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Question of Nisei loyalty to U.S. raised by Carter transition staff

WASHINGTON—A Carter-Mondale transition team memorandum, co-authored by former JACL National Director, David Ushio, was the source of controversy, Feb. 19.

A group calling itself "Mexican Americans For..." held a press conference in Los Angeles charging racism had tainted the Carter Administration's appointment process.

The confidential memorandum of Dec. 21, 1976, hinted alleged incidents involving Asian Americans being appointed for sub-cabinet level posts.

The in-house memo told of a Japanese American candidate, as yet unnamed, being considered for a high administration post.

One transition staff member was quoted as questioning the Japanese American's loyalty by asking, "Do you think this person would be loyal to the United States or

Japan in a crisis?"

Herman Gallegos, who runs a consulting firm in San Francisco and member of the transition team with Ushio, confirmed the memorandum with a Los Angeles Times reporter.

Ushio Also Confirms

David Ushio also confirmed that he had co-written the memo and was present during the incident above. He declined to identify the transition staff member or the Japanese American candidate. He denied leaking the memo.

"The memorandum was meant for the eyes of the transition team members only," Ushio commented.

Ushio mentioned that the response to the memorandum by transition team members was positive.

"While on the transition team," he said, "I felt it was important to find the best people possible... regardless of ethnic group... but I

also felt it important to advocate for minority appointments."

Ushio, now on a 90-day appointment with HEW, wanted to clarify that the final effect of the memorandum will be known when the appointment process is closed.

"Today, there are good people in the mill. Asian names are on file and some under serious consideration."

Thus far, former Rep. Patsy Takemoto Mink of Hawaii has been the lone Asian American to be appointed to any major post in Carter's administration in the State Department.

Asians 'Quiet'

Ushio commented, however, on the Feb. 17 press conference held by "Mexican Americans For..." in Los Angeles: "Asians may have been traditionally overlooked in the federal process because they don't

do what those Mexican Americans did today," he said.

"The squeaky wheel gets the grease. In order to be heard, you have to make some noise, that is a political fact of life."

The Mexican American group went on to issue five demands to President Carter, including stopping the replacement of Hispanic federal employees with non-Hispanic; immediate removal from White House staff of all racist personnel; immediate conference between President Carter and members of the organization, and other demands.

They threatened to file a "class action suit" against Carter for discrimination on behalf of all minorities and a national march on the White House on *Cinco de Mayo* if their demands were not met.

Despite the flak, Ushio mentioned he was satisfied, overall, with his role at the appointee selection process.

Mike Masaoka eyed as envoy to Japan, hints Sec. Vance



MIKE MASAOKA

WASHINGTON — Report that Mike Masaoka has been among candidates under consideration for the post of U.S. ambassador to Japan was relayed by congressmen who were so informed by Secretary of State Cyrus Vance.

Sen. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) and other Japanese Americans are recommending Masaoka's nomination.

It was the cue two weeks ago for the JACL Midwest

District Council to openly urge President Carter the appointment of the 61-year-old legislative consultant with a long history of involvement in U.S.-Japan activities.

Masaoka is the first person of Japanese ancestry ever considered for the post in Tokyo. That he is among the field of candidates is regarded in Japan as a sign of increased political status of Japanese Americans in the United States, the Kyodo News Agency correspondent here added.

Born in Fresno, Calif. Masaoka grew up in Salt Lake City, where he graduated from the Univ. of Utah in 1937. Last year he was honored by his alma mater as a Distinguished Alumni. He was decorated in 1968 by the Japanese Government with the Order of the Rising Sun for his contributions to U.S.-Japan relations.

As JACL's first professional staff person in 1941, he became its Washington representative in 1946 and signed in 1953 to establish an international public relations office.

Hirabayashi cites value of education in Reparations

SEATTLE, Wash.—Dr. Gordon Hirabayashi, professor of sociology at the Univ. of Alberta, spoke on Canada's Japanese Centennial celebration now underway this year at the Seattle JACL installation dinner here Feb. 6, but his parting shots were on reparations.

"The important aspect of JACL's reparations campaign is the education of the public which is too eager to forget. We need to be ourselves and take stock of our unique aspect of American citizenship," concluded the noted WW2 defendant of his case which eventually was ruled by the U.S. Supreme Court. "We can do what we must so that it will be unlikely that such a thing (Evacuation) will happen again."

Hirabayashi had noted there were Nisei who wish the reparations campaign would disappear. They say they don't want to appear as a money grabber or become too visible by rocking the boat. "Let bygones be bygones". This reaction, Hirabayashi noted, was a remnant of the low-profile bred in the 1940s when Nisei were urged to join the American mainstream "by aping the majority", shunning their own Japanese language and culture.

Curtis B. Munson, in his 1941 report on Japanese Americans, as mentioned in Michi Weglyn's *Years of Infamy*, described the Nisei attitude as "pathetic eagerness", Hirabayashi pointed out.

Of the Canadian centennial, the special connection between Seattle and Canadian Japanese was mentioned. The Rev. Paul Nagano, pastor of the Seattle Ja-

panese Baptist Church, is the grandson of Manzo Nagan, who was the young Issei who jumped ship in 1877 and into Canadian his-

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East coast Nisei 'enryo' about retirement

NEW YORK—The Nisei, at least those on the East Coast, may have shucked the traditional quiet-American image, but they could still use some "assertiveness training", being yet stubbornly subject to attacks of the *enryo* syndrome.

So went part of the summarization of workshop sessions conducted by groups of about a dozen persons each at the "Nisei in Retirement" conference held Feb. 13 at the Japanese American United Church under the sponsorship of the New York JACL Chapter.

The local workshop grew out of a national Nisei retirement conference held in San Francisco late November under the auspices of the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH).

Chaired by Ruby Yoshino Schaar, executive secretary of the local chapter, the conference was opened with remarks by Ronald Inouye, chairman, and an opening prayer by Rev. Justin Haruyama.

Following an address by K. Patrick Okura, executive assistant to the director of NIMH, those present, who numbered more than 60, were divided into small groups for discussions of "The Uniqueness of the Nisei" and "Social and Psychological Needs".

The conference closed with a "wrap-up" session

conducted by Dr. Robert H. Suzuki, associate professor, School of Education, Univ. of Massachusetts.

Unique Experience

It was generally agreed that chief among factors which make Nisei "unique" is their common wartime experience of being evacuated from the West Coast for internment in guarded camps.

Other points raised during the closing session and in the workshops appeared to turn them less into seminars on retirement than on social and psychological hang-ups among Nisei on both coasts.

Commenting on the observation that Nisei women on the East coast appear to be more assertive than their counterparts on the West coast, one listener guessed that that might simply be the consequence of having to face up to "the need to survive" in the more competitive job market here. Those who could not take the pace, just left, it was said. It had previously been pointed out that there are far fewer Nisei now living on the East coast than there were shortly after the end of World War II, many having returned to their home towns in California.

In that regard, one participant saw a return to the West coast as "a retreat", while another deplored what he

called the "apartheid" mentality that is implicit in the Nisei's returning to their homogeneous communities. "I am more in favor of integration," he said.

Cultural Traits

Dr. Suzuki suggested that while such a trend, if it exists, would be "detrimental", the situation need not be viewed as one of either/or, it being important that Japanese Americans "retain the best of their cultural characteristics".

Among cultural traits that it was said might best be jettisoned was that of *enryo*, which often manifests itself in a reluctance to seek assistance however much it might be needed, and to accept it when offered.

One question which was raised in a workshop and which was talked around but not answered was whether, after retirement, the Nisei

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Sentencing postponed on Yoshimura case

OAKLAND, Calif. — Sentencing of Wendy Yoshimura which was scheduled for Feb. 24, has been continued until March 17. In the hearing held Feb. 24, it was revealed that Judge Pulich had not had time to review the probation report.

That report, it was also learned, contains a 58-page memorandum prepared by Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey Horner, in which he declares that Wendy is "an extremely high risk for whom bail should be either denied or set at a high figure." He also recommends in his memorandum that Wendy be given the maximum penalty "for her crimes against society."

Defense Attorney Garrick Lew had also requested that sentencing be continued because he and James Larson had not yet seen the memorandum by Horner. Further he stated defense had not had time to complete a motion for a retrial.

The motion for a new trial will be based on judicial errors, made particularly when the judge charged the jury just before deliberations.

Another factor, Lew said, was evidence of jury misconduct as in the instance of Mrs. Lucille Mitchell having been pressed by other members of the jury to change her verdict from acquittal to guilty.

—LEE RUTLE

Bill asks for 6 more years

OLYMPIA, Wash. — The Commission on Asian Affairs here is due to expire on June 30, 1977.

In order to keep the Commission viable, a bill introduced in state legislature extends the life of the Commission until June 30, 1983.

The newly-inaugurated governor, Dixy Lee Ray, and the four JACL chapters in state, Seattle, Puyallup Valley, White River Valley and Spokane, have all endorsed the measure, it was learned.

Satow-JACL Bldg. dedication Mar. 5

SAN FRANCISCO — Upwards of 250 are expected tomorrow (Mar. 5) at the rededication of JACL Headquarters in memory of the late Mas Satow.

Jerry Enomoto addresses the 3 p.m. unveiling of the plaque at Headquarters while Mike Masaoka speaks at the 7 p.m. banquet at the Miyako Hotel.

In Gardena Saturday, Feb. 26, the new Satow County Library was formally dedicated before 300 people with ribbon cutting and giving of a symbolic library key to Mrs. Chizuko Satow. Supervisor Kenneth Hahn was the dedicatory speaker.

Carter virtually ignores Asian American appointees

WASHINGTON — "Asian and Pacific Basin Americans are being virtually ignored for appointments to the Carter Administration," Rep. Phillip Burton (D-Calif.) has charged.

In response to the desires of various Chinese Americans, Filipino Americans, Japanese Americans, and Asian American inquiries, Burton says, "all possible pressure should be brought

to bear on President Jimmy Carter to select qualified people from these ethnic groups for administrative posts at all levels of government."

The California liberal was told, in a letter from the Japanese American Citizens League Washington representative Wayne K. Horiuchi that they had "been told that the White House personnel office does not con-

sider Asian Americans a priority because not enough pressure has been applied in comparison to other groups."

"I do not know why he is ignoring qualified people of Asian ancestry," Burton said, "simply because pressure is not being applied."

Asian Americans have become a growing political force in America, Rep. Burton acknowledged, "and

they worked very hard for the Carter-Mondale ticket."

In a letter to President Carter, Burton said: "It seems to be that it would be appropriate to recognize the (influx of) Asian and Pacific Basin Americans . . . into the political and social mainstream of American life . . . by making visible appointments from these groups."

Rep. Burton encouraged private citizens and groups

with Asian ancestry to take a special interest in this matter and to express their feelings by writing a letter directly to President Carter.

California Delegation

The Washington Office of the JACL reported Feb. 18 that the California Democratic House Delegation voted unanimously to communicate to President Carter that Asian Americans be

given favorable consideration for placement in all levels of his new administration.

The motion, sponsored by Congressman Norman Mineta (D-San Jose) and Robert Leggett (D-Vallejo), was passed after a letter initiated by the Washington Office of JACL.

Horiuchi said, "We had originally sent a letter to President Carter criticizing his failure to appoint Asian Americans to top positions in his administration, but we received an innocuous form letter from a White House staff person in reply. Asian Americans ought to be treated with more sensitivity."

Joining JACL in the original letter to President Carter were the Organization of Chinese Americans, Inc., the

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Nisei edges incumbent mayor by 1

VANCOUVER, B.C.—As Japanese Canadians celebrate their centennial this year, in British Columbia they are becoming of political age.

Mas Nishiyama became the new mayor of Port McNeill, edging out incumbent Gerry Furney by one vote, 204-203, and Furney said he would not ask for a recount of the January balloting.

In other local elections, George Hasegawa was re-elected alderman in Kelowna. Stan Doi was unopposed and re-elected by acclamation by the Slokan city council.

"Perhaps it's the beginning of a new trend set by that famous and controversial Canadian-born Nisei, S. I. Hayakawa, the new U.S. senator from California," the New Canadian commented.

Nat'l JACL membership near 30,000

SAN FRANCISCO—Year-end JACL membership total for 1976 neared a longtime goal of 30,000 as the final tally released this past week at National JACL Headquarters came to 29,704—slightly over 800 of the 1975 total.

The year-end total is also a new high for the national organization.

Other new highs registered last year included the achievement of Gardena Valley JACL with 1,908 members to covet the Ichiban Chapter honors, whereas the previous chapter record was 1,765 turned in by San Jose JACL in 1968.

Northern California Western Nevada District, with its 30-plus chapters, continued to dominate membership-wise with its new all-time high of 11,868 (40% of the national total).

Continuous Growth

Gardena Valley began its skein of Continuous Membership Increase from 1965

with 125 members for 12 continuous years of growth.

Other notable streaks of continuous growth have been recorded by San Fernando Valley, 16 years (1959-1973); Monterey Peninsula, 13 years (1954-1966) and now on its eighth continuous year since 1969. West Los Angeles, another perennial 1,000-plus chapter, is 5-year continuous this year but it had an 11-year string (1960-1970).

West Valley, since it was formed in 1970, has main-

'Farewell Address'

WASHINGTON—The annual reading of Washington's Farewell Address was rendered by Sen. S.I. Hayakawa (R-Calif.) on Feb. 21 in 49 minutes.

Asian American Bar Assn.

SAN FRANCISCO — William J. Chow is president of the newly-formed Asian American Bar Assn. of the San Francisco Bay Area. (San Francisco JACL president Michael Ito is treasurer.)

tained its string of continuous increase. Tulare County is now in its 8th year of continuous growth, but Fresno fell short this past year to cut its string at 9 years.

Supreme court takes on 'reverse bias'

WASHINGTON—The Supreme Court agreed Feb. 22 to decide the legality of Univ. of California's special admissions program for racial minorities in the case of Allan Bakke, 36, a white UC-Davis med school applicant.

Bakke claimed he was illegally denied admission in favor of less-qualified minority applicants. The California supreme court last September held 6-1 that the minority admissions program was unconstitutional.

In the DeFunis case, which became moot, JACL supported minority admissions.

Redwood dedicated to Lodi grower

LODI, Calif.—Somewhere in the redwood-studded greenery of Jones Gulch, located in the Santa Cruz Mountains near La Honda, is a large, tall California Redwood tree with a recently-installed plaque in front of it.

The plaque dedicates the great natural monument to James Sasaki, retiring Lodi Unified School District trustee.

The dedication ceremonies took place Feb. 15, much to the surprise of the 59-year-old vineyardist, while Sasaki was leading the sixth-grade classes from Lakeview School at the San Francisco YMCA science camp there. —LODI NEWS-SENTINEL

Tri-District confab pre-signup moved

SAN FRANCISCO — Pre-registration period for delegates to the JACL Tri-District Conference April 22-24 at Reno was extended to April 1.

Early registration via No. Calif. JACL regional office at \$30 single or \$53.50 couple would be a substantial saving over the regular \$39 rate. Registration coupon will appear in the PC next week.

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Ch'ing Dynasty art

LOS ANGELES—Forty-five art objects produced during the Ch'ing Dynasty (1644-1912) will be on display at the County Museum of Art here March 8-June 19 in the Far Eastern art gallery.

E.O. 9066 display

MERCED, Calif.—The Executive Order 9066 photographic exhibit will be on display Mar. 7—20 at Merced College Art Gallery. From March 24, it will be at Stanislaus State with a showing of the 1965 CBS-TV film, *Nisei: the Pride and the Shame* on opening night.

Morgan Hill festival

MORGAN HILL, Calif.—Japanese Spring Festival will be held March 6, 1-5 p.m., at the Morgan Hill Buddhist Bldg., 16160 Murphy Ave., with proceeds of the food and white elephant sales going to its building fund. Folk dancing and cultural exhibits round out the program.

Sister City program

HOOD RIVER, Ore.—Hood River is being considered as a sister city of Tsuruta in Aomori prefecture, with 70,000 population. Ray T. Yasui is checking local organizations to lay the groundwork.

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● JAL Fellowship

San Francisco

Fourteen courses will be offered this summer at Sophia University as part of the JAL-JACL Cultural Heritage Fellowship program, such as:

Japanese Language, Japanese Art, Far Eastern Religions, History of Japanese Economy, Management in Japan, and Social Problems in Comparative Sociology.

Curriculum includes field trips to a Bon Festival, National Diet, a Noh performance, and the Japan Stock Exchange.

Four fellowships, jointly sponsored by Japan Air Lines, JACL, and Japan Travel Bureau International, are open to all JACL members between the ages of 18 and 26. Judging will not be based on academic achievement, but rather on the desire and motivation to study in Japan. Eight finalists will be selected and invited to San Francisco in May for extensive oral interviews.

Award consists of air transportation to Japan, tuition, room and board at Sophia University, and individual 2-week tour of Japan.

Applications must be postmarked by April 1, 1977.

● Scholarships

Applications are now available for the 1977

Japanese American Citizens League National Scholarship Program. Dr. Izumi Taniguchi, National Scholarship Committee chairperson, said that applications and informational brochures were mailed this past week to all JACL chapters, Japanese American Youth (JAY) chapters, and JACL regional offices.

This year, students will be able to apply for 15 Freshman and four Collegiate/Graduate Scholarships ranging in value from \$250 to \$1,000. Scholarships are made available from donations and trust accounts earmarked to provide financial assistance to outstanding students of Japanese ancestry.

Through the generosity of many donors, JACL has been able to award over \$75,000 in scholarships since 1946.

Scholarships are open to all members of JACL, children of JACL members, JAY members, and all persons of Japanese ancestry. As in past years, applicants will be judged on academic excellence, financial need, and extra-curricular activities. Students are required to submit high school transcripts, College Entrance Examination Board and Scholastic Achievement Test scores, and a confidential parents' financial state-

ment.

Dr. Taniguchi's committee expects a difficult assignment reviewing all applications and selecting the winners. In 1976 over 180 students applied from all over the United States. Many had a 4.0 grade average, placed in the National Merit Scholarship Test, or were class valedictorians, attesting to the high caliber of the applicants.

Although the scholarships do not come close to meeting

the high cost of a college education, JACL hopes it can provide some recognition of the outstanding achievement of today's young people.

Students are encouraged to contact the JACL chapter in their area, as many chapters offer local scholarships.

Inquiries regarding the scholarship program should be directed to Dr. Taniguchi, or Rich Okabe, Interim Youth Director at JACL National Headquarters.



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JACL and other Asians

Tokyo

During the year-end interlude in the States, some members have told this writer that JACL should consider broadening its membership, to cover the full span of Asians.

While such idealism warrants deep consideration, it needs to be weighed in the light of known facts.

JACL's success has been achieved due to the homogenous nature of its membership, as well as the intimate knowledge of the minority group and cultural background by its leaders. Knowing ourselves and our feelings, it was easier to move towards concerted actions. Moreover, the Nisei also received support for

achievements and recognized performances.

While of Asian origin, how much do the Nikkei really know about other Asians? The truth is that only the Filipinos, Chinese, Thai, Vietnamese or the Koreans really understand their own positions.

Having visited the Philippines, Thailand, Malaysia, Hong Kong and Singapore for varying lengths of time in the past eight years and having seen that each country has her own ethnic factors and cultural heritage, to me it seems presumptuous for JACL to adopt the leading role on behalf of the Asian minorities.

For example, when we speak of Chinese, who are we talking about? The Hong Kong Chinese, the Taiwan Chinese, the Singapore Chinese or the mainland Chinese? Are the Muslims from the Philippines on the same frequency as those from Luzon? What about South and North Koreans?

The JACL, as a primarily Japanese-oriented group, could accomplish much more with its current organization, by assisting actively the other Asiatic minorities in the formation of similar organizations and by supporting any valid position that they are planning to take. It is a question of how best can we aid other minorities.

Idealism and reality are often oceans apart. We should try to bring them closer, but we still need to use practical methods. □

We feel at times that each day passes with our hopes and aspiration unrewarded. We forget the fact that each day is a reward in itself.

SHOKO MASUNAGA

Senate passes aid for E-1 visa student

OLYMPIA, Wash.—Bill to provide resident privileges for non-immigrant E-1 visa students introduced by State Sen. Nat Washington, was passed by the Senate Feb. 14, and sent to the House.

Bill (SSB 2113) would ostensibly assist children of Japan Air Lines employees stationed at Moses Lake who are required to pay tuition at the foreign student rates. (See Feb. 11 PC.)

The JACL felt the treatment was unfair since foreign students in the colleges are treated equally with native students in Japan, it was pointed out by Pacific Northwest District Gov. Edward M. Yamamoto.

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would be any more prepared to seek out and accept services than the generally reluctant Issei have been.

On the matter of reticence, observed Dr. Suzuki, more Nisei seem to have overcome their disinclination to talk about the wartime evacuation, "which is good." He went on, "If the Nisei are reluctant to talk about the Evacuation, they are avoiding talking about the single

City Council bid
PALO ALTO, Calif.—Chuck Kubokawa, JACL district governor and a NASA scientist, is running for a city council seat here in the April 5 primaries.

SEATTLE

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tory as the first settler of Japanese ancestry in Canada.

Efforts by two local JACLers, Dr. Min Masuda and Tomio Moriguchi, were also acknowledged by Hirabayashi. They helped produce the Canadian centennial photographic exhibit held in Vancouver, B.C.

Rev. Nagano is scheduled to participate in the Centennial opening ceremonies at Toronto in May.

Special Awards

The National JACL Convention certificates of appreciation were presented to

Dolphin Project/ Japan plans festival

LOS ANGELES—An environmental festival and live concert of Japanese and American rock stars for the Dolphin Project/Japan was announced here for Tokyo, April 8-10, as part of an international effort to focus on the whale problem through music and exhibits. JACL is among American groups involved.

Ric O'Feldman, founder of the Dolphin Project who trained Flipper of the TV series, and Masatoshi Iwanaga, secretary general for Dolphin Project/Japan noted little has been done so far to educate the public in Japan about the whale problem.

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Topic of Evacuation

It is imperative, he said and those present agreed, that Nisei "educate the general public" about the Evacuation as one way of preventing the rise of circumstances that could trigger another such occurrence.

It is not surprising, he noted wryly, that the subject of the Evacuation always comes up whenever there is a discussion of social and psychological needs of Nisei. It is unfortunate, he added, that there are still those who feel so stigmatized by having been forcibly interned, that they will not even discuss it with their children.

Among the points raised

James M. Dolliver and immediate past Gov. Daniel J. Evans for their meritorious efforts in persuading and having President Ford sign the proclamation on terminating Executive Order 9066, and to Floyd Schmoe and Hirabayashi.

The chapter recognition award went to Genji Mihara, elder statesman of the local Japanese community.

Cherry Kinoshita succeeds John Matsumoto as chapter president. She is the first postwar woman president.

Washington Gov. Dixy Lee Ray and Japanese Consul General Sono Uchida extended greetings. Toru Sakahara was emcee. Robert Matsuura was banquet chairman. Other participants were:

Hiro Nishimura, flag salute; Rev. Ryusho Matsuda, invocation and benediction; Vicki Abe, Marilyn Low, Norma Fugami, entertainment; and Mark Nagasawa, photos.

Japan firm builds in S.F. Chinatown

SAN FRANCISCO—Ohbayashi-Gumi, Ltd., with U.S. headquarters at Los Angeles, has topped the 4-story Kong Chow Temple Bldg. in Chinatown last month. The historic temple will occupy the top floor.

Ohbayashi-Gumi in Japan constructed the new U.S. embassy and U.S. Pavilion at Osaka's Expo-70; while in the local area, the Sanwa Bank in Oakland and the Japanese-style Fujiya restaurant in Campbell.

was the need to counteract the reluctance of Nisei to accept the very notion of retirement at this time. Most agreed that they would not wish to be dependents of their children.

Mentioned but not expanded upon was the possibility that those present did not represent a cross-section of Nisei, being for the most part professionals or those with above-median incomes.

Reparation Fund

It was also suggested that Evacuation reparations funds—when and if won—be earmarked for a general Nisei-retirement fund rather than sought on an individual basis. Not only would this be regarded as a more altruistic use of the funds, but such

needs as housing could be more realistically met.

Frequently mentioned during one workshop was the work of Japanese American Help for the Aging (JAH-FA) and its sub-committee, Committee on Community Concerns (CCS), which have for the past few years sought to aid Issei with needs as varied as housekeeping assistance and nursing care, and the possible application of such an organization to meeting future Nisei needs.

In response to the wish expressed by some that additional workshops of this kind be held, Ruby Schaar advised them to not wait for a formal call to confer but to invite others to their homes for informal discussions.

—NEW YORK NICHIBEI

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EDITORIALS:

For PC Readers Only

From time to time, we'll cover what's happening inside the PC for we feel many are concerned about the health and welfare of the only link they have National JACL and its membership... This is one of those weeks.

It's been four months since Lulufaye (nickname for our phototypesetting machine) arrived to innovate the new PC look starting with the Holiday Issue. We spend more time with the paper. It's been fun and challenging. Maybe "fun" isn't the adjective to use since we want to appear as professional as possible, but amateurs we are in this new pursuit of pasting up pages.

In another month, the PC Board will meet in conjunction with the JACL Tri-District Conference in Reno on April 23. How to involve chapters help us in advertising throughout the year merits top agenda billing.

To all writing letters to the editor, we know you appreciate the minimum editing involved. But they should also appreciate an overflow of words cripples the effect desired. Shakespeare said, "Brevity is the soul of wit." Wit in his time meant knowledge, wisdom, intelligence, judgment, good sense... "Here's to brevity!"

We take this opportunity to introduce Hoover and Maggie Tateishi of Honolulu, who carry on "Aloha" from this week. Their knowledge of Nikkei problems and people on the Islands as well as the Mainland will make their insights most readable. Moreover, they have been in the PC family for years and appreciated "Aloha" while they lived back east.

For Today & Tomorrow: by Jon Inouye

PC Staffers Are Human, Too

Newspapers since their inception have been a source of mysticism, or hatred, or aspiration and, last but not least, news.

But in this day and age of mass media and the political influence involved with mass media—the incredible power of such a 20th century tool—newspapers are perhaps last in the line of priorities.

What to print comes first before the papers hit the streets. Whether one agrees or not that newspapers really give us "actual news", one has to admit that they sway the life of the common man in many ways.

On the scene of an auto crash, or a riot or a high school graduation or an autograph party for Alex Haley, the instant a man walks in with a cap marked PRESS, he is hands off.

This guy doesn't even have to be a bona fide newspaperman, he just has to have the word PRESS marked on his cap and he will have the place stirring.

A few elderly ladies in the crowd would want to make sure that their hair is in order if the PRESS man has a camera. A politician present would definitely put on his charisma, a millionaire would put on his Rockefeller-East Coast Establish-

ment accent.

So newspapers are supposed to be things that arrive every morning on the front lawn bearing the "latest".

Yet "Newspaper" can sometimes be a very abstract term.

Newspapers are just there to be read. Cars are just here to be used. Can openers are used to open.

Who cares about the people who build those cars, or the men and women who put out newspapers?

Perhaps media, including television, movies, and journalism, would all be better understood if we took a look at the people who run them, the people who make the decisions on what is to be printed.

We tend to be the invisible people. You see our by-products, but not us.

It might be ideal to lift newspapers out of the realm of mysticism or other-worldly and onto a mortal platform.

Well, we at PACIFIC CITIZEN function as normal human beings; I imagine those at the metropolitan papers are also human. We have the argument of who is more human than others, but let's keep the controversy out of being human.

Comments, letters & features

Cherry Trees

Editor:

As a volunteer teacher of English in Little Tokyo (Richard Shiomi's classes), I have an abiding love for its environment, its people and in my city of Los Angeles, I am keenly aware of the changes now taking place and the plans for redevelopment.

Everytime I enter Little Tokyo, having just passed through the finery and greenery of Music Center, I sense something missing in Little Tokyo regardless of its uniqueness. It is the complete absence of cherry trees.

Aside from aesthetic aspects, there are many reasons to plant cherry trees in Little Tokyo. The sakura tree is synonymous with Japanese culture. There is positive economic impact. Any other species would be most inappropriate. And having lived and visited Japan in the past, I am aware of the deep meaning the cherry tree has. Fujiya Hotel's "We Japanese" says:

"The Sakura-no-hana is glorified and worshipped as no other flower is in all the world. It symbolizes perfection to the Japanese and satisfies their aesthetic sense..."

With Little Tokyo undergoing a face-lift, I suggest cherry trees be planted everywhere it would thrive. I understand winter is the time for transplanting while the trees are dormant. The trees can be obtained from sources here in the U.S.

As for the economic impact, literally thousands would come into the community for a full two weeks or three to view the beautiful phenomenon of nature in the spring—and I have viewed the Sakura in Washington, D.C.

As for financing such a project, each tree can be donated either by an individual or business concern. Our sister city of Nagoya would surely help. I am willing to donate two, one for each of my children. As the years pass and the cherry trees make their beautiful debut each spring, we would say:

"There are our trees, contributing to the beauty of Little Tokyo, to goodwill and understanding and friendship between two nations and be-

tween our two cultures."

I know this community spirit of giving can work because I have a happy feeling each time I pass by a beautiful temple in Little Tokyo and know that my name is on one of the blue kawara roof tiles there.

There is much expertise in the Japanese American community for its planting and maintenance. There are still many things to work out with the city. But some interest from the community would be appreciated and I shall then take the responses to people who will act.

MARIE BELT

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The PC has made a brief survey inside Little Tokyo among merchants who think the project has merit.—Ed.

National Director

Editor:

Many of us in the PSW feel the same frustration that Bill Marutani expressed in his East Wind "A Member's Voice" (PC, Feb. 18). We even invited President Jim Murakami to attend the November district meeting but he cancelled the week before saying he was going steelhead fishing instead. However, he did make it down to the Gardena Valley JACL Installation a couple weeks later and wrote a nice article about it in his next President's Report.

It would seem that the President should be reporting to the membership on what's going on at the National level. Some of us believe that the PC is a membership paper and therefore should be used primarily to inform the members on what's going on in the organization. This might stimulate more interest by the membership if they knew—right now even those who are concerned like Bill can't find out what's going on.

Since last summer we've heard, (1) of the original seven applicants three or four looked well qualified (master's or doctor's degrees, experience, etc.) therefore why they didn't get interviewed is a mystery, (2) the President selected a Personnel Committee consisting of three men from

Northern Cal, one from Southern Cal, and one lady from the Northwest and that they would be interviewing and recommending to the President, (3) a former President who was on the search committee said that none of the original seven were outstanding and when the search was extended he resigned from the committee and applied himself, and (4) the Executive Board decided that the applicants would have to pay their own expenses to San Francisco for interviews (that's now been modified).

Since we have been unable to get any information from Jim Murakami or has anything been published in the PC, I agree with Bill Marutani as members of JACL it would be nice to know what's going on and why. I hope the National JACL follows more the Carter's administration's openness rather than the Nixon administration's cliquishness.

HENRY S. SAKAI

Long Beach, Calif.

The Term: 'Gook'

Editor:

Your note following Chizuko Crocker's letter on 'Japlish Expression' (PC Feb. 11) prompts the following theory on the term "Gook".

Many words in use today differ considerably from the meaning for which they were originally intended. The term "gook", used in a derogatory manner in reference to Koreans during the Korean War and more recently to the Vietnamese during the Vietnamese conflict, is a case in point. It is believed that the scurrilous use of this term may have been avoided if the GIs, who first went to Korea in the early 1950s had even a superficial knowledge of the Korean language.

Linguistically speaking, the Kor-

ean word for the United States of America, or its adjectival form, American is "Mi Guk", pronounced "Me Gook"—"Mi" meaning beautiful and "Guk" meaning country. It follows then that when the GIs went to South Korea to assist her in fighting her northern neighbor, children in the streets and, for that matter, the adults too, on seeing the GIs, may have shouted, "Me Gook—American".

Unfortunately this greeting, instead of being translated "American", was misinterpreted not too dissimilar to the introduction in the Edgar Rice Burroughs classic: "You Jane, Me Tarzan" or "Me Gook" ("I am a Gook"), thereby giving birth to a new but a derogatory term.

NASUO HASHIGUCHI

Rockville, Md.

Short Notes

Dear Harry:

Regarding the Parsons Foundation story (PC, Feb. 25), it was our daughter Chiyomi who was instrumental—not me—for introducing Parsons to the Japanese Retirement Home.

VIRGINIA TOMINAGA

Los Angeles.

Editor:

Your Feb. 18 edition (page 10) reports that deduction (on Federal income tax return) is permitted for out-of-pocket auto mileage incurred for donated services to JACL.

True it's a welcome tidbit of news to those involved in such volunteer work. But the amount stated is in error. The allowable deduction is 7 cents a mile.

FRANK J. SAY

Mr. and Mrs. Say are Orange County JACLers. Frank is a tax consultant who now lives in Oakland.—Ed.

Spartan Beat: Mas Manbo

'Japlish' Acceptable

Tokyo

You can't write anything nowadays without someone putting the blast on you, it seems.

Even Dear Abby had to take it back recently after using the word "gypped". One of the many readers of her column told her that the term "derives from an ethnic slur against gypsies to denote dishonesty."

Now the PC has come under criticism for allowing the word "Japlish" to appear on its pages.

Well, this appears to be a new one for the English-language newspapers in Tokyo. No doubt none has ever thought about condemning that word.

"Jap," yes, but not "Japlish," which seems innocuous enough to one and all here.

Even Masaru Ogawa, editor of The Japan Times who has denounced Times and that in editorials over the past 30 years, agrees that putting the knock on "Japlish" is stretching things a bit too far.

The shortening three-letter term for Japanese, of course, is about as welcome as botulism.

One of the wire services—UPI—came up with a story with a Hollywood date-line not long ago on Japanese American comedian Pat Morita. But you couldn't find it in any paper in Japan, except the Pacific Stars & Stripes, the publication for the U.S. Armed Forces.

The lead had Morita say-

ing, "How do you make a Jap funny?" So the story was taboo for the local sheets—even without the paragraph later quoting Morita as follows:

"Nowadays it's popular to call us Asians instead of Orientals. What's the difference? Why not Jap or Nip? It doesn't matter to me."

The only thing one can say is that Morita was born 100 years too late.

In August 1973, The Mainichi Daily News carried a remarkable letter from a reader in Shioya, Kobe, named Harold S. Williams proving that the "Jap" was often used in the old days.

The letter, stretching almost three columns, said the shortened term for "Japanese" was even in the diary of Lt. George Henry Preble aboard the Macedonia in Commodore Matthew Perry's squadron in 1854.

It said the Hiogo News of Kobe used the term in a piece of doggerel verse appearing on May 21, 1868. American historian, Henry Adams, among many other writers, used "Jap" in his "Letters from Japan", published in Japan by the Kenkyusha publishing house. And Rudyard Kipling used it, saying "A Jap child never cries", in his book "From Sea to Sea" in 1889.

The letter writer wanted to know why should Bob Hope be criticized for saying "Jap" in a joke at a Scout Jamboree when he did not use the term in a derogatory sense but as a normal contraction of "Japanese." □



Plain Speaking: by Wayne Horiuchi

Internment Credit Bill

Washington

Within the next several weeks, the bill to provide Civil Service retirement credit for the Japanese Americans who were evacuated and interned during WWII will be the subject of a considerable amount of activity.

Let me site some of these instances.

Congressman Norman Mineta, who has committed and demonstrated tremendous amounts of dedication to the retirement credit bill, will be sending out a "Dear Colleague" letter to all 435 members of the House of Representatives to solicit their co-sponsorship.

The Committee for Internment Credit and JACL hope to get as many Congresspersons to co-sponsor as possible. You can help by writing to your Representatives and asking them to co-sponsor the Mineta bill (unfortunately the bill hasn't been assigned a number yet, however, watch the PC closely in the future when that will be announced).

When the co-sponsorship is completed, then we will be hoping to get the bill heard by the Subcommittee and reported out favorably. Again, this is when your letters, telegrams and telephone calls will be helpful.

Do not consider small errors as trivial. As drops of water finally fill a bowl, small facts of evil finally results in a big act of evil.

—Nirvana Sutra

Committee on Aging

WASHINGTON — Sen. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) managed to retain the Special Committee on Aging with his active debate on the Senate floor Feb. 1. He stressed the loss of the Special Committee on Aging would be "a grave disservice to the more than 20 million older Americans in our country today."

As a sidelight, I want to say that not only has Norm been enjoyable to work with but his staff assistant, Shelly Leone, has been the most pleasant staffer that I've dealt with on Capitol Hill since I've come to Washington, D.C. There's no doubt about it but that JACL and the C.I.C. are very fortunate to have Norm and his office to work with.

A group here in Washington, D.C. has organized the metropolitan area, planned position papers, strategized contacts with their Representatives, and is preparing an active campaign.

But, finally, you may be asking, "What's all this about and why is it worth the effort?" Let me steal some figures from Toshie Yoshi-

da's Committee for Internment Credit Newsletter and show you.

If you are a civil servant and spent time in a relocation camp, you can expect to receive the following in increased retirement benefits if the bill passes:

Col (A): Average annual pay ("High Pay"). Col (B): Increase of annual civil service retirement annuity for each year in camp (10 or more years service).

(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)
\$ 8,000	\$160	\$18,000	\$360
10,000	200	20,000	400
12,000	240	22,000	440
14,000	280	24,000	480
16,000	320	26,000	520

Watch this column to track future events about this bill. You can contact the Committee for Internment Credit by writing or calling:

Committee for Internment Credit
487-23rd Avenue
San Francisco, Ca. 94121
415/752-1666

From Happy Valley: by Sachi Seko

The Rocks Come and Go

Salt Lake City

The unusually mild weather induces lazy fever. It is a cousin to spring fever, which should visit us soon if the ground is any indication. Even the northern patches of snow in the yard are succumbing to the smiles of the sun.

In my more limber years I used to work booted and coated in weather like this. There was always deadwood to gather, fatalities of winter. Or one could always collect the leaves which fell after the first snowfall and were buried.

My reluctance to launch the customary early attack on the yard this year can be attributed to a bad spill I took last year from the top of the muddy hill. I wrenched my back as I tried to break the fall. The pain and inconvenience of that accident are still with me.

I could justify delaying the chores by saying that no-

body else ventures out this early. Not one gardening truck has been sighted in the neighborhood yet and probably will not for a few more weeks.

But that never deterred me before. With equanimity I accepted the comments of neighbors which ranged from admiration for my industry to commiseration for my family. Some of our neighbors are convinced that I am plain crazy and each spring my activities have reinforced this opinion.

They make a point of pausing in their cars to inquire of my current outdoor project. Even strangers have asked what I was doing so early in the yard. I have been moving rocks and I plan to do it again as soon as the ground hardens.

It is a simple process which anyone can perform. I happen to have a disinterest-

From the Frying Pan: by Bill Hosokawa

Hokazono: Colorado Pioneer

Denver, Colo.

By almost any standard, Harry Naoichi Hokazono was a special kind of man. He was an Issei who dared to dream and think big in an era when most Issei labored under limited horizons. As a labor contractor he had no small part in shaping the future of Colorado. In that sense he was one of the state's pioneer builders.

Belatedly, as was reported in this space last week, Colorado has given him the recognition he earned. He shares a stained glass window in the State Capitol, dedicated Feb. 18, with Chin Lin Sou, a Chinese labor contractor whose men laid steel rails and worked the gold mines.

Hokazono died in Brighton, Colo., in 1927 at age 54. As time is calculated that was not long ago. There are a few Issei still in these parts who knew him, but since scant heed was paid to what he had done that when it came time to compile his personal history, there was very little to be found.

Albin Wagner, a Brighton historian and writer, and Mrs. Emi Chikuma talked to oldtimers and dug into yellowing newspaper files for information and I am indebted to them for most of what follows.

Hokazono, a native of the island of Kyushu (Oita-Ken), arrived in San Francisco in 1893. He studied English, knocked around in various businesses, and eventually made his way to Colorado in 1898. There were only a handful of Japanese in the state at that time, in fact only a small handful in the entire U.S. He ventured into the labor contracting business in 1903 when he brought some 70 Japanese laborers from the coal mines in Rock Springs, Wyo., to northern Colorado to cultivate and harvest some 1,200 acres of sugar beets.

In time he had crews of up to 600 Japanese working in city water projects, electrical transmission lines, the Moffat railroad tunnel through the Rockies, dam and highway construction. It is reported that he had as many as a thousand horses and mules to haul earth-moving scoops, and may have had as many as 2,000 men working on his projects.

A contract for the Rio Grande railroad in

the rugged Wind River Canyon of Wyoming broke him. Through various problems he lost a reported \$300,000. He was a shattered and ailing man when he died. The Brighton Japanese Association, of which he had been a leader, took up a collection and erected a headstone in his memory some years after his death.

Eastern Colorado needs water from the Rockies to survive, and Hokazono's Issei laborers provided the manpower to build several of the systems that brought it to the plains. But few remembered their contribution until the stained glass window project got under way. Now, the Issei will be given at least a modest measure of recognition for their part in the state's development.

Many of the men Hokazono brought to Colorado remained to farm, particularly in the Brighton-Platteville-Fort Lupton area. By 1909, according to reports of the Immigration Commission, they were cultivating more than 13,500 acres in northern Colorado.

Hokazono was childless, but he reared two nieces and a nephew as his own. Mits Kaneko, Denver accountant, remembers that one of them, Teruko, worked for him briefly after World War II. Now Teruko Kido, she lives in Los Angeles. Her sister Chizuko Takeyama, lives in Pasadena.

Not many Issei led as colorful a life as Harry Hokazono packed into a few decades, but in more modest ways hundreds of Japanese immigrants helped to open the West. They felled timber, drained swamps, pulled out the sagebrush, laid rails, built highways and powerlines, and helped mightily in making the West what it is today.

We remember the Issei for the indignities they suffered. But they should be remembered, too, for the work they performed, and the humble but important things they accomplished to help the nation progress. We hope that message comes across when tourists and visitors of this and future generations view the stained glass window in Colorado's Capitol.

ed husband and an uncooperative son so it is a solitary occupation. In all fairness, I should mention their reasons for abstaining from offering any assistance.

My husband swears that the rocks propagate during the night. He says that for each rock I have removed the previous day, by morning two more have appeared. I find this rather a confusing theory, but perhaps he can sell it to some rock company.

My son is a different case. When he first observed me gathering the rocks in a bucket, he asked, "Isn't that what they do in prisons?" He does not want to be associated with penal activities. I am not acquainted with what they actually do in prisons, but I imagine the prisoners spend part of their time trying to figure out ways to escape.

Both my husband and son argue that it is my fault that there are so many rocks.

They say I brought them here. As a matter of fact, I did. Some women go through a phase where they collect china or silver or jewels. I had to go for rocks.

From the surrounding spaces I gathered them by the wheelbarrowful. I accepted the excess of a truckload which a neighbor had delivered. Some of the larger boulders I rolled down the hill.

At that time other people were worrying about shortages of toilet paper and sugar. Not me. I was obsessed with the thought that there would be a rock shortage.

But a time came when they were more of an impediment. They collected heat which burned or impeded the growth of small plantings reaching toward maturity. Watering was difficult.

The rocks had to go and the process of removal is more

involved than it was to collect them. We have civilized our surroundings with fences and trees. It is impossible to whiz by with a wheelbarrow. The rocks have to be carried away in a bucket and they are heavy. I do it not because I am crazy, but because it is necessary if growing things are to flourish.

Alex Haley's televised version of "Roots," and my rocks have something in common. After watching the program for eight consecutive nights, a record for television viewing in this household, one thing disturbed me.

It was the absolute necessity for such a production. The most pathetic and revealing comment was, "We didn't know all these things happened." Ignorance is a massive boulder which must be removed if living things are to grow.

Year of Honorable Serpent welcomed



Arlene Jue, Miss 1977 Chinatown—Los Angeles, and Wally Quon, vice president, L.A. Chinese Chamber of Commerce, welcomed the Year of the Serpent in gala Chinatown festivities. Persons born under the Serpent (1905, 1917, 1929, 1953, 1965, 1977) are said to possess tremendous wisdom, tend to be beautiful, strong-willed with fine organizational powers in such areas where life-and-death urgency exists (politics, medicine, etc.) Famous serpent people include John F. Kennedy, Greta Garbo and Karl Menninger. (Quon is with Grand Star Restaurant.)

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

April 1—JACL/JAL Cult Heritage summer fellowship. Forms, c/o Richard Okabe, JACL HQ.

July 1—JACL/Tom Hayashi Law scholarship. Forms, New York JACL office, 50 W 57th St, New York 10023.

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.; San Diego Mayor Pete Wilson, spkr.

Union City—Benefit luau, So Alameda City Buddhist Church, 6 p.m.-1 a.m. March 5-6

Tulare County—Excursion to Reno, bus lvs fr Orsi. 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.

Watsonville—YBA pancake brkfst, Buddhist Church, 7 a.m.-12n. **Morgan Hill**—Festival food sale, Buddhist Bldg, 16160 Murphy Ave, 1-5 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.; "Water Conservation", Mo Yanagi, spkr.

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.

March 14 (Monday)

Alameda—Mtg, Buena Vista Methodist Church, 7:30 p.m.

Puyallup Valley—Mtg, Tacoma Buddhist Church.

March 16 (Wednesday)

Seattle—Mtg, JACL Hall, 7:45 p.m.

March 17-19

San Francisco—Sr Cit Excursion to Los Angeles

March 18-20

Nat'l JACL—Annual Bd & Staff mtg, HQ.

March 19 (Saturday)

Sonoma County—Dance class, Enmanji Hall, 8 p.m. (Every third Saturday)

Minneapolis—Minnihon Art Ctr benefit, Children's Theater, 8 p.m.

Palo Alto—AACI Educ Conf, Stanford Law School, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

March 20 (Sunday)

Fremont—Family bowling, Fremont Bowl, 1 p.m.

March 21 (Monday)

Fresno—Issei Sv Ctr zoo trip, 10 a.m.

March 24 (Thursday)

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

March 25—April 2

San Jose—City Bicentennial, Japanese American Week exhibit, Civic Auditorium

March 25 (Friday)

Los Angeles—Sen. S I Hayakawa dnr, Beverly Hilton Hotel.

March 26 (Saturday)

Philadelphia—Inst dnr, Cinelli's Country House, Cherry Hill, 6 p.m.; Michi Weglyn, spkr.

Los Angeles—SCYPCC Theater party, East West Players, 8:30 p.m.

March 26-27

PNWDC—Qtrly sess, White River Valley JACL hosts.

March 27 (Sunday)

Puyallup Valley—Member potluck.



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chapter pulse

Fremont

Nearly 100 new and current members of Fremont JACL enjoyed the annual chapter potluck dinner Feb. 12 at Sangha Hall of the Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church. Special guest was Sam Cohen, president of the newly-formed Tri-Valley JACL, a Fremont chapter off-spring. New members were introduced by Bill Sakakura, chapter president.

Entertaining were the Company of Songs, a vocal

ensemble from Kennedy High School. Ted Sato emceed the program, assisted by:

Yoko Young, Phillis Yagi, Darlene Fujiwara, Yuki Nomura, Aileen Tsujimoto, Gail Tomita and Yosh Fujiwara.

Mid-Columbia

Three recipients of decorations from the Japanese Emperor, C. Tomita, Henry Nakamura and Mrs. S. Iwatsuki were honored by the Mid-Columbia JACL in December with over 100 persons present at a dinner.

Sonoma Issei project OK'd

SANTA ROSA, Calif.—The Sonoma County JACL, at its January board meeting, approved plans to establish a local Japanese history project which will include a writing of the history and gathering of artifacts for display.

George Okamoto, Tak Kameoka and Frank Oda, members of the project committee, would welcome any publications, pictures and documents as well as artifacts made in camps during World War II.

JACLers in the area were urged to look around in their storage areas for material of historical value.

Among the earliest Issei in the county was Kanaye Nagasawa, who came to the U.S. by way of Scotland where he studied in the late 1860s. A young samurai of the Satsuma clan, he arrived in Sonoma County in 1875 to help found Fountaingrove, a 19th Century brotherhood community.

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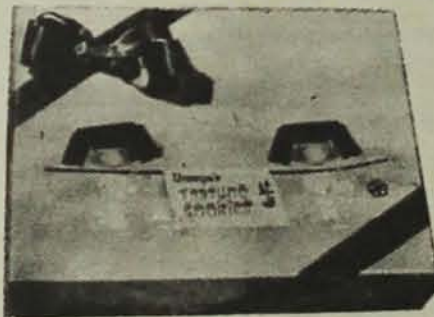
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San Jose

San Jose JACL will install its 1977 officers on Mar. 4, 6:30 p.m. at the San Jose Hyatt House with Police Chief Joseph McNamara as guest speaker. Dinner will be \$10 per person with reservations being handled by:

JACL Office (408) 295-1250 between 10 a.m.-2 p.m. or Mrs. Jeannie Honda (227-3535 eve).

Stockton

Stockton JACL board meets every second Tuesday, open to all members and friends. This month the board meets Mar. 8, 8 p.m. at California First Bank. The film, PFC Sadao Munemori, will be shown. He was the 442nd RCT GI who was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for gallantry in Italy during WW2.

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Summer Opportunities for Youth needs one job, one youth

CHICAGO—Tom Hibino, Midwest JACL Regional Director, outlined a possible youth program for Cleveland JACL, the December chapter newsletter indicated.

Dubbed Summer Opportunity for Youth (SOY), it will be an attempt to give Sansei a more diversified ethnic and vocational experience during the summer months.

Based upon the interests

and needs of Sansei, there are, according to Tom, "a number of direct benefits to be derived by the participants as well, which might include summer jobs, internships, travel, and family living experiences."

"The Sansei," says Hibino, "are limited in a number of respects.... For those growing up isolated from other Japanese Americans, as is the case in most areas of the Midwest, ... youth

will develop self-hate or at least an uncomfortableness when associating with other JAs. Sansei growing up in the ethnic community in large cities may have the opposite experience ... they never really feel that they are full participants in the mainstream life...."

Because the "homeland" for most Japanese Americans is the West Coast, an important part of this learning experience may include the desire to spend some time there—an opportunity that may not be readily available to Sansei in the Midwest.

Summer jobs will be an active part of the SOY program. Besides financial aspects, summer jobs in a wide range of vocational areas will be helpful in acquainting Sansei with different kinds of possible careers. If the job were located on the West Coast, a Sansei from the Midwest might be exposed to the ethnic community, as well as cultural and historical roots.

Yet another plan is youth exchange. Sansei interested in working for the summer on the West Coast can participate. Families willing to host the youth are needed, both in the Midwest and West Coast. In exchange, a midwestern family willing to take in a Sansei from the West would reciprocate.

This would allow the stu-

dent to save additional expenses for college, as he would not have to find a place to stay for the summer.

Youth could gain valuable experience in community service, plus exploring a possible career. JACL chapters, Japanese American Services Committees, churches, etc., might sponsor an intern.

For Sansei just interested in travel, host families would be found but their responsibility would be only for a short period of time rather than the whole summer.

SOY Funds Minimal

"The advantage," says Hibino in his proposal, "is that a large number of Sansei can participate with virtually no JACL funds needed to maintain the program."

What is needed to get the program going is locating a few jobs and some host families. "The program needs only one job and one youth to start," Tom pointed out.

Chapters might prove to be the most important facet of JACL for this program and could coordinate employment and families.

The program can easily be expanded as more opportunities are found.

Any family or chapter interested or with suggestions, should write to Steve Fugita, 291 Ellen Ave., Akron, Ohio 44305.

Temporary U.S. Civil Service Jobs open

SAN FRANCISCO—The San Francisco area of the U.S. Civil Service Commission is accepting applications for temporary employment under its Trade and Crafts announcements.

There will be about 500 temporary vacancies with federal agencies in the Bay area and Central Coast region during a 12-month period. Information and ap-

plication forms are available from:

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Bookmobile stop in Little Tokyo sought

LOS ANGELES—Community organizations are supporting the Pioneer Center bid for a city library bookmobile stop in Little Tokyo at the center, 125 Weller St., and at Little Tokyo Towers.

A survey is in process to determine desirable materials. Letters of support can be addressed to the Board of Library Commissioners, City Hall.

Deaths

Edgar Bernhard, 78, of Chicago died Feb. 2. Founder-chairman of the American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois, onetime City Club of Chicago chairman and who was WRA chief counsel in San Francisco during WW2, he was senior partner of the law firm of D'Ancona, Pflaum, Wyatt & Riskind. He spoke at various Chicago JACL functions over the years.

Massaru Narahara, 73, of Los Angeles died Feb. 19. He was Alameda JACL president in 1939.

Tokutaro Tsuruoka, 85, of New York City died Feb. 12. He came to the U.S. in 1906, operated an antique store in San Francisco prewar, was evacuated to Poston and resettled in New York, opening up an arts good shop.

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Organization of Pan-Asian American Women, and the Asian Pacific American Federal Employees Council.

Horiuchi continued, "We had to go to Capitol Hill for help and the response has been enthusiastic, overwhelming and concerned."

The Washington Office of JACL also revealed that individual Congressmen and Senators communicating support for the Asian Americans' position, in addition to the California House Democratic Delegation letter, were:

Reps. Edward R. Roybal, Phillip Burton, George Danielson, John Burton and Don Edwards of California, Rep. Cecil Heftel and Sen. Daniel Inouye of Hawaii and Rep. William Hughes of New Jersey.

Horiuchi concluded, "Though we're proud that Patsy Mink has been appointed by President Carter, more Asian Americans need to be appointed so that his new administration will reflect the racial and ethnic diversity of America." □



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Political Notes—Two major movements have been making the front page news in recent months—both related to the resurgence of preserving native Hawaiian interests.

The Waiahole-Waikane Community Assn. is involved in a dispute with Mrs. Lester Marks, owner of land in the valleys and Joe Pao, well-known land developer. The issue is the eviction of tenant farmers from the land who have been living in month-to-month short-term leases. Mrs. Marks has agreed to delaying serving eviction notices (with the intervention of Governor Ariyoshi) but the tenants have been conducting a widespread informational program to gain support to remain on the land.

The movement is supported by various elements in the community and from Univ. of Hawaii students who see Joe Pao's development and plans as another blow to keeping windward Oahu predominantly rural and agricultural.

The "Return Kahoolawe" movement has been spearheaded by native Hawaiians who claim the U.S. Navy is desecrating ancient Hawaiian cultural sites. The U.S. Navy has used the island located off Maui as a bombing target island since World War II. The island has been off-limits to civilians.

The Hawaiian congressional delegation has been making inspection trips under Navy auspices and given briefings by the native groups.

The U.S. Navy claims the island is necessary to its training purposes and a clean-up, should the return be mandated, would be cost-prohibitive. Other reports have declared Kahoolawe too dry and lacking in water resources to be of any use.

Surprise at Hawaiian Open—Local boy Lance Suzuki, surprised and pleased Hawaii golfing fans by placing 5th in the Hawaiian Open held earlier last month at the Waialae Country Club. In a field which included the top pros in the PGA circuit, Lance's performance was considered phenomenal.

He was able to play because he received a sponsor's exemption from United Air Lines. Lance starred in golf at Brigham Young University and has indicated interest in qualifying for a PGA card.

Entertainer "Lucky" Luck dies—Robert "Lucky" Luck, 58, long-time island radio and television personality was given a beach-boy funeral off Kuhio Beach on Feb. 15. A beach side service was conducted by the Rev. Abraham Akaka, after which his ashes were taken to sea and scattered.

Lucky is the mainland haole boy who sounded more "local" than natives and made the use of pidgin English respectable on the air. He died of cancer at his home in Las Vegas, Nev. on Feb. 11.

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SALLY NAITO

High school students from around the nation are attending the week-long Presidential Classroom for Young Americans in Washington, D.C. during February and March. The Fresno American Loyalty League-JACL presented Sally Naito, Madera High senior, a \$500 scholarship to attend the class which began Feb. 20. She is the daughter of the Toru Naitos. An honor student listed in the Who's Who in American High Schools because of her scholastic and extracurricular achievements, Sally was a recent Madera Girl of the Month. Among the new mid-year assignments announced by the Los Angeles City Schools, effective Jan. 31, were Harry E. Nishisaka as principal at Brockton Ave. School in West Los Angeles, and Ella Quan, assistant principal at Castelar St. School in Chinatown.

Book

Rex Gunn, who lectured about Iva Toguri d'Aquino for 30 years, has written the final chapter of his book about "Tokyo Rose", now that President Ford has issued his pardon. It is being published by Callahan Printing Co., Reno, with a Mar. 15 publication date. Now with the Washoe District Health Dept., Gunn was stationed near Pearl Harbor with an

Nikkei dinner to fete Hayakawa Mar. 25

LOS ANGELES—California Japanese Americans will honor newly-elected Sen. S. I. Hayakawa at a gala inaugural dinner Mar. 25 at the Beverly Hilton.

Capacity crowd of 1,400 is expected, according to Yo Takagaki, dinner chairman. Reservations are being handled by:

Jean Tsuchiya, 800 W. 1st St., L.A. (628-7896).

Army Signal Corps unit, and was an AP wire editor during the 1949 San Francisco trial. "Ethnic American Short Stories," Pocket Books, New York, edited by Katherine Newman, includes a short story that first appeared in the 1961 Pacific Citizen Holiday Issue "No Place Beneath the Rising Sun," by Take and Allan Beekman. Story is based on the experience of Take (Okawa) Beekman who was teaching a special Japanese language class at Chuoh Gakuin, Honolulu, Dec. 7, 1941, when Japanese planes attacked nearby Pearl Harbor. "No Place Beneath the Rising Sun" is also included in "Hawaiian Tales," a collection of short stories by Beekman. More recently, the Voice of America has requested permission to use the story in its overseas broadcasts.

Business

The Calif. Assn. of Realtors designated George Chuman as a graduate, Realtors Institute. He is manager of Kashu Realty's Monterey Park office. Sen Nishiyama, Sony Corp. official, will address the 13th annual

Japan-America trade luncheon, Mar. 18, at the Bonaventure Hotel at Los Angeles. Dennis Y. Morishige, son of the Preston Morishiges of Denver, is director of operations and marketing for Inter-Mountain Specialties, distributor of construction equipment.

Tatsumi Tokunaga of San Jose, agency manager, won Franklin Life's Man of the year honors for top sales last year in Northern California.

Elections

Kaz Umemoto, architect and active Democratic party worker, will run for the 46th State Assembly District seat, which is being vacated by Assemblyman Charles Warren who is awaiting a high-level Carter Administration appointment. Umemoto, who ran for the State Senate in 1966, noted the increasing number of candidates who have recently moved into the area. "We must stand against candidate from outside the district who will attempt to portray themselves as truly concerned about us." ... Tulare County JACler Mike Imoto is unopposed for his board

position on the Lindsay Unified School District.

Courtroom

Until President Carter appoints a successor, Assistant U.S. Attorney Tosh Suyematsu of Cheyenne will serve as interim U.S. Attorney for the Wyoming District. A former 442nd veteran, Suyematsu joined the U.S. Attorney's office in 1969.

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