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Ariyoshi plan to save Hawaii life style against population growth may need type of justification used for Evacuation

HONOLULU — "Governor George Ariyoshi's State-of-the-State speech on population and the impact of new immigrants to the Islands has thrust Hawaii into the middle of one of the most critical unresolved issues of contemporary legal thought," wrote Advertiser political writer Jerry Burris Feb. 27.

He was referring to Ariyoshi's announced intention to push growth control ideas directly through Hawaii's courts.

His administration wants, first to limit the rising cost of welfare due to the almost constant influx of newcomers.

Secondly, the administration took a strong stand on residency requirements before one can receive welfare and government employment with strong penalties for welfare fraud (see PC Mar. 18).

'Evacuation' Precedent

However, one difficulty arising from Ariyoshi's proposed legislation is found in the legal doctrine used to justify the internment of Japanese Americans during the Second World War.

During the war years, the Supreme Court found there was a "compelling state interest" in allowing the internment of Japanese Americans despite the ap-

parent violations of the U.S. Constitution.

According to Burris, the Ariyoshi administration's growth control legislation might bring back the old "state interest vs. U.S. Constitution" argument.

"In essence, it (Ariyoshi's administration) would have to convince the court that the basic constitutional right to travel is overridden by a compelling state interest—in this case the interest of Hawaii in not being ruined by overpopulation and overgrowth," Burris said.

Many of the complexities of stiff residency requirements and controlling the influx of new residents and welfare recipients were discussed at a recent two-day seminar on land use and the law at the Univ. of Hawaii.

The seminar was led by land-use attorney Malcolm A. Misuraca of "Petaluma" zoning case fame.

Throughout the U.S., towns, cities and states are exploring legislative and legal means to control the pace and shape of their own growth.

Right to Travel

Misuraca said that these "first tentative steps" taken by local governments have not been thrust against their legal and moral obstacle: the constitutional right to travel and live where one pleases.

The confrontation then narrows down, according to Misuraca, to state growth

control mechanisms and the right to travel as one pleases.

Misuraca noted that, in several cases during World War II, the Supreme Court upheld the internment program because the "security of the United States was threatened by ... a potential fifth column among Japanese communities on the West Coast."

America later came to realize the penalty of restricting Japanese Americans—the danger from Japanese on the West Coast was far less than the actual damage to civil liberties and the loss of dignity of those incarcerated.

Governor Ariyoshi spoke on Hawaii residents becoming "masters of our future" in three areas—population, regulation on the rate of growth, and a reduction of the strain on the State's welfare budget due to new arrivals.

Amendment Suggested

But only in that last area has he proposed specific action. He stated he would seek Federal help, maybe a constitutional amendment, to reduce foreign and domestic immigrants on the State's budget and rising unemployment.

Burris noted that a Supreme Court case in 1969 (Shapiro v. Thompson) ruled that a one-year residency requirement for welfare benefits was unconstitutional.

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Text for Tule Lake plaque OK

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—Parks and Recreation director Herbert Rhodes overrode the State Historic Resources Commission Mar. 17 and ordered the landmark plaque for the Tule Lake camp site to contain the term, "American concentration camp".

It was "imperative that this generation as well as future generations be reminded of the incarceration and we should guard against it ever happening again", Dr. Rhodes declared. The text, as proposed by the JACL (No. Calif.-W. Nevada District Council), will read:

TULE LAKE

May 21, 1942

Population 18,800

March 20, 1946

Tule Lake was one of ten American concentration camps established during World War II to incarcerate 110,000 persons of Japanese ancestry, majority being American citizens, behind barbed wire and guard towers without charge, trial or guilt. These camps are reminder of how racism, economic and political exploitation and expediency undermined constitutional guarantees of United States citizens and aliens alike. May the injustices and humiliations suffered here never recur.

New JACL director is Karl Nobuyuki

SAN FRANCISCO — Karl Nobuyuki, 31, was appointed national executive director of the Japanese American Citizens League by its national board meeting here Mar. 18-20.

A Gardena Valley JACler, Nobuyuki is a community resources administrator for the City of Gardena, a USC graduate, married and has two children.

Appointment is effective May 1, according to national president Jim Murakami. Chapters in good standing will have a 45-day period in which to ratify the appointment. Many chapters are expected to be meeting at upcoming district council meetings.

Other major decisions hammered out during the 20-hour, 2½-day session at JACL Headquarters (Satow Bldg.) included:

1—Board authorization of West Los Angeles JACL flights to Japan in June and

October upon receipt of their 1976 financial statements.

2—Reaffirmation of JACL endorsement of affirmative action programs, including support of such programs presently under scrutiny by courts in the Bakke and Minnick cases, insofar as it is consistent with JACL policy. (Minnick case is personal to JACL since Jerry Enomoto, past national president, is a defendant as director of the State Dept. of Corrections.)

3—Belated move to establish a blue-ribbon steering committee of district representatives to develop legislation for reparations after intensive community-wide input.

Ed Moriguchi, national treasurer, brought a smile on the faces of board members when he reported a \$23,000 excess for FY 1976 as compared with a \$47,000 deficiency at FY 1975 in Current Unrestricted Funds. □

March Fong Eu keynoter for JACL Tri-District Conference

RENO, Nev.—California Secretary of State March Fong Eu will be the dinner speaker at the JACL Tri-District Conference atop the Mapes Hotel in the Skyroom on Saturday, April 23, 6:30 p.m. She will speak on "Asian Americans in Government and Politics".

She was elected in November, 1974, by a 1.2 million vote margin—largest for statewide constitutional officers. Prior to that she had served four terms in the State Assembly, representing the Oakland and Castro Valley area.

Cherry Tsutsumida, San Francisco JACler and the assistant regional health administrator for HEW Office of State Coordinator, will be emcee. She is said to be the top ranking Nisei woman in Federal civil service.

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MARCH FONG EU

'Free spirit in Washington' continues to attract media, seen as 'Kame-san'

LOS ANGELES—Marlene Cimos, staff writer for Los Angeles Times, dubbed Sen. S.I. Hayakawa (R-Calif.) a "Free Spirit in Washington".

"Some say Hayakawa is just absent-minded," the Times writer noted in her article Feb. 7. "Others say he is just too much of an intellectual in a legislative body that does not abound with his kind."

Ms. Cimos observed the controversy surrounding the "enigma" of newly elected, 70-year-old "freshman" Sen. Hayakawa.

"The stories," she said, "—some verified, others not—are racing around Washington."

"Like how he fell asleep during those orientation lectures at Harvard University for incoming members."



SENATOR HAYAKAWA

"Or, how he reportedly asked Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D-N.Y.) whom he should vote for in the

race for majority leader—with Moynihan explaining that Republicans don't vote for Democratic leaders (Moynihan ... said it never happened)."

The Times writer described Hayakawa as "diminutive, very low-key, speaking with a voice so soft that he could barely be heard." She said there was nothing about him that "suggested he is a hell-raiser."

Very Engaging

But Rep. Peter Kostmayer (D-Pa.), a liberal freshman who sat next to Hayakawa during the Harvard lectures, said this about the Marin County JACler:

"I was really prepared to dislike him, but I found him a rather engaging fellow, very friendly," he said. "I was able to kid around with him quite easily. I have

nothing at all politically in common with the man—but ended up liking him enormously."

Hayakawa has steadfastly denied any "cranky old reactionary" image.

"I've been thought as a reactionary," Hayakawa had said in one interview. "Actually, the liberal group of Republicans in the Senate asked me to join them and so has the more conservative group."

Hayakawa felt he was popular with both sides.

"Most people belong to one and not the other," Hayakawa asserted. "Some people belong to neither. But I've been going to both. And you know what? I've discovered there isn't so much of a difference between them ..."

And a man (who was not named), who was with Sam during the Harvard lectures, verified the "free spirit" of Hayakawa to one reporter.

"First let me say that he is probably one of the brightest people I've met," he said.

Hounded by Media

The man noted that Hayakawa was constantly hounded by the media.

"He has no sympathy with journalists, no patience with the press at all, and there is something refreshing about that," he said. "And he seems to be free to admit weakness, which is an astonishing quality in Washington."

The man also warned that perhaps Hayakawa was "too open and too frank" for his own good. In this way, S.I. might have given the im-

pression of being "over his head."

Hayakawa also filled a number of silly commitments to Harvard groups who wanted him to speak, and this "burned him out" somewhat.

"Why should he bother?" the man asked. "He's not building seniority at his age ... He's a semanticist—he really means what he says. That is the opposite of the way things are done here. It may do him in, or it may give him the opportunity to do the system in. There's nothing worse than having a free spirit on the Senate floor with a long needle decompressing balloons ..."

\$185,000 Home

Meanwhile Hayakawa and his wife Margedant (who edits the journal of the Calif-

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'The Only One' — Some American Heroes

If you just happen to be on the famous Route 66 going through, like the song says, Gallup, New Mexico, and your tank gets low, you might look for Hershey Miyamura's gas station (at I-40 and US 66 West.)

If he's around and not busy on the lube rack, Hershey himself might be the guy that pumps the gas and cleans the windshield. He's a lanky guy who wears horn-rims and looks easy-going and gentle and maybe half his 40-some years. He doesn't look like a hero.

He is a gentle sort of a guy, though that hasn't kept him, under the proper circumstances, from killing a fellow human face to face. After all, he was trying to return the compliment.

He's a veteran of two wars, which isn't too usual.

In the second of those two wars, he was taken prisoner, spending 28 months in a Chinese-run camp on the Manchurian-Korean border, where the temperature drops to 20 or 30 below in mid-winter. Being taken prisoner puts him into a narrow field, and his survival limits it further.

Miyamura holds the Medal of Honor, the highest award for valor the United States can grant, and there aren't too many men who have been recognized like that ... even fewer who have received it are still living.

He is one of the few men in U.S. history to be awarded the medal, commonly known as "the Congressional," in secret—this for his own protection, since he was still a prisoner at the time.

Finally, of just three Japanese Americans to win the Medal of Honor, one during World War II, Miyamura during the Korean conflict, and the third in Vietnam, Miyamura is the only one alive ... one, by God, of a kind.

The news took him by surprise when an armistice halted the Korean fighting and he left the prison camp, where he'd been on permanent wood-cutting detail, for repatriation. It was Aug. 21, 1953.

"They had a little place set up. They called it 'Freedom Village'.

"I had just taken a shower," Miyamura recalled for Little Tokyo Magazine, "and someone came over to me and said there was a newspaperman from my hometown who wanted to talk to me. So I followed this soldier and he took me into a room, and then there was nothin' but spotlights and cam-



When the Army program to have minority artists draw memorable events in U.S. military history was announced two years ago, Los Angeles illustrator George Akimoto selected the above scene of Sgt. Hiroshi Miyamura in action, just before he was captured during the Korean conflict. The painting is now enroute to

the Pentagon. The Gallup, N.M., Nisei was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor upon his release as prisoner of war 28 months later. The 36 x 48-inch picture, which is practically all-blue in tone, was rendered with acrylic paints.

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hower.

In photos taken at the time, Miyamura is an enlisted man surrounded by officers, and looks bemused, sort of wondering what the dickens he was doing in that crowd.

The miner's son from Gallup, nicknamed "Hershey" by a Caucasian sixth grade teacher who couldn't twist her tongue around the Japanese name "Hiroshi", went to war as a teenager, joining the famed Japanese American 442nd Regimental Combat Team, U.S. Army, during World War II.

Japan, the nation Miyamura's parents came from, was an enemy, and Americans of Japanese descent who wanted to defend their country had to do it in segregated military units, though those in command didn't worry about American soldiers of German or Italian—to name the major enemy nations—descent.

Worse, Japanese (in those days ineligible for citizenship because of their race) and Japanese Americans living on the West Coast were herded into what amounted to concentration camps, some 110,000 persons behind barbed wire because of their ancestry.

In spite of this, maybe because of this, the 442nd became the most decorated unit, for its strength and length of duty, of any in the history of the U.S. Army.

But none of those decorations in World War II were won by Hershey Miyamura. He didn't get overseas until the war with Europe was over.

Following occupation garrison duty in Germany, Miyamura headed home to New Mexico, and work as an auto mechanic, but he stayed in the army reserve. In June, 1950, the fighting resumed in Korea. By December, reservist Miyamura had been called back to the colors, given some retraining, and was in combat.

That was perfect timing for disaster. The North Korean Communists had made a whole new war out of it. The battle lines, almost at the Yalu River, flowed back to the 38th Parallel, seesawed back and forth over Seoul.

On April 24, 1951, Sgt. Miyamura's squad was dug in on a ridgeline overlooking the Imjin River north of the Republic of Korea capital city.

"We were given orders to hold our positions," he tells the story, "as long as possible. We were stretched pretty thin ... the Third Division. During the course of their attack ... there were a million of them ... most of the outfit pulled back. Later, I heard they were ordered to pull back, but we were out just a little ahead of them, and I never did get the order.

"Part of my men did; what few were left with me, I gave them orders to go back while I covered them." It doesn't sound heroic, the way he tells it.

And with a water-cooled machinegun, an M-1 rifle, a .30 caliber carbine, a .45 caliber automatic pistol, and finally, hand grenades, cover them is what they heavy weapons squad leader did.

Some of his men, 15 GIs and 16 Korean ammunition carriers, were wounded, but "all I did was cover the withdrawal, and the all made it back. When I was all out, I got out and ran."

But by that time, it was too late. As a matter of fact, he hadn't until that point, worried about his own escape, "it never entered my mind. It was just something I did unconsciously, through training ... you don't stop to think about things like that, you just react.

"It just happened that I came out without getting shot up. I did get grenade fragment in my leg.

"I knew the direction I had to go. There were trenches all over the hill, and I started working my way down one of them."

A Chinese soldier was also in the trench Miyamura had selected. "He rounded a corner and we came face to face, and we recognized each other. He pulled his grenade, a concussion grenade, not a fragmentary, and I noticed him pull the pin, so I stepped back a few steps and I shot him.

"As I shot him, he threw the grenade at me and I kicked it back and it went off. I didn't even realize I was hit. I jumped up and got out of the trench and started running and crawling.

"When I got to the bottom of the hill, one of our tanks was left there. I was so excited to reach it, I ran right into a barbed wire entanglement and got cut across the hand. I dropped and got underneath the tank, and when I did that, he took off. I guess he didn't even see me ... he was busy spraying the hill with machinegun fire."

All that is in slightly apologetic explanation of how he got wounded, and why he didn't make it back to his own lines.

Weakened from loss of blood, he tried to hide in a ravine. Chinese soldiers went past him and sprayed the ravine with machinegun fire, but he wasn't hit and he wasn't, right then, noticed. But after the fighting was over, a Chinese interpreter did spot him, and capture him.

The fighting part of Hershey Miyamura's war in Korea is over. The 28 months of captivity, "I was kicked and cussed out," he recalls with a laugh.

But that's all in the past now for Hershey Miyamura. Present reality is his wife Terry (Tsuchimori) and his "Irish" kids, sons Pat and Mike and daughter Kelly ... the gas station in Gallup, the rushing traffic along Route 66. A trip to Japan is in the indefinite future.

Every few years, there's a vacation and a reunion with old buddies, bringing everybody up to date since the last reunion, swapping jokes, having a few drinks, dancing with Terry to tunes that seem strange to today's youngsters.

Hiroshi "Hershey" Miyamura sure doesn't look like a hero. Maybe he never did. But he is ...

—Little Tokyo Magazine

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Basketball tourney

BERKELEY, Calif.—The Berkeley JACL hosts its 20th annual high school basketball tournament this weekend, Mar. 25-27.

'Eastern Streams'

LONG BEACH, Calif.—Artists whose works reflect East Asian themes, techniques or aesthetics comprise "Eastern Streams", which is sponsoring an art exhibit at CSU Long Beach this month through April 7. Among the Nikkei are Glen Yamane, Ayako Yanase, Thomas Oto, Carl Shishido, and Irene Mori.

Oriental Service Center

LOS ANGELES—About 100 needy families received food baskets in a Christmas project sponsored by Oriental Service Center, 1315 W. 7th St.

Sister City event

LIVERMORE, Calif.—Japanese vocalist Yukiko Sakakura will be featured at the Livermore-Yotsukaido Sister City dinner April 1 at Livermore High School student union. Proceeds will be used to host the Yotsukaido city officials arriving April 18-20.

COMMUNICATIONS

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● JACL Bowling

Entry forms for the first annual National JACL-Masao Satow Memorial handicap bowling tournament are in the hands of chapters and Nisei bowling leagues. The week-long meet will be held at San Francisco's new Japantown Bowl June 29-July 2.

Sanctioned by both ABC and WIBC, the tournament is open to participants who have been a JACL member at least two months prior.

JACL credit union issues brochure

SALT LAKE CITY—A new credit union brochure explaining the operation and services available to JACL members is now available from the National JACL Credit Union, P.O. Box 1721, Salt Lake City, Utah 84110.

Handicap of 80% of 200 will be based on the highest 1976-77 book average, as of April 15, with the 5-pin rule in effect; or the highest 1975-76 book average. Otherwise, bowlers enter at scratch, 200 average for men and 190 for women. Minimum entering averages are 150 for men and 130 for women.

The all-events prize will be scratch.

Entry forms must be returned by May 16 with fees to Meri Ikeda, 2531 Clement Ave., Alameda, Calif. 94501 (415-523-8301). Fees are \$8 per event for men and \$7 per event for women in team, doubles and singles; \$12 for the men's 6-game sweeper; \$9 for the women's 4-game sweeper; \$2 and \$1 for all-events scratch men and women, respectively. Mixed doubles is \$14 per team.

Reparation grants to community groups seen as 'misappropriation' by Seattleites

SEATTLE, Wash.—There are a number of Japanese Americans who approve efforts to seek reparations for the World War II evacuation and imprisonment of the Issei and Nisei but are opposed to any plan which would result in the direct payment of reparations to each individual evacuee, according to the Seattle JACL Evacuation Redress Committee.

Those favoring the denial of direct payments to individuals believe that reparations should be paid to some Japanese American organizations or groups which would then use the money in a manner which they feel is desirable. Their reasons include the following:

1—Japanese Americans do not want individual payments.

2—Payments to individuals will be "wasted" by the recipients and should be used for "better" purposes.

Wendy gets 1-15 years, free on bail

OAKLAND, Calif. — Wendy Yoshimura, convicted on bomb conspiracy, was sentenced to state prison for a term of one to 15 years and up to five years on each of two charges of possession of bomb materials and automatic weapon.

In passing sentence Mar. 17, Superior Court Judge Martin Pulich also set a \$50,000 bail pending her appeal.

She will be court again Mar. 31 over five contempt citations against her.

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Rebuttal

Surveys of the past two years have shown that reason No. 1 is simply not true. Questionnaire results indicate that over 90% of former evacuees who were questioned want individual payments.

Reason No. 2 reflects such disdain for the intelligence and rights of others that it should be unacceptable to anyone who truly believes in the American traditions of human dignity and individual rights.

Reason No. 3 is based on incorrect assumptions. Inquiries made by Seattle JACL and by Wayne Horiuchi of the JACL Washington Office reveal nothing to indicate that individual payments would be any more difficult to get passed by Congress than block payments to groups.

In effect, the local JACL committee said, reparations are the same as damages, from the party who caused the injury, being paid to the persons who suffered the injury.

Suggestion Hit

The suggested payment of money to a third party instead can be equivalent in essence to the unauthorized misappropriation of funds which properly should be going directly to each victim of the evacuation, the redress committee held.

Even if the money from block payments were spent for such things as community recreation centers or community old age homes, many former evacuees and especially those living remote from large Japanese American population centers would receive no benefit whatsoever, it was pointed out.

Moreover, the record of block grants by the United States Government to Indian tribes for past wrongs indicates a high probability that such a method of payment would lead to endless and costly lawsuits over how the money would be spent. Instead of the former evacuees, the lawyers involved in the court cases would become the main beneficiaries.

Rejecting or ignoring the principle of direct compensation to the individual victims of the Evacuation and the sacrificing of justice principle for the sake of tokenism and assumed expediency could again alienate a large portion of the supporters of JACL.

Asian studies confab slated

(See Bill Hosokawa, pg 5)

NEW YORK—The Committee on Scholars of Asian Descent (CSAD) of the Assn. for Asian Studies (AAS) will hold an open meeting Mar. 25 at the annual AAS convention at the Waldorf-Astoria.

Chaired by Prof. Akira Kubota of the Univ. of Windsor, Canada, the CSAD will delve into their unique position as scholars of Asian descent within the profession (about 1,500) and identify problems unique to the group and assist in overcoming them.

Although the decision by the JACL leaders in 1942, to cooperate with the Evacuation Order was made under conditions of wartime dur-

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"Many of the reasons cited in defense of the residency law were similar to the concerns now being expressed by Ariyoshi and his Social Services officials," Burris said. "But none amounted to an interest compelling enough to override the constitutional rights of due process, equal protection and the right to travel."

The courts appear very, very tough minded on the right to travel in the areas of welfare and "basic needs".

Attorney Misuraca pointed out, however, that there is much more maneuvering room in the areas of growth control and general residency restrictions.

Misuraca also said that the confrontation between the constitutional right to

ess, many of those who had expected JACL to put up some kind of opposition reacted with bitterness. To this day, residual feelings of disappointment continue to hinder the organization from gaining wider support.

If this matter of reparations is handled properly, community support and backing for the JACL would

undoubtedly rise substantially, the committee concluded.

"Let us hope that the present JACL leaders possess the wisdom and foresight to refuse consent to any arrangement which would amount to a denial of direct reparations payments to the individual victims of that outrage of 35 years ago." □

travel and population control plans have never been joined before the Supreme Court.

Local or state governments are more receptive to population and basic growth plans, Misuraca noted, because the travel doctrine can be overcome in state courts by citing other compelling local interests such as reducing pollution or saving water resources.

Hawaii once had a three-year residency requirement for public employment but this was declared unconstitutional in 1972 by the Hawaii supreme court. In two prior instances, the Hawaii court put the right to travel against compelling state interest—Shapiro v. Thompson welfare case and the Japanese internment cases.

The welfare residency law was found unconstitutional while the internment was upheld.

"The implication, obviously," said political writer Burris, "is that the courts may be waiting for a need as compelling as the threat of invasion by a foreign power before it would allow welfare residency laws."

Nonetheless, Ariyoshi demands the right for the state to "shape... (its) own future, not have it thrust upon us by forces over which we have little or no control."

Hawaii is a national treasure, Ariyoshi says. "But it is a very fragile treasure. One which can be easily destroyed by overpopulation and excessive demands on its resources."

"There is no reason why we must endure what an uncontrolled and unregulated future holds for us. I am of the belief that truly we can and we must be the masters of our destiny, rather than the victims." □

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ornia Native Plant Society) have purchased a house on Capitol Hill, described as "one of the most beautiful in the neighborhood".

A Capitol Hill neighbor had considered buying the house before it was sold to the Hayakawas.

"We didn't buy it, though," the neighbor said. "Why? Simple economics. They were asking for \$185,000."

He has made new friends in the Senate such as Ted Stevens (R-Alaska), freshman Sens. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), Malcolm Wallop (R-Wyo.), Strom Thurmond (R-

S.C.), and even senior Democrat Alan Cranston.

Hayakawa has recently joined with Cranston for the creation of a bipartisan panel of attorneys and laymen to screen potential candidates for California's four U.S. attorney jobs and any future federal judgeships.

While the average freshman senator may be 47 years old with wide (and wild) ideas of reform, 70-year-old Hayakawa is proceeding patiently and intelligently.

Grace Marie Prather in the Kashu Mainichi, Feb. 3, noted Hayakawa's patience that comes with age.

Hayakawa was "more like a tortoise, content to stay

behind while the other jack-rabbit freshmen race ahead

"And those jackrabbit freshmen... don't know what to think about the slow-paced senator."

All these impressions are striking his fellow senators as an enigma—for in a city of politicians, Hayakawa is not in a rush to express an opinion.

"I'm old and famous and people expect me to know everything," he said. Nonetheless he still feels he is new, doesn't have all the answers, and will not voice an opinion outright until he has actually studied the issues. □

Intermountain Nisei interest on retirement high

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah—There will be additional conferences on Nisei preparing for retirement in wake of the successful Nisei Retirement Conference here Feb. 26. Over 100 persons were present—double the number that was anticipated by Tomie Ishimatsu and Sue Fujiki, co-chairpersons of the half-day meeting.

Interest was very high in the Intermountain District and enthusiasm for follow-up meetings prevailed. The keynote speaker, Edward Okazaki, assistant regional director for HEW's office of Human Development based in Denver, will assist the JACL Intermountain Nisei Retirement Conference committee.

As keynoter, Okazaki pointed to the cultural dilemma existing between generations of Asians in America and the need to make special plans for retirement. The onetime director of Utah's Dept. of Aging (1965-67) said:

"We have a great responsibility to help make the retirement years of our elderly people as happy as we can. We need to be concerned not only about the Japanese elderly but all the elderly."

He said the dilemma between generations

arises because of differences in the cultures in which they were reared.

Okazaki, 54, has a master degree in social work while his father went to school only six years.

Okazaki, raised on a plantation in Hawaii surrounded by other Japanese, had a different childhood than his own children who were reared on the Mainland in a neighborhood with no other Orientals.

Current Programs Don't Help Issei

Their problems differ, he said. "First-generation Japanese or Issei, when they go in a nursing home, can't communicate," he said, adding that the food is strange and they are very isolated. Current programs are not designed for their needs, he said.

Also, Okazaki said, the second-generation Japanese, or Nisei, are reaching the age of retirement. "Now we're 50; we've got to plan for those problems at 70," he said.

But there are cultural differences between the Nisei and the American culture, he said. How they plan for retirement "is going to have to be a little different."

Okazaki urged those attending the conference to create a task committee to formulate retirement plans. He also spoke of the

problems of retirement for all people.

"The trend is this: People, Japanese as well as anyone else, are living longer. Along with that, compulsory retirement is getting earlier."

"On top of that, education is taking longer," he said, explaining that his education required 16 years, compared with six for his father.

'Don't Ignore the Aged'

"We still remain a human being after we retire," he said. He quoted an Oriental saying: "Love me or hate me, but don't ignore me."

He said the elderly need to be needed. If they aren't, many develop psychosomatic illness.

Okazaki said that some people think money is the answer, but "it's not just money. You can get \$1,000 a month income when you retire and still be psychologically sick."

As human development regional director, Okazaki has such HEW divisions as aging, child neglect, Head Start, urban Indians, child development and runaways. He believes President Carter has strong commitments to support federal aging projects.

"You can see his concern in the way he treats his mother," Okazaki said.

Yoshiko Ochi of Idaho Falls, who had attended the planning conference on Nisei retirement last fall in San Francisco, also addressed the IDC session. She is a member of the Idaho State Commission on Aging. (Her husband Fred's watercolors were on display in the auditorium, adding a touch of color and cultural Nisei art.)

Wataridori's a Big Hit

The Bob Nakamura film, "Wataridori", drew unanimous raves, some saying they'd like to see it again. Because of the schedule, there was no time to give it a second showing but chapters were urged to reorder the film for their own meetings.

Jim Murakami, national JACL president, was the luncheon speaker. In the afternoon, the Intermountain District Council discussed reparations and other district matters (see last week's PC). Evening closed with many attending the National JACL Credit Union dinner-dance.

Murakami also conferred with the National JACL Convention Board on the 1978 event to be held here. □



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Ye Editor's Desk: Harry Honda

A Rare Recollection

Hershey Miyamura's quiet mannerism was overwhelmed the night he viewed George Akimoto's realistic painting of that night of April 24, 1951 at Taejon-Ni, north of Seoul, during the height of the Korean conflict after the Chinese Communists had entered the battle.

We hadn't seen Hershey since the 1972 JACL Convention in Washington, D.C. He and his wife Terry were in Los Angeles to attend a funeral. But it was also coincident to Akimoto having completed the Army commission to depict the night scene of Sgt. Miyamura's heroic actions that culminated in the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Over the years, reporters and acquaintances strained to get details of that night and how he must have felt. But that night at Akimoto's, the painting boggled Hershey's memory loose and those around him shared a rare recollection—a sharing we had never expected.

Hershey said he wasn't sure how many of the enemy dead were the result of his instinctive defenses but he had noticed the following morning (he had been taken prisoner by the Chinese) the dead were stacked like cords of wood. It was pitch dark, but he bayoneted his way out of the trench which was being overrun by the enemy (that was the term he used constantly in describing the other figures in the

By the Board:

The Term: 'Gook'

Editor:

In regard to Mr. Hashiguchi's letter (Mar. 4 PC), here is the further background on the offensive term, Gook.

In 1949, a U.S. Army commander in the U.S. occupation forces in Japan declared "anyone who calls indigenous personnel (i.e., native Japanese) a gook shall be court martialled".

In early 1950, GIs stationed in French Morocco routinely referred to local Arabs as gook. And, even before WW2, a former U.S. serviceman who was stationed in Hawaii recalls calling all yellow persons gooks; he also added at that time blacks were called "Alabama Indians".

How would you explain the word "Gobbledegook"? It has nothing to

do with Korean word "Guk" or "Kok" (meaning country, I am a Korean-born Japanese).

The original meaning of gook, according to the Random House Dictionary (unabridged, 1966), 1. Dirt, crime, or sludge. Secondary meaning: Disparaging and offensive: a. a foolish person, b. a peasant, c. an Arab, d. anyone who is offensive to others because of stupidity or coarseness, e. a member of the yellow race.

I appreciate Mr. H's apparent sense of humor in his attempt to derive the term. In particular, my office co-workers and I enjoyed the anecdote ending with "Me Gook, You Tarzan".

Unfortunately, a racism is rooted much deeper than Mr. H would allow and certainly goes far back in the history of Western civilization. CHIZUKO CROCKER
Madison, Wis.

Bergan and Cornelia Evans in their "Dictionary of Contemporary American Usage (Random House, 1957)" said gobbledegook was coined by the late Rep. Maury Maverick of Texas, combining the self-important, incomprehensible gobbling of a turkey-cock with the idea of a sticky and loathsome muck into which the unhappy listener or reader sinks with a bubbling cry. The Evanses have no entry for "gook".

In Berry & Bark's "American Thesaurus of Slang" (Crowell, 1942), the term is associated with "thick fluid" or "syrupy food" and akin to "goo, gooe, and goop". Filipinos were also called "goo goo" or "gook" but there is no entry with reference to persons of other nationalities in the 1930s when this book was compiled. The slovenly prostitute was also tagged as a "gook" or "zook"—a takeoff on

"gutter slut". Among shoes salesmen, the term stood for the bonus paid for selling old-style and damaged shoes.—Editor.

Short Notes

Dear Harry:

We in the Midwest especially look forward to the issue appearing on the third week of the month. Our page in the PC has sparked real interest and I hope will serve as a factor in membership renewals. Much thanks and credit go to Anna Peterson and Tom Hibino who act as "co-editors" of the page and to you for giving us the space.

LILLIAN C. KIMURA
Governor, MDC

Chicago

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picture). He easily remembered the taunting voices of the enemy surrounding his patrol before the assault. And it was bitterly cold—even though it was late April. Hershey noted the field jacket and added, "that's the same jacket I had on when I was released at Freedom Village" two years later. Last year, he went back to Freedom Village to visit the area with other VIPs and he couldn't recognize the place.

Looking at the somber blue painting, we didn't think the photoengraver would be able to show the details in the cut that appears in this week's issue. We now see figures in the background more clearly than in the color photograph which was presented to us. Just where the Army intends to hang this stimulating picture, we haven't heard—but if it makes a circuit of museums with other paintings done by minority artists who had been commissioned—those who remember the heart-swelling incident should not miss the opportunity.

But for a few of us, it was a treasured moment to see Hershey quietly looking at that picture, absorbing all the

feelings that such a scene evokes, and then hearing him relate in a most animated fashion what was happening... There was no thought of heroics there. He just wanted out fast. But instinct to live, as seen by his men who had returned safely, merited him the Nation's highest symbol of gratitude and recognition.

The other item worth passing from the Miyamuras is the news that Albuquerque JACL is in the midst of reactivation. There are about 1,000 persons of Japanese ancestry scattered throughout the state of New Mexico, with about half living in Albuquerque.

The Albuquerque chapter is a welcome link in the chain of JACL organizations throughout the Rockies. The Mountain Plains District Council is the biggest we have, geographically. The string of JACL chapters from Montana (where JACL was active till about 1955) to the Gulf of Mexico will be valued as the rare gems mined from the area. The chapters are all JACL's treasures.

Something's rotten in the U.S.: Anti-Nisei Racism

By CHUCK KUBOKAWA
NC-WNDC District Governor

Palo Alto Calif.

There are undoubtedly hundreds of members who feel the way I do on issues but are not writing about it. But on this issue where some top people in government still question the loyalty of Japanese Americans (Mar. 4, PC), it cannot be shaken off and forgotten.

Something must be rotten in the U.S. Do we covertly teach racism? Why must just the Japanese Americans be singled out of tens of other ethnic groups that make up our nation? Must we prove ourselves again as a super patriotic group?

As big as I am, I'm still a very emotional person, deeply hurt when I read about people questioning our loyalty a generation after much Japanese American blood was spilled in battle for the cause of our nation. Why must we have a super-example at work to show we work harder or have to show more dedication than the rest?

I wonder now whether all the beautiful Japanese American lives lost during World War I and II to prove their loyalty to their last breath were lost in vain. Maybe their lives could have been spent more meaningfully at home fighting the stupid human sense of injustice, bigotry and racism.

The lessons we tried to teach the majority must again be rehashed, not by our choice. Yes! we are really not accepted because of our Japanese names and physical features. We can anglicize our names as other immigrants have and try to fake our way out, but our physical features will give us away. There is no escape for us, we must face the music and relieve the pressures from the past the best way we can as individuals, groups and as a national organization.

As Santayana said, "Those who forget the past are condemned and destined to relive it," certainly isn't true for the Japanese Americans. Even if we wanted to forget the

past we can't because we are constantly reminded and pricked with the everlasting racism of the past, which sets off a chain reaction of thoughts that bring back all the strifes of the past.

We as a minority group are destined to relive our past no matter how hard we try to smooth the stormy sea of racism. The reminder continues to return like the tide in the sea of ignorance echoing that the Japanese Americans are different by names and physical features, therefore, suspect.

Are we being used as scapegoats for the real frustrations that exist in our government? Then why us? What happened to the other minorities of the Third World, Blacks,

Chicanos, Latinos, the illegal aliens, etc.? Why aren't their loyalties questioned?—Other Caucasians that come from Europe? Is it because we are so small in number, offer the least resistance and play the game according to the rules of our government, which can be interpreted to meet the majority's needs and greed?

This entire situation is stupid but is happening in our country—the land of equal rights, freedom and the Constitution, that is flexible for the benefit of the majority, of which we are legally a part in many cases, and inflexible and stringent for the minority, again for which we are because of our names and physical features.

Was killing the enemy during the war, and having the most decorated regiment—a super minority group—to show we were patriotic worth it all? Taking of another's life to show patriotism was wrong. It would have been better to have had our deceased brothers alive today to fight racism and the bigotry which keeps on cropping up at our every step, than to have had their lives lost for naught.

When high officials can call a newspaper person a "fat Jap", when our U.S. Senator who served in World War II and lost his arm for the present welfare of the lawyer who labeled him in racist terms, when the Nikkei community takes the brunt of the Whaling Issue, when a local radio station uses the word "Jap", and when our new President's transition team has the audacity to question the loyalty of only the Japanese American candidates for high positions, there is something wrong with our system of education and of the human rights of the Japanese Americans.

We are Americans, and deserve the full rights and should not be judged by a different scale or a measuring device to single us out. We must be treated as equals! The U.S. is giving great attention to the human rights of the people in other countries, but at the same time must not forget about the human rights of our own people.

There are many experiences in my life that culminated into this early morning (4 a.m.) episode of my life, and I have found that single thread in my life as to why I am here on earth. It is a great feeling when you find out, therefore, I am sharing this personal experience with all of you.

I know many of the answers to questions about why I have been doing so many things in my life, like during the Korean police action, volunteering to go into combat in the Far East, trying to emulate those who bravely lost their lives serving the armed services, like the 442nd Combat Team, to prove my loyalty. I did request the Far East, but ended up at the eastern most Air Force Base in the U.S. in Maine, though I stated I spoke Japanese.

Volunteering to serve NASA's first aquanaut living in a hostile environment on the ocean floor for one month working 18 to 20 hours a day, four to six hours more than my Caucasian counterparts, wearing myself

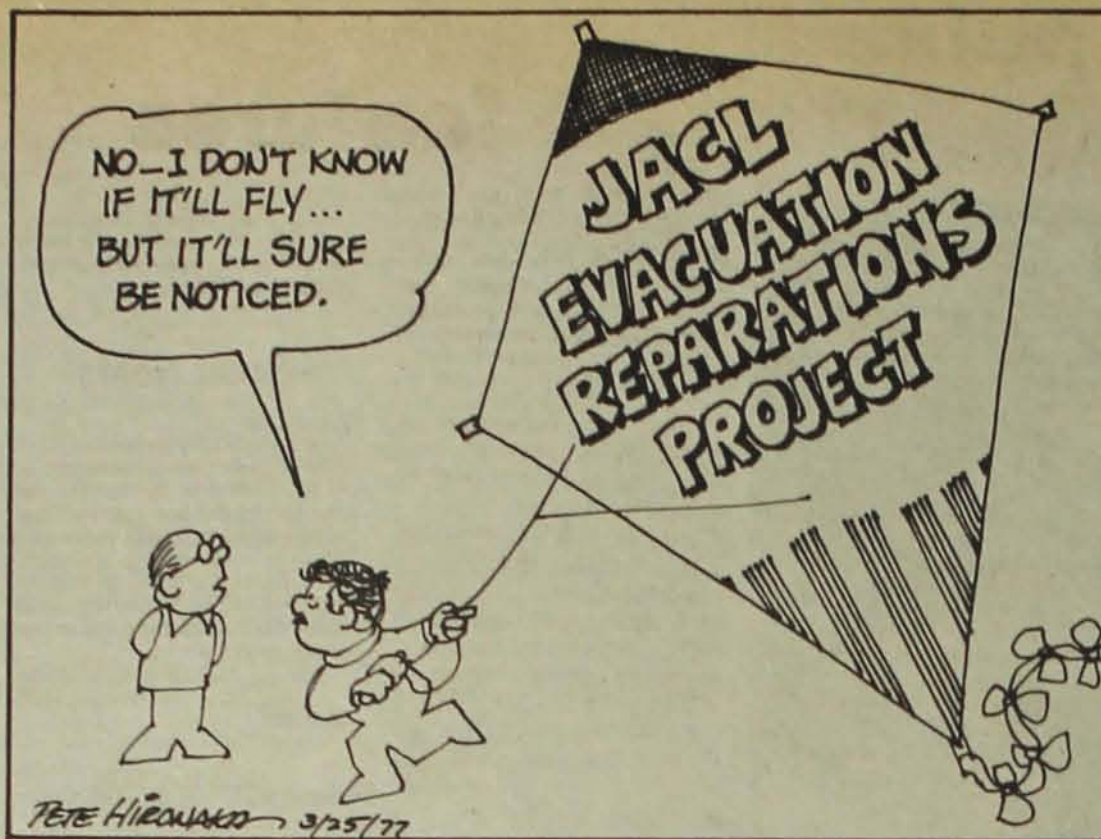
out but helping lead the best and most productive team of aquanauts in Project Tektite 2. And now running for the Palo Alto City Council.

My inner drive is to show the majority that I can do a job just as well, if not better, than they can because I have a bone to pick with them... I'm American and I still have to prove it. And we Japanese Americans are not going to sit back and take all the slurs and stupid racist innuendos the rest of our lives. We want to take a positive step and educate the public that we Nikkei are human beings with a little more sensitivity than the majority of the U.S. that was deprived of living in the American Concentration camp act that singled out the Japanese Americans, and left a stigma on the history of the U.S.)

The inner me is working with the rest of us in the JACL to prevent the recurrence of what most of us have gone through, for the oncoming generations of Sansei, Yonsei, etc. To bicker amongst ourselves or waste our energies in not directing it to fight all the covert hate and discrimination vented towards the Japanese Americans is just plain stupidity, because whatever we leave undone will automatically be inherited by and haunt our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

We of the JACL membership are supposed to be one step ahead of the majority, therefore, let us put our energies together to fight this cancer of the majority, Racism, Bigotry, Intolerance, and Ignorance. It is up to us to provide the uninformed with information that will hopefully assist them to see the world from our side of the window. Yes, we are our brother's and sister's keeper and must teach them to become more humanistic.

Some Nikkei still ask, "Do we really need JACL?". The answer is an emphatic YES!!!! We absolutely need the National JACL Organization. □



For Today & Tomorrow: by Jon Inouye

A Major Ethnic Disaster

It happened to the Ainu in Japan. It is happening to the native Hawaiian, quietly and gradually.

It's not as visible as open genocide or the round-up of the American Indian, but nonetheless it is within the same category: *Racial extinction*. There are many ways to kill a given race of people, from within and without.

Some ways are overt and direct, such as rounding up a group of people with similar appearance, language, cultural or religious background and placing them in gas chambers or expelling them from the country. This is an obvious challenge, and incredibly the most honest. It is an honest man who says he doesn't like you and wants to get rid of you.

But far more vicious is the man who operates behind the scenes, pretending to be your friend but stabbing you in the back. He is the man to be feared, for he is the hypocrite and his apparent actions are a mask for his evil.

A less direct and very sordid method is *dispersal* of a race. This is disuniting members of that race, attacking and attempting to disperse the morals of the race, trying to dislodge their population, identity, religion, and language.

This is all done over a period of years and in a slow, seldom visible manner. We are speaking here in terms of two or three generations. Individual voices protesting the gradual erosion of the culture, customs and civilization of the race fade in time.

And what we have left is an "assimilated race", with a lost culture, a lost history, and a lost identity.

This is what I believe is happening to the American-born and English-speaking Japanese.

Some will say, in response to this, "You are a racist. You really are! We must

look at ourselves as Ameri-

Perhaps this is correct. However I would like to point out that we "Japanese Americans" are American by nationality but Japanese by race. Denial of this will lead to senseless argument and occasional confusion. For in order to lead any type of discussion we must have some sort of agreement.

"America" is a hasty generalization. America is made up of many different peoples of all types of jobs, backgrounds, religions. We are not all the same.

Those of lesser intelligence would like to forcibly place us into one mold, but unfortunately this is not possible, communism notwithstanding.

When we say "America" we must break down this generalization into smaller groups. Even when saying "Japanese American" we are talking about a group of individuals with diversified goals and jobs.

But the one thing that holds any group together, other than goals and jobs, are common race, language and culture.

We Japanese Americans have this, and let's not forget a grand culture that goes back at least a thousand years.

What is the greatest threat to our race here in the United States? Is it the FBI? "White Racism"? Is it the mass media? Is it from without or from within?

While we have been worrying about these things, the greatest threat is stabbing us almost unseen.

I have gazed at recent statistics indicating over one out of every two marriages among Japanese Americans is interracial. A noted social scientist mentioned that this posed grave questions on the future of the Japanese American, for there will be few "pure-blooded Japanese" Americans left if this statistic continues for more than one or two generations.

This is not an alarmist or

racist or conservative comment, but a statement of bald fact. We are talking in terms here of raw survival of a people.

Because we live in 1977, in an age of transcontinental airliners (and missiles), an age of nuclear generators (and bombs), and microwave ovens and television *Kung Fu*, is no reason to believe we are in any way safe.

Danger comes where we least expect it and often times it pops in under one's nose.

We Japanese Americans will vanish as a race here in the U.S. unless a clear awakening and strong identity re-emerges.

The intermarriage problem is by far the worse threat to our existence than a hundred million Manzanars, Tule Lakes, or Pearl Harbors.

When things are "not all right" one doesn't pretend they are. While we are economically and scholastically a successful minority, in order to maintain this success we must confront a major ethnic disaster, and this is intermarriage.

Reparations issues are here today and gone tomorrow. Toguri pardons likewise fade into the limelight, for there is only one Toguri.

But with the vanishment of our race, there is no one to speak issues.

Unlike Reparations or Concentration Camps, this is something that requires a truly personal sacrifice.

This is something that distinguishes the "men from the boys".

If we as Japanese Americans view racial "assimilation" (extinction) as something good, then I stop my "sermon" here. But if we desire a continuance of a cultural, ethnic tradition carried to us by our Issei forebears, then we cannot do anything but confront the interracial marriage problem.

The choice is yours. □

From the Frying Pan: by Bill Hosokawa

Bias in the Academe

Denver, Colo.

You might not suspect the pleasant groves of academe are one of the last stubborn strongholds of subtle discrimination. But apparently they are to the extent that about a year and a half ago the prestigious 6,000-member Association for Asian Studies agreed to set up a special committee to do something about a situation that had been bothering many of the members.

It's called the Committee on Scholars of Asian Descent (CSAD). This weekend (March 25-27) the Association for Asian Studies will be meeting for its annual convention in New York and CSAD will hold some sessions of its own to get its program cranked up.

I have heard all this from Dr. Akira Kubota, a Sacramento-born Nisei who is an associate professor in the political science department of the University of Windsor in Ontario, Canada. As acting chairman of CSAD, he wrote to ask whether I could get something in the public prints about his organization. That posed no problem, but I would need to know a lot more about CSAD before writing about it.

So Dr. Kubota explained that while about one-fourth of the Association's members are of Asian descent, they seem to be getting the short end of the deal both in and out of the organization. He cited five categories of problems facing scholars of Asian descent:

1—The Association's hierarchy is dominated by non-Asians. Only one Asian, Dr. Ping-ti Ho of Chicago, was ever elected president.

2—Virtually all Asian studies programs in the major U.S. and Canadian universities are dominated by scholars who are not of Asian descent even though many are highly qualified.

3—The mechanism that controls distribution of research grants and the editing of articles is dominated by non-Asians. For example, of the 16 members of the American Advisory Committee on the Japan Foundation, a major funding agency in

Japanese studies, only one is of Asian descent.

4—In many universities, faculty members of Asian descent are not fully accepted socially by their colleagues and tend to have greater problems in getting tenure, promotion and pay increases.

5—Asian specialists of Asian descent have been virtually excluded from senior positions in the State Department and other government agencies.

Well, all this being true and deplorable, what would the Committee on Scholars of Asian Descent hope to gain by newspaper exposure?

First, Dr. Kubota says, CSAD wants to let as many people as possible know it exists because of these and other problems. "As long as our committee exists," he says, "The Association for Asian Studies sooner or later has to assist us in realizing an appropriate ethnic representation in every aspect of Asian studies."

Second, there's a need to get the word out to the scholars of Asian descent who may not be aware of what's going on, and get them involved.

Third, CSAD needs all the help it can get from everyone, particularly the support of Asian American communities of the U.S. and Canada and the publications that serve them.

"Those who control power in North America, whether they be politicians or scholars, rarely change things unless and until they are politically compelled to do so," Dr. Kubota, a political scientist observes. "Basically, we have to use political approaches to our problems, and to do so, we have to activate Asian specialists of Asian descent and their friends. The media play a critical role in creating such a political climate."

So there you have it. You can get in touch with Prof. Akira Kubota at the Department of Political Science, University of Windsor, Windsor, Ontario N9B 3P4, Canada. He will be happy to hear from you and welcomes your support. □

Plain Speaking: by Wayne Horiuchi

Reasons for Joining JACL

Washington

It's that time of year to renew your membership to JACL. And in this column, I'm going to give a plug to one of the best human and civil rights organizations in the United States (even though I'm biased)—that's JACL.

I don't think that anyone can deny the numerous, helpful and exciting programs of JACL. The JACL travel program sends hundreds of members back to Japan and Europe for nominal costs. The JACL Credit Union gives you the opportunity to borrow and accrue interest at very reasonable rates. The Presidential Classroom for Young Americans and the JAL Cultural Heritage Fellowship Program give the young people of JACL an opportunity to expand their interest and prepare them for leadership in not only JACL but society in general. The Blue Shield of California insurance program is another membership service that JACLers enjoy. The Pacific Citizen keeps you informed about the Japanese American community. These are just a few of the services for you, the member.

But what about the social and cultural programs? Each local chapter, of course,

has a myriad of social programs that are to benefit the members directly. The picnics, dances, and other social gatherings are all part of saying "I'm proud to be Japanese American."

On the National level, the Bowling Tournament promotes competition and good will among JACLers. And the cultural events such as the Japanese language, sumie, bonsai, cooking and other cultural classes emphasize a pride and awareness in our culture.

Of even a broader nature are the programs to raise the national conscience. Just since I've been Washington Representative we've educated Congress, the President and the American people about Iva Toguri, the horrors of Evacuation and internment of Japanese Americans during World War II, and the necessity of being aware of the broader Asian American community.

These kinds of programs, which are told through the tools of media, political and public advocacy, are important to us all because the education of the American people about our problems is the first step toward better understanding and prevention of prejudice.

With all that JACL offers, don't you think you ought to join? □

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—Tri-District Conference pre-registration. (Use coupon, Pg. 6.)
April 1—JACL-JAL Cultural Heritage fellowships (Forms, call Richard Okabe, JACL Hq.)

May 1—Nat'l JACL Graduate scholarships.

May 1—Nat'l NACL Freshman Graduate scholarships.

May 16—Nat'l JACL-Satow Memorial Hdcp Bowling Tournament entries (Forms at JACL Hq., chapters.)

July 1—JACL Hayashi Law scholarships (Forms, N.Y. JACL, 50 W 67th St, New York 10023.)

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—Nisei Singles dance, Gardena JCI.

Milwaukee—1000 Club whingding, Country Gardens, 6:30 p.m.
Contra Costa—Family bowling, Palo Alto—Nisei Ski disco dance, Rickey's Hyatt House.

March 25—27

West Los Angeles—Issei excursion to Desert Hot Springs.

March 25—April 2

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

March 26—27

PNWDC—Qtrly sess, White River Valley JACL, hosts.

March 27 (Sunday)

Fowler—Picnic, Kearney Park, Fresno.

New York—Gen mtg, JA United Church, 2:30 p.m.; Dr Harry Kitano, spkr.

April 1 (Friday)

Hollywood—Theater party, East West Players, 6:30 p.m., buffet; "And the Soul Shall Dance," 8:30 p.m.

Livermore—Sister City dnr, Livermore High, 6:30 p.m.

chapter pulse

Eden Township's cooking class



Harumi Mori of Tokyo teaches Japanese cooking to a class of 40 women at Eden Japanese Community Center.

Chicago

The Chicago JACL scholarship dinner-dance will also be a 20th anniversary reunion of the scholars, according to Bill Yoshino, chapter scholarship chairman. The gala event is scheduled for Saturday, May 21, at the Oakbrook Sheraton Hotel.

Committee is seeking the whereabouts of the following past winners:

1956—Kenji G. Ando; 1957—Elizabeth Okayama; 1958—Helen Tademaru; 1960—Richard Tani, Eugene Tademaru; 1961—Russell Kumai, Nancy Koga; 1962—Diane Morita; 1963—Edward S. Ogata; Margaret K. Murata; 1964—Christine Hashimoto, Donna Chikaraishi, Louise Harada, Elynn Prossie, Larry Iwamoto, Calvin Manshio.

1965—James Yanagisawa; 1966—Ken Sakauye, Julie Matayoshi; 1968—Edmund Matayoshi, June Brown, Koji Yaguchi, Steven Nakamura; 1970—Joyce Adachi; 1971—Nancy Fukuda, Alvin Aki, Joyce Nagata; 1972—David Iwatsuki, Leslie T. Yamamoto, Chester Hayakawa, Elaine Matsushita, Jean Fujii, Judy Morimoto; 1973—Joan Norikane, Richard Kadota, Mary Omori, Susan Korns, John Payne.

1974—Cathy Uyeda; 1975—Nancy Hashimoto.

Scholarship winners whose addresses are known are as follows:

1955—Seiji Itahara; 1959—Christine Fujimoto; 1961—Ken Kasai; 1962—Gail Katagiri, Ron Yoshino; 1963—Kerrie Takagishi; 1965—Christine Koyama, Patricia Fujimoto, Edith Mae Nakamura, Joyce Yamauchi; 1966—Joyce Hattori, Sandra Kitabayashi; 1967—Nancy Jo Katagiri; 1968—Steven Takagishi, Judith Hattori, Linda Mayeda; 1972—Sandy Honda, Roger Fujimoto; 1974—Richard Fujimoto, Steven Hattori; 1975—Peggy Sato, Peggy Christiansen; 1976—Frank Tamura, Luke Harada, Catherine Catania, Donald Brown, Patricia Nakamoto, Michele Obara, Robert Okabe.

Meanwhile, the Dr. Thomas T. Yatabe Scholarship Fund board of trustees met Feb. 1 to fill vacancies, adopt new by-laws, and review its financial status.

Contra Costa

William Nakatani, chapter president, and his cabinet were installed at the annual Contra Costa County JACL installation dinner Feb. 4 at Spenger's Restaurant by Don Hayashi, acting national director. Nakatani, an active Berkeley Buddhist Temple leader, is a senior officer with Social Security Administration.

A number of recognitions were presented. The JACL

Silver Pin went to Flora Nomiya for her work with the Richmond-S h i m a d a Friendship Commission and to Jerry Irei for his work at the chapter and district levels.

Certificates of appreciation were given to Wakako Adachi, representing the Issei community and her support of Sakura Kai; Jim Kimoto, for his leadership in JACL and Richmond Redevelopment since 1969; Gene Roh, for his dedication to Asian American concerns; and to the late Edison Uno.

For unusual services to the chapter, plaques were awarded to Tom Kawaguchi, for his leadership in the Southeast Asian resettlement program; Glenn Onizuka, for his community work; and to Dan Uesugi, for his unprecedented service as chapter president for three terms.

Program chairman Jack Imada (236-9809) announced the 1977 Contra Costa County JACL activities and noted chairmanships are still open for certain events. The calendar shows six events are self-supporting while others have been budgeted by the chapter treasury. The calendar (from March) follows:

Mar. 26—Family bowling, Tom Kaya; April—Issei appreciation night; April 23—Reno trip, Ray Sawyer; May 7—Spring golf tournament, Jack Hamahashi; May 20—Family volleyball; Hazel Sawyer; June 3—Family ice skating, Don Uejo; June—Family fishing derby; July 17—Picnic;

Aug. 27—Issei outing, Kimie Sato; August—Night with the A's, Glenn Onizuka; Sept. 10—Bar-b-que, Ben Takeshita; Sept. 24—Fall golf tournament, J Hamahashi; Oct. 3 or 7—Ladies night, Grace Goto; November—Bd dnr mtg, William Nakatani; Dec. 3—Christmas party, Dec. 31—New Year's eve party, W Nakatani.

Eden Township

By Masako Minami

Forty-two women attended the cooking classes recently sponsored by the Eden Township JACL.

Aki Hasegawa and Tosh Nakashima co-chaired the program, assisted by: Grace Nakashima, Toshi Hasegawa, Yuri Yokota, Fumi Wada, Tomi Miyamoto, Hamako Nishida, Jean Nomura, Jean Kawahara, Ich Nishida and Leo Tatara.

The program consisted of

four sessions on Japanese taught by Miss Harumi Mori of Tokyo, and one on Italian cooking with Alex Guiliani as instructor assisted by Miss Rosella Guiliani.

Other classes are being considered.

Fowler

The Fowler JACL picnic this Sunday, Mar. 27, 10:30 a.m., has been changed from Sam Parnagian's ranch to Kearney Park in Fresno. Lack of water has been blamed for there is no boating or fishing at the lake in the ranch, according to Joe Yoshimura, picnic chairman.

The park has tennis facilities. Races and games will be held for young and old.

New York

Dr. Harry H.L. Kitano, professor of social welfare and sociology and Academic Affirmative Action Officer at UCLA, will speak on "Japanese Americans: Who are we and are we really what we think we are?" it was announced by Ronald N. Inouye, president of the New York JACL, at the Japanese American United Church, 255 Seventh Ave. (between 24th & 25th Sts.), on Sunday, March 27, 2:30 p.m.

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Philadelphia

Author of *Years of Infamy*, Michi Weglyn, will speak at the Philadelphia JACL installation dinner Mar. 26, 6 p.m., at Cinelli's Country House, Cherry Hill, N.J. Her topic is "Untold Story of America's Concentration Camps". She was acclaimed the Nisei of the Biennium at the 1976 National JACL Convention.

Russell Mesi is the new president.

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Mammoth booklet proposed

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah—To really celebrate JACL's 25th biennial National Convention here next year, the expectation is to distribute the souvenir booklet for the first time in the organization's history to some 23,000 households comprising the membership.

The 1978 Convention Booklet committee is seeking support, ideas and endorsement from all chapters, district councils and National Headquarters.

Editors of the booklet have proposed contents to include a brief sketch of each chapter, a written-pictorial history of JACL, pro-

files of all past national presidents, a feature on To-paz relocation center, review of current JACL programs, proceedings of the 1978 convention and all printed material provided during the convention.

Delegates to the convention would receive the booklet minus the action report and minutes.

Because of the immense publication costs, the committee this past week (March 18) asked the National Board for endorsement as a "determining factor". Chapters were also going to be asked through district governors for support

of the idea to defray handling costs. In lieu of the \$1 per member fee, a chapter could sell the equivalent in advertisement.

Chapters may communicate with the Utah JACL coordinator, Alice Kasai, 83 D St., Salt Lake City, Utah 84103. □

SEABROOK JACL:

Carter pleased with Minyo dancers

WASHINGTON — The Minyo Dancers of Seabrook were invited by Jimmy Carter's Inaugural Committee to participate in the President's "People's Inaugural" last January.

The Minyo Dancers, under the banner of the Seabrook JACL, performed to a crowd of 6,000 persons on Jan. 18 (photo: Feb. 25 PC).

The Seabrook contingent was selected for a five-day Carter fete to represent the Japanese Americans of the nation. They generated a sensational "people participation" in Japanese folk dancing to a large crowd in the National Visitors Center here.

The Seabrook Minyo Dancers gained instant worldwide prominence by being featured on TV as well as international news coverage.

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Friends in California phoned the Seabrook dancers congratulating them on their performance.

The Seabrook dancers were also seen on NBC's *Today Show*, the following morning.

The Jan. 19 issue of Japan's large newspaper *Nippon Keizai* of Tokyo (650,000 readers) carried a UPI satellite photo of the dancers.

Carter Writes

Jimmy Carter personally wrote the Seabrook Dancers Jan. 27. "I deeply appreciate your contribution to the inauguration," the President wrote. "Your appearance in the free cultural events program marked an opening of the Nation's capital to all

Convention Week

The combined chapters of Utah—Salt Lake, Mt Olympus and Wasatch Front North—are hosts of the 25th biennial National JACL Convention during the third week of July in 1978 with Convention Headquarters at Hotel Utah, scene of previous National JACL Conventions.



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San Jose

By Geri Mitsunaga

It was a gala occasion for the 125 persons attending the 1977 installation dinner of the San Jose JACL board of directors and board members, at the San Jose Hyatt House.

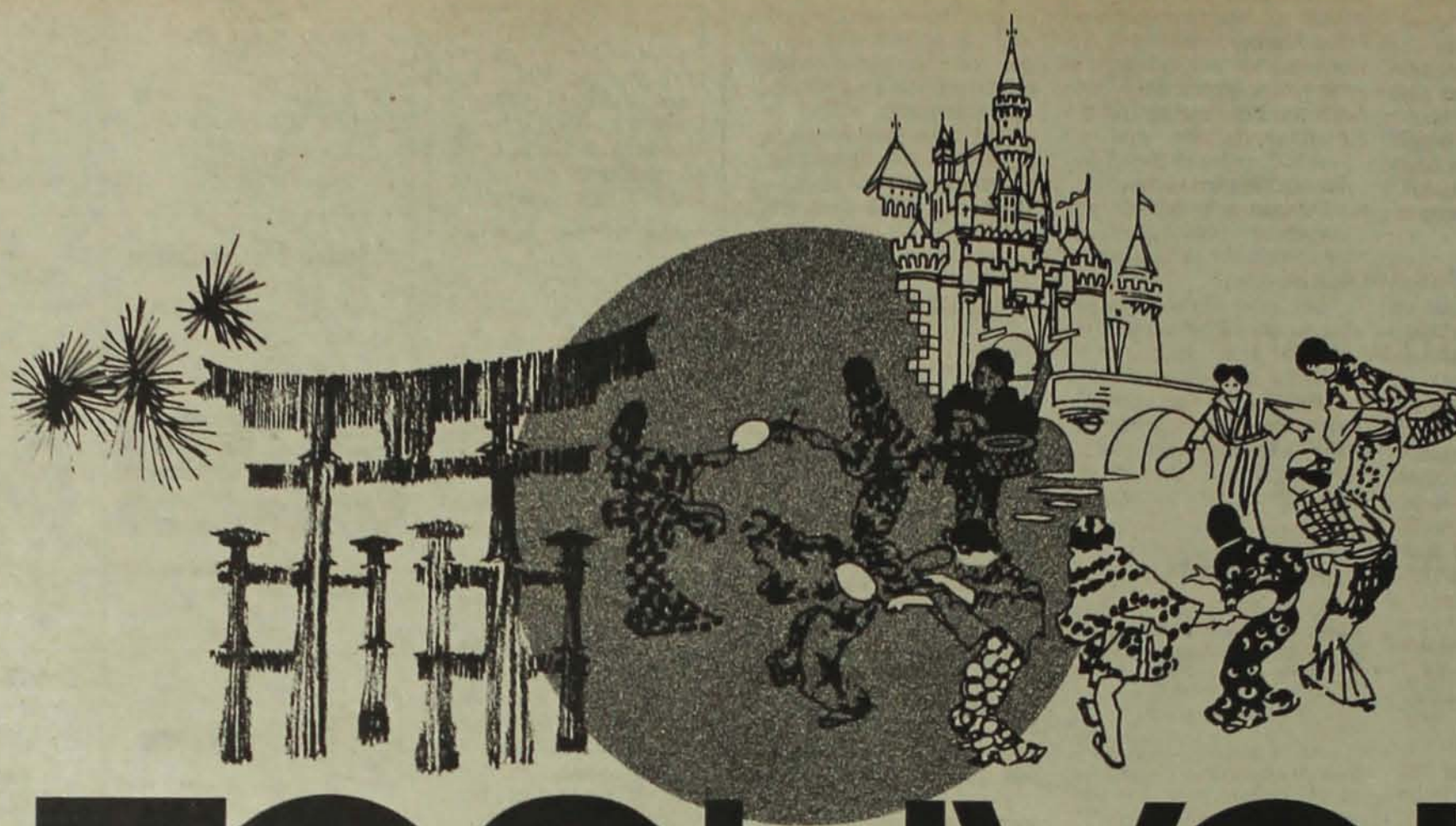
Highlighting the evening was the special recognition paid to Masuo Akizuki, San Jose branch manager of the Hokubei Mainichi, for his unique contribution to education through sponsorship of the Hokubei Mainichi-Gary Yamamoto mathe-

matics contest for high school students, held each year since 1967.

Michael Honda received an appreciation gift and past president's pin. He served three years.

James Murakami, national JACL president, installed Sansei attorney Jan Kurahara, Jr. as president and his board.

The guest speaker was San Jose Police Chief Joseph McNamara speaking on the role of volunteer civil rights organizations and involvement in community affairs. James Ono was emcee. □



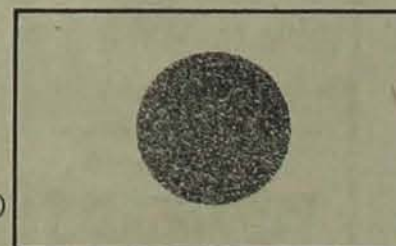
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Students in Japan grow up ignorant of WW2 era

TOKYO—Though President Roosevelt called it a "date that will live in infamy," what Japanese schoolchildren are encouraged to remember about Pearl Harbor may not tally with what the outraged President had in mind when he made his famous speech to Congress

the day after the surprise attack: "Japan attacked Pearl Harbor," said Koichi Hamada, 13, and a bright-eyed junior high school student, "and at first we had a big victory."

He did not know how or why Japan entered World

War II, only that the situation later changed "and we lost." There was no reason why an inconsequential piece of history from two generations ago should interrupt his school lunch of milk and spaghetti and Koichi kept on eating.

Koei Honda, 43, is one of many teachers troubled that the majority of children in Japan grow up ignorant of World War II or learn a version of it that most Americans would agree is incorrect.

"We have many children who think Japan did no wrong in the Pacific war," Honda said. "They are not taught why the war started so they do not think about it."

History Teacher

In his classroom career and as secretary general of a 6,000-member Council of History Educators, Honda has campaigned for the right to teach about the war "according to my conscience." He is driven by more than a belief in historical accuracy.

Honda believes that if Japanese who live and work in other Asian countries are to avoid the tag of "economic animals" and the riots and anti-Japanese demonstrations of the recent past, they must understand their country's war role. "To have communication with other Asians we must know what the war meant to them and what we did to them," he explained.

If nations agree on the causes of wars there might be fewer of them: nevertheless, the differences between the version of the war taught in Japan and the one most Americans would accept is striking.

For Americans, Pearl Harbor is synonymous with duplicity and treachery. While Japanese diplomats were still negotiating for continued peace in Washington, a



Young children in Japan going to school.

Japanese Navy strike force inflicted a sudden and humiliating defeat on the U.S. Pacific Fleet in its Pearl Harbor anchorage. Eight battleships were sunk or damaged and 188 aircraft put out of action.

Japanese history books convey no contrition for the surprise attack. Most of the nation's wars in modern times began without formal declaration and the tactic was regarded as acceptable and highly successful.

Interpretations Differ

The deepest discrepancies lie in interpretation of events which led up to Pearl Harbor.

In the Western view, Japan fell into the hands of blindly aggressive militarists and expansionists who wanted to colonize China and other Asian countries for market and raw materials.

While conceding the war was a mistake, almost every Japanese textbook in current use asserts the war was forced on Japan by the oil and economic sanctions applied by the U.S. and other nations. The Japanese call it "the ABCD line"—the letters standing for America, Britain, China and the Dutch (Holland).

A typical account of the Japanese advances into China and Indochina and the economic responses of "the ABCD line," concludes, "We could no longer avoid the war so on Dec. 8, 1941, the Japanese Navy suddenly attacked Pearl Harbor and we

declared war."

Prof. Shinkichi Eto, a noted expert on international relations at Tokyo University, essentially agrees with that interpretation and approves the way the war is

taught in Japanese schools. He said that after mistakenly invading China, "Japan was surrounded by hostile powers, was going to be choked and made a war for survival."

Occupation Policy

After the 1945 surrender, American Occupation authorities censored Japanese language and history books—inking out whole pages to delete references to ultranationalism and martial virtues. When in 1948-49 classroom discussion of the war began, only a version laying exclusive emphasis on Japanese culpability was permitted.

"Then," according to Prof.

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Spartan Beat: Mas Manbo

Now, American Pies

TOKYO—McDonald's and Kentucky Fried Chicken stands have been proliferating in the capital and Shakey's Pizza Parlors have sprouted here and there, providing a variety of low-priced fast foods with a U.S. flavor for local inhabitants.

There are actually more than 40 McDonald's outlets in Tokyo today and around 60 more scattered in other parts of the country. McDonald's hamburgers, available at ¥150 or 50 cents, are thus giving udon and soba a run for the money.

While the appearance of the fast-food emporiums is a welcome thing, I say thank God the most for one other American import—Anna Miller's Restaurants.

The spick and span Anna Miller's located in the lively Akasaka area has good food, including a de luxe hamburger priced at ¥780, which is more than \$2.50. However, it is its dazzling array of fine pies that gains the most attention.

With those luscious concoctions found in more than 20 varieties, it's love at first bite. They make Anna Miller's, with its shiny floors, nice decor and young waitresses in crisp miniskirt uniforms, a place to write home about. Except that if home means Los Angeles, San Francisco, Sacramento

or Honolulu, it may be old news. They all have Anna Miller's Restaurants.

Coffee to go with hamburgers can be had, in a paper cup, for only ¥100 at McDonald's, which is mighty cheap. At Anna Miller's, the price for a cup is ¥280, the same as for a slab of its superb Dutch apple pie. This is about the medium-range price for a cup of coffee in Tokyo nowadays. Prices at coffee shops run from ¥230 up to ¥300 or one whole dollar—and are expected to rise higher soon.

At Anna Miller's, however, one can get a refill without charge. That makes a lot of difference.

I'll probably never see the inside of Maxim's de Paris, no doubt Tokyo's ritziest restaurant. But who cares? I'd rather be at Anna Miller's having some of that blueberry cheesecake. It costs ¥480 or more than \$1.50 per portion. And brother, it's really worth it.

L.A. market area renewal sought

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East Asian carp

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CHUCK KUBOKAWA

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SCHOOL

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Eto, "the political and psychological pendulum swung back to the middle."

"During the Occupation they enforced education on the lines that the Pacific war was a plot of Japanese military leaders," Eto continued. "It was presented as an expansionist war involving surprise attack, cruel mistreatment and every kind of evil thing."

Marxists in the Japan Teachers' Union took the same line, blaming Japan's prewar leaders for functioning as "the slaves and puppets of monopoly capitalists," he said.

The curriculum dispute involves two crosscurrents in Japanese life. Most of the population prefers to think of the war as something bad, but buried in the distant past and divorced from the tremendous regrowth of the nation in the postwar era.

A minority, which includes teacher Koei Honda, is unwilling and perhaps unable to let the subject drop. In 1972 he set his pupils to writing and visiting the embassies of 35 countries in an endeavor to establish the cost to them of the war caused by Japanese military aggression. He felt the textbooks dwelt overly much on the sufferings of Japan and disregarded other nations.

The project was an academic and human success. Today's textbook carries a footnote courtesy of Honda and his class which says that—excluding Japanese—18,820,000 Asians died in the Pacific war.

All three Nisei incumbents were re-elected Mar. 8 to their trustee posts in Santa Clara County school districts: **Richard Tanaka**, architect-urban planner, East Side High School District, with 5,584 votes (207 less than the top vote-getter); **Edward Hoshino**, Alum Park Elementary District; and **Robert Kishimura**, Gilroy Unified School District, leading the field with 2,052 votes. **Esther Ono**, San Jose's assistant ombudswoman, polled 5,756 votes to the top person's 7,385 votes to win one of two trustee positions in the wide-open San Jose Community College race. Eighteen vied in the race to succeed two incumbents who retired.

Foster City (Calif.) Councilman **Kiyoshi Matsuo** was one of two remaining after the voters recalled three other council members in the Mar. 8 elections who had voted to shift \$150,000 in tax money from commercial-industrial property to residential property. **Sam K. Kimura**, 48, a Pacoima public works foreman with the city of Los Angeles, is among 13 candidates in the wide-open scramble in the 1st Councilmanic District race in the April 5 primaries. He is calling for aggressive pursuit of businesses for the Pacoima-Sun Valley area where many of San Fernando Valley's minorities reside.

San Joaquin County Supervisor **Richard Yoshikawa** is a defendant in a \$100,000 civil suit brought by Stockton City Councilman **Ralph Lee White**, charging Yoshikawa's election brochure, describing the plaintiff as a "part-time city councilman" was an attempt to injure him in the campaign.

The Nisei asked the suit be dismissed on grounds the comment was his opinion and protected by the First Amendment.

Award

Frank Minoru Yonemura was honored Mar. 8 by the El Camino Kiwanis Club and the City of Gardena for his unselfish donations toward bettering the city and welfare of the citizenry. Yonemura established one of the largest agricultural nurseries in the southland, ABC Nursery, and is currently director of Gardena Valley Japanese Credit Union. He founded and advised the Gardena Judo Club for the past 25 years. He has been a Gardena resident for the past five decades.

Sports

Earlier this year, **Ryan Kawaoka**, of San Jose, was one of 30 high school matmen named by Young Wrestler magazine as '76 High School All-Americans. Only two others were from California. Now a freshman at UC Berkeley, Kawaoka won a first at the San Jose State Invitational and is undefeated after eight varsity matches. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kawaoka of San Jose.

Eddie Masao Owens received an honorable mention when the AP All-American team was announced March 8. Owens played for Jerry Tarkanian's Rebels at Univ. of Nevada in Las Vegas. He is six feet seven inches.

Press Row

Chicago artist **Tak Mura-kami** captures the need for security and well-being of the world's children in the front cover drawing which appeared in the Oct. 1976 Rotarian. Theme for the month was the "Hope for the Human Habitat", the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements.

Churches

The Western Adult Buddhist League, at its annual conference in San Diego over the Feb. 12-13 weekend, elected **Frank Tsuji** of

Watsonville as president. San Jose will host the conference next year. **Katherine Morioka Reyes** of San Francisco was elected one of four lay delegates of the Presbytery of San Francisco to attend the church's general assembly in Philadelphia June 20-29.

Three ministers with service of around 40 years were honored by the Buddhist Churches of America upon their retirement during their Feb. 26 banquet in San Francisco. They were **Ryuel Masuoka** (37 years), **Bunyu Fujimura** (41 years) and **Ejitsu Hojo** (40 years).

Welfare

Glenn Nishimura of the Arkansas Consumer Research advised the President on energy problems, telling him that consumers are willing to make sacrifices if they know oil and gas companies are sacrificing too. **Ralph Nader** was later quoted as having said that the President indicated "keen appreciation" of Nishimura's point. San Francisco's **Kimochi, Inc.**, organized six years ago to

work with the Issei, operates an Issei Lounge on the Webster St. bridge in Nihonmachi and the daily lunch program at Konkō Church. **Steve Nakajo**, one of the founders of **Kimochi**, is back as the new director. He holds an MSW degree from San Francisco State.

Military

Rep. **John Krebs** (D-Fresno, Calif.) nominated **Diane Hortuchi** of Le-moore High School among the 23 this year to service academies from his 17th Congressional District. Diane was among five named for West Point. The academies are to make the appointments.

Science

Frank K. Koide of Fullerton, Calif., project engineer for metrology (science of weights and measures) and test programs for Autonet-ics, was one of 11 Rockwell International's Engineers of the Year. Awards were presented during National Engineers Week (Feb. 20-26). He joined Rockwell Corp. in 1954 and is known for his expertise and inventiveness in the areas of high

frequency and microwave measurements.

Books

Edwin O. Reischauer's writings on Japan have been compiled by Harvard Press for a major volume, entitled "Japanese", for release in May. A Japanese translation is expected the following year.

Sansei poet **Gerry Shikatani** of Toronto is editing an anthology of Japanese Canadian poetry to commemorate the Japanese Centennial. The CBC radio "Anthology" series aired Mar. 12, were poems and writings by **Joy Kogawa**, **Choichi Sumi**, **Minoru Furusho**, **Shizue Takashima**, **Takeo Nakano**, **Roy Kiyooka** and **Shikatani**.

Education

Calif. State Sen. **David Roberti** (D-Hollywood) and Assemblyman **Floyd Mori** (D-Pleasanton) co-sponsored a joint resolution Mar. 7 asking Congress to continue the Indochina Refugee Assistance grants to public school districts. California received \$3.8 million this

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past fiscal year to aid 323 school districts which were giving special instruction to some 10,000 Indochinese refugee pupils.

Agriculture



KISH OTSUKA

Kish Otsuka, president of the Mountain States Sugar Beet Growers Association of Colorado and Kansas, charged at a news conference Feb. 3 that the Great Western Sugar Co. has a "take it or leave it" attitude toward his association. Otsuka said GW illegally contacted individual beet growers to agree on independent contracts.

Masaru Uradomo, 44, is known as the "king of Maui onion growers" who started his current \$1 per pound crop six years ago on the volcano slopes of Haleakala Crater at 1,500 to 3,500 ft. (460-1,070 m) elevation. The sweet delicate flavor allows people to chew on Maui onions "like they were an apple or orange", he notes. Robert Okamura of Selma was reelected president of the Central California Strawberry Exchange Cooperative board of directors

... Akira Muroya of Encinitas, Calif., is among nurserymen planting Ornament

Gardena city 'in the black'

GARDENA, Calif. — City Treasurer George Kobayashi said the city is operating "in the black". Gardena recently was swamped with predictions of bankruptcy and rumors of fraud.

Southern California Association of Government (SCAG) had impounded funds pending outcome of investigation of "mismanagement" of federal revenues to Gardena.

"What we need," he said, "is a \$1 million surplus to really be safe."

He also noted that the SCAG impounding of funds also caused the city council to economize.

Daiwa mini-cast system CHICAGO — The St. Louis-based trade magazine, Sporting Goods Dealer, awarded a leadership award here to Daiwa Corp., Japanese rod & reel manufacturers which opened its rod-building plant at Gardena, Calif., several years ago plus warehouse and office. Citation recognized its development of the mini-cast systems to extend the fun of ultra-light fishing to the average fisherman.

tal Kale, a dark green head of lettuce with spiny leaves and a purple or white center. While it is not new as an ornament, the UC Cooperative Agricultural Extension home adviser suggested it can be eaten fresh in a salad or boiled as a vegetable "if you get tired looking at your kale".

Seven Nisei are serving on the Calif. Almond Growers Exchange liaison committee: George Hatamiya, Marysville; Kazuo Wada, Yuba City; Fred Hashimoto, Winton; Sherman Kishi, Livingston; Hiroshi Aral and Peter Yamamoto, both of Turlock; and Toshio Ihara, Reedley.

Courtroom

Federal District Judge Robert Takasugi of Los Angeles ruled against the Oxnard School District Mar. 2 and ordered reinstatement of five expelled students from Oxnard High. The judge noted the expulsion hearing was biased when the district failed to advise students of their constitutional rights before the hearing and said the dual role of school district attorneys as prosecutor of the students and defenders of the board at the hearings raised the presumption of bias. Susan Eto of Berkeley has joined the staff of San Francisco District Attorney, joining deputy district attorney Michael Ito (who is San Francisco JACL president this year) and Walter Fuchigami (who was Portland JACL president in 1966).



TAJUORO WATANABE

Known as the elder statesman for some 3,000 Japanese Americans of Monterey Peninsula, Tajuuro Watanabe, 76, wears the Order of the Rising Sun, a decoration from the Emperor of Japan for longtime contributions to the community. A retired forestry employee with Del Monte Properties Co., he was a prewar abalone fisherman in Monterey whose many activities included helping to organize a Kabuki theater and senior citizens group and advising the old Japanese Fishing Assn. He came to Monterey in 1919.

Welfare

Tad Tanaka of Paramount, Calif., a member of the board of directors of the Los Angeles Committee for the Rights of the Disabled, will go to Washington D.C.,

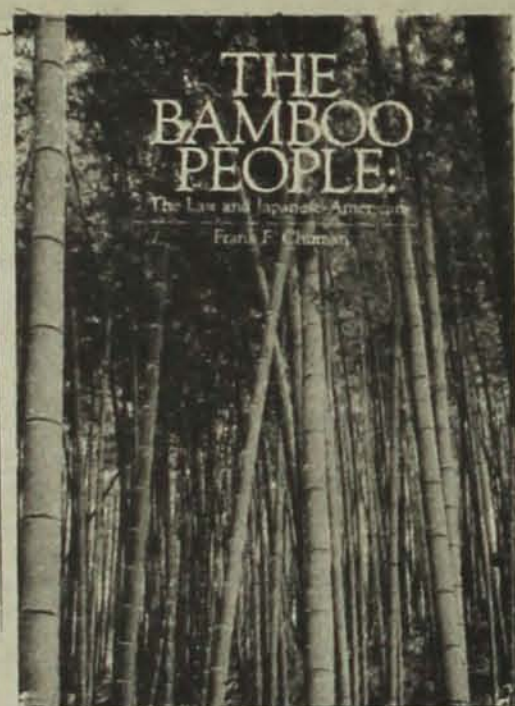
in May to serve on the White House Conference on the Handicapped. He is one of 16 selected at a recent community meeting of 200 organizations.

JoAnne Hirasuna Kagiwada, recent UC Law School (Boalt Hall) graduate, of San Lorenzo has been attending meetings of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights in Geneva, Switzerland. She represented the International League of Human Rights.

Music

Pianist Ruth Mirikitani who graduated in music from UC Berkeley in 1975 appeared in three recitals in the San Francisco Bay area in early March. She is the daughter of the Robert Mirikitani of Marina, Calif. Graduate of Tokyo's Toho University and a Berlin resident since 1975, Toru Yasunaga, 25, was picked in February as first violinist for the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra. Eleven candidates auditioned for the post. Nine-year-old harpist, Naoko Yoshino, of Los Angeles makes her debut with the USC Orchestra 77, a professional group, in a series of morning concerts at seven L.A. elementary schools. San Gabriel Valley (Calif.) Music Teachers presented pianist Yoko Miyasaka of Culver City in a recital Mar. 5 at Ramona Convent as a Young Artists Guild member. She studied with Nobuko Fujimoto of the West L.A. Music Teachers Assn. A flute duet by Teresa Mizukami and Kim Simmons was featured at the Feb. 27 concert of the Tacoma Youth Symphony. Both have been with the youth symphony since 1973.

High school wrestling LONG BEACH, Calif.—All star high school wrestlers from Japan windup their goodwill tour with matches at LB City College, April 1, 7:30 p.m. against top Southland prep wrestlers.



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Honolulu
High School anniversary
—Notables from around the state and from the mainland were among those who gathered at the 70th anniversary celebration of the Japanese High School Feb. 25 at the Honolulu YBA Imamura Hall on Pali Highway.

Among the 5,300 graduates in its 30-year history (from 1911 to 1941) are the late Chief Justice Wilfred S. Tsukuyama, former Justice Masaji Marumoto, Justice Bert Kobayashi, retired Judge Ben Tashiro, Dr. Albert Miyasato, former acting DOE superintendent; Dr. Richard A. N. do, former chairman of the Board of Education; Steere Noda, Bishop Yoshiaki Fujitani of Honpa Hongwanji, Dr. Richard Sakimoto, Dr. Kazuo Miyamoto and many others in the fields of medicine, law, education and business. Takito Yamaguma, former Yokohama Specie Bank executive came from Los Angeles.

The first principal of Hawaii Chugakko was Bishop Yameo Imamura, followed by Dr. Ryusaku Tsunoda, Jitsuei Tanjo, Takayuki Asano and Genshin Tatsutani. It is believed that more than 2,000 graduates still survive today.

Deaths—Longtime Democratic Party power, Tokuchi "Dynamite" Takushi died Feb. 23 at the Kuakini Medical Center. He was 67.

He served variously as sergeant-at-arms in the State Senate, presidential elector in 1968, delegate to the national Democratic convention in 1960. He was named outstanding Democrat in 1966 by the Honolulu Young Democrats.

John Burns, former delegate and governor, credited "Dynamite" for helping to build the Democratic Party with his effective grass-roots efforts.

One of his surviving sons Morris is the state's elections administrator in the Lieutenant Governor's office. Surviving also are his wife Doris K., son Floyd T. and daughter Karen Lani Shishido.

Among organizations he was active with are the Hui Makaala, an organization for persons of Okinawa ancestry and Club Onaga. He was also a member of the Mid-Pacific Alumni Association.

No nat'l health plan in '77: Inouye

LOS ANGELES—Congress will enact neither a national health insurance plan nor a catastrophic illness or injury program this year, according to Sen. Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii) who addressed the California Psychological Assn. meeting here Mar. 12.

Instead, the House will recommend an in-depth study of the nation's health needs that would take at least a year. Inouye believes a national health program will come, "but we must first take the proper steps before Congress can even consider a benefit package."

Basic questions focus on who would be the insurance carrier and how the estimated \$140 billion program should be administered.

Exotic office greenery calms Sansei law maker

OLYMPIA, Wash. — Paul Shinoda Jr., Republican freshman legislator here from Snohomish, was called "a young looking 39 ... the first Japanese American to be elected to the Washington Legislature," by the Seattle Times, Feb. 12.

"Lawmakers," said the article, "often bring comforts from home to enliven their Olympia offices ... But Shinoda has gone further. He's carted in more than 30 unusual plants."

"I find if I don't have plants around me I get bothered," Shinoda said. "I'm very comfortable here. It's very serene."

His office is full of exotic plants on shelves, window sills and floors, with bromeliads, African violets, towering fiddle-leaf fig.

Shinoda admits that he is an aggressive legislator and occasionally frustrated by the plodding Legislature.

"I need plants to calm me

down," Shinoda mentioned. "My office and my plants are my retreat."

Shinoda has given violets to secretaries and women legislators in the House, and gave 14,000 violets away during his November campaign.

Story on Manzanar wins Hearst award

FRESNO, Calif. — Jacalyn Golston, Fresno State journalism major and Fresno Bee staff writer, won a \$600 scholarship in the William Randolph Hearst Foundation feature writing contest on her story, "National Scar: Manzanar Revisited". The article first appeared in the FSU journalism publication, Insight.

Harry Kubo, president of the Nisei Farmers League; Sally Slocum, past Fresno JACL-ALL president; Mike Iwatsubo were among those interviewed.

Hawaiians recall plantation system as TV impact of 'Roots'

HONOLULU—"Hawaii has already felt some of the impact from Alex Haley's saga of an American family, 'Roots,'" said Andrew W. Lind, sociology professor at the Univ. of Hawaii, Feb. 16, for the Honolulu Advertiser.

"Considering the amount of publicity which both the book and TV performances have received on the Mainland, it was probably inevitable that following the showing here some local attention would focus on the obvious parallels between the experience of the blacks ... and what happened to the labor immigrants of Hawaii less than a century ago," Lind said.

Lind points out that the TV showing of Haley's Roots should stir an interest in Hawaii's ethnic roots.

However, the sociology professor pointed out that there was "even less recognition that the abuses of the plantation system were inherent at a certain stage of its development ..." and also that those employed on Hawaii's plantations were able to advance significantly in social and economic status rather quickly after arrival.

When other researchers said there might be some "untapped 'Roots' waiting

in Hawaii," Lind pointed out that, unlike the black experience, "the problems of identity, ... (may not be) resolved simply by disentangling the 'roots' of the various ethnic groups from one another."

"Certainly whatever loss of identity the Hawaiians may have experienced ... has occurred quite independently of the plantations ..."

Although there may be parallels between the slave experience and those of early Hawaiian immigration workers, Dr. Lind admits that workers on Hawaii's plantations experienced less physical brutality and greater concern for their basic human aspirations "than was true of laborers on plantations in most other parts of the world."



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