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TOP: Spectators join the Seabrook JACLers in their Japanese folk dance kicking off the Jimmy Carter Inaugural festivities inside National Visitors Center at the Washington, D.C., Union Depot. LOWER: D.C. JACLers hosted the Seabrook group for the program. Pictured (from left) are Seabrook JACLers Sunkie Oye, Vernon Ichisaka, Mary Nagao; Rep. William Hughes (D-N.J.); Ellen Nakamura, Seabrook dance coordinator; JACL Washington Representative Wayne Horiuchi, D.C. JACLers Dr. Ray Murakami and Kennon Nakamura.

New bail of \$50,000 may be imposed; Wendy files appeal

By LEE RUTTLE
Special PC Correspondent

OAKLAND, Calif.—When Wendy Yoshimura appeared in Alameda County superior court for sentencing on Feb. 24, her attorney James Larson will have filed an appeal on the conviction. He also was to ask that Wendy be allowed to remain free on bail pending that appeal. But the bail on which she is now free will not apply.

Judge Martin Pulich is expected to stipulate that (new) bail be set at \$50,000. This is considerably more money than was asked of the Japanese American community back in 1975.

However, the Wendy Yoshimura Fair Trial Commit-

tee is valiantly trying to raise that sum.

The Rev. Lloyd Wake, chairperson of the San Francisco committee, reported that as of Feb. 18 some \$30,000 had been committed so far, and increased effort is being made to obtain the full \$50,000 by Feb. 24. All of this money need not be in cash as collateral will be accepted.

Rev. Wake also reported a total of \$28,000 had been raised in contributions to the defense fund. Out of this, past bills have been paid and a sum given to Larson for his services, leaving only \$50 in the fund.

Up to now, Larson and other attorneys who have helped

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Nisei as group will 'disappear' by 2000, Kitano speculates

LOS ANGELES — Though the talk was announced as "Interracial Marriage" with respect to Japanese Americans, Dr. Harry Kitano of UCLA postulated at the Hollywood JACL installation dinner last week (Feb. 19) the title ought to be what's in the mind of the Nisei: "When will our Japanese American identity as a group disappear or be lost?"

By pointing to the variable signs along the years, Kitano speculated that by the year 2000, another generation away, there would be "no pure Japanese American in our group" with half thinking "yellow is mellow" and the other half "doing their own thing". And perhaps "this is what America is all about", he concluded.

Tomoo Ogita, an Orientalist and lecturer who was re-elected to his third term as chapter president, introduced Kitano as an accomplished *shakuhachi* player.

Past Presidents Cited

The evening was billed as an appreciation dinner in honor of the past 19 Hollywood JACL presidents. On hand to receive a chapter plaque from Ogita, with honored guest State Sen. David Roberti assisting, and a resolution from Council-

woman Peggy Stevenson of the 13th District, were:

Danar Abe (1956), Paul Kawakami (1957), Hideo Izumo (1958), Yuki Kamayatsu (1965), James "Butch" Kasahara (1966), Muriel Merrell (1967) and Paul Chinn (1968-69).

Roberti, in brief remarks, called for preservation of the Hollywood-Los Feliz area as a neighborhood "where we want our children to grow up". But noting and lamenting the concentration of porno shops and masseurs in

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Easterner input on reparations sought

PHILADELPHIA — Community input meetings on Japanese American reparations are scheduled this weekend in Seabrook, Philadelphia and New York.

Eastern District Gov. Hiroshi Ueyehara said Mike Masaoka and Kaz Oshiki will be speakers. Non-JACLers are especially invited to voice their opinions about reparations and what it should include. Locales are:

SEABROOK—Feb. 26, 1 p.m., Upper Deerfield Muni Bldg.
PHILADELPHIA—Feb. 26, 7:30 p.m., Civic Center Museum, International Lounge, 34th & Convention.
NEW YORK—Feb. 27, 2:30 p.m., Japanese American United Church, 255-7th Ave.

The input meeting in Washington was held Feb. 19.

JACL Board meets Mar. 18-20 to select director

SAN FRANCISCO — The National JACL Board will interview candidates and select a national executive director, a position vacant since the resignation of David Ushio last September, it was revealed this week by Jim Murakami, national president, in announcing the tentative agenda for the board meeting here Mar. 18-20 at Headquarters.

Number of candidates was not indicated. Search for candidates began a year ago after Ushio submitted his resignation following three stormy years at the helm of the organization.

Ushio had weathered "impeachment" efforts in early 1975. The National Board concluded there was insufficient cause to recommend termination or resignation at a special session in June, 1975.

Ushio, who had been Washington JACL representative for two years, was appointed by the board in 1972. During his tenure, he organized the leadership to have the JACL Headquarters Building constructed and advocated a development program as a means to meet long-term financial and program needs.

While under fire at times for the way Headquarters was operated, the board consistently backed him. Ushio succeeded in having Japan Air Lines reinstitute its cultural heritage summer fellowship program and introduced the Sansei generation to the well accepted Presidential Classroom for Young Americans.

Ushio joined the Carter for President campaign in mid-September, being appointed the area coordinator for San Francisco.

Tentative Agenda

JACL chapters and dis-

trict councils this past week were also reminded any items for discussion by the National board should be forwarded by Feb. 28.

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JACL Scholarships are available

SAN FRANCISCO—Applications are available for the 1977 National JACL scholarships through chapters, JAY, and regional offices. Committee chairman Izumi Taniguchi noted there are 15 freshman and 4 collegiate-graduate awards ranging in value from \$250-\$1,000 and open to all JACL members, their children, JAY and other persons of Japanese ancestry. Applicants must include a confidential parents' financial statement.

SHICHINOSUKE ASANO — PIONEER NEWSPAPERMAN

Came to America to 'help people'

SAN FRANCISCO—Shichinosuke Asano was a seventh child, born in the Japan of 1894. The word Shichinosuke means "seventh child (male)."

Growing up in tumultuous times, in a Japan gasping somewhat by modernization and change, Asano became a risk-taker. He decided to leave his native Morioka City (Iwate-ken).

He left Japan entirely.

He arrived in the U.S. and became a reporter to one of San Francisco's daily Japanese American newspapers, Nichibei Times. Working hard and diligently, he became its editor, then publisher.

With the advent of World War II, Asano temporarily lost everything. He and thousands of Japanese Americans were forced to leave the West Coast into concentration camps.

In 1946, he had to start from scratch.

Yet today Asano retains a certain sense of humor despite a long and active life.

He notes the irony that many Issei, who had the courage to leave their country for a new and uncertain life thousands of miles away, would be seen by many Americans, including Japanese Americans, to be too conservative.

"After all we have been through, we have proven our wisdom," he said in an interview with Mike Berger of the San Francisco Chronicle recently.

Beginnings

As a boy, Asano recalled visiting the home of a famous Japanese politician in Morioka, Takashi Hara. His elder sister had lived with Hara's mother, and he remembered the old lady saying, "I hope you can go to

Tokyo some day, study hard and become a good man like my son."

It was perhaps a fine goal for young Asano.

But in later life it became true.

Asano was invited by the Hara family to come live with them "in the center of Japan", Tokyo, to work for his room and board as the politician's junior secretary and attend a prep school and university.

Hara had grown from a mere local politician.

Immersed in national Japanese politics, he was the first commoner to become Prime Minister of Japan.

A somewhat magnetic personality, Hara was described by Asano as "our first real democrat". Hara founded a U.S.-style party and attempted to broaden voter rights by limiting the

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In 1950, Asano (left) was thanked by Emperor Hirohito for his post-war relief work.

—Cut courtesy: San Francisco Chronicle

NIKKEI OUT-MARRIAGE

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Hollywood, he said concentration of any sort was undesirable.

Kitano's Findings

Referring to figures from his updated book, "Japanese Americans: The Evolution of a Subculture", 2d ed. (Prenice Hall, 1976) on the chapter dealing with the *Current Japanese Family and Community*, Kitano noted anti-miscegenation laws have been enacted as early as 1661 and only nullified by the courts in recent years.

Prior to the 1950s, Japanese tended to marry within their own group. In the Los Angeles area, the Japanese outmarriage rate was 2% in 1924, a period when it was illegal for Japanese to be married to whites. By 1949,

the rate was 11%, then up to 23% in 1959. In 1972 it was 49%.

The Los Angeles experience is not an "isolated phenomenon", Kitano declared as he cited the John Tinker study which the outmarriage rate in Fresno had jumped from below-20% through 1963 to 58% in 1969; Glenn Omatsu's San Francisco survey (58% in 1971 to 66% in 1976) and 47% in Hawaii for 1972.

The 1970 census, however, indicates over 88% of Japanese marriages were to spouses of the same race.

On Detecting Changes

Offering signs pointing to basic changes in the Japanese American family, the Nisei may deduce what it may be like in the future.

Pacific Southwest District to consider \$9,300 budget

LOS ANGELES—A \$9,300 district budget will be recommended for adoption at the Pacific Southwest District Council's first quarterly session here this Sunday (Feb. 27) at Little Tokyo Towers.

Over half will be allocated to the regional office, according to the district treasurer Ben Shimazu, to make up the difference from the allocation from the National JACL budget, thus eliminating what had been contingency funds to aid local projects and charities.

District income is based on chapter dues and a \$1 per capita "tax" of 1976 membership of member chap-

ters. There were over 9,000 members in the district this past year—a new high for the PSWDC.

Downtown L.A. JACL will host the quarterly, scheduled to start at 9:30 a.m. Host chapter president Glen Pacheco is session chairman with Gov. Mike Ishikawa presiding at the business session. Registration fee of \$5 covers coffee & donuts in the morning and a "bento".

Regional director Glen Isomoto will be making his first report to district, having been appointed to the position only last December.

Kitano held out these factors leading to increase of Japanese outmarriages:

- 1—Opportunity for "open contact" which is at all-time high today.
- 2—Group size which, if bigger, lessens the prospect of outmarriage or, if smaller, furthers group change.
- 3—Sex ratio. Prewar, the imbalance favored the male. In 1971, there were more women (319,000 female—271,000 male).
- 4—Family structure, if strong, will retain its Japaneseess.

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Asian American teachers

LOS ANGELES—United Teachers-Los Angeles Asian American Committee will host a conference on *Contemporary Asian American Issues* March 11-12 at UTLA, 2511 W. 3rd St. (487-5560).

Asians for Bradley

LOS ANGELES—The Asian Democratic Caucus endorsed Mayor Tom Bradley for re-election. ADC was organized as an advisory unit in the Jimmy Carter campaign.

Democratic Club

SAN FRANCISCO—Japanese American Democratic Club will elect officers at its Mar. 4 meeting, 7:30 p.m., at the Buchanan YMCA. It is the first Democratic group representing Bay Area Nikkei.

Issei Service Center

FRESNO—During the first week of March, a Hinamatsuri doll display will be exhibited at Issei Service Center, 912 F St., with a cultural program at noon Mar. 5.

'Modori Bashi'

MINNEAPOLIS—For one night, Mar. 19, the classic Kabuki play, *Modori Bashi*, will appear for a Minnison Arts Center benefit at Children's Theater. For tickets, call Reiko Shellem (332-3848, 823-4818).

Research man

SAN JOSE—Pacific Asian Coalition, 1760 The Alameda (408-295-7290), is seeking a part time principal investigator to prepare a program evaluation report to National Institute of Mental Health, according to Roy Hirabayashi, PAC coordinator.

5—Sex roles, where the Asian female has become more desirable to the white male. Looking at other groups, Kitano notes more males marry "out" but with the Japanese, it's the female—80%.

6—And attitudinal climate which, today, finds outmarriages more acceptable. On the other hand, Sansei on the ethnic identity search is saying they want to be with their own.

Kitano, in his book, emphasizes "that just as there is no one American family there is no one Japanese or Japanese American family". Acculturation means different things to different families and these are reflected in their attitudes and

behavior.

Lesson of Chanoyu

The Rev. Bob Oshita's sobering invocation related his first excruciating experience with *chanoyu*, the Japanese tea ceremony. Sitting Japanese style and anguishing in silence, his teacher finally asked what he thought. "Bakarashii — ridiculous" was his quick reply. To which the teacher agreed but so was life—hence the need to savor every minute. "for this may be our last time together". The meticulous

ceremony, the Sansei Buddhist priest explained, taught the value of sharing life together now.

The story was recalled as Dr. Steve Yokoyama, emcee, had asked for words to "quiet down" the crowd.

Co-chairing the dinner at Michael's Restaurant were Irene Koseki, Toshiko Ogita and France Yokoyama.

Turnout of 110 with wide representation from neighboring JACL chapters helped make Hollywood's dinner a social and civic success.

—HARRY HONDA

NATIONAL JACL BOARD

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The material for discussion should include background, recommendation and the name of the person responsible for making the presentation.

Meanwhile, national president Jim Murakami announced a tentative agenda as follows:

March 18 (Friday)

9 a.m.—Opening remarks. Finances: (a) FY 1976, (b) FY 1977 thru Feb. 1977, (c) Mas Satow Memorial Fund. Legal Counsel: Artemik Case, Affirmative Action, Liability Insurance.

Afternoon—Committee Reports: Iva Toguri, Whale Issue, Pacific Citizen, JARP, Endowment Fund, Constitutional Revisions, 1000 Club, Yamada-Okubo Fund, Personnel, Recognitions, Reorganization & Restructure, Travel.

Program Reports: Youth, JAYs, PCYA, Scholarship, Student Aid, A-Bomb Survivors; Committee for Internment Credit; Books to Congressmen; National Bowling Tournament; Membership; Nisei Retirement Planning; Foundation Responsiveness Project.

March 19 (Saturday)

9 a.m.—Executive Session: Personnel Committee and Interviews with Candidates for National Director.

2 p.m.—Reparations.

4 p.m.—Policy Statements: Elder-

WENDY

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him have received only bare expenses. The committee is also attempting to get a grant to pay for the jury surveys that have been made.

Wendy herself has been busy making prints of her etchings to fill orders dating back to last year.

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Asian American Youth in Northern Cal

San Francisco

While I haven't kept up too well with the senior (NC-WN) district concerns, as is the case with many students, school comes first and then the youths themselves. I will try to keep you informed of what the youth in the Northern California-Western Nevada District Youth Council have been doing from now on

Since August when I took office, a canoe trip in September which attracted 45 youths was the only district-wide activity. However, at the chapter level, activities have been continuous. Incidentally, many of the chapter-planned activities are now being attended by entire district.

Eden Township AAY: In October, the youth held a joint JACL-AAY Issei appreciation dinner, a chicken teriyaki sale in December, the joint JACL-AAY installation and snow trip in January. Membership is increasing. Activities are scheduled at Agnews State Hospital, Milpitas. Ski trips are being planned and a quarterly convention in April.

Sonoma: Youths held an

Issei dinner in October. They hosted an ice skating party for the entire district in November and held their installation dinner in December. There were many joint activities with the JACL throughout the year. A crab dinner and ski trip are coming up.

San Francisco: There was a spooky Hallowe'en costume party (outfits were really original and funny) in October to which the entire District was invited. During the month, youth helped with the JACL Keirokai picnic and the trip to visit the wineries in Napa. The AAYs held its annual Christmas potluck to which families and JACLers were invited as well as rest of the NYC. There was a ski trip in January (the youth really enjoy this) and plans are being made for the installation in February, Cherry Blossom Festival in April, and if there's more snow another ski trip sounds very likely.

That's the rundown of chapter activities. As for the district, we are planning a Monte Carlo fund-raiser,

preparing for the Tri-District Conference for youth somewhere in Northern Cal in August (suggestions for a locale are welcome to either me or Randy Chin).

Final item to discuss deals with finances. Everyone has these problems, but not the chapter AAYs, which is fantastic, as they have no problem getting together fund-raisers. But for the NYC, the money problem looms great and dismal.

For the past biennium, the NC-WNDYC was in debt over \$400 to the seniors and considering we have \$200 in the checking account and

nothing in savings, we would still be in debt if we paid out what we have, but that would leave us no operating funds, so I guess the seniors will just have to be patient. Hopefully, our Monte Carlo night can raise some of that money. We are also considering asking the chapters for \$50 donations.

—CHRIS NOMA

Huge success

SAN JOSE—The Japanese American Community Senior Service pounded and sold over 4,200 lbs. of mochi in December. Thanks went to the many volunteers, to the Buddhist and Wesley United Methodist churches and Shueido manju store.

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Ex-Ambassador James Hodgson

Pacific Basin trade 'most promising'

TOKYO—Former U.S. ambassador to Japan, James D. Hodgson, now retired, said he believed the United States and Japan can jointly lead the world out of its economic problems.

During a series of farewell addresses and comments before leaving Tokyo in mid-February, Hodgson said, "The Pacific Basin is

the most promising area for future business activity" in the world and that American trade thrusts are in that direction.

Hodgson was a former Secretary of Labor and one-time executive with Lockheed Aircraft Corp.

He also noted that the "thing that was most satisfying" to him as ambassa-

dor was the "much improved Japanese public perception of the United States as friend and ally."

In his first few months in Japan, Hodgson noted that his wife Marie and he would "sit up in the (ambassador's) residence having dinner to the resounding noise of demonstrations that weren't exactly friendly to the United States. We haven't had many of those in the last year or so."

The change was attributed to President Ford's successful visit in 1974, and the end of an unpopular war in Vietnam.

"The prospects for political stability are better now than they have been for the last century," he said.

"New transportation facilities in the Pacific have made it possible to ship a ton bulk cargo from Tokyo to Los Angeles for 10,000 yen (some \$33), while it costs 15,000 yen (\$50) ... from Los Angeles to Cleveland."

Canada allows Nisei special call sign

TORONTO, Ont.—Part of the Canadian Japanese centennial celebration now is being actively promoted by a small group of Japanese Canadian radio amateurs who have been given government permission to use a special prefix (CJ) during 1977.

Jin Ide (VE3DR) of Oakville, involved in amateur radio since 1934, chaired the Issei Centennial project granting Japanese Canadian "hams" permit to use the CJ prefix this year instead of "VE" as licensed.

Many U.S. amateurs have contacted him about the new call-signs.

Gardena appeals for gym/torium support

GARDENA, Calif.—Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute launched a financial campaign this past week to construct a 12,000 sq. ft. gymnasium-auditorium, it was announced by Robert S. Horii, JCI president. The goal is \$300,000.

Last October, its \$500,000 multi-purpose building was dedicated at 16215 S. Gramercy. Negotiations are underway to expand the property to provide for a playground, JCI director Wimp Hiroto revealed.

1977 Orientation Meeting Schedule

For members participating in the JACL Travel Program (Each meeting from 7:30 p.m.)

CODE LOCALES

- (A): LOS ANGELES—Sumitomo Bank, 3d fl, 250 E 1st St.
(B): SAN JOSE—Wesley Methodist Church, 566 N 5th St.
(C): SAN FRANCISCO—JACL Headquarters, 1765 Sutter St.
(D): SAN DIEGO—Nisei VFW Hall, 541 E 24th, National City.

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| Group 1 (SDiego).....Mar. 4 (D) | Group 9.....Aug. 25 (C) |
| Group 2 (San Jose).....Mar. 8 (B) | Group 10 (LA).....Aug. 30 (A) |
| Group 3.....Apr. 26 (A) | Group 11 (Berk).....Sep. 2 (C) |
| Group 4 (SJo).....May 11 (B) | Group 12 (LA).....Sep. 2 (A) |
| Group 6 (LA).....May 31 (A) | Group 13 (SJo).....Aug. 31 (B) |
| Group 7.....June 23 (C) | Group 14.....Sep. 8 (C) |
| Group 8.....July 7 (C) | Group 16.....July 16 (A) |

If there are any questions regarding the National JACL Travel Committee policies or decisions, write to Steve Doi, c/o JACL Headquarters, 1765 Sutter St., San Francisco 94115 or telephone (415-921-JACL) and ask for Mich Mizushima.

ASANO

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influence of Japan's military.

As Hara had no sons, he treated Asano like one.

Gets Newspaper Job

"He helped me get my first newspaper job in Japan," said Asano, recently retired as Nichibei Times publisher. "When I left for America, he told me, 'Do not go just to make money. Help people.'"

It was at this point that Asano arrived in the U.S., 1917.

Four years later, 1921, Hara was assassinated.

Asano remained in San Francisco, however, recalling Hara's advice.

"People needed help ... These were difficult days for Japanese ... but although there was discrimination, I also found great freedom here," Asano said.

The rest was Asano's personal success story, rising to publisher of the paper and, unmarred by the Second World War, retiring in good life and integrity.

Emperor Hirohito awarded Asano three decorations for contributing to better U.S.-Japan relations, including a project where he as newspaperman organized a relief fund to shattered postwar Japan.

Issei Attitude

The war relief project was but one example of the irony yet idealism that shaped Issei lives.

Japanese immigrants were looked down upon by native Japanese as "the ones who couldn't make it at home". Despite this attitude and the shock of relocation and prejudice, the Issei

Kikkoman hit by price-fixing charge

WASHINGTON—A \$6-million suit was filed Jan. 28 by an Oriental foodstuffs dealer in U.S. district court against three U.S. subsidiaries of Kikkoman soy sauce companies, charging them with conspiring to fix prices and eliminate competition. Defendants are:

Kikkoman Foods Inc., Walworth, Wis.; Kikkoman International Corp. and Japan Food Corp., San Francisco.

Europe tour price up

SAN FRANCISCO—Cost of the first JACL Tour to Europe (June 9-July 5) via Lufthansa from Los Angeles was raised to \$1,870 in conformance with CAB rules, the JACL Travel Committee announced Feb. 18. Barring unforeseen circumstances, no further increase is expected.

Hotel demolition, site clearance contracted

LOS ANGELES — Demolition of the Sun Hotel and site clearance of the Moline Alley area will get underway soon, the Community Redevelopment Agency said this past week as work contracts were awarded.

Mead House Wrecking Co. is expected to take 60 days to remove the hotel for a parking facility to be built by New Otani Hotel. Keith Abrams Contracting, Inc., is expected to take 40 days to clear the Moline Alley site for a new shopping plaza.

'75 flight refunds

SAN FRANCISCO—Participants in the 1975 JACL Travel Program are due a \$6 refund (except those on the Chicago charter flight). Those who moved this past year are expected to contact JACL Headquarters by Mar. 11 for the details.

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EDITORIALS:

Reparations Project

JACL recognizes that mental and physical suffering and loss of personal freedom cannot be computed in terms of dollars and cents, that actual 1942 real and personal property and other economic losses cannot readily be verified and calculated in 1977 monetary equivalents, and that economic and political realities of the times dictate congressional reluctance to appropriate public funds for reparations or redress payments for the sacrifices, deprivations, and travail experienced in World War II as a consequence of being of Japanese ancestry.

Nonetheless, the National JACL at its 1976 National Convention in Sacramento, California, unanimously adopted as a matter of organizational principle and highest programmatic priority a resolution calling for a national effort to secure token monetary reparations payments from the Government of the United States for the World War II tragedies and denials of those of Japanese origin, especially those then residing on the West Coast.

The basic principle involved is one of equity, justice, dignity, and freedom.

While conceding that the probabilities of success in persuading the Congress to provide substantial and meaningful token reparations are slim, JACL intends to campaign vigorously for the enactment of this corrective and remedial legislation.

Collateral benefits that might accrue to JACL and those of Japanese race from a legitimate effort include:

(a) Developing the legislative capability and influence of JACL and those of Japanese origin at all political levels—national, regional, state and city or county;

(b) Securing an appropriate opportunity to "educate and inform" a new generation of Americans—organizations as well as public officials—most of whom never heard of Evacuation and the other unconstitutional actions committed against those of Japanese background in World War II;

(c) Seizing this chance to warn our fellow Americans that we must be ever vigilant against any effort—no matter what the given rationale—to arbitrarily detain and incarcerate unpopular individuals and/or minority groups, as was done with those of Japanese descent in World War II; and

(d) Providing an opportune rallying point where all American Japanese may unite again in a common cause that will make our lives more significant and worthwhile.

As for the so-called Japanese American Evacuation Claims Act of 1948 and its subsequent amendments, JACL now considers that program to have been totally inadequate, both as to the number of claimants paid and as to the amounts awarded. Fewer than one-third of those evacuated were compensated less than ten cents on the dollar at 1942 prices. While more recent congressional action in repealing the detention provisions of Title II of the Internal Security Act of 1950 and the presidential revocation of the original Executive Order No. 9066 were most welcome and salutary, neither provided even token compensation for the Japanese American experience of World War II.

JACL appreciates its limitations, but it believes that of all Japanese American organizations it is better prepared to spearhead the educational and political campaign required. Nevertheless, JACL understands that it does not represent every individual and organization within the Japanese American community. So, in an unprecedented effort to develop a "community" consensus of the scope and the beneficiaries of any reparations effort, JACL has been sponsoring so-called "Community Input" meetings in various centers of American Japanese population and inviting concerned individuals and organizations to attend and contribute their ideas, concepts and thinking about the many implications of this project. JACL is hopeful that the results will be a realistic, attainable, and worthy congressional request.

Comments, letters & features

Concentration camp

Editor:

It is the apathetic attitude of most Japanese Americans to let bygones be bygones that beclouds the establishment of the word "concentration" for "relocation" to properly describe the Japanese evacuees camp during World War 2. For myself, I felt quite apathetic on this issue until I heard justifications for "relocation" to describe the camp. I was compelled to sound off because of these noises. I favor the word "concentration camp", mainly because of my past personal experiences.

For the usage of "relocation" to be valid, the following criteria must be met.

- 1—Complete freedom of residents to move about the area, to own cars, to drive anywhere and to take vacation trips to anywhere in the U.S.
- 2—Complete freedom to use cameras, firearms for protection and short-wave radios.
- 3—No enclosure, such as barbed wire fence, around the area.
- 4—No mess hall. The residents have the freedoms to purchase any groceries, to get food of their choice, to shop at any store and to cook and to provide any food of their choice to their families.
- 5—Freedom to purchase and choose any house of their choice.
- 6—No searchlight tower at each corner of the resettled area.
- 7—No armed guard at the gate.
- 8—No one is forced to live in a horse stable, such as in Santa Anita race track.
- 9—No resident is required an FBI clearance for leaving the area.
- 10—No resident is required to declare loyalty oath under threat.
- 11—All the rights under the U.S. Constitution are completely guaranteed.

More Apt Word

From the above simple criteria, the word "relocation" cannot possibly be the correct word to describe the evacuees' situation. The more descriptive word is the "concentration" camp. During World War 2, the U.S. was fighting for democracy to annihilate Hitler's dictatorship and his treatment of Jews. The irony was that the treatment afforded to Japanese Americans by the U.S. was similar to Hitler's treatment of Jews. The only difference was that the death gas chambers were not included in the Japanese evacuees' camps.

I spent two of my adolescent years in the camp in Arkansas, and subsequently was drafted into the U.S. Army. As a U.S. soldier, I had several occasions to guard an American prison camp for German PW's in France. The nature of a PW prison camp was similar to the camp in Arkansas, except that the living quarters were tents instead of barracks. The PW's lined up at mess hall lined up for typhoid shots, etc., just like the Japanese evacuees did in the camp. The area was fenced in just like the camp in Arkansas.

In 1942, I and my family were forced to live in a horse stable in Santa Anita race track for nine months. If anyone objects to the word concentration camp and thinks that the word is a slur to America, let that person live in a horse stable for nine months, deprive him of the rights as guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution, and he will quickly change his mind! Unless a person is crazy or loves to horse-around, the life in a horse stable is not for a human being!

Santa Anita Riot

While enduring the life in a horse stable, a riot was triggered by a group of U.S. Army inspectors who stole jewelry and watches from the evacuees while searching for contrabands, such as cameras, pocket knives, firearms, etc. This incited the anger among the residents and soon a riot ensued. The riot was further intensified by the discontentment of day-in and day-out forced feeding of sauerkraut and wieners. The riot lasted three days. The riot was the expression of anger, frustration and discontentment among the evacuees. I know because I was in the riot at that time. That was in August, 1942.

The word "relocation" camp was a gigantic snow job conceived by the U.S. to cover up its activities against Japanese Americans. The word "concentration camp" was an em-

barrassing word for the U.S. at that time when the U.S. was advancing toward Berlin to liberate the German Jews from the Nazi concentration camps. I know because I was a member of the U.S. Army invading toward Berlin at that time. This was in April, 1945.

Some naive Americans have indicated that to inform the American public of the truths of what actually happened to the Japanese Americans during World War 2 is to poison the American mind. That would be similar to the refusal of Germany to inform her people of what actually happened to the German Jews during the war. We were treated like the German Jews during the war.

Anti-Nisei Incidents

Some intellectual Americans have acknowledged that the Japanese Americans were the most persecuted people in the Western hemisphere during the war. In 1944, Pvt. Raymond Matsuda, returning combat veteran with a Purple Heart decoration and crippled with a crutch and cane, was ousted by a certain barber with the obscenity, "Jap, keep out!"

In the same year, I was severely beaten by a middle-aged railroad worker in Iowa for no apparent reason except that his son was held in a "Jap" prison camp in the Philippines and that I deserved to be killed. I still carry the scar in my left arm from that terrifying knifing incident. If it wasn't for the Quaker friend's aid, I would have been long dead by now.

The word "relocation" is completely a misnomer. The more descriptive word is "concentration" camp. It is the fact which the U.S. cannot deny and it should be included in details in U.S. history books.

G.N. ASAWA

Anaheim, Calif.

For Today & Tomorrow: by Jon Inouye

'Roots': What Next?

The startling success of *Roots*, by Alex Haley, makes it clear that the ethnic minority experience can be made known on a wide scale.

As blacks are the nation's largest minority, and have been here since the U.S. inception (indeed, many argue the blacks have been the invisible backbone of early colonial America, that America could not have existed without them), understandably a great interest arose in *Roots*.

It came about at an opportune time and had all the factors of success.

A skilled writer and craftsman, Alex Haley supplied what most blacks yearned for—cultural and ethnic identity. And he did that in a big way.

White America had grown open enough to be willing to face the stigma of slavery, and television producers, promoters and advertisers undoubtedly took an interest.

The rest, of course, is phenomenal television history.

But the question with me remains:

There hasn't been an Asian Alex Haley, someone clever and skilled enough, to make the Asian American experience real, moving, forceful at a truly popular level.

One criterion for good literature or art is by the number of people it moves.

Derogatory Terms

Editor:

When I first wrote to the PC to express my disapproval of Hosokawa's (to me, at least) injudicious use of the term "Japlish", it was not with the intent of starting a debate. However, I feel that John V. Wilcox's comments (PC Jan. 28) regarding my objection and the general tenor of his letter should not go unanswered.

Mr. Wilcox's attempt to impress us with his erudition by his reference to H.L. Mencken only serves to betray an apparently callous disregard for the sensibilities of the Nikkei and an abysmal ignorance of their history in America when he equates "Jap" to "Finn" as a contraction and, hence, not a pejorative.

It is true that Minnesota has a large number of persons of Finnish extraction, with some communities in the northern part of the state being almost entirely Finnish. Here in the Twin Cities area, they make up a much smaller percentage of the population, and I have not had the pleasure of becoming acquainted with many of them.

However, those whom I have met as well as others from the Iron Range country have indicated to me that "Finn", at least in Minnesota, is by no means a pejorative, but "Finlander" (like "Chinaman") generally has a distinctly derogatory connotation. This was impressed to me one day at work when a co-worker of Polish descent, after telling a Finnish-ethnic "joke", turned to a Finnish friend and asked, "You don't mind my saying Finlander, do you?" The prompt reply was, "Not as long as you don't mind my calling you a Polack!"

Wilcox, with his Archie Bunker-like attitude, may also defend the use

of such offensive terms as "Wop", "Hebe" and "Chink" as contractions and, hence, suitable additions to our lexicon. The point that he seems to have missed is the connotation of such terms and of the term "Jap" and what it represents to us. I learned from our chapter president some time ago that JACL had published an excellent brochure on this subject. I would like to suggest that Wilcox expand his academic horizons beyond those of Mencken, however noble and learned they may be, and contact the nearest JACL chapter or National Headquarters for a copy of this pamphlet and broaden his sociological and ethical knowledge.

YUKI AKAKI

Roseville, Minn.

Short Notes

Editor:

If available, send me Carol Suzuki's address in Nebraska. She was the author of the letter concerning Wendy Yoshimura recently.

GEORGE SHIOZAWA

Pocatello, Idaho

Addresses are not printed in the Letterbox nor are they given, even though we require them to assure authenticity of the person submitting the letter. We have, therefore, forwarded reader Shiozawa's request to Ms. Suzuki.—Editor.

Editor:

Since the problem with KCST-TV (PC Ltrs, Feb. 18) has been resolved, I trust readers do not write letters to the station now.

KRISTIN OYAMA

San Diego

Join the JACL



Plain Speaking: by Wayne Horiuchi

Asian American Advocacy

Washington
In the past month, I've been involved in an activity that I consider the most important project since I became Washington Representative. That project is to pressure the Carter Administration to appoint Asian Americans to high level positions in the Federal Government. The tool to create pressure is advocacy.

As reported in the Pacific Citizen of Jan. 28, the Japanese American Citizens League joined three other Asian American organizations in a letter to President Carter criticizing him for his failure to appoint high-

level Asian Americans to his administration.

In response to the letter, Jack Watson, White House spokesman, sent an innocuous form letter to the Asian American organizations.

The Washington Office of JACL then sent a letter to all of the Democratic members of the House and Senate from the states of California, Hawaii, Washington, and Oregon and other potentially sympathetic Congressmen and women. This letter enclosed the original letter and the innocuous Watson response.

The response asking for Congressional and Senator-

ial support in behalf of Asian Americans was, indeed, enthusiastic and overwhelming. For example, the California Democratic delegation in the House of Representatives voted unanimously to contact President Carter and encourage him to give favorable consideration to the placement of Asian Americans in the Carter Administration. Congressmen Bob Leggett and Norman Mineta were the sponsors of the proposition.

Individual responses were communicated to the President from such people as Congressman Ed Roybal,

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CHIAROSCURO:

What are JACL's goals and purposes today?

By CHERRY KINOSHITA
Seattle JACL

There were some basic essentials lacking in order to chart a course, I found, when my attempts to plan a program for the coming 12 months bogged down with frustration. Phrases and answers such as "alien land law, Title II repeal, E.O. 9066, reparations, anti-defamation" bounce around in my mind when anyone asks, "What does JACL do?" It becomes more difficult when the query goes, "What are JACL's goals and purposes?"

If the *raison d'être* of Seattle Chapter JACL be so elusive to define on my part, perhaps more experienced and learned board members could arrive at a succinct answer.

Thus the purposes for which a special meeting was called on Dec. 29 were not only to discuss plans for 1977 and to make the transition from outgoing to incoming officers more smoothly, but even more paramount was the exploring of views as to the role JACL should emphasize, whether JACL should be primarily an organization of action by reaction, or whether other areas involving preplanned activities could be included, particularly with a view to involving a larger share of the local membership ... What essentially was the purpose of JACL?

The meeting had not gone smoothly ... but despite my dejection the next few days at my lack of procedural efficiency, as mulled over the views and thoughts which

were evoked, some of these voices came through ...

I heard past president Min Masuda say he saw JACL's role as one primarily of service, service to the community in areas in which the greater community could become actively involved and which would provide the interaction with the community at large.

I heard Dean Charles Z. Smith's moving defense of JACL's role as that of, yes, such prosaic things as letter writing, protesting, reacting — constantly keeping vigilant to combat the racism which is the "cancer of our society." I heard Dean Smith deplore the racism of an Archie Bunker or a Sanford & Son, and implore, "We don't want quiet Americans ... we don't want a safe project ... we don't want to refrain from acts of fear of offending some individual ..." Even given the awareness of our young generation, Dean Smith predicted it would take another 50 years to eliminate the racism as we and all minorities know it, and JACL, as the only organization committed to fighting for human rights, true equality and justice for Americans of Japanese ancestry, must make this its first priority in order to remain a viable organization.

I heard 4th vice-president Paul Isaki review this dilemma of what JACL is about and in a pragmatic vein propose that were each committee to set their goals and purposes down in writing, that this might help

From the Frying Pan: by Bill Hosokawa

Pioneers in Stained Glass

Denver, Colo.

Those of us who live in Colorado think it is a pretty special kind of place in many respects—climate, recreational and economic opportunities, etc. It is with reference to Colorado's stance on human relations, particularly as it affects Japanese Americans, that we address this column.

Perhaps it started in the early days of World War II when Milton Eisenhower, then director of the newly chartered War Relocation Authority, summoned representatives of 10 Western states and asked them to cooperate in resettling evacuees from Coastal areas. All but one recoiled in horror and indignation. The one exception was Colorado's Gov. Ralph Carr who allowed as how the Japanese Americans had been found guilty of nothing and would be welcomed into the state.

Several years later, when California rabble-rousers were imported to Colorado to stir up sentiment for an anti-alien land law, the citizens voted it down.

After the war Colorado became the first state to pass a fair housing act. A Nisei named Seiji Horiuchi ran for the state house of representatives on the Republican ticket in a predominantly Democratic district and became the first Japanese American on the mainland to be elected state legislator in 1962.

A couple of years ago George Brown, a Black, was elected lieutenant governor. In large part under his leadership, the state is now commemorating the contributions of some of its ethnic minorities with stained glass windows in the Capitol.

Two of the windows, honoring the Hispanics and the Blacks, were dedicated last January. The central figure in the Hispano window is Don Bernardo Miera y Pacheco, cartographer on the Dominguez-Escalante expedition that explored what is now Western Colorado in 1776 in search of a route to Monterey, Calif. The Black is Aunt Clara

Brown, a Virginia-born slave who led wagon trains of freed slaves from Kentucky to Colorado.

On Feb. 18 two more windows were dedicated. One honored two Indian chiefs, Buckskin Charlie and Jack House. The other honors two Asian labor contractors, Chin Lin Sou and Harry Naoichi Hokazono. Mrs. Yuri Noda, an Issei artist, designed the Hokazono half of the window which was executed by a commercial stained glass firm. Lt. Gov. Brown was master of ceremonies at the dedication, and the Rev. Yoshitaka Tamai, retired Buddhist priest, gave the benediction.

I don't know of any other state Capitol that honors its minorities in a comparable manner. The windows were made possible by an \$18,000 grant from the Colorado Centennial-Bicentennial Commission and they represent long overdue recognition by the state of our nation's heritage of cultural diversity.

Brown's wife, Rosemary, spearheaded the window program but selection of the individuals to be honored was left to the various ethnic communities. Among the Chinese there wasn't much argument about Chin Lin Sou who came to California from Canton in 1859. He was the boss of a crew of Chinese who worked on the Central Pacific railroad driving east from Sacramento to link with the Union Pacific at Promontory Point, Utah, in 1869.

Chin and his men moved across Wyoming and down into Colorado where they worked placer gold mines in the Central City region west of Denver. Many of his grandchildren and great-grandchildren still live in Denver.

Nor was there too much argument about Hokazono, who was known by many members of the Issei community. Next week we'll tell you about Hokazono, and what he did to win immortality in stained glass. □

to give overall direction to the Chapter's objectives. I heard Paul question our lack of adequate funds to do an efficient job of educating, and raise the possibility of exploring funding sources and methods.

I heard Paul say that an editor of a California Nikkei newspaper had expressed amazement when informed that the Seattle Chapter was not in fact composed of young radicals of activist leanings but that most members were of mature Nisei age, there being few Sansei or many board members younger than he. Paul commented on the irony of Seattle Chapter's reputation and esteem being far more favorable outside of this area than within the local community, and ventured that a Chapter whose members can effect the rescission of E.O. 9066 and spearhead the reparations effort, as well as

Community service, vigilance, political know-how, business support seen as essential

be innovative in many other areas, might well question why there existed this lack of acceptance within the local community.

I heard human relations chairperson Don Kazama say that here we were 10 years down the road in the area of human relations

and yet he was amazed to learn how little each of the ethnic groups really knew about the other, knew them in terms of their culture, their heritage, their background.

I heard political education chairperson Arlene Oki express regret that so few Nikkei were actively involved in the political process and cite the need for diligence in this area to gain the ear of those who were in positions to impact the well-being of minorities. On an immediate need, Arlene cited a lack of Asian voices and concerns on issues which directly affect our children, such as the desegregation issue currently needing decisions.

I heard installation chairperson Bob Matsuura express the Nisei businessman's views of disenchantment with the way JACL had gone in recent years and the dropping out of old-timers who had long been supporters because they felt JACL had ignored their needs. I also heard Bob concede that staying away from active participation was not the answer to getting their viewpoints known.

I heard these and other expressions which were revealing, provocative, and provided much food for thought, thoughts which I would like to share, such as these:

Could we not only institute and initiate such activities that would bring community involvement, but also, could we not as JACL, a cohesive group, join other groups and

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organizations in their community efforts in an atmosphere of mutual give and take?

Could we not always keep uppermost that our first priority is the unrelenting vigilance to guard, attack, and insure against any infringement of the full meaning of equal rights for Japanese Americans and for all minorities, yet to make that voice of JACL even stronger by dint of greater representation, do we not need activities which involve and bring in a greater proportion of the community? Are we not failing in some respects by passing up the opportunity as an organization to provide learning opportunities with the vast resources available to enable us to improve as individuals as well as educate and inform our particular segment of the community?

Could we not seek grant funds for quali-

fied projects as have other chapters which have been relatively successful in their quests? Would those JACLers knowledgeable in grantsmanship be willing to share their expertise? Is our old ways and means "bootstrap" type of fund raising—the complication and production of the JACL directory, getting the support it needs in terms of full membership participation rather than the efforts of a few dedicated individuals such as Directory Chairperson Jiro Namatame and his crew?

Couldn't the present "in" group of JACL welcome the ranks of the "dropout" group and cooperate in mutual, or separate, efforts even though what appears to be disparate philosophical viewpoints exist? Would such willingness include devoting a weekend to a workshop to explore ways and attitudes of working harmoniously despite apparent differences? As Board member Harry Kadoshima pointed out, JACL has much to gain by support from both academicians and businessmen.

Food for thought? □

calendar

While the Calendar features JACL events and deadlines, we now welcome non-JACL groups to notify us of their public events. Non-JACL items are italicized. —Ed.

JACL DEADLINES

Feb. 25—Tri-Dist Conf preregistration, \$30/\$39 after Feb. 25. Attn: George Kondo, JACL HQ.
April 1—JACL-JAL Cult Heritage summer fellowship. Forms, c/o Richard Okabe, JACL HQ.

Feb. 25 (Friday)

Los Angeles—City Employees Asian American Assn dnr, Golden Palace Restaurant, 6:30 p.m.; Evening with Masamori Kojima.

Feb. 26 (Saturday)

EDC—Comm Input on "Reparations" with Mike Masaoka, Kaz Oshiki. 1 p.m. at Seabrook, Upper Deerfield Twp Muni Bldg.; 7:30 p.m. at Phila Civic Center Museum, 2d fl, International Lounge.
Nat'l JACL—Credit Union annual dnr mtg. Prudential Plaza, Salt Lake City, 7:15 p.m.

IDC—Qtrly session, Salt Lake JACL hosts.
Detroit—30th ann inst dnr-dance, Michigan Inn, Southfield, 6:30 p.m.

San Mateo—Inst dnr, Shadows Restaurant, 7 p.m.; Hiroshi Kashiwagi play, "Laughter & False Teeth".
San Francisco—Inst dnr-dance, Forrest Lodge, 266 Laguna Honda Ave. 6 p.m.

San Jose—Nitto Club 50th anny dnr, Pinehurst Inn Restaurant, 7 p.m.

Feb. 27 (Sunday)

PSWDC—Qtrly sess, Downtown L.A. JACL hosts, Little Tokyo Towers, 10 a.m.

EDC—Comm Input mtg on Reparations, Masaoka-Oshiki spkrs; 2:30 p.m. at New York, Japanese American United Church, 255-7th Ave.

Los Angeles—Chinese D&B fashion show-luncheon, Bonaventure Hotel.

Santa Maria Valley—Chicken teriyaki sale (take outs only).

Feb. 28 (Monday)

Fresno—Bd mtg, Cal 1st Bank, 1330 E. Shaw, 7:30 p.m.

March 5 (Saturday)

Nat'l JACL—Hq dedication, 3 p.m.; Jerry Enomoto, spkr; banquet, 6 p.m.; Mike Masaoka, spkr.
Los Angeles—JA Repub inst dnr, Man Jen Low, 7:30 p.m.

Ogden—YP chowmein benefit, Japanese Christian Church, 4 p.m.
Union City—Benefit luau, So Alameda Cty Buddhist Church, 6 p.m.-1 a.m.

March 5-6

Tulare County—Excursion to Reno, bus lvs fr Orosi.
Sonoma County—JAYS snow trip, Lake Tahoe.

March 6 (Sunday)

Chicago—Japan Cultural Exchange, Rogers Park Library
Portland—Ski trip, Mt Hood Meadows.
San Jose—Tokuhei Onishi testimonial, Hyatt House, 4:30 p.m.

March 10 (Thursday)

CCDC—Dnr mtg, Visalia.

March 11 (Friday)

San Lorenzo—Eden Japanese Sr Ctr, EJCC, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

March 12 (Saturday)

Fresno—Benefit dnr-dance, Palm Lakes Country Club, 7 p.m.
Riverside—Intercultural Exposition, YWCA, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

March 13 (Sunday)

Tulare County, Parlier, Reedley—Heart clinic report, Dinuba High, 7:15 p.m.
MDC—Mtg, Hoosier JACL hosts.

25th ANNIVERSARY:

Sequoia JACL to celebrate

By Adrian Itaya

As part of its 25th Anniversary celebration, the Sequoia JACL will honor all of its past presidents at a dinner-dance to be held on March 26, at the Shadows Restaurant.

The Sequoia Chapter was formed on May 18, 1952, with Harry Higaki as its first president. In the ensuing years, the following men headed the chapter:

1953—Shozo Mayeda, 1954—John Enomoto, 1955—Hiroji Kariya, 1956-57—Peter Nakahara, 1958—Tom Yamane, 1959—Sat Yamada, 1960—John Enomoto, 1961—Sakaye Okamura, 1962—Jay Sasagawa, 1963—Dave Nakamura, 1964—Albert Nakai, 1965—Fujio Kuwano, 1966—Hiroshi Yamamoto, 1967-68, Kiyo Nishi-

ura, 1969—Ron Enomoto, 1970—Ken Kato, 1971—Ernie Murata, 1972—Charles Kubokawa, 1973-74—David M. Yoshida, 1975-76—David S. Oku.

All these men have shown a deep concern for the Japanese American community. Six past presidents, John Enomoto, Tom Yamane, Sakaye Okamura, Al Nakai, David Yoshida, and David Oku serve on the 1977 Board of Directors. One of the past presidents, Charles Kubokawa, is governor of the Northern California-Western Nevada District Council.

Amy Tamaki Doi, the current president, is the first woman to serve as chapter president.

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chapter pulse

Bay Area Comm

Bay Area Community JACL rededicated itself at its Jan. 28 meeting to the purpose on which the chapter was founded in 1971—"to work for the betterment of the Asian American community".

At the previous chapter board meeting, the late Edison Uno had urged the chapter continue because he firmly believed people who joined the Bay Area Community JACL did so because of its philosophy and purpose. Otherwise, he reasoned, they can join other chapters with dues which were less expensive.

Uno also felt the chapter as a maverick group should "prick the conscience" of the National leadership whenever necessary and take issue with them when needed.

Much of the same sentiment was expressed at the Jan. 28 meeting.

Feedback was also expressed on whether to meet quarterly instead of monthly, alternating locales of the meeting between San Francisco and East Bay, go back to Sunday afternoon meetings, to have officers instead of chairpersons, to have same officers in charge of all meetings, to have working committee pursuing certain issues.

Chapter staff for 1977 will be Phil Ihara, Margaret Kusaba, Karl Yoneda, Ets Steimetz, Marion Wake with Reiko True and Sumi Honnami as co-chairpersons.

Fresno

The Fresno JACL board announced its 1977 calendar of activities and appointed the following chairpersons:

Taro Katagiri—March dinner-dance; Izumi Taniguchi—May family picnic; Frank Nishio—July dinner mtg; Mike Iwatsubo—October Issei program; Yuri Nishioka—Year-end party.

Chapter president Norton Nishioka noted other events, such as the next meeting Feb. 28, 7:30 p.m. at the Cal-

ifornia First Bank, 1330 E. Shaw; the Mar. 10 CCDC dinner meeting in Visalia, and the CCDC convention Nov. 12-13 at the Sheraton.

Gardena Valley

Gardena Valley JACL board meetings, which are open to the public, are held on the second Wednesdays of the month (unless otherwise announced) at the Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute, 16215 S Gramercy Place. The group gathers in Room 206 from 7:30 p.m. with Helen Kawagoe, chapter president, presiding.

Meanwhile, the chapter is seeking candidates for the Nisei Week Festival, according to Wayne Sugita, program vice president (538-3404).

Gary Oshiro, youth vice president, is organizing a new scholarship program for deserving undergraduates and graduate students in law, medicine, education, horticulture and vocational. He with Jim Mita (532-7247) will be in charge of the chapter team competing in the 1977 Nisei Relays scheduled in June.

Chapter is joining L.A. County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn and Mrs. Chiz Satow this Saturday (Feb. 26, 10 a.m.) at the dedication of the

new county library, 14433 S. Crenshaw Blvd., being named after the late Mas Satow.

Las Vegas

Chapter calendar for the year was presented at the Feb. 14 meeting of the Las Vegas JACL at Osaka Restaurant. Schedule, announced by president Rubv Eaves, include:

February—snow trip; March—movie; April—dinner & talent show; May—craft session; June—Magic Mountain trip; July—International Festival; August—campout; September—movie; October—luau; November—elections; December—mochitsuki.

Over 80 members and guests were present at the Jan. 10 installation dinner. Judge Carl Christensen, who has installed the officers since the chapter was formed two years ago, officiated again.

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Named to Nat'l JACL Board

CHICAGO—Ron Yoshino, former president of the Chicago Chapter, has been appointed to the JACL National Board. While most Board members are either nationally-elected officers or district representatives, two members "at-large" are selected by the National JACL President.

In offering the position to Yoshino, President Jim Murakami explained that he

wanted someone young who was from the Midwest. This was consistent with the commitment he had made last July to appoint persons from the Midwest and Eastern districts and to help balance the Board, which is strongly weighted towards the West Coast.

Previously, Kaz Horita of Philadelphia, onetime Eastern District governor and a national vice president, had

been named.

Yoshino, who took almost a month before deciding to accept the appointment, hesitated because of the tremendous time commitment the position required and his feeling that "others were more qualified." In making his decision he noted the importance of having Sansei on the Board, "because the young people are the future leadership of the organization."

Echoing Murakami, he also cited the need to counterbalance the "parochial outlook" of the West Coast faction of the Board.

Yoshino, 32, is a senior project engineer for the Electromotive Division of General Motors in La Grange, Ill. He and his wife, Joyce, reside in Downers Grove, a western suburb of Chicago.

Besides serving as Chicago JACL chapter president from 1972-1974, he has also been a member of the board of the Japanese American Service Committee of Chicago. Presently, he is Vice-President of Budget and Finance for the chapter and a board member of the Chicago JACL Federal Credit Union.

Chapters with property can file for tax exemption

SACRAMENTO—It is now possible, according to Frank A. Iwama, national JACL legal counsel, for chapters or district councils owning property to get a tax exemption come filing time.

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George Danielson and John Burton from California, Congressman Cecil Heftel and Senator Daniel Inouye of Hawaii, and Congressman William Hughes of New Jersey, just to name a few.

To build on the Congressional and Senatorial support, the Washington Office has scheduled with other Asian Americans several meetings with the heads of various agencies throughout the Federal Government.

The agenda has and will continue to be the same: why aren't Asian Americans being appointed to high-level positions in this administration?

This question needs to be addressed.

"Since the JACL Articles of Incorporation now has the necessary dedication provisions to qualify for a welfare exemption, and chapters and district councils are autonomous units of the JACL," says attorney Iwama, "... it may be advantageous for any chapter or district council owning property which may qualify for the welfare exemption to consider making an application."

Hq Now Exempt

Back in December, 1975, after completion of National JACL Headquarters Building, the National Board filed an amendment to the Articles of Incorporation and "irrevocably dedicated all JACL property to charitable exempt purposes."

After filing the required application and documents, the National Headquarters Building received welfare exemption from the City County of San Francisco.

How to File

Iwama points out two important factors which any JACL chapter or district council should note: (1) JACL is a non-profit corporation

under the laws of the State of California.

(The deadline date for filing an application this fiscal year is on or before March 15.)

Chapters and district councils owning property outside California should check into applicable laws of their state.

(2) If the property qualifies for welfare exemption (Iwama suggests reading California Revenue & Taxation Code Sections 214 (1)-(6) and 214.8), the initial application should be made to the county assessor where the property is located. A Welfare Exemption Claim (Form SBE-ASD AH 267) is filed in duplicate to the assessor, together with other required documents.

JACLers helping on desegregation

FRESNO, Calif. — Under a federal mandate to implement a school desegregation plan, the Fresno city school district's citizens advisory committee has several subcommittees engaged in working out the proposal.

Serving on the community organizations subcommittee and CAC are Sumi Saito, Jeanette Ishii and Barbara Taniguchi of the local JACL chapter.

Chicago JACL credit union declares 5½ pct. dividend

CHICAGO—Unprecedented cancellations and no-shows notwithstanding, 84 stalwarts braved the extreme, bitter cold on Jan. 28 for the 30th annual meeting of the Chicago JACL Federal Credit Union at Como Inn.

President Lincoln Shimidzu reported a continuing growth in strength and performance, with assets of \$614,259.12, share deposits of \$549,386.65 and loans of \$541,940.37. The ratio of loans to shares was the highest in the history of the organization—a whopping 98%! All-time highs were also attained in total income of \$47,779.85 and net earnings of \$31,814.51.

A dividend of 5½% was declared, compounded semiannually. In addition to the benefits of life insurance commensurate with shareholdings of up to \$2,000 and loan protection insurance in the event of the death or disability of the borrower, an added dividend was the \$10 prime rib dinner for half the cost at the annual meeting.

Richard M. Yamada and Ronald Yoshino were elected to the board of directors for a 2-year term to fill the vacancies created by the untimely passing of George Tanaka and the resignation of Richard Okabe, now interim youth director at National Headquarters. Incumbent directors elected for a 2-year term were: George Ikegami, Mits Kodama,

Roy Kuroye, Dr. Roy Teshima, and Tak Tomiyama.

Dom Sparacino of the Loyal American Life Insurance Co. presented its cancer protection policy which the Board had previously endorsed. Meeting concluded with showing of "Human Dimensions," a gerontology film on the Issei of Chicago, and "The Emperor's Imperial Tour of the United States," a Japanese Foreign Ministry film.

Shimidzu was unanimously re-elected president at the first meeting of the newly elected Board of Directors held Feb. 10. He will be assisted by:

Dr. Roy Teshima, v.p.; Sumi Shimizu, sec; Ariye Oda, treas; Esther Hagiwara, asst. treas; and

Credit Committee: Chmn Richard Hikawa, Ikegami, Thomas Masuda, Shimidzu, and Dudley Yatabe.

Supervisory Committee: Chmn R. Yamada, with two non-director members to be appointed pursuant to the Bylaws.

Education Committee: Chmn Kodama, Kuroye, Jack Nakagawa, Tomiyama, and Yoshino.

Security Officer: R. Kuroye.

Recent examination by the National Credit Union Administration found the overall operations in excellent condition. The examiner had no reservations in stating that "this credit union is a very well-managed and well-run organization." In the absence of a professional manager, credit must be attributed, in particular, to the effective leadership of president Lincoln Shimidzu and the efficient performance of treasurer Ariye Oda.



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Orphaned baby of tragic fire recovers

SAN DIEGO, Calif.—At the age of four months, on Feb. 18, 1976, a baby named Margaret Tomomi Takatori was awakened by the smell and heat of flames. She saw the apartment burning around her and undoubtedly heard the scream of her parents.

Firemen rushed to the scene.

They would later describe Margaret as "the worst infant burn victim" they had ever seen. She was not expected to survive.

But Margaret lived, and 11 months later had found a home.

"We were just about out of our minds," said Paul Yamasaki, a self-employed gardener, the day Midori Takatori, 31, Margaret's mother, died of extreme burn injuries.

Kiyomi Takatori, Margaret's father, died on Feb. 22, four days after the blaze.

Stays with Cousins

All of Margaret's close

relatives were in Kagoshima, Japan, when she was orphaned. Her condition prevented an overseas transfer, while finances kept her relatives in Japan from moving to California.

Yamasaki took the child in with his family. Margaret's father was a cousin of Mrs. Yamasaki.

Margaret became the fifth child in the Yamasaki family.

Initially, they worried about the medical expenses

resulting from Margaret's injured condition.

But help came from concerned citizens both in Japan and the United States.

\$10,000 Raised

The local Kagoshima-Ken Club, a social and service organization for people with ties to Kagoshima, and the Japanese Coordinating Council of San Diego, an umbrella group of cultural, civic and service organizations, helped raise \$10,000 on Margaret's behalf.

Today, young Margaret's medical bills are being met.

When Margaret gets older, and as her skin develops

more, she will receive plastic surgery on her face and legs, and also hair transplants.

"We fell in love with her," Yamasaki said. "It would be hard to give her up."

Today, Margaret receives perhaps the best treatment ever—massive doses of love and care from her newfound family. She is even able to smile like most babies.

pc's people

Nisei appointed director of church social action agency

CHICAGO—The Rev. Dr. S. Garry Oniki, deputy director of the Community Renewal Society, Chicago, was elected executive director of the Office for Church in Society of the United Church of Christ.

The Office for Church in Society is the major social action agency of the 1.8 million-member denomination.

Dr. Oniki's election was announced Jan. 30 by Joyce S. Harmon, Falmouth, Me., chairperson of the agency board. She said Oniki will begin work at the church headquarters in New York May 1, 1977.

Before joining the Community Renewal Society in 1967, Dr. Oniki was for three years associate to the executive vice president of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries. From 1963 to 1965 he headed the church's program for racial justice. Dr. Oniki came to the United Church in 1962 as a specialist in racial and cultural relations for the Council for Christian Social Action, predecessor of the Office for Church in Society.

A native of Los Angeles, he was educated at Berea (Ky.) College, Yale Divinity School, and Columbia University Teachers College, New York.

The Chicago JACler is married to the former Mary Anderson of Denver. They have two daughters and live at 212 S. Maple Ave., Oak Park, Ill.

Churches

Bishop Kenryu T. Tsuji of the Buddhist Churches of America announced the following ministerial appointments, effective this month:

Rev. Akira Ono to the Oregon Buddhist Church, Rev. Kosho Yukawa to the San Jose Betsuin, Rev. Ryumei Iguchi to the Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church, Rev. Taisui Imai to the Los Angeles Betsuin, Rev. Don Castro to the San Francisco Buddhist Church, and Rev. Chiken Takeda to the Monterey Buddhist Church.

Mrs. Sadako Mizutani was elected president of the 1977 Walnut Grove Buddhist Fujinkai cabinet.

Agriculture

Three Japanese farmer-entrepreneurs have formed what may later be one of the largest cucumber farms in



DR. GARRY ONIKI

the United States. Based in Cotati, Sonoma County, the farm uses a new method known as hydroponics. Akihiro Mochizuku, graduate from San Francisco Art Institute; Soichi Iwase, former owner of a San Francisco restaurant; and Marty Nakahara, Oakland attorney, have formed Sun-Pac Growers. Under their hydroponics method, roots from the cucumber plants are nurtured from imported seeds, never touching soil.

Robert Kanagawa of Sanger Nursery was unanimously elected president of the 21st District Agricultural Assn. sponsors of the Fresno Fair (He is also the Central California JACL district governor).

Education

Rick Iwata, who helped develop the multi-purpose senior adult center and a non-credit curriculum for

senior citizens at Los Angeles City College, is now director of extended opportunity programs and services at Los Angeles Trade Technical College. At Trade Tech, he will oversee a program which offers eligible participants grants, tutorial services and special counseling. Taul Watanabe, 56, vice president for Burlington Northern, Seattle, was appointed by Washington Gov. Dixy Ray Lee to a six-year term on the board of regents, Univ. of Washington. A graduate of Willamette University and Denver University Law School, Taul was chairman of the Los Angeles City Human Relations Commission established after the 1965 riots.

Business

Senior art director Tom T. Yamada for J. Walter Thompson Co. at New York was elected vice president of the firm. He joined JWT in Detroit after graduating in design from Univ. of Michigan. He served 10 years with JWT/Tokyo as v.p.-creative director before returning to New York in late 1974. Los Angeles stockbroker Y. Clifford Tanaka, a member of Mayor Tom Bradley's subcommittee on development of commerce and industry, has developed an idea now used by the Mayor's office. A hotline (485-2000), established to help business people with a

problem, is manned by a special corps of city economists who can provide info and assistance.

Awards

Hank Hidekawa of San Francisco, a 22-year-old employee with United Air Lines, was given the 1976 safety award plaque for developing and implementing a tough safety program involving 1,600 employees at UAL's maintenance operations center at San Francisco international airport. Hidekawa is a safety man at the operations center.

Health

Gary H. Sakai of Stockton, Calif., has opened a general dentistry practice at 4545 Georgetown Place. He received his dental degree from UC-San Francisco. He is a San Joaquin Dental Society member.

Music

Among the winners in the annual talent search sponsored by the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra were clarinetist Burt Hara, 14, Bancroft Jr. High; and pianist Julia Kim, 11, Mar Vista School.

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