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NIMH director cites issues facing JACL

WASHINGTON—Dr. Bert-ram S. Brown, Director of National Institute of Mental Health, U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare was a featured speaker at the Washington, D.C. JACL Chapter installation banquet, Jan. 29.

Brown commented on a variety of issues and concerns which involved Japanese Americans.

He indicated his awareness of the recent pardon of Ms. Iva Toguri d'Aquino, "Tokyo Rose", and suggested that this might be a trend where the U.S. recognizes its mistakes and injustices in World War II.

But on the other hand, Brown noted the recent "reenactment" of the Hiroshima bombing by a retired U.S. Air Force General Paul Tibbets at a Texas Air show was a sign of insensitivity that still remains concerning the people of Japan and Japanese Americans.

Commitment

He also discussed the "Reparations" campaign and stressed that this was a very significant undertaking on the part of JACL and Japanese American communities. The Reparations Campaign. Dr. Brown said, demonstrated the commitment of Nisei to social action and the correction of injustices in World War II.

Japanese Americans had, according to Brown, shown commitment to human services. He gave the example of Japanese American Service Committee.

Dr. Brown briefly commented on NIMH supported projects. NIMH recently funded a Nisei Retirement Conference convened by JACL last year, and also the Asian American Mental Health Research Center.

In fact, he named several JACL members who are actively related to the mental health field.

Opinions sought on Asawa fountains

SAN FRANCISCO — In light of the water shortage, the city suggested operation of the Origami water fountains designed by Ruth Asawa in Nihonmachi be turned off, even though the water is completely recycled.

Nihonmachi community opinion is being sought, according to Richard Kono, deputy area director for the City Redevelopment Agency's Western Addition office.

Hank Tanaka, former JACL National President, is Executive Director of Hill House, Cleveland, Ohio, dealing with rehabilitation of former mental cases.

Mike Suzuki, former president of Washington, D.C. Chapter, is Deputy Commissioner of Public Services Administration which administers the Title XX Program. NIMH and the Public Services Administration, with support of Suzuki, enhances the funding of NIMH Community Mental Health Centers program through Title XX.

Dr. Lindbergh Sata, Dept. of Psychiatry, Harbor View Medical Center in Seattle, is a prominent Asian psychiatrist and leader in the mental health field.

Dr. Brown scathed a number of aspects which he believed deserve attention by JACL now and in the future. He pointed out the dramatic increase in Asian American and Pacific Islanders into the U.S. While two million Asian Americans reside now, by 1982 that number could be as high as six million.

Last but not least, interracial marriages among Japanese Americans was discussed. He noted there will be major implications for the definition of "Japanese American" as time draws on. And because Japanese immigration to the U.S. is relatively small, the "out-marriages" continue to have an ever increasing impact.

175 Attend

The dinner was held at the Fort Myer Officers Club. Dr. Raymond Murakami is the chapter board chairman. Ruthellyn Enokida is JAYS president.

Approximately 175 persons, including delegates attending the Eastern District Council quarterly session earlier in the day, witnessed EDC governor Hiroshi Ueyehara swear in the new officers. Dr. Takehiko Yoshihashi was emcee.

Patrick Okura introduced the feature speaker. Vi Takahashi and Sumi Kurihara co-chaired the dinner-dance. Special guests included freshman California senator S.I. Hayakawa, Mr. and Mrs. Dillon Myer.

The JACL silver pin was awarded to Dr. George Furukawa and Henry Wakabayashi for outstanding service to the chapter for over a decade. Azuma Chiyoh, master dancer, performed several numbers. □



Family of the late Masao W. Satow joins in dedicating the Los Angeles county public library in his memory Feb. 26 at 14433 Crenshaw Blvd., Gardena. Joining with Supervisor Kenneth Hahn (center) are niece Leslie Satow, brother Roy, widow Chizuko and brother-in-law Kenneth Uyeda, Torrance planning commissioner.

Farm leader Harry Kubo to address Tri-District

SAN FRANCISCO — Ben Takeshita, chairman of the third Tri-District Conference to be held April 22-24 at the Mapes Hotel in Reno, announced that Harry Kubo from the Central California JACL District Council will be one of the many speakers participating on the program in Reno.

As most Californians will remember, Kubo was most instrumental in causing the

farm labor Proposition 14 to go down to defeat last November. Harry has since developed into a formidable speaker and should be most interesting to hear his views on California's farm labor problems.

Another program will feature a panel of Assemblyman Paul Bannai, Floyd Mori and past National JACL president Judge Raymond

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TV newsman carried pardon banner since '68

CHICAGO — Iva Toguri d'Aquino, called by the mass media "Tokyo Rose" for her role in WW2 propaganda broadcasts, expressed thanks to her lawyers and many people who helped her get the pardon from President Gerald Ford.

In a press conference here after the Jan. 19 pardon, she paid particular thanks to Bill Kurtis, "who has been carrying my banner since 1968".

Bill Kurtis is anchorman for WBBM-TV here.

"In the early '60s," Kurtis had said, "it was a tradition for newspaper editors to send cub reporters down to the Toguri Mercantile Company store on North Clark Street ... with instructions to 'try and get Tokyo Rose to open up about her case. She wouldn't.'"

Kurtis, being a lawyer, researched Toguri's trial in detail. He came to Iva again and again, increasingly convinced that she had been "railroaded" in her trial.

Finally, with her agreement, Kurtis ran a documentary on "Tokyo Rose".

1968 TV Show

"I don't think we made many converts at the time," Kurtis remarked about the November 1968 TV show, "but Mrs. d'Aquino liked it,

and I became something of a media hero in the Japanese community. The Japanese, incidentally, overwhelmingly believed that she was innocent of the charges of which she was convicted ... she suffered in silence."

Kurtis went on to work favorably for Iva with Morley Safer for a portion of "60 Minutes" last summer.

"It is an embarrassment for World War II veterans to explain to their children—or grandchildren—that a mere 35 years ago Tokyo Rose and Axis Sally were femme-fatale disc jockeys, playing American popular music murmuring mildly nasty things in the night," notes columnist Melvin Maddocks in The Christian Science Monitor, Jan. 31.

"And so, everybody dialed to Rose or (Axis) Sally for the music," Maddocks said.

Maddocks pointed out that, "What the Rose-and-Sally show failed to recognize was how terrifyingly pragmatic their audience could be ..."

(An exclusive interview by Fuyuko Kamisaka with Iva's husband, Felipe d'Aquino, 55, a Tokyo resident, appeared in the Asahi Evening News Feb. 11. He found the news of President

Chapter-sponsored travel under gun

By HARRY K. HONDA

LOS ANGELES—Some of the concerns which will be introduced by the Pacific Southwest District Council at the National JACL Board meeting next week (Mar. 18-20) in San Francisco were aired at the district's first quarterly session here Feb. 27.

Most controversial, perhaps, will be PSWDC's support of the West Los Angeles JACL travel program after the chapter was urged and agreed to submit reports as requested in compliance with the National JACL Travel Committee guideline with the expectation that the chapter's 1977 program will fly with authorization from National JACL.

The travel program was cited by George Kanegai, West L.A. JACL president as a proper exercise of chapter autonomy. He also felt JACL can't operate a "national" travel program. He revealed Steve Doi, chairman of the National JACL Travel Committee and other national JACL officers had met with several chapter travel committeemen on Feb. 5 in wake of an announcement (PC, Jan. 28) declaring West L.A.'s project was unauthorized.

The announcement was published as a disclaimer of any responsibility or liability arising from the West L.A. JACL "unauthorized" flights. But Kanegai assured its flights were in accordance with all federal regulations, having contracted with Northwest Airlines and Japan Travel Bureau International for their services.

(In the Chicago JACLer, Midwest Gov. Lillian Kimura notes the National JACL travel program "still is a sore point with me and with the changes in the CAB rulings, we ought to petition the termination of National's involvement in the travel program".)

Personnel Issue

A select group from the personnel committee has been interviewing applicants, reportedly seven, which number will be reduced to two or three for presentation at the National Board meeting. Since the JACL constitution stipulates the appointment must be ratified by the National Council, a poll of the chapters is anticipated.

On the matter of school busing, which is still under advisement by the PSWDC Ethnic Concerns Committee, there was no disagreement on the need for quality education and equal educational opportunities.

San Fernando Valley JACL president Richard Yamauchi said it would be "hypocritical" of the PSWDC to state its moral position for school desegregation when its membership is understood to be split on the question of busing. JACL needs to address the problem by "educating our own membership first," Yamauchi declared.

Mack Yamaguchi, member of the Pasadena city human relations commission, and Toshiko Yoshida, member of the Los Angeles city human relations commission, had both urged the

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Ford's pardon as dispelling a "cloud that has filled my head all these years" and in its place, "a sense of having wasted my life." The story, however, pointed to the 27-year separation imposed by the U.S. upon d'Aquino and the woman he has been living with the past 20 years, who is now preparing to leave. Ten years ago Iva had quietly applied for divorce, according to Kamisaka. "So here were two women each prepared to give up her husband to the other for the latter's future happiness," she wrote.)

Editorials on Pardon

The Honolulu Advertiser noted two days after Ford's pardon that "evidence now indicates that she was not subversive, (but) was a victim of unavoidable pressures ..."

"It was surprising to learn of so many favorable elements in the general American community, but due credit should go to the Japanese American Citizens League, which had conducted a bold educational campaign in her behalf for several years."

While the Denver Post stated the pardon "was a compassionate act by Jerry Ford ... a small but important gesture among many

that won for him President Jimmy Carter's praise as a man who did so much to heal the land," a Japanese woman, graduate of Waseda University, wrote a major work (published in Japanese) about Toguri.

Masayo Umezawa Duus (married to Professor Peter Duus of Japanese political studies at Stanford) wrote Tokyo Rose, 257 pages reading "like a detective story" that indicted the 1949 treason trial as a "complete frameup." The book was published in Tokyo by Simul Press Inc.

When the pardon became known last January to the American Baptist leaders, they praised it as a "Christian act."

The American Baptist News Service reported Judge Charles Z. Smith, associate dean of University of Washington's Law School and president of American Baptist Churches, was influential in Mr. Ford's decision.

The General Board of the American Baptist Churches endorsed a petition of Mrs. Toguri's last November, and the board represented a total of 6,500 churches and 1.5 million members.

Japanese within the Baptist church such as Yosh

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Intermountain feedback on reparations sought

By TED MATSUSHIMA
(Special to the Pacific Citizen)

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah—Some of the Intermountain JACLers still have strong reservations about the National JACL reparations movement. It was a major issue at the IDC quarterly session of Feb. 26 at the Prudential Plaza Bldg.

There was strong objection expressed from the floor over the approval giv-

en by Intermountain delegates at the national JACL convention in Sacramento last summer, even though the decision made prior to the convention to support the reparations committee was close.

Jim Murakami, national JACL president here to address the IDC Nisei conference on retirement earlier in the day, said the National JACL Council mandate was to seek information from

the chapters and community on how and what type of reparation was desirable. He was later urged to have the National JACL reparations committee prepare a uniform questionnaire to assess community input.

Some delegates who objected to the National Council mandate felt the decision should have been ratified by the chapters upon the input it has received from the

community.

After the smoke cleared, IDC Gov. Gerry Mukai asked the chapters to get grassroots feedback from their members and community, and if the people are against it, why.

Dual Position

Question was asked of Murakami whether any conflict of interest existed

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'TOKYO ROSE'

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Nakagawa of Seattle had brought the matter before the board and before Judge Smith.

In his letter to President Ford, the Judge wrote, "I am confident that information ... casts serious doubt over whether (she) should have been indicted in the first place."

The pastor of the Seattle Japanese Baptist Church Rev. Dr. Paul Nagano stated

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AACI/Educators confab
PALO ALTO, Calif.—Asian Americans for Community Involvement, Santa Clara County, Inc., will host a one-day conference for Asian American educators March 19, 9 a.m. at Stanford Law School. Ben Tom, member of the San Francisco board of education, and Assemblyman S. Floyd Mori will be key speakers. Registration at \$5 per person should be sent to AACI, 3065 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto 94306.

AANBA aids architects

LOS ANGELES—The Asian American National Business Alliance has established a meeting between Asian American architects and the Office of the State Architect for March 18 in Sacramento. Meeting will be to familiarize architects with State's procedures and requirements for architectural contract awards.

Asian American teachers

LOS ANGELES—To accommodate the large number of registrants, site of the Asian American Issues conference for teachers Mar. 11-12 has been changed to Belmont High School.

Friends of Mayor Bradley

LOS ANGELES—Japanese American Friends of Mayor Bradley will hold a cocktail party Mar. 15, 6-8 p.m. at Man Jen Low. Comedian Pat Morita and the Restaurant Oiwake Japanese folk band will entertain. For tickets, call 628-2725 (till 5 p.m.)

Illegal Aliens

WASHINGTON—Leonard F. Chapman, Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization Service, has estimated that there are about 6 million illegal aliens living in the United States at present, a new high. Chapman stated between 500 to one million come into this country every year. He also noted the number who go by are undetected and staggering.

NTT bonds redeemable

NEW YORK—Nippon Tel & Tel 6% guaranteed dollar bonds due Sept. 15, 1977, are being called for redemption on or after Mar. 15, according to its fiscal agent, the Bank of Tokyo Trust Co. of New York. (Former Bank of Tokyo of California branches of the California First Bank and its trust department can assist in the collection.)

Quarterly dividends

SAN FRANCISCO—Shareholders of California First Bank and Sumitomo Bank of California will receive dividends quarterly from 1977. Payout will be identical from either bank at 18 cents per share to be made April 15.

he was gratified that justice and liberty had been given practical Christian expression toward "this victim of injustice."

Thus a controversy and a questionable trial, which had not ended with one prison sentence back in 1949, came to an end on Jan. 19.

Mar. 13 Event

As a sort of anticlimactic, but well earned celebration, the Chicago JACL will have an afternoon luncheon with "Tokyo Rose" herself on March 13.

The Sunday afternoon luncheon at 1:30 takes place at Orrington Hotel in Evanston, preceded by 12:30 reception. The JACL Office handles info in this at 728-7171.

In the wake of the pardon, Toguri finds a barrage of media attention and several offers to do books, movies and more documentaries on her (PC Feb. 18).

But she does not enjoy media attention and, in accordance with her wishes, the meeting will be low key and a chance to get the community to honor Iva and, as the Midwest District Council put it, "apologize for taking so long to rally behind her cause." □

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Uno of Salt Lake City, moderated by Steve Nakashima of the West Valley Chapter to explore the areas of political awareness.

One of the more interesting questions to be raised on this panel would be what the panelists feel about Asian Americans supporting fellow Asian Americans for political office regardless of their political affiliation. As more and more Asian Americans are beginning to run for public office, this question becomes a sensitive area to explore.

Conference Theme

Conference theme is "Check Point '77 ♦ Forward '78" to promote the idea of where JACL has come to date and its direction in preparation for the 1978 National Convention in Salt Lake City.

This Tri-District Conference promises to be a stimulating and most rewarding meeting in recent years. Members are expected to send in their hotel reservations and take advantage of the pre-registration package for singles and couples by April 1.

San Jose ready for 'Issei Legacy' week

SAN JOSE, Calif.—With the city marking its own bicentennial this year, Japanese Americans will celebrate Issei Legacy Week March 25-April 2. Local Nikkei organizations are co-sponsoring the program of:

Mar. 25—Martial arts, Civic Aud;

Mar. 26—Fine arts; Youth, Issei Legacy Day, Civic Aud; Mar. 27—Arts, craft, food fair, 5th St. btwn Empire-Taylor.

Mar. 31—Community dinner, Hyatt House; April 2—Symphony Concert, Center for the Performing Arts; Mar. 25-April 2—Historical displays, Eastridge Shopping Ctr; Month of March—Contemporary art, Center for the Performing Arts.

PACIFIC SOUTHWEST

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district to support school busing.

The \$9,300 district budget was adopted for the coming year with additional allowance to cover travel expenses for JACL regional director Glen Isomoto to San Francisco for the National Board meeting and to Reno for the Tri-District Conference. Earlier in the day, after reporting on activities since he assumed office in December, the district had ratified his appointment.

District Matters

A variety of district matters was covered in several reports. The 1976 Christmas Cheer program received some \$11,000 and disbursed over \$7,500. The Cheer committee was urged to make a bigger distribution to the needy families this year but rejected a suggestion the current balance be made available to community

groups.

Selanoco and Orange County JACL co-chaired the 1976 Christmas Cheer campaign.

The PSW Nisei Relays, being co-chaired by West Los Angeles and Gardena Valley, will be held at West Los Angeles College on June 5. Jim Mita of Gardena Valley, registrar, will have application forms ready in April. A Relays princess contest will also be resumed with selection expected at the next district meeting in May to be hosted by the Hollywood JACL.

The district council nominated Deni Uejima of San Gabriel Valley, Kathy Yoshiwa of Pan Asian and France Yokoyama of Hollywood to three vacancies on the district board for the remainder of the year. Sharon Fujii, Stuart Tsujimoto and John Asari had resigned this past year, Gov. Mike Ishikawa reported.

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PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINES CHANGED TO APRIL 1

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* All Delegates and Boosters must be registered. Registration fee is nonrefundable.

San Jose Japanese American Community Bicentennial Committee Notice of Cancellation of Raffle

The San Jose Japanese American Community Bicentennial Committee was formed in 1975 to organize plans to celebrate the city of San Jose's Bicentennial in 1977. To support financially the Japanese American Week of March 25 through April 2, this committee decided to conduct a raffle sale.

Although lotteries, such as raffles, have been illegal under California law for over 100 years, nonprofit organizations, such as the Japanese Community Bicentennial Committee, have never been prosecuted for conducting such lotteries. Further, the state and federal governments have allowed individuals purchasing such lottery tickets to deduct the price paid as charitable contributions for income tax purposes. This committee was notified by the Santa Clara County District Attorney's office earlier this month that they would be enforcing this statute and begin prosecuting individuals if they were involved in any raffle sales.

In order that we do not cause any embarrassment to anyone, the committee has decided to cancel the raffle sale immediately. To those individuals who have purchased raffle tickets this committee extends its sincere "thank you" and apologize for the inconvenience this may cause.

In spite of the tremendous loss of the biggest fund raising event, the committee has decided to continue with the Japanese American Week celebration as scheduled. The committee feels that the celebration is an important part of the city of San Jose's Bicentennial festivities and that its benefit to both the Japanese American community and the city of San Jose is too great to allow the celebration to be cancelled. However, the cancellation of the raffle has put a tremendous financial burden on the committee's sponsorship of the celebration and any financial contribution to the committee would be very much appreciated.

Refunds of the purchase price of the raffle tickets can be obtained by either:

1—Presenting your ticket stubs in person at Sumitomo Bank, De Anza Blvd., Cupertino or
2—Sending your ticket stubs along with a self-addressed envelope addressed to: Ticket Refund, JACBC, 4155 Moorpark Avenue, Suite 3, San Jose, Calif. 95117.

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San Mateo to air scholarship rules

SAN MATEO, Calif.—The San Mateo JACL scholarships are currently awarded to students of Japanese ancestry but at the February meeting a motion to open it to all Asian students drew heated debate. It was tabled until the March 9 meeting.

Those against the motion said the purpose of the scholarship is to recognize Japanese American students or those whose parents are in JACL. Funds for the scholarship, it was fur-

ther noted, were derived from the Japanese community. Members would also be disgruntled at the expenditure of this fund on other Asian students.

Those in favor said that to limit the scholarship to Japanese Americans was petty and an exclusive or restrictive stance. Such a position does not mirror the constitution of the JACL nor the activities of the San Mateo JACL Community Center.

It is a contradictory movement which does not reflect positively on one of the oldest Asian community groups in San Mateo, the proponents explained. It also contradicts the nationwide trend in which Asian groups are uniting in order to promote equal opportunities for all Asians.

Some of the Asian students who are needy, such as the Vietnamese, can be helped, the proponents continued. Besides, Japanese American students have won scholarships from other ethnically oriented groups.

A practical suggestion called for a quota for Japanese American students. □

Canada budgets \$250,000 for fete

TORONTO, Ont.—The Japanese Canadian Centennial Society estimated \$250,000 is needed to stage the various projects and events this year. Half is being raised by direct appeal to individuals and corporations while the balance is anticipated from government and foundation grants.

Hayashi Law Awards now 3

NEW YORK—Instead of a single award, two more new ones will be available this year to applicants of the JACL Thomas T. Hayashi Law Scholarships, according to Mike Masaoka, committee chairman, of Washington.

All three are for \$500 each. The first new one would be the first \$500 installment on a \$1,500 scholarship, the other would be an experimental one-year grant or loan based on "need" as well as general scholastic attainments. The third is the continuing scholarship to Derrick Takeuchi of Stockton, Calif., first Hayashi Law scholarship recipient now attending Georgetown Law Center, upon notice from his dean that he has maintained a satisfactory academic average.

Masaoka said the committee's action was only a formality because Takeuchi is known to be an outstanding student.

With an entry deadline of July 1, law students should write immediately for appli-

cations from:

Ruby Schaar, Administrator, JACL Thomas Y. Hayashi Law Scholarship, c/o New York JACL, 50 W 67th St, New York, N.Y. 10023.

When the scholarship committee met in Washington earlier this year, it was decided there would be two scholarships providing \$500 annually for three years upon maintenance of satisfactory average in law school—an unprecedented arrangement in JACL scholarships.

On the scholarship with the "need" factor, applicant will be expected to provide other data to establish

"need". Application form must indicate "need".

The Committee decided that, since its experience in such determinations was inadequate and since the development of special criteria or guidelines involved so many complicated and even legal implications, this year's award would be a non-renewable and experimental one. After this year's experience, the Committee will review the situation and may decide on continuing such awards on a strict scholarship basis or develop a special loan program based on "need" and the

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Clarification to 1972 Law

Social Security Credit

This is a follow-up to clarify points made by Wayne Horiuchi in PC Nov. 19, 1976, about Social Security wage credit to those Japanese Americans for time spent in relocation camps during WW2. Since Wayne's article appeared there have been several requests for applications.—Ed.

San Francisco

The Social Security Amendment of 1972 has certain stipulations granting Social Security wage credit to internees.

To qualify you must have been at least 18 years of age while interned at camp during the period 12/7/41 to 12/31/46. You should be at least 62 years old to file for the benefit at the time of application or retired. You may file for your spouse if your spouse was deceased within the past year.

There is also no citizenship requirement to receive Evacuation credit. Issei and Nisei living outside the United States are qualified to receive these credits providing they were in camp and were at least 18 years old at the time.

However, benefits provided by the Amendment of 1972, according to Greg Marutani, San Francisco Board member, would "probably be realized only by those individuals who are not receiving Social Security benefits now, those who are not receiving more than \$209.70, or those who may not have qualified for Social Security benefits because they did not have the required number of quarters to receive the minimum."

Even with these additional credits, one cannot assume he or she will receive eligibility for Social Security or increases in their existing Social Security benefit.

The internees eligible for Social Security are receiving their benefits based on post-1950 earnings. Credit from the Social Security law may be used only when earnings before 1951 are considered in the computation of benefits. In such computations, internment wage credit are included provided they increase the benefits.

Any beneficiary entitled \$223.20 & up a month will probably not benefit from consideration of wage credits, as one example; or a spouse receiving Social Security benefit at this time based on her husband's Social Security account, may become eligible to receive her own benefits with these additional internment credits. Unfortunately, the payment rarely exceeds that based on her husband's account.

It looks like matters involving the effect of internment wage credit towards Social Security benefits will be solely to Issei and Nisei eligible for retirement benefits.

In short, each case might be slightly different. Any inquiries pertaining to internment wage credits should be directed to the local Social Security office.

You can also contact the local San Francisco JACL Chapter, PO Box 22425, San Francisco 94122, for George (not Grant) Shimizu.

'Roots'

Editor:

Masamune Kojima is obviously right about reminding us of *Roots: an Asian American Reader* (PC, Feb. 18). I think he's right in everything he says in his column. But he's wrong in believing the 1971 Asian American reader was Alex Haley's source for the title of his book.

I met and became friends with Haley in 1968 when he was touring the country, speaking about his researching his family's roots through deeds and bills of sale. In 1968 Haley had already sold condensation rights and was negotiating the film rights to the novel of his family's story from Africa to Henning, Tenn. He had already named and sold his book *Roots*. He'd done everything but write it.

Haley's *Roots* satisfies a black need for a specific and concrete pre-American history. The Asian American *Roots* satisfies a yellow need for an American identity based on American experience and history. I use the word, *American*, not as a code word for "white" or the polite form for Caucasian.

I admire Kojima's voice, but I seriously doubt it's the popularity of Haley's book and the 8-hour TV event will cause the extinction of Asian American identity, history and culture. As his Chinese-American scan of dating habits and Glenn Omatsu's grim numbers on Nikkei marrying out indicate, Asian Americans are doing their best to abandon the race and reject anything yellow about themselves.

Yellow history, yellow culture, Asian American names, possibility of love among yellows and yellow existence itself are all given the big kiss-off by yellows.

FRANK CHIN

San Francisco

Playwright Chin, with the Asian American Theater Workshop, is currently working on a two-hour theater piece based on the 1942 volume of the *Manzanar Free Press*. "Some of the unsigned editorials are the toughest minded, most sophisticated and skilled writing in all of American letters. The paper many times says things that Nisei today say they never had the guts to say, and that breaks my heart," he remarked in a personal note.—Editor.

Retirement Credit

Editor:

Wayne Horiuchi outlines many achievements and disappointments encountered as JACL Washington Representative (PC Jan. 21). For example:

"Regardless, progress has been made on the bill to provide Civil Service retirement credit to those

Japanese Americans who were evacuated and interned during WW2."

Both the Committee for Internment Credit and the JACL will publish details of what should be done as soon as Congress is organized and vacancies on the Post Office and Civil Service Committee are filled.

This means that we must collectively re-educate new committee members of our desires and recommend passage of the proposed bill during this 95th Session...

HIRO NAKAJI

El Cerrito, Calif.

Reparations

Editor:

Mr. Shiraki spoke against reparations (PC Jan. 21). I do not understand his reasons. Therefore, I would like to pose the following questions. Does U.S. Army sanction officially or unofficially the use of the word, *gooks*? Does it indoctrinate its soldiers to hate *gooks*? Does it train its soldiers to kill *gooks*?

My experience in the civilian life is contrary to his in the Army; that is, people in general regardless whether they are of European origin or not, do not hate people of Asian origins.

I certainly agree with Mr. Shiraki that the war must be prevented. But the reason is not just hate; it creates unspeakable inhumanity to those who were killed and extreme misery to those who survive.

What does Mr. Shiraki propose to do in order to prevent the war? My answer is to uphold by action the principles of our nation, i.e., democracy and human rights. I believe that supporting reparations is one of these actions, although peace, democracy and human rights are all ideals in that they may appear to be the dream.

NOBU NAKAJIMA

Sheffield Lake, Ohio

Yoshimura Trial

Editor:

Carol J. Suzuki (PC Ltrs Feb. 4) is right. It is all in a nut shell and I wonder what all the fuss is about! Wendy did wrong therefore jail is right for her. Just as anyone who commits a crime rightly deserves a prison sentence.

Hasn't James Oda (PC Ltrs Feb. 11) ever heard of karma? I can't think of a better way for retribution to the Hearst family for the wrong committed against the Japanese by having Patty do what she did! There is much shame, humiliation, and disgrace to the Hearst family because of Patty. Personally, I marvel at the great wisdom of God. I can think of no better way for the Hearst family to suffer "bachi" for their wrongdoings!

HASHIME SAITO

San Jose, Calif.

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when a chapter president also served as district council officer. He replied that he was not aware of any national policy against it. Apparently, the IDC has no objections either as there is no prohibition written in the district constitution.

(In the Pacific Southwest District Council, district officers must relinquish their chapter offices. In Northern California-Western Nevada, no chapter can have two of its members on the district executive board.)

On other district matters, a nominations committee was appointed. Named were:

Harry Suekawa, Yoshio Takahashi, Chiz Ishimatsu, Shin Kawamura, Kerry Iseri, Hid Hasegawa and Frank Yoshimura.

The National JACL treasury has been requested to forward \$2,500 to the Intermountain District as initial monies for the IDC allocation. Mukai asked chapters

for recommendations and support for the IDC Convention this fall over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, which Wasatch Front North JACL will host.

National Convention

Tats Misaka, national vice president for general operations, suggested the IDC Biennium awards could tie in with the 1978 Nisei of the Biennium to be awarded at the next national convention in Salt Lake City.

Representatives from the Salt Lake and Mt. Olympus chapters were requested to assist the Wasatch Front North JACL on the Hill Air Force Base General's EEO advisory group.

The Nikkei basketball tournament in Ogden received \$400 support from the district at the request of Jack Suekawa, Wasatch Front North JACL president. The event could expand into a regional tournament, he added.

1000 Club Insignia

Editor:

My parents have been involved with the JACL as long as I can remember and have been One Thousand Club members for 13 years. Every year they conscientiously send in their contribution. This year I happened to notice the club's crest on the envelope.

Not being familiar with the historical roots of the organization, I was nevertheless surprised to see a 15th Century English knight sym-

bolizing a Japanese association.

From my Sansei point of view, this seems a bit odd. Hopefully someone can enlighten me as to the reasons behind the selection of an emblem so unrelated to our heritage. Seemingly a 13th Century Samurai warrior would be better suited for the club's crest.

PATRICK A. TAKASUGI

Wilder, Idaho

We have asked George Inagaki, JACL's first 1000 Club chairman 30 years ago, to recall a bit of interesting JACL history here.—Ed.

The Thousander: George Inagaki

Samurai or Knight

Dear Pat:

Sorry I've taken so long to answer your letter regarding the 1000 Club's Knight in Armor symbol. The PC Editor referred your query to me. I guess he thinks that I, as the first Chairman of the 1000 Club, should know.

To tell you the truth, Pat, I've spent all this time brushing away the cobwebs in my dusty old "attic" trying to recall just how the Knight got into the 1000 Club act. In the process, I've uncovered the beginning of such traditions as the Whing-Ding, The Order of the Tie and Garter, and necktie-snipping, the champagne shampoos and others. However, I am unable to pinpoint the exact time when the Knights in Armor first made the 1000 Club scene.

It's my guess that the Knight originated in the mind of the then National Director, the late Mas Satow, along about 1949-50. The 1000 Clubbers were like the nights of old, in this instance, coming to the aid of National JACL.

The 1950 National Convention held in Chicago was the first time I personally came face-to-face with the Knight in Armor. It was Harold "Tokuzo" Gordon, my successor to the top post in the Club, who was inside that armor greeting the delegates. He and Harry Sabusawa took turns inside that armor during the whole Convention. They lost an aggregate of some 30 pounds but gained a great many more new members. After that memorable display, the Knight in Armor couldn't help but become a symbol of the growing 1000 Club.

When it first started, Pat, the Club knew exactly where it was going. It was going after 1,000 members who would each donate \$25 annually to help finance National Headquarters. What it didn't know was how to get there. So, a lot of imagination and a lot of crazy stunts, mostly spontaneous, took place along the way to draw attention, and many, like the Knights, became a tradition.

One of the memorable ones didn't make it tho, and it's just as well that it didn't. Dr. Tom Yatabe, the "Grandfather" of the JACL, has always been a very dignified-looking gentleman. However, at one of the Whing-Dings, he showed up wearing a diaper ... nothing else. He was the hit of the evening. However, the diaper did not become the official attire for the 1000 Club Whing-Dings.

The Club in 1976 had some 2,300 members and provided National JACL with some \$72,000. That's a lot of bread even in these inflated times. So, the 1000 Club has lived up to its original intent. But it still has a lot of potential.

Maybe it needs renewed imagination and up-dated impetus. Maybe the old armor of the Knight is getting a bit tarnished.

Maybe the Samurai, as you suggest, Pat, should become the torch-bearer in this day and age. Maybe someone will don a samurai outfit, sword and all, to hold center-stage at the next National Convention and push for 3,000 members. If that happens, Pat, you get credit for adding another tradition to the 1000 Club.

Incidentally, for your information, the Club got its start in your State of Idaho way back in 1947 when the National Board met in Idaho Falls. The 1000 Club is the brainchild of the then National President. Hito Okada, who still lives in Salt Lake City. So the Father of the 1000 Club and its birthplace are both in your Intermountain District.

I don't suppose I answered your question too well, Pat, and I doubt that I ever can. The Knight, like a lot of other funny, crazy things, just popped up along the way and helped to bring the worthwhile purposes of the 1000 Club to the attention of the JACL members.

These purposes, by the way, are still very worthwhile ones today. One of these days, I hope that you'll join the 1000 Club too and keep that tradition alive in your family. Hope we meet some day.

My best wishes to you.

—George Callahan Inagaki



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PNW Governor Present

Glen Pacheco, president of the host Downtown L.A. JACL, greeted the turnout of nearly 70 delegates, including Pacific Northwest District Gov. Edward Yamamoto from Moses Lake, who was in town attending the dedication of the L.A. county library in memory of Mas Satow Feb. 26.

Masamune Kojima, nat'l v.p. for membership services, outlined the forthcoming Tri-District Conference program at Reno. He said the pre-registration deadline had been advanced to April 1. California Secretary of State March Fong Eu is scheduled as the TDC keynote speaker at the

Saturday banquet April 23 at the Mapes Hotel.

It will be the first opportunity for the three California district councils to review the 1976 Convention mandates, actions of the 1977 National Board meeting and prepare for the 1978 convention at Salt Lake City.

Kanji Kuramoto of Alameda, chairman of the Committee of Atomic Bomb Survivors, made a brief appearance to again thank the JACL and in particular the Japanese American Medical Association for their support of the Roybal bill to provide survivors with government assistance on medical checks. The Japanese Ministry of Health, he said, was dispatching two doctors in March to check victims of radiation in the U.S.

From the Frying Pan: by Bill Hosokawa



For Today & Tomorrow: by Jon Inouye

Making the Soul Dance

Nostalgia is not a contemporary thing. There has always been that yearning to go back, especially when the present is undesirable. And when the "good old days" of yesteryear dawn, we suddenly have a flood of novels, short stories, plays and poems.

During the first part of this decade I can recall a deluge of nostalgia films taking us back to the "good old days" of the 1950s or the supposedly "good old days" of World War II. Yes, WW2 was a prime target for nostalgia as it seemed to some war buffs a more adventurous one than the mire of Vietnam. And in WW2, America was still young, hopeful and winning.

Well, in the medieval chaos of Japan, when the traditionally scorned military took control of the nation through Kamakura, there was this deluge of poetry all expressing that yearning to return to the imagined "good old days", of some earlier period of supposed peace and prosperity.

One must not forget the hero Saigo who, in 19th century Japan on the threshold of Westernization, protested the departure of Japan's feudal past into a modern, technological nation.

In a postwar Japan, author/poet Yukio Mishima committed hara kiri in a plea for the imagined "good old days" of an imperial pre-war Japan.

There were nostalgia buffs galore in the great depression of the '30s, I'm sure. Humphrey Bogart was the idol of the "down and out" worshippers on the screen, and a President publicized a "back to normalcy" platform, but this return to pre-WW One days never crystallized.

Well, this February a talented writer/artist, Wakako Yamauchi, 53, revealed a type of nostalgia quite apart

from the American graffiti, Happy Days, or reruns of Spanky and Our Gang.

Wakako is the winner of Rockefeller Playwright in Residence Grant for 1976/1977 and her acrylics and inks works are well-known in Southern California.

Her play, which continues through April at the East/West Players in Los Angeles, is about the nostalgia of Japanese American families, vintage 1930s.

Two Issei farming families in California's Imperial Valley are the focus of this original play. "And the Soul Shall Dance", I found haunting but nostalgic, moving yet conjuring recollections of childhood.

What hits at the outset is a haunting theme song "And the Soul Shall Dance", written by Wakako and arranged by Dan Kuramoto, June Kuramoto, Peter Wata and performed by Hiroshima.

*Red lips
press against a glass
Drink the green wine
and the soul shall dance ...*

Emiko Oka (played by Shizuko Hoshi), a tear stricken woman, sings this song while hearing the old familiar song on a hand-cranked Victrola.

The song quickly sets the pace for what is essentially a stimulus of some lost past, a searching for home that isn't there.

Two families, the Okas and Muratas, live isolated and lonely lives surrounded by desert and storm and a somewhat self-pitying existence. These farming families struggle to survive.

They live their lives in a world of half-dreams, shattered success, and above all suppressed but apparent memories of a Japan where the distant bad old days have become the "good old days". Perhaps this was a statement on human tendency here, the inclination to view the past with more reverence than it is worth.

Hana Murata (J. Maseras Pepito) was described by one critic as "the archetypal Issei matriarch", managing the household and a nine-year-old daughter Masako (Mimosa Iwamatsu), while

husband Murata (Jim Ishida) toils in the fields.

Emiko's husband Oka (Keone Young) is a violent wife-beater—more than sufficient reason for Emiko to withdraw into her shell, into an imaginary world of the past. She is completely insular in an alien and arid desert.

With shattered dreams and failure in Japan, Oka is unhappy with his life in America and believes his wife disgraced him. He places all his hope for life with a daughter by his first marriage, Kiyoko (Susan Inouye).

He manages to bring Kiyoko over from Japan and floods her with gifts.

But where does he get the money for those gifts? We were told of yet another tragedy a bit earlier, the flooding of all farmlands in the valley.

He steals Emiko's life savings that she was to use to return to Japan.

Emiko thus becomes the complete epitome of frustration, failure and sullen disappointment.

The two families live but a mile apart and visit frequently. While Murata and Oka chat congenially, Emiko is hidden in her nightmare room, closed to even her husband. Their only form of talk is "beat".

Her gradual descent into utter madness and her almost childlike yearning for the "gay life" in Japan ("I was not a whore," she says at one point amidst the beatings from Oka) is very convincing and perhaps the highlight of the play.

Mimosa Iwamatsu, 11, makes her first professional stage appearance, and she actively conveys a budding Nisei-to-be, adopting the English language and soon to enter an America on different terms.

Noted actor/director Ma-

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A Friend in Wartime Iowa

Denver, Colo.

Mariko Inouye was the perky little secretary to Frank Gibbs in the War Relocation Authority office in Des Moines, Ia., when I first met her. That would be late in the fall of 1943. She had a different name then because that was before she married Sid Inouye. I left Des Moines for Denver in 1946, and sometime about then Mariko and Sid returned to Los Angeles. I've seen them once since then.

So it was something of a surprise when she telephoned the other day.

"Do you remember Ross Wilbur?" she asked after the preliminaries.

Ross Wilbur? Sure, I remember Ross. He ran the Friends hostel in a huge old house in Des Moines on Grand Avenue during the period when Nisei relocatees from the WRA camps were picking up the strings of their lives in interior America.

The way it worked was the WRA gave you "leave clearance" and helped you find a job. Then they gave you a railroad ticket and sent you on your way into an impersonal and possibly hostile world. What did you do when you reached your destination? Well, maybe you got yourself a room at the YMCA or a cheap hotel, which was all that you could afford.

But in a lot of inland cities, like Des Moines, there was a hostel. You could get a room there, or share one with another guy. You could get meals, and you helped with the dishes or pushed the vacuum cleaner, or maybe ran errands in your spare time to help earn your keep. After you started working, you paid a dollar a day.

Ross Wilbur, like the other good folks who ran the hostels, was much more than a house director. He was counselor and guide, friend and confidant, job-hunter and seeker of houses and apartments to rent, public relations man and all-around advocate of relocatee causes.

"Well," Mariko went on, "Ross is retiring from some kind of church-related job

and is planning to go overseas with the Peace Corps. Roy Kita, who lives in Yardley, Pa., has kept in touch with Ross and he is collecting letters from some of his old Des Moines friends to be presented to him. Would you like to send one?"

That would be a pleasant chore. Too often we wait until someone is dead before expressing one's appreciation for all the kind and noble things he's done. Well, here was an opportunity to tell Ross thanks for being such a good friend at a time when we needed friends desperately.

There were so many episodes to remember. Sad times, like when Alice's mother died. The Rev. Lester Suzuki was on hand to conduct the service. But at the crematorium, it was Ross who bridged a heart-rending moment with a prayer that revealed his compassion and thoughtfulness.

Fun times. Like the day we went to Cedar Rapids or some place like that to talk to some college students about the Evacuation, and later that night we stopped in some farmer's field and swiped soybeans to take home and boil in salt water and eat like peanuts. We figured the farmer had a thousand acres or so and he wouldn't miss a few dozen pods.

Serious times, like helping evacuees fresh from the camps to get adjusted to jobs and helping them find a place to live and showing them how to cope with rationing and meat shortages and the puzzling street-car system.

I don't suppose the Friends paid Ross much of a salary, probably no more than a few dollars a week plus gasoline money and room and board for himself and his family. Actually you couldn't compensate anyone like Ross, and the other people who ran hostels for the evacuees, for the dedication and personal interest they took in helping us re-establish ourselves.

So thanks, Ross, from all of us who remember what you and the other Friends did, and are grateful. If we have long memories about the injustices of the Evacuation, we should be equally reluctant to forget those who befriended us. □

Ringside Seat: George Yoshinaga

On the Lighter Side

Los Angeles

My barber, a Nisei of about 56 or 57, says he is about ready to "hang 'em up."

"Nobody gets a haircut anymore," he lamented.

One reason is that one doesn't look so untidy with slightly longer hair as in the days when a short haircut was the vogue.

A few years ago if the hair started to touch the collar of one's shirt, it looked unsightly. Now, since hair is hanging down below the shoulders, there is nothing unsightly about hair touching the collar.

All this has spelled trouble to most barbers.

My barber said I was his third customer for the day. It was 5 p.m. when I stepped into his shop. And he opened his doors at 9 a.m.

"Can't even pay the rent at this rate," he said.

He's thinking about going back to commercial fishing, a business he gave up because he wanted to "take it easy" at a less hectic job. So, he took up barbering.

I wonder how many other Nisei and Issei barbers, who haven't gone back to barber school to study hair-styling (the present rage) are doing.

One of my favorite foods is "natto."

Natto is fermented beans which emits a powerful odor, which in turn makes it a dish that is hard to acquire a taste for.

One of the biggest problems about natto is that you can't tell if it's spoiled by smelling it. It smells spoiled all the time. In fact, the more it smells, the better it tastes.

However, the other day I picked up a couple of cartons of natto and when I opened it, there was mold on the top. "It's rotten," I shouted to my wife.

"It's supposed to be rotten," she shot back.

So now the question is, "how rotten is rotten?"

Can I take the natto to the consumer protection agency and ask them to smell a

carton of natto to get their opinion on whether rotten is rotten?

They may suggest that I wrap the natto in a carton made of "Odor Eaters" the foot deodorant.

At any rate, I decided to throw the natto I purchased away and decided to write a letter to the maker to ask them what test I could use to determine if natto was eatable or not.

Hopefully, they won't tell me to "smell it."

One can stall mother nature when she sprinkles grey hair on one's head by using a little hair dye but all of a sudden you realize that you "ain't no spring chicken" when the optometrist tells you, "well, I guess you need bifocal eye glasses."

I suppose nothing is as distressing to one's ego as having to wear bifocal glasses, but I have reached that station in life.

Can senior citizenship be just around the corner?

—KASHU MAINICHI



Diane Takei (left), newly arrived from Japan, finds a friend in Denise Kumagai in the current East West production of *Wakako Yamaguchi's "And the Soul Shall Dance"* at East West Players. Hollywood JACL's buffet-theater party is set for Friday, April 1, to raise funds for chapter program.

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ko directed the play, with producers Rae Creevey and Clyde Kusatsu responsible for an effective presentation of the 1930 Issei.

Sullen, somewhat masculine in appearance (here the play follows the original description of the author's short story which appeared in Frank Chin's anthology of Asian writers, *Antihyphen: Anthology of Asian - American Writers*), and untalkative, Emiko can speak only to young Masako. From her insular but open frankness with the child, we catch a glimpse of what it is for a soul to dance—we learn from Emi-

ko's sudden opening up that she was a *natori* dance hopeful in Japan, but her cultural and dance career never materialized.

How often do the nostalgic hear that story? We (I) almost made it back there in Europe, New England, Japan, Brazil, but due to unforeseen circumstances we wound up here—in a desert, alone, married to someone we hate, frustrated.

So we went to the only home we had, our dreams—these are the last things we have to turn to when all is gone. To some it is a forgotten song. And when these are gone there is a thing called escape for "Drink the green wine and the soul shall dance..."

chapter pulse

● Delano

By Ben Nagatani

Delano JACL invites former Delanoans and others to the sixth reunion Sept. 4 over the Labor Day weekend. Last one was held in 1972.

To make sure all former Delano residents are invited and apprised of all the details, Joe Katano, reunion chairman (722 Randolph St., Delano 93215), would appreciate receiving by May 15 any late changes of addresses as well as the addresses of people who have been unintentionally overlooked in the past.

● Las Vegas

The Las Vegas JACL chartered a bus Feb. 27 to visit Lee's Canyon, a famous mountain resort near Mt. Charleston. Joe and Rhea Fujimoto were in charge of the chapter excursion.

● Livingston-Merced

The Livingston-Merced JACL's annual potluck supper honoring the area Issei will be held on Saturday, Mar. 19, 6 p.m. at the social hall. George Yagi is chairman, assisted by:

Buichi Kajiura, emcee; Fred & Kimi Kishi, entertainment; Lena Hamaguchi, June Kishi, food; Aya Morimoto, Yuri Maeda, decor; Miko Kashiwase, gifts; Fran Kiriha, inv; Tex Kinoshita, gen arr.

● Monterey Peninsula

Nearly 200 people enjoyed the Monterey Peninsula JACL installation dinner held Jan. 29 at the Outriggers, where San Jose Municipal Judge Wayne Kanemoto swore into office new president Royal Manaka and his cabinet.

Army Maj. Gen. Edwin K. Wright (ret.), who had served on MacArthur's staff in Tokyo, was the featured speaker. Other guests from the area included civic dignitaries, naval and military "brass" and Congressman Leon E. Panetta (D).

Among the honorees was George Uyeda, first member in the chapter to earn the JACL Sapphire Pin for outstanding service to JACL of not less than 10 years with at least five years at the district or national level.

The JACL Silver Pin for outstanding service at the chapter level for 10 years was presented to Barton Yoshida. Other honors conferred were to:

Hisao Yamanishi, Citizenship Award; President's Commendation—Goro Yamamoto, for work with Issei; Tetsuo Imagawa, retiring as Japanese Language instructor in government service after 35 years.

● Idaho Falls



CLARKE KIDO

Clarke Kido, an engineer with EG&G in Idaho Falls, was installed as president of the Idaho Falls JACL at a dinner meeting Jan. 28. He succeeds Margaret Hasegawa. Councilman James Freeman was the installing officer.

Recognition for longtime service to the chapter was paid to George Nukaya, Sud Morishita, Hid Hasegawa, Deto Harada, Sam Yamasaki, Fred Ochi, Shoji Nukawa and Ron Harada.

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Three local Issei pioneers—Tajuro Watanabe, Thomas Kageyama and Toichiro Takigawa—were also introduced. They are recipients of awards from the Greater Agricultural Society of Japan for their achievements in California. Watanabe was recently decorated with the Order of the Rising Sun from the Japanese Emperor.

John Gota was toastmaster. Dancing concluded the festivities.

● Salinas Valley

Col. Sam Hada (ret.) spoke on the background and events leading the recent presidential pardon of Iva Toguri at the Salinas Valley JACL installation dinner Feb. 5 at the local Community Center.

New chapter president Shiro Higashi and his cabinet were installed by Salinas Mayor Henry Hibino, also a local JACLer. Emcee Hayes Dacus introduced Supervisor Sam Farr and Councilman Jim Barnes as special guests.

Lefty Miyana, who gave a brief report on the

1000 Club, presented the past president's pin to John Hirasuna. Gary Tanimura was dinner chairman.

The chapter is next planning a Japanese box lunch social for the Issei on Sunday, March 27. It is part of the chapter Issei monthly program started last year. All senior citizens are welcome.

● Tri-Valley

Tri-Valley JACL installed Sam Cohen to his first full term as chapter president at the Jan. 25 dinner at Hong Kong restaurant in Dublin. Forty members and friends came to hear keynote speaker Don Hayashi. George Kondo, NC-WN regional director, installed the officers.

The chapter was established in the summer of 1976.

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Kashiwagi play at Merced College

MERCED, Calif.—Hiroshi Kashiwagi's play, *Laughter and False Teeth*, will be presented at Merced College Theater on Sunday, Mar. 13, 2 p.m., under joint sponsorship of the college, Cortez and Livingston-Merced JACL chapters.

Play depicts the many problems evacuees faced in camp, some of them being comical with touches of irony. A reception follows the play for the cast from San Francisco.

HAYASHI

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availability of funds for future years.

It was agreed by the Committee, however, that an applicant would not be eligible for both the "merit" and the "need" scholarships this year.

Eligibility Requirements

In general, the eligibility requirements for the \$1,500 total law scholarship, the largest of its kind in JACL, remain as they were last year, when seven applicants applied.

A formal application form from the Committee needs to be submitted. All questions must be answered in full and all other requirements, such as those relating to references, must be met.

Based on "merit" alone, consideration will be given in order of the following priorities:

(1) Member of the JACL or of the JAYS, or the child of parents who are JACL members, (2) Any person of Japanese ancestry residing in the United States, and (3) Any Asian American residing in the United States.

Applicants must be either admitted to accredited law schools or having applied for such admission to qualify for these scholarships.

Announcement of the scholarship award will be made on or about Sept. 1, 1977.

The judges again are: Dr. Tom Tamaki, Philadelphia, chmn.; Ron

Inouye, New York; Harry Takagi, Washington, Kiyomi Nakamura, Seabrook. Tamaki is a practicing physician, Inouye and Takagi are attorneys at law, and Nakamura is an accountant.

If no applicant applies or qualifies on a "need" basis this year, one three-installment \$1,500 scholarship and one one-year \$500 scholarship will be awarded.

Scholarship Background

The late Thomas Hayashi was one of the leading Nisei attorneys in the United States, specializing in his later years in international law as a means to promote better understanding and more cooperative relations between the United States and Japan.

Always active in the JACL movement, he helped found the New York Chapter and later the Eastern District Council in the immediate post-war era. He served as an official at the local, district council, and national levels and served as the National JACL Legal Counsel.

Since he believed in the law as a means of securing equality and justice for all, as well as the instrument of improving trade and com-

mercial relations that contribute to cooperation and understanding between nations, as a memorial to his ideals and objectives the EDC organized a scholarship committee in his name and decided that the scholarship should be to encourage Nisei and Sansei to enter into the profession of law as a way of public and community service.

Last year, a year after his untimely passing, the Committee appealed to Hayashi's friends and associates for funds to establish the scholarships. Since the contributions exceeded expectations in a remarkable demonstration of affection and goodwill, the single \$500 scholarship was converted into a three-year award, with additional \$500 scholarships being given for the

second and third years of law school. And, this year, on an experimental basis, a "need" scholarship or loan is being awarded.

When the EDC Committee "works out" the various problems in connection with this law scholarship, it hopes to "turn over" the funds for administration by the National JACL under a stipulated agreement as to its operation. On the Committee are:

Mike Masaoka, chmn.; Ron Inouye, New York, vc; Kaz Horita, Philadelphia, vc; Vernon Ichisaka, Seabrook, vc; Harry Takagi, Washington, vc; Joe Imai, New York, treas; Mary Toda, Washington, secretary; Murray Sprung, New York, assistant secretary; Ruby Schaar of New York, administrator; and Dr. Tom Tamaki and Grayce Uyebara of Philadelphia, and Kiyomi Nakamura of Seabrook. Futami Hayashi, widow, and Holly Hayashi, daughter, and now a college student, ex-officio members.

Reedley PYCA participant thankful for JACL sponsorship



STEVE NISHIDA

REEDLEY, Calif. — Steve Nishida returned home from attending the Presidential Classroom for Young Americans in Washington, D.C., Feb. 12-19.

"It was a wonderful experience," the Reedley High School senior said. "I'm thankful to the Reedley JACL for sponsoring my trip there."

High schools from throughout the U.S. attended the week-long study of American government first-hand. Also present were students from Canada, Hong Kong, Puerto Rico, Honduras and Germany.

Ron Nishinaka, chapter president, in turn acknowledged the support from advertisers and friends who

gave to the PC Holiday Issue campaign, which was a fund-raiser for the PCYA award.

18-Hour Schedule

Nishida's schedule while in Washington usually began at 6:45 a.m. and lasted until 11:30 p.m., "long days but interesting and worth it". His class was invited to the White House welcoming ceremony for Mexico's President Jose L. Portillo, the first official State Dept. function since the Inauguration of President Carter. William Colby, former CIA director, was the "graduation day" speaker on the last day.

Besides the tours of the Nation's Capital, attending seminars and listening to speakers, the young Americans found meeting people from other states a meaningful part of PCYA. Friends were made easily and "when it was time to go there were tears" by many as they parted for their home.

Steve is the son of the Fred Nishidas. His future lies in the medical field as he applied to UC Riverside.

On the chapter selection committee were:

Roy Watari, chmn.; Stan Ishii, Wayne Kai, R Nishinaka, Tim Kurumaji, Kathy Nishinaka and George Ike-miya.

TV actor's use of racial slur draws Asian American protest

SAN DIEGO, Calif.—Richard Jordan, star of TV's "Captains and the Kings", was target of several angry Asian American groups known here as the Union of Pan Asian Communities of San Diego County.

Jordan appeared on the Dinah Shore Show on Dec. 22, 1976, and made "offensive references to Asians and Asian-Americans," according to a joint letter written to Jordan by the Asian American groups (JACL, Chinese Social Service Center, India Association, etc.).

"On Ms. Shore's program," said the letter, dated Dec. 23, "you were talking about your vacation in Ja-

pan. You stated several times, 'Japanese are weird, WEIRD!' It seems as a guest visitor you were very fortunate... the Japanese treated you so kindly and did not make fun of you..."

Letter went on to protest Jordan's use of "Chinaman". Pointing out the historically negative implications, the letter noted that "it is not used by educated and intelligent people any more than the term 'nigger' would be used. Perhaps you were not aware of this, but your use of the term is a slur against persons of Chinese ancestry in particular, and Asians in general. Surely we can refer to people as just people..."

Issei Center starts 7th year

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah—The Salt Lake Issei Center, which has the active support of local churches and JACL chapters, started its seventh year of service with new director Tom Miya announcing the following members of the center board:

Kate Muramoto, co-director, Mt Olympus JACL rep; Taka Kida, Salt Lake JACL rep; Sadie Yoshimura, George Yoshimura, Shigeru Motoki, ex-officio; Al Oshita, treas; Judy Tamagawa, rec sec; Linda Ushio, hist; Yas Iwamoto, hospit; Alice Kasai, JACL coordinator; Nan Miya, Grace Oshita, Hatsuko Yoshimura, Utako Aramaki, transp; Miekko Hashimoto, Mary Matsumori, Louise Oshita, crafts.

Kate Muramoto will assume the directorship in 1978 as the position is ro-

tated between the Mt. Olympus and Salt Lake chapters.

The original policy of not accepting monetary contributions from the Issei was reiterated at the Jan. 17 meeting but donations from other sources are gratefully acknowledged. Program for 1977 includes monthly activities at the churches, summer outings, a trip to Wendover, Nev., and dinners at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Local churches involved with Issei Service Center are:

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Startling Proposals — Governor George Ariyoshi entered the third year of his term as Hawaii's first AJA chief executive, raised some eyebrows in the State of State speech to the legislators in January.

Admitting that he foresaw much debate and controversy, he proposed that he would actively work for "selective growth" including limitation on immigration (both from the mainland and foreign parts), federal assistance for Hawaii and other states with disproportionate immigrant populations and a Constitutional amendment to allow states to establish residence requirements for public welfare assistance, employment and housing projects.

Hawaii, long regarded as the land of aloha, is in danger of losing all its *Hawaianness*, if changes are not made now, Ariyoshi warned. The pressures of too many people and a drain on governmental services and resources were cited as major reasons for this position.

Clearly, he stated directions which are a 180° turn from the previous decades of expansion, development and aloha for new arrivals.

Aquaculture a new industry—A major research effort in building a new industry for Hawaii seems to be near fruition. Taylor "Tap" Pryor (well-known as one of the early promoters of Sea Life Park, a major marine research and recreation center on Oahu) announced that in March, Hawaii-spawn oysters will be ready to go on the market.

The aquatic "farm" in Kahuku, formerly growing sugar cane, has its own plantation farm serving as a food source for the oyster beds. Kahuku Seafood Plantation expects to produce 250,000 oysters per month. Future plans call for production of clams, mussels, shrimp and turtles.

This announcement is good news to State Senator T.C. Yim, chairman of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Yim envisions aquaculture as a major new industry and a beginning to making Hawaii the "oceanographic capital of the U.S." Yim intends to fully support the growth of this industry.

Carole Kai's Bed Race a Success—Carole Kai (Carole Shimizu) of the Waikiki entertainment scene, turned in another successful performance in organizing the Carole Kai Bed Race. A wacky, colorful idea, this is a benefit for the Variety Club Schools for Handicapped Youngsters. From modest beginnings four years ago, this year's effort raised over \$30,000 for the work of the school.

Carole, incidentally, opened a 2-week engagement at the King Hwa Lou Theater Restaurant in the Chinese Cultural Center beginning Feb. 11.

PC's People

Books

Books with a Canadian theme aimed at youngsters (age 6-10) are being produced by Innova Learning Associates, Vancouver, B.C. Latest is "Santa's Rocky Mountain Friends" (\$1.89) by Gary Doi, elementary school teacher at North Vancouver. Spark Matsunaga and Ping Chen, political science professor at Eastern Illinois University, are co-authors of "Rule-makers of the House" (\$7.95, Univ. of Illinois Press). From his vantage point as an influential member of the House Rules Committee, Matsunaga views its operations and has relied on his personal anecdotes, experience and correspondence for a critical study of this powerful House committee.

Agriculture

Longtime Marysville JACler George Tanimoto is president of the Kiwi Growers of California, a 490-member group which held its annual meeting in Sacramento Feb. 12. The exotic fruit appeals because of its high Vitamin C content. The National Sugarbeet Growers Federation, the nation's largest group of sugarbeet growers based in

Greeley, Colo., and Washington, D.C., elected Sam Maruyama of Ulysses, Kan., as its president.

Entertainment

Toshiro Mifune was in Los Angeles for a one-day acting job. He had traveled 12,000 miles for a weekend cameo role in "Winter Kills", a movie about presidential assassination and global intrigue. "I wanted to do it," he said. "It's a small role but important. And I wanted to be associated with John Huston and with Richard Boone. I went bill-fishing with Boone in Hawaii last summer and we became good friends." Arthur Murata, a San Francisco Sansei magician, performs at various local church functions. He has lectured to magic clubs and societies throughout Northern California and is currently the resident magician at the Magic Cellar in San Francisco.

Fine Arts

Nearly 100 women came to Jean Kondo Weigl's slide show on the Image of Women in the History of Art from prehistoric time to 1964 at the Lorain (Ohio) Family Y lectures. Teacher of art at Lorain County Community College with a master's in art from Oberlin, she is a Tri-

Valley JACler and the daughter of Northern California JACL regional director George Kondo. The Ohio State Bldg. in Columbus has one of her acrylic-collage murals on display.

Government

Sen. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) has been assigned to the Senate Finance and the Energy and Natural Resources committees, and Veterans Affairs Committee. Sen. Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hawaii) has been assigned to the Appropriations and Commerce committees. Sen. S.I. Hayakawa (R-Calif.) has been assigned to the Agricultural and Budget committees and appointed assistant minority whip.

When Long Beach city manager John Dever last month disclosed his choices for two vacancies on the Harbor Board, two council members were disappointed. Dr. John Kashiwabara, Nisei physician who speaks Japanese and well known in community work, had not been appointed. Obviously unhappy was Nisei councilwoman Eunice Sato.

Kam T. Kuwata, 23, of Sierra Madre is assistant press secretary to Sen. Alan Cranston in the Capitol. A USC political science graduate studying at Washington Study Center, he had been working the past year in Cranston's office answering request mail. He is the son of Lilly Kuwata, business communications instructor at Mt. San Antonio College.

Courtroom

Longtime Seattle JACler Richard M. Ishikawa, 44, began his duties as King County superior court commissioner on Jan. 10. A graduate of Gonzaga Law School, he served in the Army's Judge Advocate General's Corps for three years and was deputy county prosecutor for six years before going into private practice.

Press Row

CSU Fullerton senior Pat Tashima won a \$350 grant-in-aid from the American Newspaper Publishers

Assn. as part of its scholarship program for minority journalism students. She is the daughter of Yoshiyuko and Mary Tashima of Buena Park, was campus editor on

the Daily Titan and this past week started as an intern reporter for the L.A. Times.

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MISSOULA, Mont.—R.A. Ushijima, a microbiologist and virology specialist, is currently chairman of the Department of Microbiology at the Univ. of Montana.

He, along with fellow scientists Carl Larson and Mary Beth Baker, are doing research on herpes type II—one of the nation's most prevalent venereal diseases.

Herpes type I is described as the somewhat uncomfortable cold sore. But herpes type II is a much worse venereal disease and has been linked to both cervical and prostate cancer.

The research is financed with the researchers' own funds and donations by doctors and other interested parties.

They had a theory on the cause of this disease and conducted tests. They met with success. Results of their experiment were published in the Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology back in 1974. All the tests pointed to one common denominator to fight herpes: stimulation of the body's viral defense system through treatment with the TB vaccine or one specifically for mumps.

However Ushijima points out that they have "just scratched the surface" of the research. There is more to be discovered, and more effective cures for *Herpesvirus hominis*.

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