

Must retire JACL's deficit

Because of the historic event at the White House last week, space for coverage of the National JACL Board of Feb. 13-15 has been curtailed this week. Details will be carried in the next issue.—Editor.

SAN FRANCISCO—A \$470,000 national JACL budget was voted by the National JACL Board, which met at Headquarters Feb. 13-15, and at the same time \$20,000 from the anticipated \$490,000 during fiscal years 1977 and 1978 will be deferred to retire an anticipated deficit of \$130,000 by the end of FY 1978.

The proposed budget calls for further cuts if funds are not raised, involving the office of assistant national director at Headquarters and the Washington Office. Funds received in excess of \$490,000 will be used toward an allocation of \$10,000 for National Committees.

National President Shig Sugiyama had proposed a \$612,000 budget (see Feb. 20 PC) but it was barely noticed by the board which called for a balanced budget and immediate retirement of the deficit, now at \$108,600 at the end of FY 1975, which was Sept. 30.

Fixed costs, which continue to rise, to maintain National Headquarters and the regional offices were categorized as "Must", though for regional offices, the districts are to raise a third of the budget. What is indicated in the proposed national JACL budget only shows what national membership dues would cover.

Official presentation of the budget to the chapters will be made by April 23—60 days prior to the National Convention.

Meanwhile, district governments in attendance at the National Board meeting will confer with the chapters to explain the budget and discuss ways and means to raise additional funds to sustain their respective district programs.

PROPOSED NATIONAL JACL BUDGET (FY 1977-78)

| | | |
|--------------------------|-----------|--|
| INCOME: | | |
| 36,500 Regular (\$12) | \$319,200 | |
| 2,200 1000 Club (\$30) | 66,000 | |
| 125 Fifty Club (\$40) | 5,000 | |
| 70 Century Club (\$80) | 5,600 | |
| 15 Corporate (\$300) | 4,500 | |
| TOTAL DUES | \$399,800 | |
| PC Ads | 50,000 | |
| Non-Memb Subs | 10,000 | |
| Endowment Fund | 22,000 | |
| Other Income | 9,200 | |
| TOTAL OTHER INCOME | \$91,200 | |
| TOTAL INCOME | \$490,000 | |
| Debt Retirement | 20,000 | |
| Remaining for Budget | \$470,000 | |
| EXPENSES: | | |
| Headquarters | | |
| Staff (6) | \$93,200 | |
| Exec Dir—\$35,000 | | |
| Asst Dir—\$17,500 | | |
| Bookkeeper—\$14,500 | | |
| Memb Proc—\$9,200 | | |
| Support Staff—\$9,200 | | |
| Youth Dir—\$16,800 | | |
| Bldg Maintenance | 11,000 | |
| Acting/Audit | 7,000 | |
| Insurance | 16,000 | |
| Office | 31,300 | |
| Eqmt Rental—\$5,400 | | |
| Printing—\$7,830 | | |
| Mailing—\$5,850 | | |
| Supplies—\$6,820 | | |
| Phones—\$5,400 | | |
| Travel | 7,500 | |
| Hq, Nat'l—\$7,000 | | |
| Youth—\$500 | | |
| Membership Participation | 18,500 | |
| Nat'l Board—\$7,000 | | |
| EXECOM—\$5,000 | | |
| Convention—\$5,000 | | |
| NYCC—\$1,500 | | |
| Dues/Other Orgs | 2,000 | |
| TOTAL HQ/NAT'L | \$186,500 | |
| Washington Office | 41,400 | |
| Pacific Citizen | 150,000 | |
| Regional Offices | 87,997 | |
| Debt Interest | 4,000 | |
| TOTAL BUDGET | \$469,897 | |

Funding split for regional offices

SAN FRANCISCO—Rather than dismantling the five JACL regional offices or trimming their effectiveness to bare-bone by chopping their budget in half, the JACL National Board agreed last week (Feb. 14) with their district governor members to adopt the \$132,068 proposal for District Programs.

In a cordial move to retain an overall balanced budget for the National Organization, the district governors accepted the proposal of Fred Hirasuna (Central California) each district would have to come up with the difference or about one-third of the regional office budget.

A sum of \$87,997 will be allocated from National while the districts will raise the remaining \$44,071. The plan is subject to National Council approval. The breakdown:

| | Budget | Nat'l | District |
|-------------|-----------|----------|----------|
| NC-WNDC | \$18,500 | \$12,327 | \$6,173 |
| PSWDC | 40,382 | 26,709 | 13,673 |
| PNW-IDC | 26,578 | 17,709 | 8,869 |
| Midwest | 31,578 | 21,040 | 10,538 |
| Central Cal | 6,430 | 4,284 | 2,146 |
| Mtn-Plains | 3,600 | 2,399 | 1,201 |
| Eastern | 5,000 | 3,331 | 1,669 |
| | \$132,068 | \$87,997 | \$44,071 |

Mountain Plains Gov. Mits Kawamoto of Omaha warned strongly against rough-shod economy in paring the district (and even national) budget "for if we cutback, the next questions is: why do we stay in business". Any heartless cutback would destroy the organization, he feared.

Executive director's role aired

By HARRY HONDA

SAN FRANCISCO—Concepts of what the National JACL Board feels the roles, qualifications and evaluation criteria are for a national executive director were somewhat aired in its opening session Friday (Feb. 13) here.

National President Shig Sugiyama went through the job specifications published in April, 1972, (which were used in selecting David Ushio who is resigning Sept. 30), attempting to gain a consensus of whether all the points were still viable.

Sugiyama recalled that the selection process devised after Masao Satow announced his plans to retire after running the organization for 25 years did not involve the National Board until the search committee came up with the finalists.

Hence, Sugiyama preferred and encouraged the open discussion to establish what the National Board, with its full complement of district governors, district youth chairpersons and nationally-elected officers, regarded as essentials in determining a successor to Ushio.

It should not be the task of the Search Committee, Sugiyama said, to come up with qualifications and the job specs. Rather, the Search group must judge who best matches the qualifications.

Basic Duties

Concurrence of basic duties and responsibilities of the national executive director is expected among the district councils which are meeting this quarter to the following points:

- 1.—To plan, organize and implement, through staff, programs under direction from the National Board toward achievement of JACL goals as determined by the National Council. (These include matters relating to internal functions of JACL as well as JACL's relations with other groups, organizations and agencies.)
- 2.—To serve as the JACL spokesman, making timely statements on issues and concerns related to objectives of JACL. (If subject is new, unusual or far-reaching, the consultation with the National President, EXECOM or membership who might be directly affected is suggested.)
- 3.—To initiate and maintain high-level contact with other organizations, private and public, where programs or projects of mutual interest and concern can be discussed, developed and possibly funded.
- 4.—To engage in an active public relations program. (Trusts would be both internal to the membership and external to the public-at-large and other groups.)
- 5.—To coordinate implementation of programs and activities with staff. (Director is responsible for hiring and firing of all staff, including the Regional Directors, and to train, assign respective duties, supervise and evaluate them.)
- 6.—To see if objectives are being adequately pursued in specific and overall operations and adjusting when necessary.
- 7.—To be responsible for proper financial management and accounting and insure proper care of physical facilities, property, equipment, etc. (The National Board and National Director are to jointly prepare the preliminary budgets for adoption by the National Council.)
- 8.—To assist the National Board draft the agenda for any and all meetings at the national level (convention, board, EXECOM and special calls of the President).
- 9.—To recommend and assist in the implementation of the National Council's action plan.

Communication

Central Cal group flight added

National JACL Flight No. 12 has been added by the JACL Travel Committee to its 1976 schedule of charter flights to Japan.

To be locally administered by Mike Iwasubo of Fresno rate.

Where to Get More Information About JACL

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| Headquarters, 1765 Sutter St., San Francisco 94115 | (415)-921-5225 |
| So. Calif.: 125 Weller St., Los Angeles 90012 | (213)-626-4471 |
| Central Cal: 912 F St., Fresno 93706 | (209)-237-4006 |
| No. Calif.: (Same as National Headquarters) | |
| Northwest: 327 NW Clark St., Portland 97209 | (503)-223-4051 |
| Midwest: 5415 N. Clark St., Chicago 60640 | (312)-728-7170 |
| Washington: 1730 Rhode Island Ave. NW, WDC 20036 | (202)-223-1240 |

Exec. Order 9066 erased

Nisei civil service worker seeks retirement credit for stay in camp

OAKLAND, Calif.—A number of bills appear in Congress calling for crediting of time spent by Japanese Americans in World War II internment and detention camps under the Federal Civil Service Retirement System, according to Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.), who is author of one, HR 8823.

Others are HR 4847 by Rep. Robert Leggett (D-Calif.), HR 5560 by Rep. Phillip Burton (D-Calif.), HR 5954 by Rep. William Ketchum (R-Calif.) and S1424 by Sen. Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii).

Precedent for granting of retirement credits for time spent by evacuees in camp appeared when the 92nd Congress passed PL 603, which provided credit under the Social Security Act. In recent months, Issei have been advised to inquire with their Social Security office for this credit after the misunderstanding was cleared about the credit only going to citizens evacuees.

(Special to The Pacific Citizen)
WASHINGTON — President Gerald R. Ford formally rescinded Executive Order 9066 in 1942 in a proclamation signed this past week (Feb. 19) before a group of Japanese American leaders who witnessed the signing in the Cabinet Room of the White House.

The rescission came on the 34th anniversary to the day when President Franklin D. Roosevelt had issued, for purposes of prosecuting the war, the order that uprooted from their West Coast homes and detain without due process more than 110,000 Japanese Americans, three-fourths of them native-born U.S. citizens.

panese American Citizens League, only national organization representing Americans of Japanese ancestry. It was accepted by JACL national president Shigeki J. Sugiyama, Springfield, Va.; national executive director David E. Ushio, San Francisco; and Washington Representative Wayne K. Horiuchi.

Recalling Feb. 19, 1942, was "a sad day in American history," the President added, "We now know what we should have known then—not only was that Evacuation wrong, but Japanese Americans were and are loyal Americans."

In accepting the proclamation on behalf of the 30,000 JACL members, Sugiyama expressed gratitude to Mr. Ford for his understanding of the need to officially and publicly rescind Executive Order 9066 and for his recognition as the Nation's chief executive of the grave and sad mistake which occurred through issuance of the order.

JACL Gratitude Expressed

Sugiyama further indicated his deep regret that over three decades had passed but felt it was fitting it came during the U.S. Bicentennial Year. "While E.O. 9066 was a bitter tragedy for Japanese Americans, it was also a grievous stain on the fabric of our entire national heritage. For this reason, all Americans regardless of ancestry or ethnic origin can feel a sense of gratitude in the issuance of President Ford's proclamation."

Among the community leaders gathered in the White House were:

Salvation Army won't stop sale

Similar efforts have been initiated by Bill Kyono and Toshi Yoshida (see Feb. 6 PC), co-chairpersons of the Committee for Internment Credit, 487 - 23rd Ave., San Francisco 94121.

John Yasumoto of San Francisco, one time NC-WN-DC governor, and currently chairman of the JACL-Blue Shield committee, is active with CIC group and explained their campaign to officers attending the National JACL Board meeting in San Francisco Feb. 14.

Yasumoto said it was imperative the retirement credit be acknowledged prior to an employee leaving the federal service.

The CIC group is pushing Rep. Leggett's bill, HR 4847, provide service credit for retirement purposes to Japanese Americans who are federally employed and had spent time in the WRA centers.

31 NAMES APPEAR

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TEXT OF MR. FORD'S PROCLAMATION

An American Promise

WASHINGTON—Following is the text of President Ford's proclamation of Feb. 19, 1976, formally rescinding Executive Order 9066 (1942):

In this Bicentennial Year, we are commemorating the anniversary dates of many of the great events in American history. An honest reckoning, however, must include a recognition of our national mistakes as well as our national achievements. Learning from our mistakes is not pleasant, but as a great philosopher once admonished, we must do so if we want to avoid repeating them.

February 19th is the anniversary of a sad day in American history. It was on that date in 1942, in the midst of the response to the hostilities that began on December 7, 1941, that Executive Order No. 9066 was issued, subsequently enforced by the criminal penalties of a statute enacted March 21, 1942, resulting in the uprooting of loyal Americans. Over one hundred thousand persons of Japanese ancestry were removed from their homes, detained in special camps, and eventually relocated.

The tremendous effort by the War Relocation Authority and concerned Americans for the welfare of these Japanese Americans may add perspective to that story, but it does not erase the setback to fundamental American principles. Fortunately, the Japanese American community in Hawaii was spared the indignities suffered by those on our mainland.

We now know what we should have known then—not only was that evacuation wrong, but Japanese Americans were and are loyal Americans. On the battlefield and at home, Japanese Americans—names like Hamada, Mitsumori, Marumoto, Noguchi, Yamasaki, Kido, Munemori and Miyamura—have been and continue to be written in our history for the sacrifices and the contributions they have made to the well-being and security of this, our common Nation.

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Questions for Wendy

An interview with Wendy Yoshimura by Jan Yanehiro, San Francisco JACL board member working at Radio Station KFRC, will be published in the next issue. It took place Feb. 12 at a press conference for the Asian media, where Wendy expressed her appreciation to the community since being released on bail and assured the trust showered upon her would not be jeopardized.—Editor.

By LEE RUTTLE
(Special PC Correspondent)

OAKLAND, Cal.—As the day approaches for Wendy Yoshimura's trial to commence, defense and prosecution work feverishly to prepare their cases.

Meanwhile, another court trial across the bay in San Francisco—that of Patty Hearst—focuses the attention of the nation and perhaps a large part of the world. On the lurid details which unfold daily and which will determine the guilt or innocence of the newspaper heiress.

Frequently and inevitably the name of Wendy Yoshimura comes up in the San Francisco courtroom. Although defense and prosecution in Patty's case appear to me disinterested in Wendy's involvement with Miss Hearst, here is the possibility that Wendy may yet be called as witness.

As far as is generally known, the only connection between Wendy and Patty has to do with when they were both apprehended by the FBI in a San Francisco apartment which they shared.

Pennsylvania Hideout

It was said at one time that Wendy, while hiding out in a Pennsylvania farmhouse with Patty, she tried to persuade Patty to temper her militant attitude and to abandon the violence characteristic of the so-called Symbionese Liberation Army which Patty had professed to embrace.

How much of this could be brought out in Patty's trial, should Wendy testify, is a question none of the attorneys concerned are prepared to answer.

At the Mike Borton hearings this past week (Feb. 19-20) at the Alameda County superior court, an FBI fingerprint expert Don McBride of Washington, D.C., identified Wendy's fingerprints with Borton's on exhibit 6-A, a document containing the SLA Manifesto found at the San Francisco residence occupied by William and Emily Harris on Precita St. Hearings were being held to block Borton's appeal for probation.

Questions About Wendy

Later, when Wendy's own trial begins, myriad questions will arise. It is a known fact that Assistant District Attorney Jeffrey Horner who is prosecuting Wendy on the charges stemming from her alleged possession of explosives, will attempt to link her with the more sinister aspects of the radical movement.

It is believed he would like nothing better than to prove a definite relationship between Wendy and the SLA. Her attorney, James Larsen, emphatically denies any such relationship exists.

Other questions which Wendy's jury may have to ponder are: Where, when and how did Wendy first meet Patty Hearst? How and why did Wendy return to California and maintain an alliance with Patty up to the time they were both arrested in San Francisco? What part, if any, did the shadowy Jack Scott play in Wendy's travels across country?

Additional questions concerning the part others may have played in the conversion of Wendy to a radical philosophy and her subsequent flight to avoid prosecution could also be asked. It is reasonably certain Attorney Larsen will vigorously attempt to block any such questions.

Wendy was to appear before Judge Martin Pulich on Feb. 23 in a hearing to decide how much of the alleged evidence can be introduced in the trial. Actual trial date may also be set at that time.

In Sacramento where accused bank robber Steven Solah is to be tried, an affidavit from Wendy Yoshimura was filed Feb. 13 to bolster defense motions but U.S. District Judge Philip Wilkins refused to accept.

Nikkei respond to Guatemala relief

LOS ANGELES — Japanese Americans in West Los Angeles are responding to plea for emergency relief items to assist victims of the recent Guatemalan earthquake. Ron Kanegai (473-0158) and Toy Kanegai (820-1133 day, 820-3592 eve) are coordinating efforts.

Monetary contributions to West L.A. Community Guatemalan Relief are being accepted by Sunimoto Bank of Calif., 11345 Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles 90064. Other needs are being collected at the Japanese Institute of Sawtelle, 2110 Corinth, until Feb. 29.

Mrs. Kanegai recalled the community quickly responded in 1959 to assist victims of the typhoon that struck Nagoya.

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Compromise on S. 1 sought

WASHINGTON—Senate leadership has called for compromise on legislation to scrap U.S. criminal law by scrapping 13 controversial provisions that have stymied S. 1 in committee.

In a letter Feb. 11, Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield (D-Mont.) and Senate Minority Leader Hugh Scott (R-Pa.) proposed a new bill be introduced without sections on official government secrets, insanity, death penalty, obscenity, right of self-defense and other controversial subjects.

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EDITORIALS

E.O. 9066 Eliminated

As far as Japanese Americans are concerned, a big blot in their history—Executive Order 9066 of 1942—was officially removed from the books when President Ford, last week, signed his proclamation, "An American Promise". He called on all Americans to treasure their liberty, promote justice for all and further resolve the aftermath of Executive Order 9066 never reappears.

While honest reckoning calls for recognition of mistakes as well as achievements, as Mr. Ford prefaces in his proclamation, these mistakes should not be forgotten. The achievements never are. We who have been victims of this mistake can insure the "American Promise" by continued retelling of this tragic story so that history does not completely ignore the cost of winning a war included the denial of civil and human rights based on the ancestry of some of its citizens and residents.

Budget and the Magic of Sac'to

The National JACL Board spoke its will this past week. Not only did it spell out the qualifications, duties and responsibilities for a new National Executive Director with greater care, but it excised a proposed budget of \$612,000 for the fiscal year of 1977-79 down to size so that it balances with the projected income of \$490,000, similar to the amount received this past fiscal year 1975.

The determination of the National Board, which hammered out a balanced budget during an all-day and all-night session, was perfected by allocating \$20,000 off the top toward retirement of the anticipated \$130,000 deficit by the end of this fiscal year 1976. Hopefully, the debt incurred since the first deficit budget was adopted in 1972 and again in 1974 will be wiped off within six years.

It required the tedious exercise of ascertaining which programs were "must" and "want", questioning every line item and considering possible alternatives for the National Board members to be convinced a realistic budget within the means of expected income had to be prepared for the National Council and then have the various district councils pick up the "tab" on the remainder needed to keep the regional offices functioning and effective.

The National Board commitment to cut further, if funds fail to be generated as expected, is also testament to the will of the JACL leadership to be fiscally responsible. It also capped their budgetary moves through immediate initiation of controls to make certain each dollar collected is spent wisely. As one board member well stated, "Unless we demonstrate this, you can knock on all the doors you want but you're not going to get the type of support we want." This should bring back credibility to the organization.

JACL faced a similar financial straits in the late 1950s when income failed to meet the budget. The budgets then were in the neighborhood of \$80,000—six times less than what they are today. The national dues at that time was \$2 as compared with \$12 today.

It seems Providence is looking after JACL for it was at the Sacramento convention in 1960 that the worm turned and JACL got back on its financial feet from 1961. JACL meets again in Sacramento in a couple of months. Part of the 1960 decision was integrating the Pacific Citizen subscription with JACL membership dues, whetting new interest in the organization.

Prospect of improved communications between the membership and leadership through the Pacific Citizen may be the key again.

Let Freedom Ring

Excerpts from *The Patriot's Bible*, Orbis Books, (\$3.95) Maryknoll, N.Y. 10545

This nation was founded on the principle that all men are created equal, and that the rights of every man are diminished when the rights of one man are threatened.

The Negro baby born in America today, regardless of the section or the state in which he is born, has about one-half as much chance of completing high school as a white baby, born in the same place, on the same day; one-third as much chance of completing college; one-third as much chance of becoming a professional man; twice as much chance of becoming unemployed; about one-seventh as much chance of earning \$10,000 a year, a life expectancy which is seven years shorter and the prospects of earning only half as much.

We are confronted primarily with a moral issue. It is as old as the Scriptures and is as clear as the American Constitution. The heart of the question is whether all Americans are to be afforded equal rights and equal opportunities.

—John F. Kennedy

San Jose—

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tion to the legal aides, several JACL member attorneys provide professional consultation without charge. 24-hour answering service is available by calling 295-3808.

Bicentennial Projects

As part of a bicentennial project in San Jose, the chapter is examining the local history of Japanese Americans. Emphasis is on a San Jose Nihonmachi pictorial exhibit, based upon the series appearing in the chapter's bimonthly newsletter, "Outlook". Brief historical notes and pictures of that period are featured in the newsletter's feature, "A View from the Past".

Paul Tanaka, chairman of the project, notes West Valley JACL will assist in the project and helpfully Sequia JACL.

Last year, a gardener at the Japanese Friendship Gardens in Kelley Park fell into problems when he was accused of killing the Koi that lived in the garden's pond. Friendship Garden was a project involving the San Jose JACL, the City of San Jose, and Okazaki, Japan, built as a gesture of the friendship between the two cities. However, last year, the Koi died, and the gardener was blamed by the city park and recreation officials.

San Jose JACL came to the aid of the gardener and formed an Ad Hoc Committee to investigate the claims by the gardener that the city did not provide adequate care of the fish. John Higaki and San Jose JACL chapter president Mike Honda worked with the committee to resolve the problem. Presently, a law suit is pending.

Senior Citizens Center

As the chapter grew, so did its programs. The Senior Citizens Center is a outgrowth of a program started by San Jose JACL. Now, the Senior Citizens Center is so large that it

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House to witness the signing were victims of the 1942 executive order.

Dr. Terry T. Hayashi of Berkeley, Calif., still practicing dentistry at age 85, recalled:

"In looking back to those early days following the outbreak of war between the United States and Japan we can see that President Roosevelt took the action he did in a time of great national trauma and in a climate of a curious hysteria. In closer examination and in reflection on our national character we can also perceive that there was a critical degree of racism in the attitudes of the time during which President Roosevelt fell compelled to issue his order. Some may say that today there is no need for an official rescission of the Order in that its legal authority was ended with the conclusion of the hostilities of World War II on Dec. 31, 1945.

"However, the experience of the Japanese Americans during this time for Executive Order 9066 was in actuality the greatest single abridgment of civil rights and human liberties in this century. Japanese Americans, like all minorities have suffered the bitter sting and stigma of racism, fear and denial of opportunity, with the forced relocation of 110,000 men, women and children. American citizens of Japanese heritage suffered enormous economic loss. It is generally concluded that the loss of their actual value of their property was never restored."

"Beyond this," according to JACL Washington Representative Horiuchi, who worked closely with the White House in planning this event, "these loyal Americans endured imprisonment, physical deprivation, enormous emotional stress and the day-to-day squalor of the internment camps, many of which were located in the most inhospitable regions of this country. More than anything else, however, these Americans suffered the incalculable humiliation of being considered as traitors to their country. This, of course, was not a single incident of treason or sabotage on the part of a Japanese American was ever recorded throughout World War II. This despite the fact that more than 75,000 Japanese Americans served with the great distinction of the U.S. armed forces during the war. Indeed the 442nd Central Postal Directory, an all-Japanese American fighting unit in Europe, suffered more casualties and won more citations for valor than any other unit of comparable size in the Army's history."

Veterans of the 442nd Central Postal Directory Team present at the White House ceremony included:

LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

'Concentration Camps'

Dear Harry,
Dr. S. I. Hayakawa's acing and totally unfounded statements justifying the World War II citizen concentration camps reveals him to be, in every respect, as dangerous as these 1942-era chauvinists and yellow-baiters who were in favor of camps. Worst of all, he poses a direct threat to our reputation efforts.

I have had an opportunity to read James A. Michener's powerful introduction to *Michi Weglyn's Years of Infamy: The Untold Story of America's Concentration Camps*. Michener pulls no punches in putting the BIG LIE to the "military necessity" heax and all the other half-truths and long-discredited falsehoods which Dr. Hayakawa persists in perpetuating. The Michener statement should be printed in full, immediately, to counteract the damage Dr. Hayakawa has done.

RUBY YOSHINO SCHAAR
Executive Director
New York JACL

Much of Michener's introduction appeared in the 1975 PC Holiday Issue, Section E, in Editor Uno's preview of Michi Weglyn's book.—Ed.

Editor:

Dr. Clifford Uyeda (PC, Jan. 23) resorts to the "dictionary definition" as an argument against internationally known semanticist Dr. S. I. Hayakawa's column. Yet does not the dictionary define "Jap" as an abbreviation for Japanese? Yet we know that the World War II connection has made "Jap" a slur, and the JACL has worked very hard to change the dictionary definition and abbreviation to "Jpn"—and rightly so. "Jap" is a slur against person of Japanese ancestry. But so is the term, "concentration camp", a slur to persons of American nationality.

Moreover the use of the term, "concentration camp" is in violation of the 6-3 Supreme Court edict, *U.S. v. Korematsu*, 1944, for the use of that term was part and parcel of this landmark decision. Dr. Uyeda stated that the Korematsu was "a divided decision" with cur two most liberal Supreme Justices, Douglas and Frankfurter, voting with the affirmative. The majority rule of cur Supreme Court is the law of the land. If Dr. Uyeda and others use the dissenting viewpoints in a Supreme Court edict, as they have done in the Korematsu decision, then what is to prevent a bunch of racists from using the four dissenting viewpoints of the civil rights committee of cur Supreme Court?

In America, the law is requires more people and time to run. There are year-round activities for Issei, such as a fishing trip, Keiro Kai, and "mini-courses" to teach Issei the English language.

San Jose has planned to take an active part in such programs as the JACL Travel Program, Presidential Classroom for Young Americans, and work for reparations.

Membership is still going strong, says membership chairperson Mrs. Rose Kinawa. Cues are 810 singles and 824 couples. To get more information, contact Mrs. Kinawa, 1876 Darlene Ave., San Jose 95125.

Senator Inouye, Congressman Matsunaga, Joe Sasaki of Chicago, an official of the Nisei veterans organization, California State Assemblyman Paul Hannon, and Mike Masacka, first volunteer for the 442nd Central Postal Directory.

Sansel Perspective

Not all these present at the ceremony could remember the tragedy of World War II from first hand experience.

Ushio was born at the conclusion of World War II in 1945. The staff executive of the 100-chapter national human rights group remarked:

"Young people continually ask how such a thing could have occurred in America. Yet American history repeatedly indicates to us how fragile our liberties and constitutional guarantees can be and continue to be for many years in America. Because Japanese Americans have experienced a blatant disregard for our civil liberties, we have even a greater obligation to protect the rights of all persons when they are threatened."

"Because the scars of these old wounds remain to this day, it has been of surpassing importance to every Japanese American citizen that Executive Order 9066 be officially rescinded. Patriotism is a love of one's country, but with this love must come the responsibility to acknowledge our errors when they have occurred and to take every measure possible not only to correct the errors but to eradicate the very means by which they occurred."

"This has now been done and we can now focus on the future of our great Nation and reaffirm these values and traditions which have contributed to America's greatness. In this end-avor, as we begin America's third century, I want it to be known that every American of Japanese heritage is fully dedicated to this grand enterprise."

Yoshimura—

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cept the document as testimony. The defense sought to suppress certain evidence taken from the apartment where Miss Yoshimura and Patty Hearst were arrested.

Wendy said FBI agents did not recognize her or Miss Hearst when they entered their San Francisco apartment last Sept. 18, and did not ask or receive permission to search "for weapons or anything else" and that neither was advised of their constitutional rights while they were in the apartment. After one agent recognized Patty did they ask who she was, Wendy said. Evidence later acquired by a search warrant from the apartment is expected to be used by the prosecution in the Soliah trial.

based on affirmative decisions, which can be reversed. I suggested that if Dr. Uyeda and the JACL wish to challenge the existing Korematsu edict, that they do so through the recognized legal procedure and not through propaganda and political machinations which have as a basis opinions by "hindsight historians" or by those who do not truly seek betterment of America and Americans.

The unanimous decision of our Supreme Court during WW2 regarding the 8 p.m. curfew of persons of Japanese ancestry — a curfew called upon for "public safety", has not been challenged either. The very people and organizations calling the Evacuation "unlawful" are the very ones using unlawful tactics to obtain an end which can only result in new bitterness. War is a bitter business for all and each citizen makes some degree of sacrifice. Mr. Justice Frankfurter added his opinion in the Korematsu case: "...acts taken during time of war cannot be stigmatized as unlawful because like actions taken during time of peace would be unlawful".

LILLIAN BAKER
Gardena, Calif.

We apologize to Mr. Uyeda for the error we had inserted parenthetically in stating the Korematsu decision was 5-4 and not 6-3.—Ed.

JACL Board Agenda

Editor:
Nowhere in the list of 50 agenda items before the National JACL Board (PC Feb. 6) are two items which I believe should have priority because they are national issues: (a) redress mandated by every Congress since 1970, and (b) legislative action for the atomic bomb survivors committee, representing about 1,000 persons living in the U.S., about 80% of whom are American citizens.

It is precisely this kind of "benign neglect" by the National Board and staff leadership in JACL which was directly responsible for the organization of EO 9066, Inc. We believe that JACL will not move in any meaningful way until its priorities on issues are clearly defined. We hear much talk about the difficulty of mounting a national campaign for redress, but almost none from cur leadership about the necessity to start with the resources we have now to begin the process. The time is now, as Kaz Ohkiki recently indicated in his correspondence to members of the Policy Committee, to challenge JACL leadership to its mandate to redress, or to admit that it will downgrade the effort.

PAUL TSUNESHII
E.O. 9066, Inc.
Los Angeles

25 Years Ago

In the PC, Mar. 3, 1951

Feb. 24—First Nisei U.S. Navy flyer (Joe Akagi of Sheldon, Tex.) station opened at Alameda Naval Station.
Feb. 27—JACL asks ABC news-caster to broadcast a public invitation that Issei aliens guided enemy to targets at Pearl Harbor in Feb. 1st broadcast.
Mar. 1—Wally Yonamine moves up U.S. baseball ladder, traded by Salt Lake Bees to Salem (Ore.) Senators, class B league.



Girl's Day Display—1976

FROM THE FRYING PAN: Bill Hosokawa

Sheriff Mike Calls

Denver, Colo.
The sheriff telephoned one night not long ago. No, not the sheriff of Jefferson County, Colorado, where we live, but the chief law enforcement officer for the 32,000 residents of Bingham County, Idaho. He identified himself as Mike Shiosaki who happened to be in Denver for a meeting of the National Sheriffs Institute, and we had a pleasant but brief visit.

Later, when studying my semi-legible notes, I got to wondering whether I had written the sheriff's name correctly. Mike Shiosaki. Could I have confused it in some way with George Shiozawa, who lives in Pocatello, Idaho? Rather than make a silly error, I'd better check it out with Shiozawa.

There is indeed a Sheriff Mike Shiosaki of Bingham County, Shiozawa wrote back. After ten years as a police officer in his home town of Blackfoot, Idaho (pop. 9,000) Shiosaki joined the sheriff's department as a deputy about three years ago. When Sheriff Arch Hess resigned because of ill health last April 1, the county commissioners appointed Shiosaki to fill out the term. This coming fall he must stand for election as sheriff, and many observers think he has done such an outstanding job he'll be voted in without much difficulty.

I am indebted to George Shiozawa for much of the following: Shiosaki was born in Blackfoot 54 years ago and grew up there. He was the first volunteer from Blackfoot after the attack on Pearl Harbor and was accepted by the Army. Following four years of service, mostly with the 442nd Central Postal Directory, he came home and entered the dry-cleaning business with his brother Jun.

Meanwhile he became interested in law enforcement work and joined the American Legion Auxiliary Police.

Eventually he left the cleaning business and joined the Blackfoot city police department as a private. He worked his way up to captain before moving over to the sheriff's office.

Shiosaki and his wife Miki live in Blackfoot, which likes to call itself the potato capital of the world. Shiosaki is a charter member of the Pocatello-Blackfoot chapter of JACL.

As sheriff Shiosaki heads a staff of 18. A recent story in the Idaho State Journal of Pocatello carried the headline "Sheriff Operates Tight Ship with Good Morale." It reported that Shiosaki with Civilian Employment Training Act funds had added five persons to his under-staffed force, improved efficiency and working conditions, remodeled the jail kitchen to comply with health codes, brought weapon and ammunition stocks up to requirements, and launched a reserve deputy training program for volunteers.

Wrote the reporter: "My impression of Sheriff Shiosaki is that he does the best he can to give fair treatment to his prisoners and his staff. He sets a strict standard for personal integrity and is tough enough to fire anyone who doesn't meet his code, however painful. Marshall Dillon of Dodge City notwithstanding, the 'size' of a sheriff is not determined by whether or not he has to stoop coming through a door. One thing I appreciate about Sheriff Mike Shiosaki is his sense of humor. The sun breaks through when he gives that Shiosaki smile."

There have been various Nisei who served as sheriff's deputies, including the late Stanley Uno if I remember correctly. Yoshio Kai of Fresno is reported to be a sheriff's technician. But I can't recall hearing of an elected Japanese American sheriff. Does anyone know of one? If not, Mike Shiosaki may well become the first in this fall's elections.

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Wayne Horiuchi

Plain Speaking

EXECUTIVE ORDER 9066

The Washington Office of JACL has been quietly negotiating with the White House to rescind Executive Order 9066 which was responsible for the Evacuation of 110,000 persons of Japanese ancestry during World War II. The rescission will only be symbolic and not substantive. However, it will address a terrible crime in American history.

Another point should be made. E.O. 9066 may not be rescinded per se. Rather, a Presidential Proclamation may be declared denouncing Evacuation as a tragedy in American history. February 19 was the date that we were shooting for; however, an alternative date may be necessary. Regardless, in the year of the Bicentennial, this would be quite fitting.

Here's what the Washington Office has done:

Thanks must go to the Pacific Northwest JACL District and Mitch Matsudaira of Governor Daniel Evans' Office in the State of Washington for referring the fact that interest for rescission of E.O. 9066 was stirring in the White House staff.

I had lunch with a good friend who works in the White House and developed this approach: the Washington JACL Office would prepare an "E.O. 9066 package" of endorsement letters and informational materials to be sent to the President. We received letters supporting rescission from such prominent people as Senators Inouye and Pong, Representative Matsunaga, Mineta, and Mink, Governor George Ariyoshi, Professor Edwin O. Reischauer, Joseph Rauh, Jr., legal counsel for the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, our National President Shig Sugiyama, and others.

We then sent the "package" to the White House and personal contact was made by both David Ushio and me as follow-up.

The White House is separated into four major offices. There is the Office of the Legal Counsel, Press Office (Ron Nessen's shop), the Domestic Council, and the Office of Public Liaison. We've made contact with three.

If JACL is successful in encouraging the President to take positive action, the following will be of benefit to JACL.

First, attention will be drawn to the cruel and reprehensible act of Evacuation and internment. Attention will not only be within the Japanese American community but if a Presidential Proclamation is presented then every Federal Register published and distributed by the government in the United States will bring attention to this tragedy.

Secondly, the resolution which was passed by the National Council in 1974 that "sought redress for the wrong doings of evacuation and internment" will be addressed by JACL. That partially fulfills another priority established by JACLers.

I don't want to raise false expectations, but the response from the White House has been very positive. However, I can guarantee you one thing, David Ushio and I have done everything possible to see that this ugly "black mark" in American history will be removed. I hope that we will be able to report some good news in the coming weeks.

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LOS ANGELES — East Los Angeles College and Garfield High School gymnasiums will be the settings for the first National JACL Invitational Basketball Tournament scheduled June 18, 19, and 20, the weekend prior to the national convention, announces Mas Dobashi, president of the East L.A. chapter which is organizing the event.

The Pacific Southwest District Council is sponsoring the tournament in cooperation with the Unknowns Basketball Tournament organization, an L.A.-based group which hosts its own annual tournament.

Three divisions are planned — men's open, women's, and coed (consisting of three male and one female player per team) — and the entry fee is \$50 per team. The fee includes insurance.

To help offset expenses, tournament organizers will be soliciting advertisements for a commemorative booklet/program. Also, souvenir T-shirts will be silk screened and sold.

Regional budget — Continued from Front Page

Intermountain District Gov. Gerry Mukai of Salt Lake City called for unity of the leadership and ranks, and urged walking the beat to raise funds to keep the organization functioning. He felt the district offices were more important than the office of the assistant national director and the Washington Office.

Central California District Gov. Mikio Uchiyama moved and Mukai seconded the motion that all districts raise one-third of their respective district program budget and if the money can not be raised nationally by the end of this fiscal year (Sept. 30, 1978) to sustain the regional offices, the National Board undertake a study to eliminate the office of assistant national director at Headquarters (\$41,500) first and then the Washington Office (\$41,400) in order to avoid further deficit.

Role of Volunteers

Earlier in the afternoon during the Board committee on the budget meeting, there were thoughts of block grants to support regional offices at Los Angeles, Fresno, Portland and Chicago.

For lack of such support reliance of volunteers to become involved in regional office work was mentioned.

The Shig Sugiyama budget proposal (see Feb. 20 PC) indicated regional offices would require \$167,800 to operate in FY 1977-78. But assuming a more realistic posture, based on FY 1975 revenue of about \$500,000, district program projections for FY 1978 were reduced by some 10%. The breakdown:

| | NCWDC | Sug. | Board |
|------------|--------|-----------|-----------|
| PNWDC | 25,000 | 25,000 | 25,000 |
| CCDS | 6,500 | 6,500 | 6,500 |
| PNW-IDC | 36,100 | 36,100 | 36,100 |
| Midwest | 39,600 | 39,600 | 39,600 |
| Mid-Plains | 3,600 | 3,600 | 3,600 |
| Eastern | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| | | \$167,800 | \$132,050 |

March Events

Seabrook JACL has scheduled four servings at its annual chow mein dinner Mar. 13 at Seabrook School North, starting at 4:30 p.m. Takeout orders will be available between 3:30 and 5:30.

Reservations for the annual fund-raiser are being accepted by the committee headed by Mike Minato, Jim Taniguchi and Ted Oye.

CALENDAR

Feb. 27 (Friday)

Bay Area Comm.—Gen. Mtg. Calif. 1st Bank, Japan Trade Center, San Francisco, 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Lloyd Wake, spkr.; Wendy Yoshimura, Defense Fund.

Feb. 28 (Saturday)

Nat'l JACL Credit Union Dnr. Prudential Plaza, Salt Lake City, 5 p.m.

Feb. 29 (Sunday)

Puyallup Valley—Membership potluck, Tacoma Buddhist Church.

March 6 (Saturday)

Chicago—JAYs spaghetti dnr.

March 6-7

Tulane County—Reno bus trip Fresno—PCYA Benefit dnr.—dance, Palms Lake Country Club, 7 p.m.

Mar. 8 (Monday)

Puyallup Valley—Mtg., Roma Buddhist Church, 8 p.m.

Mar. 10 (Wednesday)

San Mateo—Bd Mtg. Sturge Presbyterian Church, 7:30 p.m.

Mar. 13 (Saturday)

St. Louis—Member potluck supper, Seabrook—Chow mein dnr., Seabrook School North, 4:30 p.m.

San Francisco—Nite at Races, Bay Meadows, San Mateo, 6:30 p.m.

Mar. 13-14

PNWDC—Columbia Basin hosts: Qtrly session, Moses Lake, Wash.

Mar. 20 (Saturday)

Idaho Falls—JACL Carnival, Veterans Memorial Hall.

Mar. 24 (Wednesday)

99-Days Before Convention Deadline—Nominations for National JACL Officers by Chapters.

Mar. 26-28

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MONTEREY, Calif. — Until the fire-damaged Monterey Peninsula Buddhist Church is restored, its congregation will meet at the JACL Hall here for activities.

Al Ito, church president, indicated rebuilding will require up to eight months. The church was virtually destroyed in a tragic Jan. 13 fire. Contributions to rebuilding are being accepted by the M.P. Buddhist Church Fund, P.O. Box 864, Monterey, Calif.

East L.A. — Continued from Front Page

East L.A. was actively involved in last year's Nisei Week Festival, an annual series of activities held in the Los Angeles area. Beginning with the Emerald Ball, Ellen Tamaki was selected to represent the chapter in the Miss Nisei Week contest. She was named "Miss Tomodachi" and won the Hayashida Memorial Scholarship and a trip to Hawaii. East L.A. and Gardena Valley JACL then co-sponsored the Nisei Week Relays, a track meet.

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JANUARY REPORT

1000 Club Memberships

National Headquarters acknowledged 148 new and renewing memberships in the 1000 Club during the last half of January. The new total for the 1978 PC Holiday Issue honor roll is 324 as compared with 461 the same time last year.

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SLC center not taking Issei money

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah—The Salt Lake Issei Center, which conducts special programs throughout the year, held its first board meeting of the year last month at the National JACL Credit Union Bldg. and made it a firm policy not to accept monetary donations from the Issei.

"There are other sources of income," explained Sadie Yoshimura, center director.

Program this month included games for men, craft for women and a speaker scheduled to relate his prewar experiences in Manchuria. Nisei and Sasei groups were expected to assist in other programs later this year. On the center board and committee members are:

Tom Miya, co-dir.; Ken Nodzu, treas.; Judy Tamagawa, sec.; George Yoshimoto, ex-officio; Sadie Yoshimura, ex-officio; Satoru Miki, Mr. and Mrs. Kay Salaria (Issei reps); Frank Yoshimura, Hatako Yoshimoto, Nan Miya, Mitsu Hashimoto, Louise Oshita, Mary Matsumori, Mardi Motoki; Grace Oshita, SLC JACL Club; Frank Suzuki, rec sec; Steve Kawaguchi, insur; Ted Ozeki, hospitality; Yoneo Hirose, Aki Tanrukine, eduro; Joe Hazama, past pres; Yoneko Kato, Willie Funakoshi, Ted Kojima, Frank Tsuchiya, Auxy bd of dir.

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zens Center (to be located at the Japanese Retirement Home), an Invitational Basketball tournament and a Jr. Golf Tournament.

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Nikkei in Indiana form JACL group

INDIANAPOLIS — The newest JACL chapter is in the process of formation here in Indianapolis. Approximately 40 people attended the first meeting of the Hoosier JACL. Assisting in the organization are Mary Sato, veteran Washington, D.C. JACLer who has transferred here because of her job, and longtime Nisei resident Terry Ishihara in Terre Haute.

It will become the ninth chapter in the Midwest District Council, the first JACL group in the state and likely the 100th chapter in the national organization. (Houston JACL was No. 99. A JACL chapter in Las Vegas is still in the wings and may be 100.)

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


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FROM HAPPY VALLEY: Sachi Seko

Digging for Roots

Salt Lake City
 Michi Nishihara Weglyn and I grew up in the same hometown. It was called Gila. Officially, it was designated as a relocation center. But in one of those rhetorical lapses, even President Roosevelt referred to it as a concentration camp.

The Michi I knew in that long ago would never have disputed the official description. Her book, "Years of Infamy," is remarkable in many ways, but to an old friend it is noteworthy because of its author. It is not surprising that she wrote a book. She could and can do anything.

But Michi was not the kind of person one would ever associate with this particular book. It is an angry book. Perhaps some critics will even choose to censure the tone of the book, the emotional pitch. But Michi is not merely a detached narrator or a scholarly researcher. She is a witness returning to Gila.

This pilgrimage is unlike any others which have preceded it or which will follow it. It is not a physical return to the desert. It goes beyond scavenging in the ruins for some rusty relics. It does not wait on the wind or the sand to call forth the ghostly procession of the exiled. It is the necessary journey into the sanctuary of our interiors.

It has always disturbed me that the Nisei psyche seemed forever in search of its own roots. It has never known peace. The extremist philosophies are verified in the paradoxical attitudes of formerly declaring ourselves exclusively and truly American and then in recent years extolling with equal fervor our racial difference.

Michi perhaps more than any of us is personally familiar with the pursuits and flights of the Nisei psyche. In the era of our adolescence, hardly halcyon, she represented what was then known as an "ideal girl."

In addition to being fair of face, she was artistic, intelligent and articulate. She was a student leader, respected by her peers and the faculty. Her achievements ranged from delivering winning orations to competing in art exhibits.

She was the proper emissary to the outside world, given permission to travel from Gila to a conference with other girl leaders from Arizona. She was the kind of student and person that exclusive Mount Holyoke College actively sought. She was dreamer and idealist. She was believer in country. She never questioned the Evacuation and incarceration. She was a true innocent.

Michi's life after Gila seemed to have a patina of continuing achievement to it. There was a lull in our correspondence only during the period of her illness. But aside from that, all the deserved good things seemed to happen to her.

There was a courtly and encouraging husband, a successful career in costume design, a large Park Avenue apartment, glamorous friends of the entertainment world, trips to places I couldn't even pronounce.

She had achieved the American dream larger than most of us were able to imagine it. After the Perry Crmo commitment ended, Michi wrote saying that she was working on a book about beauty secrets.

And then about seven years

Illiteracy still rising

PARIS—An ambitious UNESCO project to eradicate illiteracy, begun a decade ago, has been a dismal failure, according to its own report covering programs in 11 third-world nations. It estimated there were 735 million illiterates in 1965; now there are 800 million.

JO MORISUE: Cleveland JACler

Retiree now county humane agent

SHARON, Pa.—A retiree from Westinghouse Electric here as maintenance superintendent-custodian, Jo Morisue, 66, was sworn in recently as Mercer County's humane enforcement officer with full powers to arrest persons abusing their pets and thus violating the state's humane laws.

Morisue, who hails from San Francisco, also works as a school bus driver. (He joined the Cleveland JACL since it was the closest Sharon is midway between Pittsburgh

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sign staff to committees which require direct assistance in the opinion of the National Board and executive director for on-going services.

10—To serve as ex-officio or consultant to all JACL national standing and ad-hoc committees as designated by the National Board.

Commentaries

A similar delineation of the role (duties and responsibilities) of the National Board was recommended by Scott Furukawa, Midwest District Youth chairman who is about to stepdown since he was voted chairman of the Cleveland JACL chapter.

In the hiring and firing of regional directors, PSWDC Gov. Mike Ishikawa reminded the district council was involved in the hiring and should be consulted also when dismissal is pending. CCDC Gov. (Judge) Mikio Uchiyama called for clear cut guidelines with reference to regional directors where time is divided by the nature of that position.

In the area of budget preparation, two schools of thought prevailed at the outset: the traditional method in JACL where the director prepared the "basic budget" to keep the organization going and the radical concept, introduced by Sugiyama, that the Board and director together start from "zero" (or establishing priorities first) before preparing the budget.

Henry Tanaka, immediate past national president, defended the traditional method by suggesting a "baseline" rather than a shifting basis as implied in the "zero" concept. Under the "zero" concept, nothing would be sacred as every program—the regional offices, the Pacific Citizen, etc. would be reviewed each biennium.

EDC Gov. Sus Uyeda said the economic crunch today demands an objective and overall review of the organization's programs—biennially. The nature of JACL as a volunteer membership organization places membership processing and building maintenance as rock-bottom essentials, Sugiyama noted in response to Tanaka's call for a "baseline".

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Hawaii Today

Tom Tagawa, the State Forester, has accused the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Smithsonian Institution of withholding data on a plan to limit the use of rural land in Hawaii. . . . Tom Yamabe, v.p. of Kahuku Agricultural Co., is growing guava and passion fruit on 750 acres of land leased from the Campbell Estate. He owns half of the stock and Mitsui & Co. (U.S.A.) owns the other half. It's big-scale farming but costly and risky, reports the Advertiser. . . . The Campbell Estate, which owns about 15,000 acres from Hale to Kawela, has been experimenting with new ways to use some of its former sugar lands at the old Kahuku plantation.

Alfred Oshiro, chairman of the Molokai Task Force agricultural subcommittee, is confident that an agricultural industry can succeed on Molokai. He has expressed confidence in the task force-sponsored Na Hua Alifalifa project, in the potential for the Marvin Berry potato operations and in the possibility for diversified agriculture. . . . A Filipino new arrival speaks English. So wrote Samuel En Orpille in a letter to the "Teller." Filipinos, he wrote, "belong to a new breed, to a new era. They are educated. Let us stop treating them like the early Filipino plantation recruits."

Congressional Scene

From Congressman Spark Matsunaga's office: (1) Because of long delays in the inspection of imported foods and other items, Matsunaga has asked the Food and Drug Administration to station inspectors in Hawaii; (2) Legislation which would require regulatory and other executive branch agencies to open their meetings to the public has been introduced by Matsunaga and other House members; (3) "The budget cutting as should be wielded with caution," Matsunaga said following President Ford's recent State of the Union Address; "I applaud the President's call for 'common sense' and hope that he will apply it to his budget proposals." Matsunaga said; (4) the House Select Committee on Aging has approved a report urging that senior citizens be permitted to serve as interns in the offices of the House. Author of the report was Matsunaga, chairman of the Select Committee's Subcommittee on Federal, State and Community Services.

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cate of the various self-serving and false reasons given by the white racists to justify the 1942 uprooting and imprisonment of Japanese Americans. At the same time, he is insisting in effect that all the provisions in the Constitution concerning the protection of the rights of individuals against arbitrary actions of the Government should remain irrelevant in matters affecting Americans of his own race. He appears to be claiming that the existence of wartime hysteria among the American masses in early 1942 is unchallengeable justification for the evacuation and incarceration of the innocent targets of their suspicion and hatred.

Evacuation Not Necessary

Had Hayakawa taken the time to read even a couple of readily available, scholarly, and unbiased studies of the Evacuation episode, such as "Prejudice, War and the Constitution" by IenBroek, Barnhart, and Matson and "The Decision to Relocate the Japanese Americans" by Daniels, Hayakawa would have learned that there simply was no real "military necessity" for the removal and internment of Japanese Americans and that both the General Staff and the Department of Justice (including the FBI) had made it known to the top officials of our Government that no mass evacuation was necessary.

In Hayakawa's claim that a possibility of an invasion of the Pacific Coast states by the Japanese Army justified the wholesale exile of Japanese Americans, it is significant that he remains silent about



Shosuke Sasaki

the situation in Hawaii. There the Japanese Americans were not subjected to mass uprooting and imprisonment despite the fact that Hawaii was far more likely to be the place for a landing by the Japanese armed forces before any similar landing could be attempted on the Pacific Coast.

Hayakawa also apparently feels that because the Japanese Americans were not subjected to wholesale looting, murder, and arson by mobs in 1942, it is highly improper for Japanese Americans to seek redress over their mere evacuation and imprisonment. This is akin to saying that a woman, who has been raped should not demand justice against her violator because the man had refrained from robbing or murdering her.

Appeal for Action

In his disordered disaffection for the Seattle JACL and the younger generation, he has taken some shots at the Sansei which are both wildly misdirected and totally unjustified. First, that "Appeal for Action" (See Jan. 23 PC) was written by a 63-year-old Issei who is a retired financial analyst, with the aid and collaboration of a Nisei welding engineer who is 58-years-old and a Nisei systems engineer

who is 46-years-old. All three retain vivid memories of the Evacuation and imprisonment they suffered during World War II.

Second, over two-thirds of the membership of the Seattle JACL is composed of Issei and Nisei. On the whole, its Sansei members are a well-educated, serious, and responsible group. For Hayakawa to describe them as "radical-chief" is a gross insult.

In extolling the "dignity, grace and realism" of the immigrant Japanese, Hayakawa is recommending that quiet submission to Government edicts (no matter how unjust) is behavior that Japanese Americans of succeeding generations should continue to practice.

Further, he has deservingly asserted that for such minority groups to seek the same justice and treatment given to other Americans is to be "playing mau-mau" and engaging in a "racket."

The fact that the Japanese American Citizens League at its National Conventions has repeatedly gone on record in favor of seeking reparations for the World War II Evacuation and imprisonment was clearly stated in the Seattle Chapter's "Appeal for Action".

Wide Support Found

Furthermore, results of surveys of Japanese American feelings on the subject indicate that the overwhelming majority are in support of efforts to obtain such redress. In his eagerness to defame the Seattle JACL as being an isolated group of "radicals", however, Hayakawa has ignored all facts which would disprove his lies.

From the top of a sound-truck from which he gained national fame, and brimming with self-conceit and political ambition, Hayakawa has now descended to the gutter and is displaying his distorted idea of Americanism by reckless dissemination of false charges, arrogant contempt of truth and sneering opposition to persons seeking justice.

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Repeal of responsibility law steps up interest in supplemental income

LOS ANGELES—With the repeal of the California Relative Responsibility Law, more applicants for the Supplemental Security Income benefits are anticipated, according to George Nakamura, Social Security District Manager in Inglewood.

Under the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program, a person who is blind, disabled, or at least 65 years of age with only limited income or resources is entitled to a monthly Federal payment of \$157.70.

In California, the state supplements this amount with an additional \$101.30 so that an aged or disabled person living in his own residence becomes entitled to a monthly amount of \$259. For a blind person, the state supplement is \$134.30, making the monthly amount \$393. Varying living arrangements and circum-

stances of the recipient can either lower or raise these amounts, Nakamura continued.

Until January of this year, California had a Relative Responsibility Law which sometimes required children of SSI recipients to reimburse the state for the Supplemental payments. There were a number of potential recipients who had not applied for the SSI benefits because they did not want to inconvenience their children or other members of the family.

Now that this law has been repealed, these people should apply for the SSI payments, Nakamura explained.

Applications can be filed in any Social Security office. Japanese speaking persons who wish to file or seek more information can contact Thomas Shohara, 677-2188 in the Inglewood office.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS CHIEF RAPS FORD'S PROGRAM

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—State Director of Consumer Affairs, Taketsugu Takel, denounced President Ford's plan to increase consumer involvement in government as "unacceptable and full of jargon."

Takel called it ironic that Ford's bulky set of consumer representation for each department of the federal government "has and is being made without involving consumers."

Consumer groups have called for a "pause for a Chuckle."

Any father who thinks he's important should remind himself that this country honors fathers only one day a year, while pickles get a whole week!—The Dasher.

PC's PEOPLE

Elections



Yoshio Fujiwara

Fremont JACL board member Yoshio Fujiwara, 38, is a candidate for the Fremont city council with primary elections next month. A senior administrative financial planner Westinghouse in their machine division office in Sunnyvale, he serves as their equal employment opportunity officer and responsible for development its affirmative action program. A city commissioner on recreation and Centerville Area Plan study committee.

He is also president of the Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church, a CSU-Fresno graduate in economics and active with the Jaycees.

Ventura County JACler Nao Takasugi, 53, owner and operator of Asahi Market, Oxnard, is a candidate for the city council. If successful he would join Dr. Tsujiko Kato, currently on the council. A native of Oxnard, Takasugi

graduated from the Wharton School of Business in Pennsylvania with a master's degree and active with the St. Paul's United Methodist Church.

Churches

Bishop Kanyu Tsuji represented the Buddhist Churches of America at the 11th general conference of the World Fellowship of Buddhists which was held Feb. 19-25 at Bangkok. The group was founded in Ceylon in 1960. Twenty-nine nations and every school of Buddhism, Mahayana and Theravada, are represented.

Immediate past Fremont JACL chapter president Ted Sato was named chairman of the So. Alameda County Buddhist Church board of directors. Eight other JACLers are serving with him: Harry Tanouye, Yutaka Handa, Dr. Shogei Kimura, George Kato, Fujio Yamamoto, Sat Sekigahama, Kaz Kawaguchi and Dr. Walt Hashimoto.

For the first time two women were recognized by the Long Beach Area Council of Churches among the five laity for the Spotlight Awards of 1975. One was Long Beach city councilwoman Eunice N. Sato of the 7th District, active with the Silverado United Methodist Church and a past president of the area council of churches.

Agriculture

Pocatello JACler George Shiozawa was appointed chairman of the state agricultural stabilization service for the Idaho Dept. of Agriculture.

Education

UC Berkeley Boalt Hall law student JoAnne Kagiwada of San Lorenzo attended the U.N. International Conference for Human Rights in Dakar, Senegal, in January and currently on the staff of the Commissioner for Namibia at the U.N. Headquarters.

Government

Douglas T. Lazo, asst. professor teaching law enforcement

Utah potato grower donates 17½ tons

LOS ANGELES — The Japanese Retirement Home here acknowledged a gift of 17½ tons of potatoes from a Nisei grower, Haruchi Naruse, 57, of Milford, Utah.

Following use of part of the shipment and distribution to the City View Hospital, the Keiro and Keiro Minami homes, the remaining 15 tons were turned over for sale in the open market to realize additional income for operation of the Home.

Naruse has offered to make annual donations of his produce.

'Justice Overdue' tells plight of Evacuation

SEATTLE, Wash. — Co-produced by two Samsel in TV, "Justice Overdue" examines the educational, economic and psychological losses incurred by Japanese American because of Evacuation. Gordon Hirabayashi, one of three Nisei who tested the Evacuation into the U.S. supreme court, appears on the show.

It was to air Feb. 19 over KCTS/9 and on Feb. 28, 6:30 p.m. over KING. Sharon Mada of KCTS and Wendy Tokuda of KING Public Affairs were co-producers. Show also updates current attempts at reparations and repeal of Executive Order 9066.

ment at San Jose State, was named to the San Jose city human relations commission. He feels he was named because of his previous police work and his ethnic background. He is of Filipino-Japanese-Chinese descent.

Business

Downtown L.A. JACler T.M. Alta has been promoted assistant manager of the Bank of America branch at Jefferson-Hill as of Jan. 1. He had been at the Civic Center branch the past two years...

Happenings

Los Angeles

Omega Sigma Tau fraternity at UCLA will sponsor a bike-a-thon Mar. 7 to raise funds the West Los Angeles Pioneer Project. It is the Samsel group's second annual fund-raiser for charity. Last year over 50 cyclists participated, raising \$2,000 for Asian Rehabilitation Service.

The First Presbyterian Church of Altadena, where the Rev. Donald Toriumi is pastor, will celebrate its completion of mortgage payments on the property Mar. 28. The gala rejoycing is being co-chaired by Dave Nakagawa and Toki Matsumoto. Project took 16 years and the mortgage was paid off in eight.

Some 200 people enjoyed the Long Beach Harbor Plo-



Kimi Fujii

OAKLAND—AC Transit board of directors re-elected Kimi Fujii of Hayward president. Appointed to the board in April, 1972, to fill out the term of the late E. Guy Warren, she was returned by a 62% majority of voters in the 1974 elections, defeating three challengers. Active with Eden Township JACL, she and her brother Ken operate the family wholesale-retail nursery business.

neer Project and L.B. Japanese Community Center New Year party Jan. 25 with Assemblymen Paul Bernal and Mike Cullen as special guests. Both presented Pioneer Project with a resolution commending its five years of service. The Center board is headed by Maa Shono. Films of Wakayama taken by recent JAL-JACL fellowship winner Takashi Fujii were also shown.

Fresno

"Amerasia" Week will be celebrated Mar. 1-15 at CSU Fresno with speakers, pictorial displays and festivities.

Health workers caucus

WASHINGTON—The Caucus of Asian American Health Workers (CAAHW) is expanding its membership to students and associates interested in the concerns of public health of the Asian American population. Group was formed in 1974 during the American Public Health Assn. convention at New Orleans. Information may be secured from its chairman: A1 Kondo, 1850 Kalamazoo Rd. NW, Washington, D.C. 20009.

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