE: Asian American Writers," edited by Roberta Tom.

A desk pen stand fashioned by master woodcrafter George Nakashima was presented to Tetsu Iwasaki, first chairman of Philadelphia JACL, in recognition of his long years of devoted service to JACL.

Vernon Ichisaka, EDC governor, presided over the installation ceremony of the 1975 cabinet, headed by Thomas Song, chairman.

Another highlight were the vocal selections by Mrs. Yuki Takashima, soprano, including "Fujisan Mitara" and "Komoriuta."

1975 JACL Chapter Officers

- HOLLYWOOD JACL: Tomoo Ogita, pres; Don Rundstrom, Wiley Higuchi, treas; Franke Yokoyama, sec; Helen Kanikawa, memb; Tosh Ogita, program; Sue Embrey, Ken Honji, ad; M/M Mike Mayberry, M/M Fred Togo, M/M Dan Kishiyama, bd mem.

- TULARE COUNTY JAYS (Lindsay): Kevin Imoto, pres; Brian Hoshiko, vp; Becky Hirayama, treas; Ramona Speck, sec; Craig Suko, hb; Wayne Yamagishi, Lindsay HS, counselor, adv.

- IDAHO FALLS JACL: Ronald Harada, pres; Fred Togo, vp (memb); Margaret Hasegawa, treas; Uke Harada, sec; Nancy Kishiyama, pub-hist; Joe Akiyama, Shoji Nakaya, Tom Ogawa, program; Fred Ochi, 1000 Club; M/M Mike Mayberry, M/M Fred Togo, M/M Dan Kishiyama, bd mem.

- NEW YORK JACL: Ronald N. Inouye, pres; Murray Sprung, Shigeru Kaneshiro, Graham Tanaka, vp; John Asakawa, treas; Haruko Muraoka, sec; Ruby Y. Schaar, cor sec; Mike Watabe, 1000 Club; Tam Ogita, school; Henry Hijima, prog & actv; Al Goldman, hist; Yoru Kanazawa, nwstr; Shig Kariya, bldg fund; Dr. Ronald Hayashida, educ; Dr. Leslie Hiraoka, pub rel/civ rts; George Yuzawa, tr cit.

- PHILADELPHIA JACL: Tom Song, chmn; Tom Kashiwara, Koson Kuroda, Russell Mesi, Ray Mast, John Briscoe, bd mem; S. Sim Endo, treas; Gladys Kamihira, hist; Hatsumi Harada, memb; Allen Okamoto, nwstr; Nobu Miyoshi, tel; Koge Suto, del; Howard Okamoto, EDC v.g.

- SALT LAKE CITY JACL (Updated Mar. 11): Gene Sato, pres; Sadao Nagata (memb), Ron Nishijima, Fred Tanigawa, vp; Tad Sekigahara, treas; Tomi Nakano, cor sec; Gordon Hashimoto, cor sec; Chiz Ishimatsu, hist; Ted Nagata, ex-officio; Grant Oshita, Mary Umemoto, bd memb.

- SAN JOSE JACL: Mike Honda, pres; Dale Sasaki (prog), Stan Yamamoto (civic aff), vp; Tad Sekigahara, treas; Grant Shimizu, sec; Sharon Ueyeda, cor sec; Karl Kinaga, Sharon Ueyeda, del; bd memb (1974-75): John Higaki, M Honda, Carl Ishikawa, K Kinaga, Shig Masunaga, Phil Matsumura, Norman Mineta, James Ono, Eichi Sakai, Uye, D Sasaki, Richard Tanaka, S Ueyeda, S Yamamoto; (1975-76) Ken Ashizawa, Perry Dobashi, Ken Maruyama, Ko Nishimura, T Sekigahara, G Shimizu, Paul Tanka, Tom Takeda, Henry Ueyeda, Jiro Saito, Helen Mineta, Roy Hirabayashi, Vicki Taketa.

Chapter Pulse

Scholarship

Sanita Maria Valley JACL honored 10 Sansel—all daughters of chapter members—at its annual scholarship dinner May 2 at the Santa Maria Club. Awardees sharing in the \$900 worth of scholarships were:

\$250—Lisa Miyoshi (of the Toru Miyoshi); \$150—Brenda Yasutomi (of the Akiyuki Yasutomi); \$100 each—Joyce Dendo (of the Takeshi Dendo), Grace Hamano (of the Noboru Hamano), Patricia Henn (of the Peter Henn); \$50 each—Margaret Shigenaka (of the Tak Shigenaka), Susan Miyoshi (of the Jun Miyoshi), Pamela Koga (of the Masanori Kogas) and Betty Kurokawa (of the Paul Kurokawas).

Chapter president Ellen Kishiyama, who served as emcee, presented the president's trophy to Michelle Crandall, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Fred Crandall, who will major in pre-med at BYU, Provo, Mr. and Mrs. George Shiroma, who co-chaired the ceremony, who to make the scholarship awards possible, was also recognized. Shig Yamaguchi was scholarship chairman.

Chicago JACL honors all graduating Nikkel high school seniors as guests of honor at its scholarship dinner May 31, 6:30 p.m., at the Marriott Motor Hotel. Reservations are being accepted until May 21 by the JACL Office (728-7171) and Mrs. Masako Inouye (evening 935-9294. Tickets are \$12 per person.

Mike Masooka will be keynote speaker. Shig Wakamatsu will emcee. During the evening, four scholarships will be awarded: (1) \$500 Dr. Thomas T. Yatabe Perpetual; (2) \$250 Dr. Bill Hira Memorial; (3) \$300 Chicago JACL; and (4) \$200 Chicago Japanese American Assn. Special awards by the American Legion Nisei Post 1183 will also be presented.

Both the Yatabe and Hira scholarship are being presented for the first time. Yatabe, known as the Grandfather of JACL, helped organize the American Loyalty League in 1919, which eventually became National JACL a decade later.

The Hira memorial is being donated by the widow of the late Dr. Hira, a prominent Chicago optometrist and active JACLER.

Milwaukee JACL set May 15 as their deadline for the \$300 Elizabeth Campbell scholarship for college prep students whose parents have been JACL members for the past five years. Another award is being given to a college student, under age 35, a JACL member for three years and not previously awarded a Milwaukee JACL scholarship, according to Roy Mukai, scholarship chairman.

May Events

Sequoia JACL and the Palo Alto YABA potluck dinner May 17 will start an hour later at 6:30 p.m. at the Palo Alto Buddhist Church. Evening will see basketball awards and several JACL chapter scholarships, which this year total \$500, being presented.

Eastern

el to enable chapter representatives to determine the area of research at a Washington, D.C. meeting; \$300 for printing.

During the morning half of the EDC business session, with Gov. Vernon Iahisaka of Seabrook presiding, chapter and committee reports were rendered.

On legislation, Oshiki, said the extent to which National gets involved is a problem for JACL's tax-exempt status and said "JACL must not jeopardize it". During the Tanaka administration, IRS had posed this problem but it was resolved in JACL's favor, Oshiki revealed.

On youth and JAYS, Kaia Kitagawa of Washington reported on the recent weekend in the Poconos but no other chapter youth attended. A better turnout was requested for the Labor Day weekend trip on the Shenandoah.

At the chapter level, Ruby Schaar of New York reported many New York JACLers are spending hours on PR work for JACL. She related the JACL support of New York-born Leslie Sural, who has alleged racial discrimination against WNBC-TV (see Feb. 21 C) over a job.

Ellen Nakamura of Seabrook said the annual chow mein dinners involving 200 people was successful and enabled her chapter to distribute \$700 a year in scholarships. The 30-minute FM radio program in Japanese on Sundays, initiated with \$600 seed money, is now self-sustaining as it enters its second year, she added.

Ichisaka said the chapter is cooperating with the New Jersey Ethnic Council, involving 52 ethnic groups, implementing four ethnic studies program at the Rutgers University graduating school. Japanese was among the selected

member for three years and not previously awarded a Milwaukee JACL scholarship, according to Roy Mukai, scholarship chairman.

Washington, D.C. said it would like to organize a study group on certain issues, legislative, social, etc., affecting Nikkel as minorities. Oshiki explained the issues could be discussed at other chapters and at the district level to develop briefing papers.

Suto noted with the arrival of many immigrants from Asia, a study on public attitudes here could strengthen JACL's ability to assist the newcomers. The Vietnam refugee issue was yet to come.

At the national level, Grayce Ueyehara reported 200 JACL scholarship applications were submitted by the April 1 deadline. This is a new high in the number of applicants, but the number has taken away many activities that properly belonged to chapters—such as nominating candidates for national scholarship, Mrs. Ueyehara said.

A program planning expense account of \$1,800 was established for EDC representatives to defray incidental expenses, particularly those types of activities which staff would normally perform if staff were assigned.

The EDC also voted \$2,000 toward the New York PR Office, using \$1,000 contributed from the Tak Moriuchi and \$250 each from the four chapters.

Tanaka presented a progress report on the EDC-MDC conference being hosted by Cleveland at Baldwin-Wallace College Aug. 21-24.

An EDC-New York JACL Tom Hayashi memorial scholarship was approved with Mike Masooka as committee chairman.

Mary Watanabe very briefly described the status and potential problems of the JACL ethnic heritage program and Japanese American research project.

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Conning Tower

San Francisco Convention '76 - The Twin Cities JACL JAYs have announced their bid for the National JACL JAYs 6th Biennial Convention...

A MIXING - The JAYs will gather with JACLers at the Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea, Ohio...

MYDC Chairperson Scott Furukawa and EDCY Chairperson Corinne Furukawa are the youth representatives on the planning committee...

SUMMER MADNESS - The Northern California-Western Nevada District Youth Council will host a Tri-District Convention...

NEWEST CHAPTER - The JAYs are happy to welcome the Pocatello-Blackfoot JACL JAYs as the newest duly recognized JAYs chapter...

BOOK REVIEW: Allan Beekman Powers Peak in Final Novel

BEAUTY AND SADNESS, by Yasunari Kawabata, Alfred A. Knopf, New York, tr. by Howard Hibbett, 206 pp., \$7.95.

The "beauty and sadness" (Utsukushisa to Kanashimi) expressed by the title, specifically refers to the love Otoko Ueno bears Toshio Oki.

Recently, Oki has seen a photograph of Otoko in an art magazine and learned from the accompanying article that she has become a successful painter.

CALENDAR

- May 18 (Friday) St. Louis - 100 Mig.
May 19 (Saturday) Snake River Valley - Graduates Dinner
May 20 (Sunday) San Jose - Bridge Tournament

ASIAN AMERICAN INCLUDED IN VOTING RIGHTS ACT EXTENSION

WASHINGTON - The House Judiciary Committee last week (May 2) approved a bill by a 27-7 vote to extend the Voting Rights Act through 1985...

As applied to Asian Americans, parts of Hawaii and San Francisco would be covered by the law, which affects areas whose populations are at least 5% non-English speaking...

Rep. Don Edwards (D-Calif.), whose subcommittee drafted the bill, said the Voting Rights Act would be needed after the 1980 Census because many of the states it covers will be remapping voter districts...

Rep. Edward Roybal (D-Calif.), who introduced original legislation expanding the Voting Rights Act, hailed it "a significant milestone in the civil rights movement".

PC's People

Military
Rep. Brock Adams (D-Wash.) announced his candidate, David G'erg Yoshihara, senior at Oakton (Va.) High School, was appointed to the U.S. Naval Academy...

GRADUATES HONORED - On May 17, the Snake River JACL Chapter will sponsor a dinner to honor their 1975 High School Graduates.

ADVISOR WORKSHOP - Roy Hirabayashi, NC-WNDY's district advisor, would like to sponsor a workshop for the JAYs chapter advisors of Northern California-Western Nevada sometimes in June.

San Joaquin Delta College dedicates natural science-agricultural center

STOCKTON, Calif. - A standing room crowd in excess of 300 people on May 3 attended the dedication ceremonies of Shima Center on the campus of San Joaquin Delta College.

The program was moved indoors due to unexpected rain. Rev. Saburo Masada of the Calvary Presbyterian Church opened the program with an invocation.

Congressman Norman Mineta of San Jose, who gave the major address, paid tribute to the early Issei pioneers and stressed the need to preserve and protect the civil liberties of all Americans.

George Shima's Nisei son and daughter and a widow of his namesake were special guests of honor. Mrs. Florence Taya Shima Hori of Berkeley, his only daughter, was present with her sons and grandchildren.

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CENTURY CLUB (Second Year) Yamamoto, Hirotochi (SF)
FIFTY CLUB (Third Year) Hatanaka, Dr. Harry (Seq) Sakai, Dr. H. Q. (SF)

estimates black voter registration increased from 1.2 to 2.1 million in the seven Southern states covered by the Act, the most significant gains occurring in Mississippi...

Local Scene

Los Angeles
Bank of Tokyo of California will open its 25th statewide office this summer at 1816 S. Griddle Rd., Artesia, across from the Los Cerritos Center in southeast Los Angeles county-north Orange county (Selanico JACL country).

The L.A. Bonsai Club holds its annual exhibition May 31-June 1 at the Nishi Hongwanji.

Little Tokyo businessmen last week (May 8) greeted the removal of "No Parking" signs along certain sections during morning and evening rush hours along 1st, 3rd and San Pedro St. Campaign was instigated by Larry Nitta with help of Councilman Lindsay.

Nisei Pioneers turned over \$1,000 to the Japanese Home for Aged (since renamed Japanese Retirement Home) following a benefit dinner-dance held Mar. 15 at Los Coyotes Country Club chaired by Clarence Arima.

Orange County
Council of Orange County Asian Americans (COCAA) established outreach posts for job recruitment and referral.

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Nisei Week exhibit on handicrafts planned
LOS ANGELES - The Nisei Week Festival exhibits committee met this week to develop a handicraft or folk art show that would expand participation beyond classical or contemporary art lines.

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