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## 93% responding to survey on Reparations check 'yes'

By PHIL SHIGEKUNI

LOS ANGELES — A one-page questionnaire prepared by the Pacific Southwest JACL District Council's reparations committee and distributed within the past four months elicited 401 responses with 376 (93%) saying they were in favor and the remaining 25 saying no.

But the breakdown by sources, perhaps, is more revealing. With about 700 present at the Amache camp reunion last October in San Francisco, there were 141 respondents with 17 nays, the highest among the six sources polled.

	Yes	No
Amache Reunion (10/76).....	124	17
Gardena JACL Inst (12/76).....	41	3
Wayne Collins Dnr (1/77).....	107	4
S Fern Vly Inst (1/77).....	8	1
Hawaii Mail-in.....	71	0
EO 9066 Mail-in.....	25	0

Those who favored reparations had any of eight more squares to check off on "who should be eligible". Responses are in order of frequency:

1. All those who evacuated from the West Coast (85%).
2. All those arrested and confined in the Territory of Hawaii (55%).
3. All those who "voluntarily" evacuated, those evacuated from the Territory of Alaska, and those non-Japanese spouses and their children who went to camp (each at 39%).
4. Those not evacuated but who were denied due process or equal rights (i.e. military discharge, travel restrictions, etc.) (28%).
5. Evacuees from Latin America confined in the U.S. (27%).
6. Japanese Americans stranded in Japan by outbreak of WW2 (19%).

### Computation

Two questions then asked

which formula was preferable for computing reparations. It was about even (175 for Plan "A" and 164 for Plan "B").

Plan A—Payment of \$5,000 for each individual eligible, plus \$10 a day for each day of confinement in a government camp.

Plan B—Payment of \$10,000 for each individual eligible.

### Payment Methods

Final six questions were in response to determining the best way that reparations might be paid. Again, responses are ranked with the most favored first.

1. Direct payment to individuals (78%).
2. Funding for Japanese American community services (31%).
3. Funding scholarships and for Japanese American legal defense fund (each 15%).
4. Funding for a Japanese American directed public relations program intended to strengthen and deepen U.S.-Japan understanding (10%).
5. Your own proposals (6%).

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## JACL Board actions summarized

By HARRY HONDA

SAN FRANCISCO — This was president Jim Murakami's first National JACL Board meeting where his professional talent as structural engineer paid off handsomely as he laid out 50 items in a neatly-packaged agenda, which he smoothly cleared inside 20 hours over the Mar. 18-20 weekend.

Board members had been asked to submit items for the agenda, rendering background and desired action. These were identified by number, collated and reproduced with adequate room for notations and the final action taken. The principal actions were briefly covered last week.

All board members, except for Ron Yoshino of Chicago, were present. All the district governors and youth chairpersons were present except that vice governors covered for Central California and Pacific Southwest. Only staff present were Headquarters personnel and the Pacific Citizen editor. At previous board meetings, staff included the Washington representative and regional directors.

Meeting was called to order by President Jim on Friday morning. A moment of silence in memory of Edison Uno followed. Appointment of Kaz Horita of Philadelphia and Ron Yoshino of Chicago as board members was approved.

The President's report allowed for acceptance of the

agenda and approval of the June 27, 1976, board meeting minutes. Murakami trusted the "Blue Binder" which members were told to bring to the meeting would facilitate the deliberations.

The Blue Binder is a new orientation manual for JACL officials, containing a brief history of JACL, copy of the constitution, roster, etc.

On the basis of the Agenda Summary Reports, fashioned by Murakami, here are the highlights in sequence with name of the person responsible for presentation:

5.1 JACL Finance. (Ed Moriguchi). Adopted the unaudited FY 1976 statement prepared by Alexander Grant & Co., consultant CPAs.

5.2 JACL Mas Satow Memorial Fund (Moriguchi). Authorized campaign with all contributions to be placed in a restrictive JACL fund to finance projects in memory of Mas Satow; national JACL committee to be organized with Mike Masaoka as chairman. Projects include writing of "JACL Story", distribution for PR and educational purposes, and collecting documents. Tad Hirota and Ed Moriguchi, co-chairmen, of fund drive.

5.3 Artemik Case (Frank Iwama). A Florida case on appeal, involves legal custody of children where lower court found mother was "an unfit parent" because of her Japa-

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## S.I. HAYAKAWA SAYS

### Autos kill more than saccharin each year

WASHINGTON—Citing an "avalanche" of mail from dieters and diabetics, Sen. S.I. Hayakawa (R-Calif.) last week (Mar. 15) said he would draft legislation to keep saccharin on the market.

Hayakawa termed the Canadian study showing that saccharin had caused cancer in laboratory animals "extremely inconclusive". The Food and Drug Administration indicated that the saccharin doses fed to rats in the study were more than a human would consume by drinking 800 cans of 12-ounce diet soft drinks for a

lifetime, Hayakawa added.

"Water causes drowning. Automobiles kill millions of people a year. The Canadian study would prove that there's nothing to worry about, because who would drink 800 cans of diet cola a day?" Hayakawa asked.

An FDA chief scientific official, in defending the proposed ban, told a House subcommittee Mar. 21 that results of the Canadian tests show the risk level would be four cases of cancer for each 10,000 persons "consuming the equivalent of one bottle of diet soda containing saccharin each day".

### Asian task force of police backed

LOS ANGELES—The Asian Task Force of the L.A. City Police Dept. may be disbanded because of budget but two city commissioners have urged the mayor, police chief and city council to recognize the unique service of the task force.

Internal city support was initiated by Toshiko Yoshida and Sonia Suk, Human Relations commissioners,

and Sue Kunitomi Embrey, Status of Women commissioner.

The police board of commissioners felt there shouldn't be a permanent LAPD unit based on ethnicity. Budget requires \$127,000 to fund the six-member unit handling Chinese, Japanese, Korean and Thai communities. Sgt. Shiro Tomita is in charge of the unit.



Prime Minister Fukuda pens Japanese maxims on special cards with "sumi".

## Carter - Fukuda talk over major problems

WASHINGTON — President Carter and Japanese Prime Minister Takeo Fukuda met here March 21-23. Fukuda had arrived for two days of talks on various issues confronting U.S.-Japan relations.

Carter welcomed Fukuda as a leader of a nation with economic power equal to the United States.

"Japan has become one of the world's great economic powers," Carter stated, and made a distinction "between economic influence and power on the one hand, and peace...and the renunciation of nuclear power on the other."

Carter also said that the world now recognizes the pre-eminent position that "has been carved out by the hard work of the Japanese people."

When things came down to business, however, Carter was far from complimentary.

He made a complaint about the estimated \$5.3 billion surplus in Japan's favor, and another regarding Japan's color television exports.

Fukuda said he had not expected bilateral trade to become an issue in his meetings with Carter.

Fukuda pointed out that while Japan did record a \$5.3 billion surplus in 1976, it suffered a \$2 billion deficit in invisible transactions—leaving U.S. bilateral deficit at \$3.3 billion—less than the trade figure showed alone.

Fukuda also said U.S.-Japan trade should be viewed over a period of years rather than shorter periods.

Carter said nothing in response. Press Secretary Jody Powell later said Carter was not "authorized" to get into detail on the trade issue.

### Anti-Japanese Hints

Meanwhile, two full page ads in the morning edition of the Washington Post condemned the Japanese trade policies and the Japanese whaling industry in scathing terms.

"What kind of a welcome is this?" one member of the Japanese delegation asked a reporter.

The Japanese American

Citizens League also responded to the harsh unreasonable offense.

Clifford Uyeda of the Whale Issue Committee said the ad was in "horrible taste. It is directed to Prime Minister Fukuda of Japan, who is visiting President Carter. The ad is self-righteous, insensitive and misdirected."

Fukuda also revealed the issue of reprocessing nuclear fuel could develop into a serious dispute between the two governments. He saw Carter's interim ban on nuclear reprocessing as "discrimination" against nations such as Japan, which possess no nuclear weapons and have not the intention of building them.

Carter has a campaign, along with Canada and Australia, to call a halt to reprocessing.

"Japan has no nuclear weapons," Fukuda said. "We import 99.7 percent of our oil and the only alternate source of energy now available for the time being is nuclear energy."

"To ban reprocessing now would be grossly unequal treatment between nations with nuclear weapons...and Japan, which is now starting reprocessing..."

Fukuda then put Carter on the spot by asking him questions.

"What happens to countries which already have reprocessing facilities? What about Communist countries?"

Instead of answering, Carter handed Fukuda a copy of a Ford-sponsored report which attempted to influence Fukuda to "stop nuclear reprocessing."

## NC-WN Blue Cross to celebrate 30th

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif.—The No. Calif.-W. Nevada JACL Blue Cross Plan celebrates its 30th anniversary on Friday, April 15, 6:30 p.m. at Sakura Gardens, 2116 W. El Camino.

Phil Matsumura and Dr. Robert Okamoto will be honored for their role as founders of this plan. Call (408) 289-8488 for reservations.

## Lodi JACL's charter officers



Photo by Harry Hatasaka

JACL's newest chapter in Lodi, Calif., installs its first set of officers: (from left) Dr. Ken Taketa, treas.; Mrs. Margaret Tanaka, sec.; Taul Takao, pres. Absent: Dennis Morita, vice pres. Sponsored by Stockton JACL, Lodi is now #103.



## JACL BOARD

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nese cultural heritage as compared to the father's American cultural background. Urged individual contributions via JACL, hence tax deductible.

**5.4 Affirmative Action Cases (Iwama).** Reaffirmed support of affirmative action cases (Bakke v. Regents of Univ. of Calif. and Minnick v. Dept. of Corrections) insofar as it is consistent with stated JACL policy and position.

"We reaffirm and vigorously pursue our long standing policy to obtain equal opportunity for all persons regardless of their race, color, creed, religion, national origin or sex. In order to achieve our goal to eliminate all discrimination, we reaffirm our previous endorsement of affirmative action programs, which are designed to correct past and existing discriminatory practices within our society, that take into consideration all relevant factors that contribute to such invidious discrimination, including but not limited to a person's race or ethnic background."

**5.5 Board Member Liability Insurance (Iwama).** Legal counsel was asked: "Are directors and officers personally liable for debts, liabilities or obligations of the JACL?" Conclusion: With exception of very limited circumstances, they are not personally liable. Tabled proposal.

**5.6 Personnel Policy (Gary Nakamura).**

**5.7 Travel Committee (Steven Doi).** In lieu of disciplinary action against West Los Angeles JACL for noncompliance with travel guidelines, directed president and staff and/or officers he selected to meet with chapter and travel committee to review guidelines, obtain chapter input and refer to Board; authorized

West L.A. 1977 flights upon submission of their 1976 financial statement.

**5.8 Pacific Citizen (Al Hatate).** An up-date of "in-house" production facilities presented.

**6.1 NYCC (Randy Chin).** Approved addition of 1976 version of Nat'l JAY Constitution; where conflict is apparent the (senior) JACL Constitution prevails. Referred proposal for JAYS-only scholarship to Scholarship Committee.

**6.2 PCYA (Richard Okabe).** Reported 25 chapters sponsored 33 students to the Presidential Classroom for Young Americans, greatest participation to date.

**6.3 Scholarship (Okabe).** Anticipating over 250 applications for 1977 awards. On the budget allocation of \$3,000, committee request to transfer any surplus to Student Aid fund was denied. National council had intended such funds be used to recognize merit of applicants who do not win scholarship.

**6.4 Student Aid (Okabe).** Reported about \$1,200 will be available this year for student aid.

**6.5 A-Bomb Survivors (Mikio Uchiyama).** Urged individual support of Committee of Atomic Bomb Survivors. Roybal bill providing medical aid will be heard in House subcommittee chaired by Danielson, supporter of A-bomb survivors.

**6.6 CIC (John Yasumoto).** Committee for Internment Credit received JACL pledge for assistance; Rep. Mineta reported in process of seeking co-sponsors to bill enabling federal civil service workers to obtain retirement credit because of having been evacuated in 1942.

**6.7 Books to Congressmen (Chuck Kubokawa).** Approved.

**6.8 JACL Bowling (Tad Hirota for Hi Akagi).** Circulated entry forms for Satow Memorial JACL handicap bowling tournament, June 29-July 3, Japantown Bowl, San Francisco; indicated prospect that 1000 Club would work with JANBA to have their tournament under JACL again.

**6.9 Membership Services (Masa-mune Kojima).** Referred NC-WN proposal for new chapter incentives and 1000 Club emeritus fellow designation for National Council consideration. Suggested HQ takeover renewal process, life membership plan to young adult but not tied to 1000 Club, expand PC w/Membership by making second copy of couples transferrable, have 1000 Club renewals on individual birthday, special recognitions to 1000 Club recruiters.

**6.10 Nisei Retirement (Jim Tsujimura).** Recent planning conference summary is in process; local follow-up was the strongest. Don Hayashi said he has seen yet for a JACL project.

**6.11 Foundation Responsiveness Project (Noby Nakamura).** By mid-April, the project may be resumed as outside audit has been completed. Project had been in abeyance since July. JACL was granted \$75,000 from the Campaign for Human Development to make foundations responsive to Asian American needs.

**6.12 JAL Cultural Heritage Fellowship (Okabe).** Information sent to all chapters and 120 colleges which have Asian or Asian American studies that JACL is administering program.

(To be Concluded)

### Tokyo events focus on whaling issue

TOKYO—Musicians, scientists and environmentalists will deal with whaling issue at two special events here April 8-10 to bring "environmental awareness to the people of Japan."

At Tokai University, a conference will focus on "Whaling and Ocean Issues in U.S.-Japan Relations: Search for Constructive Public Policy Proposals." Both U.S. and Japanese scholars will participate.

At the Harumi Dome and Exhibition Halls of Tokyo International Trade Center, an environmental and educational festival includes films, lectures, display and musical concerts in its program. The Harumi Dome event will focus on the problem of the seas and whales.

## Six judicial errors, jury misconduct charged as Wendy case now on appeal

By LEE RUTTLE  
Special PC Correspondent

OAKLAND, Calif.—In a stormy all-day hearing Mar. 17 in Alameda County superior court, charges and countercharges were hurled before Wendy Yoshimura was sentenced to 1 to 15 years in state prison. She was, however, released by Judge Martin Pulich on \$50,000 bail pending appeal.

The session began with defense attorney James Larson raising the point as to whether Judge Pulich had the right to reinstate charge number 3 of the indictment after the jury had already been sworn in. The judge ruled against Larson's motion for a new trial based on that premise.

In all, Larson's motion for a new trial covered six different allegations of judicial error and jury misconduct.

Larson attacked the introduction into the trial of the "dear brother" letter (found when Wendy was arrested) as being the most damaging piece of evidence which had nothing to do with the 1972 indictment. He also protested the judge's refusal to give the jury a read-back of testimony of five witnesses which they requested during deliberations.

Larson also criticized the judge for changing his original instructions to the jury when they asked for clarification. A lengthy argument

ensued over the interpretation of "reasonable doubt", with the judge insisting he had used the term, "proof beyond a reasonable doubt" which, he explained meant that a juror must reach "a moral certainty".

### Misconduct by Prosecution

Larson cited the prosecutors flaunting of the AK 47 (Chinese machinegun) and the page from Wendy's diary containing references to her sexual life as being most flagrant examples of Deputy District Attorney's misconduct.

Ignoring those two issues, Horner protested that the "dear brother" letter constituted explicit evidence of Wendy's frame of mind which led to her flight to avoid prosecution.

Garrick Lew, associate defense attorney, then addressed the matter of jury misconduct in a scathing attack on several fronts. The first instance of such misconduct was learned when Mrs. Lucille Mitchell, the only black juror, told the press she had been coerced and brow-beaten into changing her verdict of "not guilty" to "guilty". She later repeated this charge and others in a sworn affidavit.

### Newspapers in Jury Room

Mrs. Mitchell said that women jurors brought newspaper clippings into the jury room and discussed them contrary to judicial instructions. In addition she claimed

that frequent anti-racial remarks were made before and during deliberations; specifically having to do with Willy Brandt, a white man, living with an Asian. One juror said, according to Mrs. Mitchell, that "he could have had a blonde".

As to the 11 letters from the other jurors which had evidently been solicited by Horner, Lew claimed that none of those letters actually refuted Mrs. Mitchell's charges. When Lew finished his eloquent speech, spectators applauded vigorously.

Judge Pulich remonstrated them and threatened to clear the courtroom. In the end, the judge overruled this plea as a basis for mistrial. He plainly took more credence in the 11 letters than in Mrs. Mitchell's charges. Her charges incidentally were supported by another affidavit signed by Mrs. Delphia Alexander, also black and an alternate juror.

Another issue argued strenuously was the 58-page letter written by Horner to Wendy's probation officer. The letter referred repeatedly to Wendy's unreliability and her commitment to violent revolution. Although most of Horner's letter contained hearsay, Judge Pulich said that in such letters to a probation officer, hearsay is permissible. Although the judge ruled against de-

fense, he stated he was inviting higher authority.

Larson next pleaded for a county jail sentence citing Bortin and Rubenstein as examples who went only to county jail although participants in the bomb incidents, while Wendy was not even present at the garage. Horner countered by urging execution of the mandatory sentence related to such crimes.

The judge denied probation. Wendy was then arraigned and sentence pronounced. However, a stay of execution was granted pending appeal.

Should Larson's plea to the District Court of Appeals be denied, her sentence will most likely be served under the new law which becomes effective July 1, 1977. In that case, she would serve either two or three years or 16 months taking into account time she already served in county jail. Larson said in a press conference that it often takes up to two years for an appeal to be acted upon.

Wendy was to appear in court again March 31 at which time the matter of five contempt citations against her were to be discussed. They will also consider prosecution and trial under the fourth count in the indictment (which was undecided by the jury) if the district attorney chooses to press that charge.

*We regret space and mechanical problems last week prevented the timely appearance of Lee Ruttle's coverage.—Ed.*

### Garcia bill seeks parking structure

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—Sen. Alex P. Garcia (D-Los Angeles), introduced legislation to authorize construction of a 750-space parking facility in Little Tokyo.

"This bill would help assist the Little Tokyo redevelopment project and provide more parking for the general public and state workers," Garcia said.

SB-436 would appropriate \$2.4 million to build multi-level facility on state-owned land west of New Otani Hotel now nearing completion.

## item per inch

### Cherry trees

MACON, Ga.—William Fickling, 73, raises the Yoshino cherry trees from cuttings as a hobby on his farm. He gives them away to anybody who asks for them just before Lincoln's birthday and is taking names now for next year's annual tree dig. Over 1,000 turned up this year.

**Dorothy Compton awards**  
DENVER, Colo.—Minority graduate students interested in professional careers in international relations have until April 15 to apply for Dorothy Danforth Compton Fellowships at \$5,000 each at the Univ. of Denver Graduate School of International Studies, Denver 80208 (303-753-2989).

### Michigan minorities

DETROIT—A source book, "Minorities in Michigan", is being updated and expanded with a grant from the Mott Foundation. Asian American groups representing about 30,000 in the state have been urged to send for an information packet from the Jeffrey Jenks, Michigan Dept. of Civil Rights, 1200 Sixth St., Detroit 48226 (313-256-2622).

### Motor vehicle license

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—Modifications necessary to enable disabled persons to operate motor vehicles would be exempt from increased license fees in a bill (AB 822) introduced by Assemblyman Floyd Mori. License fees are based on a percentage price of vehicles plus modifications exceeding \$200 in value.

## Emeritus Fellow status proposed for 1000 Club

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.—Twenty points were covered by the Northern California-Western Nevada District Council at its first quarterly meeting hosted by Marysville JACL Feb. 13 at the Buddhist Church, there, according to minutes submitted by secretary Beatrice Kono this past week (Mar. 12).

Taul Takao and Dr. Kenneth Takeda were introduced as representatives of the new Lodi JACL by Steve Nakashima, vice-governor.

Chuck Kubokawa, in his first report as the new district governor, expressed gratitude for the confidence placed in him, asking for directions from grass-roots members and stated his goals were primarily redress and reversal of the erroneous Supreme Court decisions as set by the National Council at Sacramento to last year. He also reflected on his December trip to the Orient (Taiwan, Hong Kong and Singapore), Project Scatter (scheme to distribute Weglyn's *Years of Infamy* and Chuman's *The Bamboo People*) and deep concerns for the future of JACL JAYS and the Issei.

Under old business were 13 reports and announcements:

1—Satow Bldg. rededication.  
2—Nat'l JACL Library. Committee of Ko Nishimura (chmn), Mei Nakano, Florence Yoshiwara, Fumiko Suyenaga and Bill Tsuji (Marin) were to meet Feb. 26 to establish

policy, guidelines and administration of a \$2,500 anonymous grant.

3—JACL Exhibit, Oakland Museum. A JACL committee of Yoshida, Soya Takahashi, Kimi Matsumoto, Toshi Takeoka, Jim Ishimaru (all of East Bay) and regional director George Kondo will advise the Oakland Museum on how the artifacts from the Dai-Nippon Haku-rankai exhibit of 1885 can be presented with special emphasis on the Japanese American history.

4—1000 Club. Lengthy discussion on the issue of 20-year life member was led by district chairman Mats Murata and resolved with passage of NC-WNDC Res. 101. It asked JACL Board to recognize all 1000 Club members with 20 years or more as JACL "life members" and sending

them the Pacific Citizen with compliments of JACL. Further, life members were to be encouraged to continue support by becoming 1000 Club Emeritus Fellows as Regular, 50 or Century Club members.

5—Chapter of the Year Award. Ted Inouye announced entry deadline was March 1, selection in mid-March. Eight entries were expected.

6—Reparations. Mike Honda, who succeeds the late Edison Uno as co-chairman of the National JACL redress committee, announced he would speak before any chapter workshop to secure community input as to the type of legislation JACL desires.

7—National Director. Personnel Committee chairman Gary Nakamura indicated six finalists were

selected from the ratings of the search committee and would be interviewed with final recommendations to be made to the National JACL Board.

8—JAYS. Interim national youth director Richard Okabe noted only three JAY chapters are active in the Northern California district in the total of 23 and said he would assist chapters sponsor more JAY groups. He also reminded April 1 was the entry deadline for the JACL-JAL cultural heritage fellowship and application forms are ready for the 15 National JACL scholarships for high school graduates and four for college and postgraduate students.

9—New chapters. Kubokawa re-

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## An Invitation To Help Chuck



VOTE MAY 10

Palo Altans for Charles Kubokawa have formed the "PACK" Committee to help elect Chuck Kubokawa to the Palo Alto City Council.

We invite all of Chuck's friends, readers of Pacific Citizen, and fellow JACLers to contribute towards the success of his campaign.

Contributions will be gladly accepted by:

The "PACK" Committee  
c/o George Callas, Treasurer  
4372 Miller Court  
Palo Alto, Calif. 94306



# Integration may erase mochitsuki

Tokyo

After a three week visit to California, which was much too short to see old friends, I returned to Tokyo with fresh impressions about the United States. Of significance were the higher gasoline prices, the rate of unemployment, increased salaries and the fast pace of integration.

The gas prices proved to be about 30% higher than during my last visit two years ago, yet, the cost is about a little more than half of the prices in Tokyo. Also noted were the large number of "self-serve" stations, which while reducing the prices by two or three cents also succeed in decreasing the number of available jobs.

With minimum wage set at \$2.50, what is obvious is that menial jobs are being rapidly replaced by automatic machines and self-serve facilities. This raises the spectre of a new age, with fewer available jobs as machines and computers eliminate the standard and the routine tasks. Conceiv-

ably, without creation of new jobs in new activities, the future will bring increased unemployment.

This also means that discriminatory hiring may become more pronounced in much subtler forms and that nepotism will play an even more dominant role in employment. For racial minorities, full employment is the only true solution which would minimize fears of discrimination; yet, the spiraling wages and its effects may be creating our own unemployment.

Many of those I met seemed to discuss home budgets, in terms of monthly incomes in the \$1,000 to \$2,000 per month bracket and higher and spoke of their children who are now earning \$18,000 to \$20,000 per annum within a few years of leaving the university. These positive factors were negatively reflected in the rising value of houses, with \$15,000 homes of ten years ago now being quoted at \$35,000 to \$40,000. And \$70,000 seems to be a rea-

sonably moderate price for multi-bedroom residences.

These and other rising prices made one wonder what was happening to the retired and the aged, living on Social Security. The inflationary spiral seemed less than a blessing for those with fixed incomes or without jobs.

Another apparent trend was the increasing number of interracial marriages, with some reports indicating that fully half of the Sansei were now marrying with other racial stocks. Integration is now advancing so rapidly that some older Nisei are becoming con-

cerned: not so much with the idea of maintaining ethnic purity, but with the fear of complete disappearance of the ethnic traits, which themselves have been part of the better virtues of the Nikkei population.

These traits include respect for the elders, the concept of family integrity and honor, an innate sense of humility, the work ethics, the distaste for welfare and dependence, the inherited religion, the appreciation of traditional arts and pride in their ethnic identities.

In late December, I was a minor participant in a family *mochitsuki*, where approximately 40 people gathered for an old-fashioned rice pounding session. As the men pounded the rice,

the women molded the ceremonial *kagami-mochi*, popularized in the Tokugawa period for the household shrines, *Butsudan* and *Kamidana*, and the more plebian rice cakes, to be eaten as New Year's delicacies.

This tri-generational gathering, now composed of Nisei, Sansei, Yonsei, also including two families of mixed marriages and a number of close Caucasian friends. The *mochitsuki* is symbolic of the old tradition, which in its unique way, helped to perpetuate family unity and coopera-

tion, along with the New Year's family reunions; or the Japanese counterpart to Western Christmas dinners.

With the family components now widely dispersed throughout the United States and with integration changing the ethnic connections, these customs may soon be merely nostalgic memories for the aging Nisei.

Are all these customs and traits destined to blend into the American melting pot, leaving only *sukiyaki*, *tempura* and instant ramen?

## 1977 JACL Travel Program

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6—	FULL Los Angeles	June 22-July 13
7—	FULL San Francisco	July 20-Aug. 17
8—	FULL San Francisco	Aug. 7-Aug. 28
9—	San Francisco	Sept. 25-Oct. 16
11—	FULL San Francisco	Oct. 2-Oct. 23
12—	Los Angeles	Oct. 9-Oct. 30
13—	San Francisco	Oct. 9-Oct. 30
14—	San Francisco	Oct. 11-Nov. 1

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\* Air fare subject to revision pending airline's fare increases for 1977; prices based on 1976 fare and includes round trip air fare, \$3 airport departure tax, \$20 JACL administrative fee. Adult and child seats same price on any flight; infants two years, 10 pct. of applicable regular fare. ALL FARES, DATES, TIMES MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

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### Information Coupon

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#### NO. CALIF.-W. NEV. DISTRICT COUNCIL

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## EDITORIALS:

### Compelling State Interest

Of late, it appears the legal doctrine of "compelling state interest", which was used to justify the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II, can be invoked to serve a contemporary cause. It was mentioned last week in our Honolulu story referring to Governor Ariyoshi's intention to push conservation or growth control.

It has been used by the Univ. of Washington in the DeFunis case—a stand, incidentally, supported by JACL though at the time the National JACL Board members being polled were probably unaware the legal doctrine in support resulted from Korematsu and Hirabayashi.

The Washington state supreme court, ruling against DeFunis, upheld the university's contention that race could be used as a factor in its law school admission policy because of "compelling state interest". The court agreed with the school's goal of increasing minority representation in law school and their subsequent increase in the legal profession was an interest of sufficient magnitude to overcome the constitutional challenge. Because lawyers play key roles in the decision-making process, the court said it was essential more minorities be provided access to legal education.

At the National JACL board meeting last month, however, legal counsel Frank Iwama openly wondered about the propriety of JACL supporting a case which needed the precedent from cases that JACL has long sought to overturn. "The California supreme court has really put JACL on the spot by quoting from Korematsu and Hirabayashi," Iwama candidly admitted in his commentary on the Bakke case now before the U.S. Supreme Court.

The California supreme court found the special admissions program at UC Davis medical school invalid because preference was based on race, which requires the test of "strict scrutiny", and it also failed in that. The University wasn't able to show whites were being discriminated because it was necessary to achieve either of its major aims of integrating the student body and improving medical care to minorities.

So, where classification results in detriment to a person because of his race (majority or minority), "not only must

By the Board:

## JACLers in action in America's Heartland

By LILLIAN C. KIMURA  
Midwest District Governor

Chicago

We in the Midwest have just come through the worst winter on record. The inclement weather and the attending energy shortage created a major crisis. Especially hard hit was the state of Ohio. In spite of days upon days of below-zero temperature, JACLers' spirits remained high throughout the district evidenced by the turnouts to the annual installation events.

With the exception of the Hoosier Chapter, which held its annual meeting in late March, this was the first year I was able to attend each of these affairs and as the Governor to address the general membership.

Judging from the participants, we are a good looking group who are not "hurting" too much financially. We are integrated with whites and Blacks joining us in our cause. While there are some Sansei and non-Japanese among Board members, majority of the leaders are long time JACLers. We have a couple of women who head chapters; we have "recycled" others. Most of the chapters celebrated their 30th to 32nd year of existence. We are a hardy lot.

However, using medical terminology, the Chapters can be described as healthy, but somewhat anemic. We can use transfusion in terms of more members, both young and

older. Concern has been expressed in each chapter about the lack of young members. (Most JAY chapters are struggling.)

Reality of the area is the lack of young people from which to draw members. Many move elsewhere after college, others marry "out" and no longer see the need for close identification with a Japanese American group. The plus of JACL is that outside of Chicago, it is the only group set up to respond to the varying needs of Nikkei.

Fortunately, most of the Chapters have regular fund raising sources through participation in city-wide ethnic Folk Festivals. Several of the chapters do so well in this one weekend-a-year effort that their financial situation is solved for the year.

While the need to raise funds for the District is causing a severe strain on the Chapters, the necessity of operating on reduced monies has served to "jolt" the Chapters out of their complacency and new vigor has been instilled in terms of creating District programs for implementation. Members have responded enthusiastically to the new thrusts.

In most every issue of the Pacific Citizen there appears something about what we are doing in the Midwest. We are especially proud of the "MDC page in the PC" project which appears every third week of the month. In addition to sending in news of

### Yoshimura Trial

Editor:

Before the trial started, there was a doubt that she might have possessed weapons and explosives. It was a doubt. When the trial was over, none of the alleged evidences established (as reported in PC) that she indeed owned them. One cannot be accused on the basis of doubt. Juries decided that she was guilty. It means that the juries did not understand the basic principle of our democracy.

The prosecution painted a picture as if she had committed a violent crime by which other people were seriously harmed, and as if she were tried for the uncommitted crimes. This reminds us of techniques used in totalitarian countries. The judge asked questions which were not pertinent to the case. Wendy refused to answer them and therefore, was accused of contempt of court. This case is another example of how fragile democracy is and how difficult to defend human rights.

In reference to Angela Davis case, there are more contrasts than similarities; she belongs to one of the largest ethnic groups in the nation, minority being but a name. Japanese Americans are one of the negligible minorities, less than one percent of the population.

Angela professed to belong to the world's most powerful political organization, whose aim is directly opposed to our ideals. Wendy does not belong to such a party, although the prosecution vainly tried to estab-

lish that she belonged to a violent, subversive party.

Angela was a professor of the well known university. Wendy never held a prominent position in the society.

Angela possessed a weapon, the fact being established. Wendy was tried for an alleged possession of weapons.

Angela's weapon was used to kill a man, a judge. No violent crime had been committed with the weapons, of which Wendy was accused of the possession. The court could not establish the connection between the murder and the possession of the weapon and so, Angela was found free of guilt. The court could not establish that Wendy possessed the weapons but the juries decided that she was guilty.

There is no similarity between Iva Toguri's case and Wendy's. Iva's case was a martyr; she believed in democracy and goodness of the people of her country, and so she came back. Those who did not believe these did not come back. Consequently, Iva was the only one who was prosecuted. The Wendy case is a personal tragedy; she was involved with very undesirable people when she was young and she suffered enough for it.

Carol Suzuki is concerned that young Japanese Americans may make a heroine out of Wendy. I cannot believe it to be true; but if so, I recommend PC to have a forum on the subject.

NOBUYUKI NAKAJIMA  
Sheffield Lake, Ohio

the purpose of the classification serve a 'compelling state interest', but it must be demonstrated by rigid scrutiny that there are no reasonable ways to achieve the state's goals by means which impose a lesser limitation on the rights of the group disadvantaged by the classification. The burden in both respects is upon the government". (We are quoting from the majority decision for Bakke.)

It added, "It has been more than three decades since any decision of the U.S. Supreme Court upheld a classification which resulted in detriment solely on the basis of race: Korematsu vs. U.S. (1944) and Hirabayashi vs. U.S. (1943), both of which were war-inspired cases that have been severely criticized subsequently." It seems natural for the California court to quote these cases, Korematsu having been tried in San Francisco.

On the other hand, as the minority decision notes, there is a "compelling state interest" to promote integration and thus constitutional on the basis of the 14th Amendment, which earlier had compelled elementary and secondary schools to integrate. Justice Tobriner, who dissented, found it ironic that a graduate school was now forbidden to voluntarily integrate.

It is also ironic that JACL is supporting affirmative action that stands on the Korematsu and Hirabayashi precedents.

## For Today & Tomorrow: by Jon Inouye On Contrived Shortage

You out there in the Midwest and East may have read where a water shortage is being predicted for the West Coast.

Although it has not been critical yet in Los Angeles (water rationing has been ordered in some parts of California), governmental measures are being taken to "preserve" water so that the "shortage" will not be as severe. While I do not have all the facts behind the shortage, I think that saying "lack of rain" is not enough.

Within the past five years we have seen an oil crisis and I am always ready to acknowledge that was engineered.

There are many things which don't seem right to me about water or energy resource shortages. For instance, why is the development of offshore oil, shale coal, nuclear fusion being discouraged? While conservation and ecological movements cry and complain about pollution and "dwindling resources" for apparently good reasons, they are not looking at who is actually causing these shortages.

Solar energy, wind and tidal energy, nuclear fusion, if correctly utilized, can put an end for all time to the so-called "energy shortage".

Now take a look at this:

The ones to gain the most from any oil or natural resource "shortage" are those in control of these resources. Their prices rise when there is a shortage.

Do you think these monopolists would care to support fuel-saving, more efficient or revolutionary inventions that would put them out of business?

You may not believe this, but Mankind has the technology TODAY to supply ample food and energy for ten times our current three bil-

lions on earth. A lot of this technology has been bought up, stolen, suppressed and deliberately concealed by monopolistic interests.

There is always a danger to new ideas, thoughts and inventions with a vested interest in a democracy.

And when rationing is inflicted on the common people, citizens have to pay the price for ignorance of who is causing the shortage.

The naive fall right into the trap, ranting and raving about the need to economize, to stop eating pork, fish or sukiyaki, to stop driving, and even stop having children.

That concept of overpopulation is a myth, too. If we're so overcrowded and land so scarce, I challenge anyone to drive outside the city and view all the land that is wasted, the oceans and seas not utilized which make up fully three quarters of earth. And above us lie the stars.

These lands can be better used. It is not the land but the men who waste them.

A recent proposal by the Los Angeles county board of supervisors sounds like something out of Jonathan Swift—a recommendation to dump a half-gallon bottle full of water in all toilets to save water.

If Jonathan Swift were alive today (and maybe he is), he would undoubtedly recommend driving only 15 mph on the freeways as this would "save gas"; he would advise us to discourage all nuclear experimentation, so that we can live on oil, smog, cheap foods and preservatives and million dollar drug cartels, to the added benefit of the world monopolists who control our oil and mass media.

Perhaps the greatest tragedy is how easily these hidden but clever men who deceive us mold our lives. □

Chapter doings or opinions, from the leaders, ads are secured to help pay for the page. Anna Peterson of St. Louis who is our representative to the PC Board and Tom Hibino deserve plaudits for their efforts to assure a very professional piece of journalistic work.

Judy Ibarra, currently President of the Cincinnati Chapter, serves as our political education chairperson. Again with the assistance of Tom, she developed a brochure which described the social legislative issues of concern to Japanese Americans. Copies of this brochure were distributed to state and national representatives by all the chapters. (No, we didn't wait for Chuck Kubokawa's project to establish relationships with our legislators.) While the brochures are currently out-of-print, interested National Board members may write for a copy to the Midwest Regional Office.

Midwest JACLers can feel proud of their efforts to gain a pardon for Iva Toguri d'Aquino and to restore her citizenship. It was the young people who spearheaded this movement. For instance, Esther Imanaka and the Chicago JAYS did an outstanding job in Chicago, as did Gloria Kumagai in the Twin Cities.

Not enough can be said of Tom Hibino's quiet, behind-the-scenes work on this campaign. Tom served as a liaison with the National Committee chaired by Clifford

Uyeda, was in constant contact with Iva and became her "press secretary". On March 13, 450 people came to a celebration in honor of Iva sponsored by the Chicago Chapter.

A call from Tad Masaoka, speaking on behalf of President Jim Murakami, spurred MDC to work on getting Mike Masaoka appointed as U.S. Ambassador to Japan. With the assistance of past presidents, Shig Wakamatsu and Kumeo Yoshinari, key persons in each of the chapters were contacted to enlist their support in getting to those who might be able to influence that decision.

A workshop on how to set up a Nisei Retirement Conference at the local level is the next project for the District. Utilizing the person who participated in the national conference, discussions will center on understanding the process of aging and its implications, the content of the Conferences, and the logistics.

The number of persons who can be impacted by MDC chapters which covers a seven-state area makes it virtually impossible for volunteers alone to mount and carry out programs as those described above. The Regional Director has been the hub, the enabler, the prodder, the do-er in many instances and I personally am grateful for the talent, skills and good sense of Tom Hibino which makes being District Governor an easier task. □



From the Frying Pan: by Bill Hosokawa

## It's Up to Mr. Carter

Denver, Colo.

Japanese Prime Minister Takeo Fukuda's recent visit to Washington, D.C. and President Carter's remarks on that occasion brought to the surface an interesting parallel between the outlook of Japan and that of Japanese Americans.

President Carter pointedly urged Japan to take a more important political role in international affairs, particularly in Asia.

The Associated Press reported: "Although its post-World War II growth has made it second only to the United States in yearly production in the non-Communist world, Japan has been reluctant to assert itself politically and has spurned a return to major military power."

To underscore his point, the President expressed hope that Japan would be given a permanent seat on the United Nations Security Council.

It is true, of course, that Japan has intentionally maintained a low profile in international political affairs, certainly a profile much lower than is commensurate with her economic vitality.

But why? At the risk of over-simplification, let me put forward two probable reasons.

First, Japan has concentrated in rebuilding an economy shattered by war, raising the nation's standard of living, and creating the mechanism for trade and manufacturing that is the basis for its economic well-being. To do this, Japan didn't have to become involved in the often onerous field of international politics; in fact its role as trader was enhanced in many cases because it was largely a political eunuch.

Second, Japan was badly burned when its previous foray into international politics failed, resulting in war and humiliating

defeat. Japan still faces a residue of distrust and hostility, particularly in Southeast Asia, and isn't anxious to stir them up by excessive forwardness, or to risk being burned again.

Okay, so what does that have to do with Japanese Americans? What's the parallel?

Well, like Japan, the Japanese Americans underwent a traumatic political experience in the Evacuation. Gunshy, they prefer to stay out of the limelight.

And again like Japan, the Japanese Americans have concentrated their energies in economic buildup, trying to make up for the lack of progress resulting from prewar discrimination and the losses traceable to the Evacuation.

Carrying the parallel further, hardly a week goes by that someone doesn't urge Nisei and Sansei to become more active politically, more visible in government and community affairs at every level. In another time Dr. Harry Kitano's "enryo syndrome" might have been blamed for Ni/Sansei reluctance to become involved, but now a more likely reason is that they, like the Japanese themselves, are too busy with other matters to bother.

Incidentally, there is one certain way to get more Japanese Americans involved in government. And that would be for President Carter to name a few of them to important federal positions, not because they happen to be of a particular minority, but because they are well qualified to provide government with expertise and leadership. Most top-level jobs in the administration have been filled, but there are large numbers of second echelon posts in which Americans of Japanese descent could provide their country not only competent but outstanding service. □



From Happy Valley: Sachi Seko

## Age Shall Not Weary Them

Salt Lake City

I am crumbling. I guess the process began about 20 years ago, but since by the end of summer I will be 50 years old, it is a definite condition. Theoretically, one does not reach the middle-old stage until he is 55. But regardless of whether it is middle-middle, or middle-old, or old, there is an ominous association with this process of aging.

It resembles an unknown virus which is inevitably going to strike with all the worst complications possible. The symptoms sound terrible. By all accounts, I should be feeling them now.

It is true that there are signs. Physically, I am a mess. I creak a lot nowadays. Mentally, I never did have a keen instrument for a mind and what little there is deteriorates every day.

The plain fact is that I may be too stupid to actually fear old age. This may be an advantage to the few of us who are not of a serious bent. We can even admit that there is an elusive joy,

unknown before, which accompanies age.

There is freedom. I think this is most noticeable within a marriage.

I look back upon our early years, with the responsibilities of starting a home and family. I remember the struggles and I do not care to repeat them. Contrary to what some may believe, I don't think that having struggled necessarily makes one a better person.

I think that in the days when we were married, my generation placed a high priority on unity of partners. There were certain instances when it was absolutely necessary, as with child raising. Most children learn very early that it is to their advantage to pit one parent against the other.

Outwardly, we conformed to the social requisites which were expected of married couples. We accompanied one another to events even if one didn't particularly care to attend. He has had to sit through more canine and gardening conversations than he wants to remember. I have endured some absurd (to me) functions where the conversation was entirely in the abbreviations and symbols of his occupation.

Age is an advantage to breaking the social formula. For the past three weeks, my husband has entertained his out-of-state business associates alone. Of course, they have first come to our home for cocktails and I have made the preparations and been introduced and engaged in small talk.

But when it was time to keep their dinner reservations, after tidying up, I was free to spend the evening alone. My husband was free to enjoy the companionship of associates with whom he had genuine common interests.

Privacy comes with age and that is a luxury. I lived under tremendous social

pressures while my family was engaged in business. Although there were undeniably certain advantages and pleasures which came with 24 years of such an association, concessions had to be made. It is the politics of business.

When the store was closed, five years ago, I felt that a large burden had been lifted. This aside from the functional responsibilities of the operation itself. It had been worse than living in a glass bowl. I no longer feel accountable for explaining or apologizing for each personal commitment and action.

And yet, I knew Issei men and women who managed to escape or ignored the cultural tradition of conformity. They had a literal ball with their gambling and brawling and their general disregard of the orthodoxy of their peers. It was explained to me discreetly that arrogance is forgiven with age.

I don't have to read about the old Issei on First South in its last decaying days, because I've known it all. I've seen the insides of rest homes which have long been condemned and destroyed. Our child grew up thinking that Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners were supposed to be eaten cold and after it was dark. We have too many to whom dinner had to be taken. I've known Issei who didn't speak for years, who never even looked at you, kept their eyes fastened to the ground.

But I've also seen the other kind. The ones who had a great time living. They didn't have much money, they didn't speak English and most didn't have families. But they scoffed and laughed at age. I wish that someone would get around to writing about the winners against age. Maybe what I really want is the gloom to be written off of age. □

## Resource directory

OAKLAND, Calif.—A resource directory is being compiled by the East Bay Asian Local Development Corp., 825 Harrison St., Oakland 94607, listing programs and services in English, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Tagalog, Khmer, and Vietnamese.

## question box

## Hawaii Helps JACL-ADC

Q—What year did JACL go to Hawaii for funds? Was it 1948? They raised a total of \$100,000. I wrote Honolulu but did not get the names of the S.F. people. JACL went twice, (raising) \$60,000 the first visit and \$40,000 the second. —T.T., San Francisco.

A—The JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee, Inc., final statement shows \$88,197.41 was raised in Hawaii; \$70,750.91 from April, 1946 to December, 1949.

Two "junkets to Hawaii" are noted in our files: Keisaburo Koda, Kihei Ikeda, Sim Togasaki and Joe Grant Masaoka went first in February, 1947. Saburo Kido went in April to help wind up the campaign. Sam Ishikawa, K. Koda, K. Ikeda and Mike Masaoka went in May, 1949.

Plain Speaking: by Wayne Horiuchi

## The Presidential Classroom

Washington

This week I've asked Linda Christhilf, who worked with the Presidential Classroom for Young Americans in the Washington Office of JACL, to report on this year's successful PCYA activities.

March 12, 1977, marked the conclusion of six intensive classes for the Presidential Classroom for Young Americans. This year the Japanese American Citizens League sponsored 31 outstanding students from across the United States. We are proud to know that those people involved with the Presidential Classroom for Young Americans were favorably impressed with JACL's representation.

The Presidential Classroom for Young Americans curriculum is designed to totally immerse students in the study of the Federal Government.

Each day's intensive schedule includes three or four seminars plus informal discussion groups. Additional highlights are visits to seats of government in and around Washington, including the White House, the State Department, Capitol Hill and the Central Intelligence Agency.

Each week has its own special features, depending on that week's current events. For example, participants have been to the White House to see the welcoming celebrations for Canada's Prime Minister Trudeau and Mexico's President, Jose L. Portillo.

The fast paced weeks each culminated in the pageantry of graduation night. Among the speakers for the graduation activities were John Golden, former Special Assis-

tant to President Lyndon Johnson, and William Colby, former CIA Director.

The students spent their last evening with new found friends from all over the nation amid candlelight and tears. Wayne Horiuchi, JACL Washington Representative, David Ushio, former executive director of JACL and Member of the Board of PCYA, and Linda Christhilf each had the privilege of attending a graduation dinner and ceremony. It was an opportunity to listen to students' reaction first hand—and all of the comments spoke well of the program and the students' maturity.

One young lady was overheard remarking, "I never knew I could have so much fun doing what I was supposed to do for 24 hours a day." John Kamei, one of the students sponsored by the Selanoco Chapter of JACL, mentioned in several ways his gratitude to the chapter for all the work they did to afford him the opportunity to come to Washington.

The PCYA staff, in turn, was very impressed with the caliber of students representing JACL. Even among the top students of the nation, JACL students stood out. Special thanks should go to the chapters for the time spent in recruiting and carefully selecting the students they sponsored, as well as the work involved in providing funds to send their candidates to Washington.

The response of both the Japanese American Citizens League and the Presidential Classroom for Young Americans has been so enthusiastic that we are planning to reserve 40 places in 1978 for students sponsored by JACL. □



# chapter pulse

## ● Milwaukee

Milwaukee JACL's annual Spring Festival, featuring a chicken teriyaki dinner, Chinese salad, takuan and homemade pies will be served on Saturday, April 2, 4:30 p.m. at International Institute. Charlie Matsumoto is chef. Program includes a bonsai demonstration, the art of making ribbon fish and how Japanese-cut aprons are fashioned.

A gay '90s motif prevails

## calendar

### JACL DEADLINES

May 1—Nat'l JACL Graduate scholarships.

May 1—Nat'l NACL Freshman Graduate scholarships.

May 16—Nat'l JACL-Satow Memorial Hdcup 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.)

### 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.

### April 2 (Saturday)

Riverside—Egg hunt, 1st Christian Church, 10:30 a.m.

Milwaukee-Spring Festival, International Institute, 4:30 p.m.

El Cerrito—Sakura Kai yard sale, Ooki's restaurant.

### April 3 (Sunday)

Arizona—Potluck dnr, JACL Hall, 4 p.m.

Monterey—Issei-Kai anniversary party.

### April 8-10

MDYC—JAYS retreat, St. Louis JAYS host, Trout Lodge, Potosi, Mo.

### April 10 (Easter Sunday)

St. Louis—Egg hunt.

### April 11 (Monday)

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

San Gabriel Valley—Bloodmobile (for Kaz Mayemura), ESGV Japanese Comm Ctr, 4-8 p.m.

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

### April 12 (Tuesday)

Stockton—Bd mtg, Cal 1st Bank, 8 p.m.

at the annual chapter 1000 Club whing ding at the Country Gardens Mar. 26, 6:30 p.m. Eddie Jonokuchi is chairman.

Local high school seniors are reminded of the April 15 deadline to apply for the chapter scholarship. Jennett Tada (228-8024) has all the information. Awards will be announced at the graduates dinner May 15 at the Hoffman House.

The chapter picnic is scheduled for Aug. 14 at Brown Deer Park.

## ● Riverside

Riverside JACL's spring season calendar of four events will wind up with the annual picnic June 26 at the Sylvan Park at Redlands. The four are:

(1) Egg hunt for youngsters and noon potluck lunch for the family April 2, 10:30 a.m. at the First Christian Church, Brockton and Jurupa. Marjorie Nojiri (787-8292), in charge, promises no hot dogs this year. (2) General meeting May 7, 7:30 p.m. at UCR's International Lounge with

## Bloodmobile called for past president

WEST COVINA, Calif. — Last November, the San Gabriel Valley Japanese groups accumulated 75 pints of blood for immediate past JACL chapter president Kazuo Mayemura, who is currently hospitalized at UCLA Medical Center receiving chemotherapy.

A second call for blood has been scheduled for Monday, April 11, 4-8 p.m. with the Red Cross Bloodmobile being stationed at the Japanese community center, 1203 W. Puente Ave. Appointments are being handled by Mrs. Roy Iketani (339-4501) and Mrs. Henry Miyata (334-4627).

Frank Takatori showing slides of his trip to South Africa. (3) A potluck dinner honoring graduates, May 21, at Renck Center; Mable Bristol and Toshi Hanazono co-chairing. (4) Helping Sister City committee host 100 visitors from Sendai June 2-4.

## ● San Gabriel Valley

Outstanding high school seniors in the San Gabriel Valley JACL area are being encouraged by their counselors to apply for chapter scholarships. Qualified seniors should submit them by April 1, it was announced by Deni Uejima, scholarship chairman.

Chapter is also preparing for a Hawaiian luau May 1 at the East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center. Vice president Ted Hamachi is in charge. Kim Hatakeyama (337-2601) has tickets at \$7.50 per person. Manning the kitchen will be Sam Imai, chapter president, and a group of Islanders. Door prizes, entertainment and an exotic Hawaiian bar round out the luau. Proceeds will go toward the Center's building fund.

## ● San Jose

The newly formed No. Calif. Singles Club, sponsored by the San Jose JACL, meets on the fourth Friday 7:30 p.m. at the Sumitomo Bank, 515 No. First St.

The club honored Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hironaka, March 5, at Ming's Restaurant. Club president Ritsuo Tamura was presented with a new gavel donated by the Hironakas.

The third annual San Jose JACL-Sumitomo Bank doubles tennis tournament will be held on Sunday, June 12, at four sites: San Jose State, Town & Country Village, Independence High and Backesto Park, according to Peter Nakahara, tournament director.

Regular Aye and Bee classifications for men and women doubles will be augmented by a Cee division for fun and who do not qualify for either Aye or Bee. There will be money prizes, tennis balls and refreshments. Entry fee is \$8. Forms are ob-

tainable at Sumitomo Bank in San Jose. On the tournament committee are:

Fumio Kimura, chmn; Mike Honda, vc; George Hinoki, Lyle Hunt, Dr. Tak Inouye, Dr. Wright Kawakami, Grace Kogura, Alice Matsushima, Gerri Watanabe, Mathew Woody, Joe Yamaguchi and Lury Yonago.

## ● Seabrook

Seabrook JACL has planned its Graduates Recognition and Installation Dinner for June 18, location to be announced, according to chapter president Mary C. Nagao.

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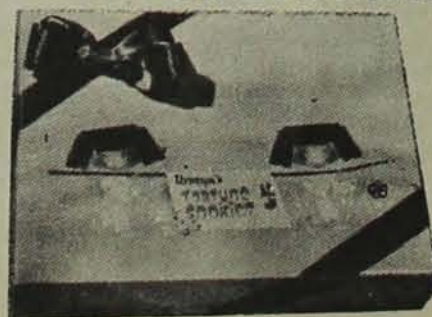
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## chapter pulse

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## ● Sequoia

Fred Hirasuna of Fresno was the guest speaker at the Sequoia JACL's 25th anniversary celebration Mar. 26 at the Golden Pavilion. He spoke on the future of Japanese Americans in California agriculture.

As one who has represented the interests of Nisei farmers, he highlighted the many obstacles facing them—first, the farm labor issue, now the burden of drought and land use.

Dancing to music provided by the George Yamasaki trio concluded the evening.

## ● Stockton

Stockton JACL president George Baba reminded the chapter meets every second Tuesday, 8 p.m., at the California First Bank. In releasing the year's calendar, he expected many in the chapter to come and help. The special calendar for remainder of the year follows:

April 22-24—Tri-District Conference at Reno; May 29—Community picnic at Mickle Grove (Cal Matsu-moto, Harold Nitta, chmn.); June—Scholarship luncheon; September—Issei trip to Lake Tahoe; Oct. 2—Chapter golf tournament, VanBus-kirk Golf Course; Oct. 10—Nominations Mtg. Cal 1st Bank; Nov. 8—Election Mtg. Cal 1st Bank; Dec. 11—Christmas potluck supper.

## NC-WNDC

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ported four more areas are being considered: East Contra Costa, Yolo County, Solano-Napa, and the State of Hawaii. Efforts of regional director Kondo was also heartily applauded by the Governor. Lodi JACL was accepted into the district upon motion of George Baba, Stockton.

10—Committees. Ten were appointed and eight more are needed to chair the following district committees:

APPOINTED—Floyd Shimomura, Tule Lake Plaque; Ted Inouye, Chapter of the Year; Dr. Harry Hatasaka, scholarship; Ich Nishida, youth; Steve Nakashima, leg counsel; John Yasumoto, Bud Nakano, health plans; John Yasumoto, JACL credit union; Tad Hirota, pub rel; John Tateishi, PC Board.

VACANT—Membership, cultural heritage, education, program & activity; constitution; legislative, reparations, new chapters.

DISSOLVED—Iva Toguri. Kondo reported a \$2,000 deficit remains and called for help. Chapters which have contributed are San Francisco, Florin, Contra Costa, San Jose, Bay Area Community, Fremont and Marin.

11—Sacramento Chapter. Shimomura noted their complaint with Macy Dept. sale of T-shirts with "Jap" was resolved with the store assuring more close supervision against its repetition. Story in the Jan. 28 PC of Mrs. Onatsu Akiyama being denied recovery of property estimated at \$87,000 over legal technicality in Trading With the Enemy Act pointed to having the National JACL Board determine if there are other similar cases. The Convention Board voted to use its surplus (\$10,909) for chapter special projects and donated \$2,000 to National JACL. Chapter also moved to assist Dr. George Kagiwada's effort for tenure at UC Davis.

12—Tri-District Conference. Ben Takeshita previewed the program of April 22-24 event at Reno and urged delegates take advantage of pre-registrations which ends April 1. TDC also replaces the 2nd NC-WNDC quarterly and all chapters are required to abide by rules governing delegate attendance. Non-attending chapters must still cover the required \$8 registration fee.

13—Nisei Retirement Conference. Chapters were urged by Takeshita to start programs concerning the need for retirement planning.

## New Business

During the luncheon break, Kathleen Saiki, recipient of a 1976 JACL-JAL cultural heritage fellowship, showed slides of her trip and told of her experiences at Sophia University, Tokyo. She was introduced by Richard Okabe.

## Thursday for teenagers

BERKELEY, Calif. — The Family, Youth and Children's Center, 2515 Milvia St., is the meeting place for 12 Asian American teenagers to "rap" Thursdays after-school with Margo Takemiya and Leroy Morishita as leaders.

Under new business, chapters owning property were reminded of the Mar. 15 deadline to file an application with their respective county tax assessor's office for a welfare exemption. Kubokawa noted the JACL articles of incorporation now contain the necessary dedication provisions to qualify for welfare exemptions. The district also:

—Commended Committee for Iva Toguri d'Aquino upon achieving their mission to secure a Presidential Pardon for Iva;

—Donated \$100 to Yuba City Performing Arts Center (at the request of Marysville JACL), which is building a memorial to the 29 high school students who lost their lives in the tragic May 21 bus accident last year;

—Commended Robert Okamoto and Phil Matsumura who were instrumental in establishing the JACL health insurance program;

—Accepted Kubokawa's Project Scatter; and

—Heard Yosh Kojimoto's dissatisfaction on the way minutes covered the Nov. 13, 1976, district discussion on Foundation Responsiveness Project. Gary Nakamura apologized for the ambiguity and clarified the minutes but further discussion was judged unwarranted because of a pending lawsuit.

Kubokawa also explained the mission of the Committee for Internment Credit to give retirement credit to federal Civil Service employees for time spent in camp.

## Deaths

Clarence T. Roberts, 81, of Carlsbad, Calif., died in late March. He and his wife both helped Japanese Americans of San Gabriel Valley since prewar years, teaching English to the Issei and advising Nisei clubs.

Joseph Yoshio Kiyonaga, 59, of Chevy Chase, Md., died of cancer Mar. 8 in a New York hospital. A native of Maui, he served with the 442nd, then with the CIA from 1949 with posts in Japan, El Salvador, Panama and Brazil. A descendant of the 18th century Japanese woodcut artist of the same name, he is survived by his wife, the former Bina Cady, five children and his mother, Mrs. Joseph Swerts, of Molokai.

Kunisaku Ino, 86, pioneer San Francisco Issei businessman, died Mar. 11. He and the late Yukichi Sakai operated an art goods business prewar on Grant Ave. in Chinatown later the Mme. Butterfly chain.



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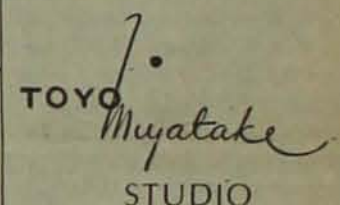
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## Election



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Monterey Park (Calif.) city council on Mar. 7 elected councilman **George Ige** as mayor for the coming term. He previously served as mayor in 1975. Active in the East Los Angeles JACL and Democratic circles, Ige hails from Hawaii, is a administrator at MacLaren Hall (home & school for the displaced, molested, abused and runaway children). A city of 51,000 to the east of Los Angeles, it has seen a steady growth of Asian population since 1950. Gardena City Council elected councilman **Vince Okamoto** as mayor pro tempore, a post which all councilmen share on a rotation basis. **Sak Yamamoto**, 63, was selected mayor of Carson, Calif., by his colleagues. A councilman since 1970, he previously served as mayor in 1973. A city of 83,000 between Gardena and Long Beach, its population is 51% white, 25% black, 17% Chicano and 7% Asian.

Contra Costa JACLer **Hyman Wong** is a candidate for the Richmond city council in the April 5 elections. A 12-year city resident working as a mental health consultant and an Army veteran of the Korean conflict, he is major in the California National Guard and is married. Wife is an architect and fine arts teacher and

they have three children.

## Politics

**Nobusuke Fukuda** was nominated chairman of the newly formed Japanese American Democratic Club of San Francisco.

## Government

**Sen. S.I. Hayakawa** (R-Calif.) will have five field offices in his home state to help people with problems with federal agencies. Field representatives will also visit communities with local groups and individuals. Offices are situated in San Francisco, Sacramento, Los Angeles, San Diego and soon in Fresno. **Sen. Spark Matsunaga** (D-Hawaii) was appointed chief deputy whip of the U.S. Senate, an unusual honor for a freshman senator although he served three terms in the House as a deputy whip.

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

## False reports on Nisei?

LOS ANGELES—The National Commission on Law Enforcement and Social Justice here charged that false reports are being circulated on community residents by select "government agencies".

Under the Freedom of Information Act, the NCLE claimed last February that any individual can obtain the "confidential" government records on himself to check on their validity or truth.

As much of the false circulation of information might have occurred during the WW2 internment of Japanese Americans, the NCLE "assists residents in determining whether government agencies are holding information which may be detrimental to employment, job advancement and consumer credit..." and is also intensifying its program to investigate the circulation of false reports.

On how one might check on possible FBI files and other government agency

## Churches

The Rev. **Paul Hagiya** and Rev. **Jonathan Fujita** of the Centenary Methodist Church and the Rev. **Ken Yamaguchi** of Nishi Hongwanji were credentialed as chaplains for the Los Angeles Police Dept. last month. Chaplains are often called to counsel bereaved families or to negotiate with barricaded suspects, according to LAPD community relations officer **Ernie Nishinaka**. Hagiya and Fujita pioneered the development of the Asian American Hotline, a multi-lingual program to counsel troubled Asians by telephone.

## Health

**Virginia Morimitsu** of Chicago was named Swedish Covenant Hospital's "employee of the year" where she is an information clerk. Her husband Art is in the carpet business, their son is a display designer for Sears in Tennessee and their two daughters are instructors in special education at the Univ. of Oregon.

## Agriculture

**Livingston-Mercer JACLer Buddy Iwata** has retired as manager of the Livingston Farmers Assn., after serving for some 20 years, and succeeded by **Dave Zollinger**, who managed the Cortez Growers Assn. in 1961. **Ken Hamaguchi** was elected president of the Livingston Farmers.

## Flower-Garden

San Jose landscape architect **Taro Yamagami** is president on the international board of directors of the American Institute of Landscape Architects, following its 20th annual convention Feb. 17-20 at Costa Mesa, Calif. On the AILA board for six years, he is active with the Optimists, JACL and is a 442nd veteran.

## UCLA cooking class

LOS ANGELES—**Matao Uwate**, author of several Japanese cookbooks, is teaching Japanese Foods and Culture for UCLA Extension (825-1328), Mar. 30-May 18, 7-10 p.m. at the Higashi Hongwanji kitchen. Fee is \$70.

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