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### Next Ambassador to Japan:

# Mansfield instead of Masaoka

WASHINGTON - President Carter selected a Mike to be the new U.S. ambassador to Japan but it was not Mike Masaoka as had been hoped.

Formal appointment of Mike Mansfield, 74, former Senate Majority Leader, is expected following the necessary clearances.

Mansfield, who retired from the Senate in January, was professor of Latin

American and Far Eastern end to abrupt American achistory at the Univ. of Montana (1933-43) before coming to Washington. He visited Japan often as a senator should continue a military and maintained a deep interpresence in Japan. est in Asian affairs.

Mansfield has reported to Carter on his most recent trip to Tokyo that Japan should be a cornerstone of this country's western Pacific policy.

### Americans or improvement Mansfield also urged an of U.S.-Japan relations." 1400 Nikkei turnout for Hayakawa

LOS ANGELES-Citing his election last fall and that of Senators Daniel Inouye and Spark Matsunaga to the U.S. Senate, Sen. S. I. Hayakawa asserted anti-Japanese discrimination in this country is on the wane. The remarks came during a dinner Mar. 26 at the Beverly Hilton where nearly 1,400 were present.

Hayakawa said his key legislative efforts during the first three months in office focused on attempts to

LOS ANGELES - The

37th annual Nisei Week

Festival has been set a

week later than usual

with the coronation ball

at the Bonaventure hotel

Aug. 20 and the ondo pa-

rade on Aug. 28, it was

announced by 1977 chair-

man Hiromichi Kume,

general manager of An-

shindo America Corp.

Nisei Week & other festivals

relax the ban of tuna fishing utation and character of "all associated with porpoises and to have the ban on saccharin postponed for three years.

He also favored President Carter's declarations on behalf of human rights in foreign countries and discounted opposition by the Soviets. He indicated electoral college should be abolished and political contributions be limited.

He attributed his November election to the good rep-

Meanwhile, the second

annual Cherry Blossom

Festival ondo will be held

April 16-17 at the Prado

and Atlantic Shopping

Center in Monterey Park.

honmachi prepares for

its 10th annual Cherry

Blossom Festival with

the three-hour parade on

Sunday, April 24.

In San Francisco, Ni-

Japanese and Japanese Americans that preceded me"

tions in the Far East without

Japanese consultation and

said the United States

Mansfield was the 1976

recipient of the Mike Masa-

oka Distinguished Service

Award for having contri-

buted "most to improving

the quality of life for all

"If I attained more than others, it is because I stood on the shoulders of all Japanese Americans since they came here," he continued. He paid special tribute to the fallen Nisei GIs in Italy and accomplishments since the wartime Evacuation.

Dr. Kevin Starr introduced the junior senator from California. Yo Takagaki, dinner chairman, introduced Mario Machado who emceed the 31/2 hour banquet. Among those extending greetings were:

Japanese Consul General Yukio Takamatsu, former U.S. Ambassador to Japan James Hodgson, As-semblyman Paul Bannai, Mike Curb, Ed Matsuda, Steve Doi and Helen Funai

It was the greatest turnout of Japanese Americans to a political affair, according to committeeman Fred Wada.



**MIKE MANSFIELD** 

### Nikkei listed in Canary Island crash

NEW YORK - Pan American released the names of passengers and crew aboard their ill-fated jumbo jet in the March 26 Canary Island collision with a KLM jumbo jet. Four were Nikkei.

Flight attendants Mari Asari and Sachiko Hirano, both of Tokyo and based in Tanemura, Kelowna, B.C., were among the 570 dead. Roy Tanemura, a survivor, was a stretcher case upon return Mar. 30 aboard the Air Force C141 Starlifter at McGuire AFB, N.J.

### **Right of petition** in Japan extended

TOKYO - Foreign nationals may now come to Japan for the express purpose of filing petitions with the Diet, the Japan Times learned Mar. 11. The turnabout decision was the result of Julian Gresser, 33, Harvard professor, who wanted to intervene against the Japanese plan to build a large-scale crude oil transhipment station in Micronesia.

# Public defender to aid Wendy at state appeals

**By LEE RUTTLE** 

Special PC Correspondent OAKLAND, Calif. - The post-trial hearing on an appeal for a new trial and other matters in the Wendy Yoshimura case scheduled for March 31 was brief and will not be resolved until May 4.

On the subject of new bail, several minor problems arose. Judge Pulich declared that before Frank Yoshimura (Wendy's father) can pledge his property as part of the \$50,000 bail, the court requires a title search. a tax appraisal and an independent appraisal of the Yoshimura home. To this, James Larson replied, "It's in the works"

The judge further ruled that any cash pledged or bail should be deposited in a bank in what he called a time deposit. This means, that the guarantor may earn interest on the amount but that the principal is earmarked for the court until

the case is resolved.

The, judge also stipulated that Larson must file his appeal with the district court of appeals within ten days. Larson did not file his ap-peal Mar. 31 because he needed transcripts of certain parts of the trial which had not been furnished previously.

Action on all these matters as well as the five contempt citations against Wendy will not be acted upon until May 4.

**Deputy District Attorney** Horner, a prosecutor who never gives up in his effort to put a convicted felon behind bars, again asked that Wendy be remanded to custody immediately pending the actual posting of bail. The judge denied his request\_

After court Wendy revealed that once the appeal filed, a public defender will follow through from there, since her defense funds are completely exhausted.

## JAL-JACL cultural heritage New York, and Mrs. Ayako applications due April 20

SAN FRANCISCO - Deadline for submitting applica-tions for the 1977 JAL-JACL Cultural Heritage Fellowships to Japan has been extended to Wednesday, April 20, JACL National Headquarters announced.

Four complete fellowships for study and travel in Japan will be awarded this summer. The awards include air transportation to Japan, room, board and tuition at Sophia University in Tokyo, and a two week tour of Japan.

It was pointed out that the judging is not based upon academic achievement in school. The key factor is a strong desire and motivation to study in the country of one's ancestors. Appli-

cants are required to answer essay questions re-garding their goals for the summer in Japan and how they intend to use the knowledge gained upon returning to the United States.

Japan Air Lines (JAL) is the world-wide carrier of Japan and flies to 41 cities in 25 countries. Japan Travel Bureau, sponsors of the individual tours, is the largest tour operator in Japan and ranks among the world's largest travel agencies.

Applications may be obtained from any JACL chapter, JAYs chapter, JACL Regional Office, or National Headquarters. Inquiries should be directed to Rich Okabe, interim Youth Director, (415) 921-5225. 

# East Coast Nikkei less inclined for individual reparation pay

WASHINGTON - A four- allowed for individual page questionnaire on rep- claims. (This is in contrast Japanese internees, those arrested

those forced to move or were denied "due process" (53%); "enemy alien"

the first proposal, establish There were 29 for individa special commission to de- ual payment, only one for

one from the Eastern District. While the returns are too few to indicate a trend, most (61% or 11) favored individual payment of reparations as compared with four each (20%) for either group and individual claims. Ranking of those eligible for reparations varies slightly with the list above with evacuees detained in the relocation centers as well as evacuees from Hawaii and Alaska leading with 77%, followed by: (a) Those forced to move or denied "due process' (66%), (b) non-Japanese spouse and family (61%),
(c) those confined in Hawaii and all voluntary evacuees (55% each), (d) all in Western Defense Command (50%), (e) "enemy alien" internees (38%), (f) evacuees from Latin America (27%), and (g) Nisei strand-ed during WW2 in Japan (11%). About 25% were against renunciants or those requesting repatriation 10 be among those eligible.

arations, preceded by a twopage introduction, was prepared by two long-time experts in legislation, Mike Masaoka and Kaz Oshiki for use in the JACL Eastern District Council.

(The same form appeared in the Mar. 25 PC and to date, about 25 forms have been returned to the Pacific Citizen.) At the National JACL Board meeting in San Francisco, PNWDC Governor Ed Yamamoto urged it be adopted as the form to circulate nationally to assist the JACL reparation committee ascertain community input.

On the basis of 56 respondents who filed at one of the EDC community input meetings in February, 29 (52%) were for individual payment, one was for lump sum going to a group and six

with the 78% responding to the Pacific Southwest questionnaire who favor direct payment to individualssee April 1 PC.)

With slightly less than half responding of those present (124) at the four EDC-sponsored meetings in Washington, Seabrook Phil-adelphia and New York, only 7% said they were not detained. Of the 43 who said they were detained, 12 had filed claims and all but one said their claims were paid (which suggests the other 31 were too young to file at the time-1948-52.)

In determining eligibility for reparations, the consensus showed (in descending order):

All evacuees detained in the Assembly Centers and Relocation Centers (80%); voluntary evacuees and those from Alaska or Hawaii (57%); and confined in Hawaii, non-"Japanese" spouses and children who accompanied evacuees (46%); all persons of Japanese ancestry in the Western Defense Command (34%); heirs of eligible persons (32%); evacuees from Latin America detained in the U.S. (23%); and Japanese Americans stranded in Japan during WW2 (16%).

To determine who should not be eligible for reparations, the responses to the questions were:

1-Those who requested repatriation to Japan (43%).

2-Those who renounced U.S. citizenship (39%).

3-Those who refused to report for military service (34%).

4—Those who accepted evacua-tion claims (7%).

#### **On Computation**

To help determine an acceptable formula for determining the amount of reparation involved for the entire program, the responses were even fewer as only 17 (30%) out of the 56 checked

termine: 7  $(12\frac{1}{2}\%)$  would permit the courts to determine; and 4 (7%) were for reopening the 1948 Evacuation Claims Act.

Only two specified a total amount be entered in the bill; one for \$1 billion and the other for \$50 million.

On the amount per person if individual payments were made, 11 said between \$5,000 and \$10,000 would be reasonable: 2 between \$20,000 and \$25,000; and one at \$50,000.

While the questionnaire noted Congress would more likely authorize reparations going to organizations for specified purposes rather than establish an agency to administer individual payments, 36 of the 56 respondents indicated any of the preferences listed as possible beneficiaries.

group lump sum to an orga nization and six for individual claims.

While only one favored payment to an organization, there were 20 checks distributed in the seven spaces delineating the kind of organization which might receive funds.

The questionnaire has since been revised by Oshiki. It asks whether you favor payment to (a) individual or (b) federal commission or national organization.

### PC readers answer reparation questions

Of the 18 reparation questionnaires returned by March 28, ten were from Northern California, five from Pacific Southwest, two from Pacific Northwest and

# National JACL Board agenda summary

SAN FRANCISCO-Here is the concluding half of the summary of the agenda acted upon Mar. 18-20 by the National JACL Board meeting at JACL Headquarters.

(Continued from Last Week) 8.1 Iva Toguri (Don Hayashi for Clifford Uyeda). Rather than being 'deactivated", the Committee is "in-active"; funds are needed to clear some debts. Iva Toguri is most appreciative of JACL efforts

8.2 Whale Issue (Hayashi for Uyeda). Since 1973, committee advoates JACL position against wanton slaughter of whales but at the same time oppose racist overtones or tactics used in campaign.

8.3 JARP (Tsujimura for Shig Wakamatsu). Received progress report of books sold, books in preparation. Three-generational manuscript by Levine-Rhodes completed, half of Issei story in agriculture written, Wilson's 24-chapter history of Japanese in America being edited with last chapter taking cognizance of recent findings, work on pictorial history continuing

8.4 Endowment Fund (Murakami for Yone Satoda). Interest for FY 1976 estimated at \$23,500 for general operation. Fund was established by recipients of Evacuation Claims, corpus cannot be utilized without expressed permission of donors for other than originally stated pur-Market value-12-31-75: \$310,000; 12-31-76: \$387,500.

8.5 1000 Club (Tad Hirota). While numbers have been dwindling (about 1,800 today), to renew interest suggested were a Tokyo whing ding in the odd-numbered years, service & fun concepts for senior citizens, work to return JA Nisei Bowling Assn. tournament into JACL.

8.6 Constitutional Revisions (Murakami for George Yamasaki). Will request budget for constitutional convention in '79-'80, entire constitution, by laws and articles of incorporation all need to be reviewed and not in piecemeal fashion. 8.7 Okubo-Yamada Fund (Iwama

for F Oda-G Baba). In process of forming nat'l committee, funds needed to secure transcript of trial as case is now on appeal.

8.8 Recognitions (Murakami for Frank Oda). Forms being revised.

## item per inch

### Bonsai show

LOS ANGELES-California Bonsai Society's 20th annual show is underway at the Calif. State Museum of Science and Industry April 3-17 Demonstrations are scheduled daily at 2 p.m.

### East/West Players

LOS ANGELES-East West Play ers has geared William Woo's Psychechain, adapted by Irvin Paik for young audiences this week. Partially funded by the L.A. municipal grant, it was being presented at 2 p.m. April 5-8 and at 8:30 April 6-7.

### 'Golden Mountain'

8.9 Reorganization and Restructure (Lillian Kimura). Because an executive director is needed on board. nothing done since 1976 Convention; also expanding committee with district representation.

8.10 Health Insurance Guidelines (John Yasumoto). Current guidelines were adopted at the Sacramento convention: guidelines committee needs district representation in 45

8.11 Review of Documents and Policies (Tats Misaka). Coordination is required in person of national executive director. Committee within Nat'l Board is reviewing a paper on operational structure from JACL's consultant CPAs

8.12 Survey of District Council and Chapter Tax Exemption (Iwama). Since Nat'l JACL is classified as a 501(c)(3)-nonprofit, tax exempt organization by IRS and with increasing congressional pressure to monitor such organizations, consultant CPAs recommend survey be taken to ascertain the tax and corporate status of DC and chapters: 25 chapters have responded thus far; California chapters with property now qualify for tax exemption since Nat'l JACL articles of incorporation updated

#### 11.1 and 11.2 Interview and Selection of National Director (Gary Nakamura). Personnel Committee (G Nakamura, Emi Somekawa, Al Hatate, Steve Nakashima, Ben Takeshita) as the selection committee, had interviewed the top six candidates deemed acceptable by the National Search and Evaluation committee for a national executive director; voted 18-1 to accept recommendation that only the top candidate be interviewed; approximately five hours were in executive session for final review and selection; appointment of Karl Nobuyuki, Gardena, was unanimous; chapters in good standing are being polled by mail for ratification.

11.3 Reparations (Mike Honda). Prior to Mike Honda's report, matter of summary discharge of Ed Yama-moto as chairman of Nat'l Reparations Campaign Committee was resolved; adopted a grievance process among volunteers as recommended by District Governors' Caucus, that immediate and continuous commu-

nication within organization be maintained and openly apologizing when errors are committed, and ac knowledged and commended Yamamoto's leadership with reparations campaign.

In Honda's report, called for district representation on committee to implement convention motion which accepted concept of reparations, indicated need for standardized questionnaire (the Masaoka-Oshiki survey was highly recommended), tape cassette of Masaoka's presentation at Sacramento for replay at community-input sessions, and for JACL to secure support from other groups (and if none, feedback from Nat'l Board will determine strategy)

11.4 Policy Statements. Team lead-ers (EXECOM members) reported on whether national committee activities within their respective areas were in line with policies and directins adopted by the Sacramento convention; Mikio Uchiyama for political education and public education, Jim Tsujimura for education and elderly, and Randy Chin for youth. Reports served to cover briefly all other committee activities not listed on the agenda

11.5 Nat'l Convention (Tats Misaka). Endorsed convention booklet committee's plan, governors also agreed to push proposal; theme still undecided, convention logo set. JAYS need help since it would meet weekend prior at Salt Lake City; pilgrimages during convention week to sites of Topaz and Minidoka on tap. (End of Regular Agenda)

Midwest District Report (Lillian Kimura). Referred request for additional budget (\$3,000) to committee of Moriguchi, Hayashi and incoming national director Karl Nobuyuki. Request was submitted under Sept. 1976 guidelines adopted by EXE-COM on District Funding.

Resolutions of Commendation (Uchiyama). To Don Hayashi, acting national director; to late Edison Uno for challenging JACL leadership; to Clifford Uyeda for leadership to securing Presidential pardon for Toguri

Tule Lake Plaque (Charles Kubokawa). Joined NC-WNDC commending Dr. Herbert Rhodes' decision to "concentration camps" plaque for Tule Lake camp site.

Youth Director (Chin). Assured by president Murakami that process for securing full-time youth director will commence, now that executive director has been appointed. Adjourned 11 a.m., Sunday, Mar. 20

## AN HEIRLOOM FROM HOKAZONO Gold watch for 'son'

DENVER, Colo.-Last Feb. 18, a stained glass window in the State Capitol building depicting Issei pioneer Naochi Hokazono was dedicated (PC, Feb. 11). He was instrumental in attracting Japanese laborers in the 1900s from the West Coast to harvest sugar beets and lay railroads.

One man, Rudy Mitsuru Hashimoto of Sierra Madre, Calif., had fond memories of Hokazono.

When he was four or five years old, Rudy lived with his widowed and sick mother in Salt Lake City.

One day a stranger called on his mother and she introduced the stranger to Rudy.

Roybal's bill to aid A-bomb victims in U.S.

WASHINGTON-Rep. Edward Roybal (D-Calif.) has reintroduced his bill (HR 1994) to provide payment by the United States for certain medical service and treatment to individuals suffering from physical injuries attributable to the atomic bomb explosions on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

It is the same bill he had introduced in the 92nd Congress and has been referred to the House Judiciary Committee.

In Los Angeles, three members from the Hiroshima Institute for Research on the Effects of Radiation arrived Mar. 29 for a threeweek stay to study the health problems of A-bomb survivors residing in the U.S

It is the first such visit by a team of Japanese doctors and annual visits are contemplated.

The visit of Dr. Taiji Okada, 60, director of the Hiroshima Medical Assn.; Dr. Michihiro Miyanishi, 51, assistant professor, Hiroshima University medical dept.; and Hiroaki Yamada, 51, institute staff, was negotiated with the U.S. Energy **Research and Development** Administration through the Japanese Ministry of Health and Welfare.

Deadine for admission to

For detailed information

about either program, con-

Washington Office of JACL, Suite 204, 1730 Rhode Island Avenue, N. W., Washingto, D.C. 29936; (202-

Four National JACL Grad-

uate / Collegiate Scholar-

ships are being offered to

students who are currently

enrolled or will be enrolled

in a graduate studies pro-

either of the summer activi-

ties is May 15, 1977.

Scholarships

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tact:

223-1240).

The visitor was Naoichi Hokazono.

Through a pre-arrangement unknown to the boy, he was to live with the Hokazonos in Denver. Reluctantly, the boy left with Hokazono, and he never saw his mother again. She died.

Rudy grew up in the loving Hokazono home, along with Hokazono's nieces (whom they adopted), now Mrs. Teruko Kido of Los Angeles and Mrs. Chizuko Takeyama of Pasadena.

Later on, Rudy learned that he was brought up as a foster child and was not legally adopted. He applied his original family name, Hashimoto.

The boy grew up and began to work on farms.

But meanwhile, Hokazono had become ill and had fallen into hard times.

Hashimoto then started to send back money regularly to the ailing Hokazono.

Finally, at St. Joseph Hospital in Denver, Hokazono died in Sept., 1927.

Hokazono was an undisputed leader among Issei labor contractors and the Japanese community.

A funeral service was held that month at the Tabernacle, a church then on 20th and Lawrence St. There was an overflow of mourners.

Time passed and the Hashimotos eventually settled in California.

Following the dedication of the Capitol window, the Hashimotos visited the graves of Mr. and Mrs. Hokazono at the Riverside Cemetery.

Although the Hokazonos were foster parents, Rudy Hashimoto regarded them as his real, meaningful parents.

He carried with him a gold watch, his one solid gold link with Hokazono. An inscription on the family heirloom read, "To Mr. H.N. (Harry Naoichi) Hokazono -Presented by the Japanese Assn. of Colorado, Feb. 9, 1916."

He had brought it with him, too, during the dedication ceremonies, in memory of Hokazono and Colorado.

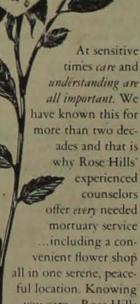
# Sparky asks seal hunt halt

WASHINGTON -Sen Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) on Mar. 20 introduced a concurrent resolution urging the Canadian Government to reassess its present policy of permitting the killing of newborn Harp seals in Canadian waters. "I cannot in all honesty and with a clear conscience overlook-nor dismiss-the tragic plight of seal pups," said Matsunaga.

The Matsunaga resolution was an urgent step towards halting the brutal slaughter of the seals during Canada's annual six-week seal hunt.

"The increased 1977 quota of 170,000 seal pelts will allow hunters to kill up to 90 percent of the newborn seal population," voiced the Hawaii lawmaker. Conservationists and environmentalists are already predicting that the hunt will eventually destroy the Harp seal herds.

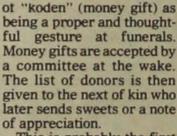
CARE ... there are times when it means everything



Japanese custom of 'koden' noted in syndicated column

CHICAGO - A Chicago woman corrected Ann Landers, syndicated columnist, that her advice of sending money instead of a huge basket of flowers to a bereaved family was "not in good taste"

In the Feb. 21 column, Miss Landers acknowledged and corrected herself after checking with her Japanese friends and learned



This is probably the first

time the custom as practiced in Japanese communities in the United States received nation-wide mention.

JOLLA, Can Two weekend performances of Yen Lu Wong's dance-theater piece, "Golden Mountain", are scheduled April 8-10, 15-17 6 p.m. at the Salk Institute plaza. Ms Wong teaches at UC San Diego.

### JAR dinner

GARDENA, Calif.-Japanese American Republicans will hear Long Beach City Councilwoman Eunice Sato speak on her recent visit to Russia at the April 11 dinner at Gung Hay Restaurant, it was announced by Ethel Kohashi, president (463-

### Media Day III

LOS ANGELES-Asian Americans for Fair Media presents its third Media Day at USC Gerontology Center on April 16, 11:30 a.m. with workshops and panel discussions

### For the Record

The PC story on the National JACL Board meeting erroneously identifies Jim Murakami as a structural engineer. He is, instead, a mechanical and electrical engineer.

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### Iva Toguri

San Francisco JACL chapters were urged in a Mar. 6 memorandum from the Iva Toguri Committee to continue reeducating people on the socalled "Tokyo Rose" myth ... The presidential pardon has not erased the myth from the minds of the American public, noted Dr. Clifford Uyeda, committee chairman

Mail the committee has received in recent weeks indicated the "1949 mentality and concepts which were responsible for the tragedy of the case" still persist. Many Americans are still unfamiliar with all the details

Booklets on the Toguri case are still available upon request.

### PCYA (Summer)

Because of the overwhelming demand for space in the winter high school program of the Presidential Classroom for Young Americans, the Classroom is conducting a special summer session June 11-18. Interested students who are juniors or seniors this school year ('76-'77) are eligible. Tuition (\$250), curriculum and scope of the summer session is identical to that of the winter classroom.

In addition, professionals and university students are

#### from jacl headquarters

offered the opportunity to gram. Applications are due participate in a two-week at Headquarters, attn. JACL program similar in scope to Scholarship Committee, no the Classroom-the Federal later than May 1, 1977.

> One scholarship is open to any person of Japanese ancestry who is majoring in medicine. Two are for California residents with preference to those in business, banking, finance, economics, or international trade, and the fourth is unrestricted.

These scholarships will be awarded on the basis of academic achievement, financial need and extracurricular activities.

Applications may be obtained from any JACL chapter, regional office or from National Headquarters.

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# How Some Nisei and Sansei are Coping with It The Great Drought of '77

#### **By JOE OYAMA**

Special to the Pacific Citizen SAUSALITO, Calif.-In October, 1976, I left Hoboken, N.J., because I could no longer stand the freeze of the East, and I was priding myself having missed the Worst Freeze in its history.

But I have come headlong into Northern California's worst drought in history, and Marin County where I am temporarily staying is the worst hit, because its inhabitants voted down a bond issue for another reservoir. several years ago, because they didn't want population growth.

To find out what some of the local Nisei and Sansei living in Marin County are doing to conserve water, I got on the telephone.

#### Water District Employee

Dennis Sato of Novato works for the Marin Municipal Water District, jokingly referred to, sometimes, as "MUD". He works near Sausalito just off of Lucky Drive.

### Japan tour of gardens attracts

ST. LOUIS, Mo. - Thirtytwo Botanica Garden Club members here have joined the local JACL chapter to qualify for the JACL charter flight to the Orient this fall, according to Linda Ishibashi and Lynn Shimamoto.

Some of the world-famous gardens they plan to see in the Kyoto area are Nijo Castle, designed by the tea ceremony master Kobori Enshu 300 years ago; the Heian Shrine by Ogawa Jihei who took 30 years to complete, and the famous wet garden at Tenryu-ji.

#### AANBA position

DEPARTURE:

DISBAND:

**RETURN:** 

LOS ANGELES - Asian American National Business Alliance (382-7381) is looking for a senior financial analyst with a degree in business with 5 years experience in management and accounting.

"Municipal," he said, "of-fers water-saving kits that go into the toilet. Two or three in a toilet saves at least a quart of water. We also offer shower heads. These are free

The JACL people, he said, are taking short showers, even turning off the shower when lathering, saving water from the bathtubseven from washing machines in the house to flush toilets

"Lots of people are washing dishes by hand, saves a lot of water instead of using the machine. If using the machine, make sure it's full!"

"In another way-they're not flushing as much," he continued.

Municipal has a newsletter on how to conserve water. Sato invited me to come and pick one up.

"Restaurants are using paper plates and cups.'

Sato's main job at Municipal is not only conservation, but also looking for new sources of water. He's skeptical about the water to be piped over the Richmond Bridge, because it wouldn't relieve this year. "But," he interposed, "it will be of help in the future in a dry year.

"This is really an emergency situation."

When it rained the other day, his son put out 5-gallon cans to catch the rain water.

He also added that the residents were against seeding the clouds because it may have repercussions elsewhere, causing floods and so forth ....

### 'How Dry I Am'

The Marin JACL Newsletter recently carried this bit of advice, "If you're into bootlegging water from out of the county, our chapter has a real bargain for you. Nell Noguchi's brother who owns the Hokamp's Bakery in San Francisco, 1614 Polk St., has generously donated

VIA JAL #61 (Los Angeles)

AT OSAKA GRAND

VIA JAL #62

a truck load of 5 gallon plastic buckets with lids. Our chapter is selling them to all interested parties at the low, low price of \$1.25 each or five for \$5.'

I asked Alice Nakahata, wife of dentist Donald Nakahata of Mill Valley, if they were having any problem with water conservation because they have three children. She replied, "I don't think so. They've been more of a help. My youngestnine years old has restricted his shower to once a week." But jokingly she added, "That's an excuse."

The Nakahatas' two older teenagers learned how to 'hand wash dishes to help save water. We've been using ocha (tea) water or washing water flushing the toilet .

"I try to be more efficient with washes. I use the drain water for second washes. It takes a lot of arm power. The wash is heavy hauling it to the garden

The Nakahatas use only half of the alloted quota or less. They haven't been watering their garden. Instead, they've been taking the wash to the garden. "We haven't washed our car in the old fashioned way in a long time or go to a car wash place ....

19	77	<b>Orientation Meeting Schedule</b>
For members participating in the JACL Travel Program		
		(Each meeting from 7:30 p.m.)
		CODE LOCALES
	(A):	LOS ANGELES-Sumitomo Bank, 3d fl, 250 E 1st St.
	(B): (C):	SAN JOSE—Wesley Methodist Church, 566 N 5th St.
	ic.r.	SAN FRANCISCO-JACL Headquarters, 1765 Sutter St.

Group 3Apr. 26 (A)	Group 9Aug. 25 (C)
Group 4 (SJo) May 11 (B)	Group 10 (L.A.)
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Group 6 (L.A.) May 31 (A)	Group 12 (L.A.)
Group 7June 23 (C)	Group 13 (SJo)Aug. 31 (B)
Group 8July 7 (C)	Group 14
	Group 16 July 16 (A)

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

# **JACL** Tour to Europe 27-day Excursion: \$1,870

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moved here about 16 years ket. ago and are a family of five.

#### **Conservation Methods**

John Tateishi is the Marin

JACL President, who teach-

es English at the City Col-

lege in San Francisco. His

wife Carol is a potter. They

Asked what they were do-

ing in the way of conserving

water, he replied, "What

we're doing is no different

from what a lot of other

people are doing: a lot of

cutting back. We haven't

used water outside for a

year, taking short showers, recycling. We let water use

go way below rationed al-

lowance, cutting water use

"Under normal circum-

stances we run water un-

thinkingly. There's lot you

can do to cut corners wher-

ever you can. It's not terrib-

ly uncomfortable. We're al-

lotted 148 gals. per day.

checking the meter daily,

it's way below! It's easy to

stay down to 100 gallons."

(Dennis Sato of Municipal

I asked Tateishi about his

flowers, and he replied, "We

let the garden go for a year.

The flowers? They've gone

to the Potter's Co-op, and

there it's been a little harder

because "they would use a

lot of water ordinarily. The

individual limits rationing."

wife of commercial artist

Harry Mitsunaga. Resi-

dents of Mill Valley, they

Mary Mitsunaga is the

John's wife Carol belongs

a long time ago."

said, "That's very good!"

to minimal ...

have two children.

"We've been on water conservation voluntarily since last summer," said Mrs. Mitsunaga, "so when the conservation program went into effect this February, we were fully prepared. There was very little rain last summer."

"The water from the heatter to the kitchen," continued Mrs. Mitsunaga, "takes a little time before it turns hot, so we've been saving the running water instead of letting it go down the drain."

Incidentally, I just read in Herb Caen's column in the S.F. Chronicle recently that "There are half a dozen gadgets (to make water come out hot) already on the mar-

Despite the drought, the Mitsunagas have "beautiful rhododendrons in their garden", but "no swimming She modestly put in pool". that the rhododendrons were there when they moved in.

Since the Mitsunagas have not as yet replaced their clothes washer, they have been taking their clothes to a laundromat.

"Before they were charging 50 cents and now they charge \$1. We use five to six machines at a time. It hit us quite hard! Once we tried taking the wash into San Francisco."

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### **EDITORIALS:**

# Ambassador to Japan

When it was reported President Carter would nominate a longtime friend of JACL instead of the longtime worker in JACL as ambassador to Japan his past week, we mused, "Well, we were half right ...

Senator Mike Mansfield, whose name appeared in the press with two others being named to ambassadorial posts in India and Pakistan, had special interest in matters Asian long before he rose to national prominence in Congress (1943-77). He was professor of Far Eastern history at the Univ. of Montana (1933-43).

While in the Senate, he chaired the Foreign Relations subcommittee on Far Eastern affairs and was its majority leader since 1961.

Now retired from Congress, his recent participation on the special U.S. Mission to Vietnam and Laos is continuing evidence of his interest in Asia. He visited Japan often and also Peking. The Chinese leaders are certain to note a person well-informed on the status of U.S.-Chinese relations will be nearby in Tokyo. The Japanese, no doubt, will value the senator's credentials and excellent connections he has with the White House and Congress.

The Fukuda-Carter summit of Mar. 21-22 touched on problems of peace and economy affecting Northeast Asia in particular and the world in general. They tried to ascertain where and how Japan and the United States might cooperate to make the world a better place. Mr. Mansfield is an able ambassador to carry on this mission and thus enhance the stature and prominence of the embassy in Tokyo.

# The Right to Travel

In commenting on the Bakke case here last week, we noted the ironic situation where the JACL sees itself supporting the principle of affirmative action because of "compelling state interest"-a legal doctrine stemming from the Hirabayashi and Korematsu cases, which are two decisions the JACL opposed. It may turn out that JACL, if permitted, can haunt judicial thinking with these two anti-Nisei decisions of three decades past. This is a point that will need further research.

Research this past week, however, reminded us of how rarely mentioned was the case of Mitsuye Endo. Perhaps, it's because the effect was in favor of the Nisei-but it ought not be forgotten for it took three years to determine. A state civil service employee, Mitsuye Endo was evacuated from Sacramento and sent to Tule Lake. In July, 1942, she claimed illegal imprisonment (i.e., no charges had been filed against her for being detained) and wanted "out". A year later, the federal district court denied her request for court assistance since she had not exhausted the administrative remedies for a leave clearance. While appealing the decision, she was transferred to Topaz, where she was granted a leave clearance but not an indefinite leave. (Difference in the two types of leaves are clearly explained by Frank Chuman in "The Bamboo People".)

# **Comments, letters & features**

### Graduate Schools

### Editor:

No. 1940

One of the most devastating laws was passed in the 1920s which curtailed the progress of the Issei parthe anti-Alien Land Law. ents Again, this seems to crop up in our modern Nisei and Sansei era; that is, our graduate schools having quotas against Oriental Americans. A good example is that some of the southern state universities (Alabama, Tennessee, Indiana, West Virginia, Mississippi, Missouri, etc.) I have noticed that during the last 20 years they have never had an Oriental American graduating from their graduate schools.

We talk about reparations ... I wonder.

DR. FRANK SAKAMOTO Chicago, Illinois 60640

### Reparations

Editor's Note-We received 20 reparation survey questionnaires back, as of Mar. 26. Though not expected, some were signed. Sample comments follow: Editor

In no way does it make sense to get reparations from our government and let a service group or any organization control a fund to which they are not entitled. All it does is create "cushy" jobs for a select few. Where were those organizations when the Evacuation came? The individuals were the ones who suffered-not the organizations

Reparations should be regarded as an individual claim for damages. Therefore, it should be paid to those who were forced to evacuate. In my humble opinion, I think a lump sum payment is the proper way to settle any damage claim. But if an indivisual wishes to give his claim to an organization to use for the advancement of the Japanese people, it would be that person's prerogative.

DICK SAKAMOTO Harbor City, Calif.

(I) favor lump sum disbursement to individuals. Program should be administered by an independent J-A commission plus Quaker members, Beneficiaries should be free to give to any organization without tax penalty YAMAMOTO (A Sansei)

Wapato, Wash.

Forget the details. I favor one blanket payment. Accept what is given for it is so very late. M. HANAMURA

#### Alameda, Calif.

We, Issei and Nisei, were the people affected by concentration camps. Reparation should be for the people or heirs, not the organizations or the future generation.

HIDEO YAMADA Castro Valley, Calif.

### Retirement Credit Editor

Organized over a year ago to obtain federal civil service retirement credit for Japanese Americans in-terned during WW2, the Committee for Internment Credit (PC, Mar. 4) is preparing a bill for this session of the Congress. Wholehearted support is needed.

Some of us are highly sophisticated-multilingual, multicultural and quite proud and even arrogant of our Japanese heritage and culture-a unique blend of East and West. We snobbishly appreciate Andre Gide, Chekov & Akutagawa as well as La Traviata and Hikari Genji (opera and Kabuki), but also Erica Jong and Philip Roth

We consider Americans culturally inferior and get furious when a local alderman asks a massage parlor owner if he has any "Kabuki Dan-cer" in his joint; but we admire American informality, directness and pragmatism; we especially ad-mire American politicians' oratorical ability and news commentators' eloquence.

We are quite vulnerable to criticism from Americans on Japaneseness, however, when these types of observations are made by a sharp tongued Japanese journalist (like Hichihei Yamamoto), we applaud and say he is a brilliant critic

We are dreadfully lonely in this country, yet returning to Japan and living there is unthinkable now after enjoying the abundance of social freedom and liberated women's status for so long. We find we are no longer true Japanese yet can never be truly American and this we lament our loss of identity. We are more Japanese than Ni/Sansei, yet are different from Issei who came here more than 50 years ago, and we feel that Ni/Sansei also treat us as foreigners.

At a party, a yellow-face man ap-proached me and said, "If I were to choose a wife between a white American and a Japanese from Japan, I would certainly choose a white girl; you (Japanese-born) all look good, but I know I would have a communication problem"; and his Americanborn, yellow-face, and obviously a good communicating wife came over and took him away. This (communication/language barrier) is the reason why many Asian women were abandoned and deserted by their blue-eyed husbands. And for the same reasons (language barrier, not communicating well with co-worker and superiors), these Japanese-born divorcees must take onerous jobs that no American woman is willing to take

We Japanese-born women are indeed the most disadvantaged (socially and occupationally) and op-pressed minorities in the U.S. today. We are frustrated, irritated but there is no one to talk our disgruntled feeling to, because we are still 'yellow-face, slant-eyed foreigner' "nobody asked you to come over here, you can always go home where you belong" is the usual answer.

where are we going to retire and our foundation there, yet, we cannot depend on our children here.

I sometimes read PC issue to those who cannot read English well, but the paper seems to be centered on the accomplishments and problems of Nisei. We wish the subject matter could be expanded to include a wider spectrum of topics. But, some maintain that the "weekly Asahi" gives us faster and more detailed news on the major topics on Nikkei Americans. Nevertheless, the PC gives me a sense of security and comfort, thinking, somewhere in this huge continent, there are many yellow-faces, physically similar, and intellectually interested in Japanese culture and heritage and are reading the same paper. We hope we can communicate with those people through the paper and participate in the JACL's events and activities

tion of the Ainu and other "original inhabitants". The analogy does not em very apt

In the first place, the Ainu, original Hawaiian, American Indians, etc. were threatened by an overpower-ing immigration of foreigners who crowded out, starved out, and bred out the original inhabitants from the new population. The Nikkei have left a perfectly viable and nearly pure gene pool in Japan to assure the continuation of many generations of "real Japanese" in spite of the socio-logical pressures it has already undergone since the War and Occupa-

As most Sansei have lost much of the Japanese language, have isolated themselves, or been isolated from all but the most sensational aspects of real Japanese culture, it is not surprising that our cousins and friends in Japan do not even consider us 'real Japanese

So just what is it that Inouye is exhorting us to protect? Similar goals of ethnic purity for its own sake have resulted in little more than ethnic ghettos. I am proud of my "hakujin" husband's efforts to become knowledgeable of our culture and language. My children may look un-Japanese, but they will certainly have a deliberate and cared for understanding of their heritages.

Inouye presents his cold hard facts and insists they don't reflect racism, but he embellishes them to an extent that they smack of sour

MARY ANN WAKASUGI WIGHT Berkeley, Calif.

#### Editor

In Jon Inouye's column (A Major Ethnic Disaster, PC March 25) in which he advocates that young Japanese Americans should only marry within their racial group I must reply that he has confused the difference between "culture" and "race"

Even if the next generation chooses to maintain this "pureblooded Japanese" line by not marrying inter-racially it will not guarantee the continuity of the cultural pride. On the other hand, just because a Japanese American decides to marry a spouse of another nationality will not automatically result in the loss or degradation of our heritage. The idea that only an "ethnical ly pure" person can understand and come to appreciate this Japanese culture is as racist an idea as saying that only Anglo-Whites can be Amer-

icans. Inouye seems to be concerned about the impending possibility of the loss of our common "race, language, and culture" via inter-racial marriages. I will agree that these are important mutual experiences which have helped to maintain the identity of the Japanese community, but I feel there is a more important common element which should be preserved for future generations (from either inter or intra-racial marriages). It is the story of the Issei in their struggle for economic success and of the bitter racial prej udice that they experienced. It is the Nisei in their struggle for social equality and justice. It is the story common to many ethnic-immigrants to this country, even to this very day.

The Japanese government will see to the preservation of the traditional important stories that we as an ethnic group can contribute to this country is that of our struggles as immigrants, as pioneers, as builders and farmers, as the strangers in a new land, and as political prisoners in a nation based on the doctrine of freedom. Inouye refers to intra-racial marriage as being a "personal sacrifice," a somewhat underminded blow to the many young Sansei who I would consider being a "personal delight" to marry

slavery, lost his ties to his fatherland and traced them back again through arduous research based upon child-hood remembrances of tales told by an older relative, back to a rediscovered country, village and ancestral family.

The Japanese American, on the other hand, knows the country of his origin, and more likely, the prefecture and town his family emigrated from, as well as the exact date of entry to this country. There have been narratives of Nisei re-discovery of his beginnings, but they lacked the emotional impact of 'Roots'. What man of any other race, save that of the black slaves in America, had his ancestry so effec-ively lost to him? Who else had to penetrate an almost impermeable veil of mystery, and despite the absence of written records, discover his past? The dramatic meeting with a native bard or griot who could recite the history of the author's family right back to his ancestor who was captured and enslaved, has a soul-searing, heart-rendering quali-ty that will never be equalled. This was true romance, and how can anyone of any other race top it? It is my belief that the Japanese

American 'search for identity' is a crutch, another excuse for underachievement. Any Nisei or Sansei who really wants to can trace his ancestry and learn the wealth of history and culture that was always his and always there, if he only makes the effort. Even in the United States there are rich storehouses of information open to him in libraries, museums and cultural institutions throughout the country. There are academic courses and seminars in history, language and literature offered by many of our universities.

It is the rare Nisei or Sansei who has taken advantage of any or all of the means open to him by which to identify himself with his Japanese heritage, which has enriched so many others. If they feel rootless, they have only themselves to blame, their own lack of initiative, or their own denial of their true roots.

HENRY S. ILJIMA New York

When I said (Feb. 25 PC) there should be an Asian American "Roots", I meant there should be Asian American literature as well-written and as popular as Alex Haley's "Roots"-not the same as his "Roots"

\_\_\_Jon Inouye

#### On Enunciation Editor:

It was distressing for me, a Caucasian and member of the JACL, to read what I considered a slur upon us in general. The Mar. 25 PC article, on page 2, concerned a "miner's son from Gallup, nicknamed 'Hershey' by a Caucasian sixth grade teacher who couldn't twist her tongue around the Japanese name 'Hiroshi' ". (Emphasis mine.)

While in the cool light of analysis, the reader might ascertain the teach-er as being totally biased, totally ignorant of Japanese names (how many Japanese could accurately pronounce Finnish or Russian surnames?), or, simply, uncaring. Through reading the article, the initial impact is that we Caucasians are uncaring, unfeeling, and incapable naing urree how to pronounce the three-syllable name Hi-Ro-Shi. What seems to last, according to the article, is the continued use of the nickname by the individual himself. If this was so offensive to Mr. Miyamura then why did (or does) he still refer (or allow himself to be referred) to this abusive corruption of his name? This question is not answered in the article but left, sadly, to the imaginations of those who wish to dwell upon race-hatred grievances. For better clarification, I feel it would be better that sentences such as the one quoted about be clarified and edited. I can state for myself that most Caucasians interested in the Japanese community (as I am) will take the necessary few seconds to learn correct pronunciations of names. Japanese is a highly phonetic language and, when broken down to syllables, easy to pronounce. I do regret the actions of the "sixth grade teacher" but can assure Japa nese that most of us do not feel in like fashion.

The main topic among us now is die?" Fifteen years ago, 90% of us said "in Japan", but now we know it is impossible because we have lost

While the Hirabayashi decision declared wartime curfew valid and the Korematsu decision legalized the Evacuation, in Ex Parte Mitsuye Endo, the court was turned around and held the government (the WRA) had exceeded its authority in detaining loyal citizens. Within the month, the military revoked its mass exclusion orders of the west coast (Jan. 2, "free to come and go" as they please. For some, however, after being in camp for three years with no home to go to-they had to be "kicked out"

The 1954 classic, "Prejudice, War and the Constitution", by tenBroek, Barnhart and Matson, analyzes the Evacuation from political and constitutional aspects. It is still a moving account of the three Japanese American cases. and how "suspect" minority rights are denied in time of emergency. What may be more shattering is the realization today, under "compelling state interest", individual rights (majority and minority) can be affected-even the constitutional right to travel that was affirmed in the Endo case.

There are about 500 persons on our mailing list but we feel there are more working under federal civil service here and overseas who would profit by passage of the bill. Those interested in more information may write to the Committee for Internment Credit (CIC), 487-23rd Ave., San Francisco 94121.

HIRO NAKAJI El Cerrito, Calif.

### Today & Tomorrow

#### Editor:

"Who are you, readers?" asks Jon Inouye (PC Mar. 18). Here is my reply

As Bill Hosokawa once wrote in the PC, "Since WW2 more than 200,000 Asian women migrated here by marrying American citizens; such a population influx is bound to have certain sociological impact

True-I am one of them. (It must be also remembered there are many Korean exiles who were educated under the Japanese educational system. To make a long complicated story short, I am a Korea-born Japanese and my best friend in the U.S. is my old Korean class mate Dr. Jane Lew in Baltimore.)

Please don't forget us. CHIZUKO CROCKER Madison, Wis.

PS: I especially enjoy such sagacious comments from Akaki of Minn., Nakajima of Ohio (on the Artemik case); Asawa of Calif. (on Horse Stable); Shiraki; and Frank Chin, the most vocal and courageous man.

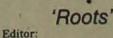
Editor:

I have read and reread Jon Inouye's column of Mar. 25 to be sure my flaring reactions weren't misdirect ed against a tongue-in-cheek article. By all appearances, it was written in all seriousness and genuine concern, and I shall challenge it as such. He likens the progressive racial assimilation of the Nikkei through intermarriage to the near racial extinc-

Finally, to what extent should one go to insure that his ethnic community is not assimilated (or as he calls 'extinction") into the masses. Would Inouve also ban contraceptives to guarantee a large Japanese American community?

**GORDON HONDA** 

#### Fresno, Calif.



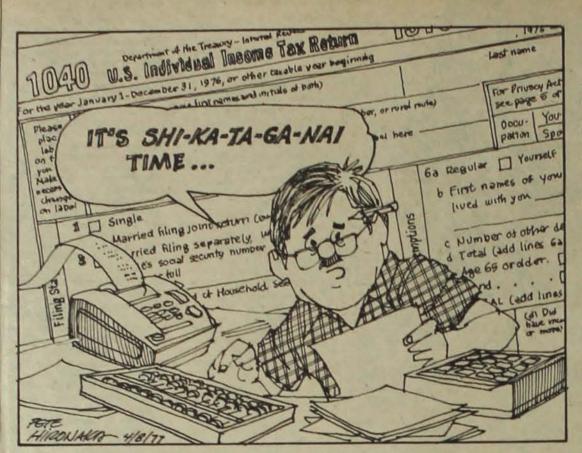
Will there be a Japanese American 'Roots'? I doubt that there will ever be any account so emotionally gripping as Alex Haley's story of his search for his beginnings. It was the story of a black man who, because of

JOSEPH HALPIN

Santa Rosa, Calif. Thanks for straightening us on this

point.-Ed.

# Plain Speaking: by Wayne Horiuchi The 'Leadership Conference'



From the Frying Pan: by Bill Hosokawa

# The Intermarriage Question

#### Denver, Colo.

At the risk of over-reacting, I must raise my voice in denunciation of the column by Jon Inouye titled "A Major Ethnic Disaster," (PC, March 25, 1977). Freedom of expression and of the press are not involved when I question the judgment of the editor in publishing insulting and patently racist material in the newspaper of an organization dedicated to human rights and racial equality.

Jon Inouye's thesis is that Japanese Americans are practicing genocide by marrying outside their race and, he says, this is bad.

"The intermarriage problem is by far the worse (*sic*) threat to our existence than a hundred million Manzanars, Tule Lakes, or Pearl Harbors," he writes in a sentence that flies in defiance of the rules of English grammar.

"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 ....

"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." In language that smacks of Nazi rhetoric about Aryan master race superiority, Jon Inouye asserts that while America "is a hasty generalization," Japanese Americans are held together by "common race, language and culture." "We Japanese Americans have this," he writes, "and let's not forget a grand culture that goes back at least a thousand years." "The greatest threat to our race here in the United States," he contends, is not the FBI, white racism or the mass mediawhat they have to do with the matter is never spelled out-but interracial marriage which will leave few "pure-blooded Japanese" in a few generations.

In pursuit of this position, JACL fought successfully to overturn legalized discrimination in the form of anti-miscegenation laws.

Inouye's column is insulting to the hundreds of JACL members not of the "pure Japanese blood" so precious to him, members who were attracted by the organization's human ideals rather than racial pride.

It is insulting to thousands of Japanese Americans married to spouses who are not "pure-blooded Japanese," and to other Japanese Americans who have accepted non-Japanese sons-in-law and daughters-in-law as beloved members of the family circle.

In undertaking research for his column, Jon Inouye would have been wise to ask Michi Nishiura Weglyn, Nisei of the Biennium and author of the remarkable book on racial injustice, "Years of Infamy," what she thinks about interracial marriage including her own.

He might have checked with Wayne Horiuchi, JACL's man in Washington, who also is married to a non-Japanese. He could have asked how Horiuchi would justify a column like the one he intended to write when Horiuchi makes the rounds of Congressional offices seeking support for appointment of Nisei and Sansei to important government positions on the grounds they are thoroughly assimilated Americans.

### Washington, D.C.

Every once in a while some of the JACL members ask me, "What is the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights?" So I decided here to give you a glimpse of some of the participants, programs and goals of one of the most effective, if not the most effective, civil rights organizations in Washington, D.C.

The LCCR is a civil rights coalition of 134 civil, human, labor, civic and social organizations both national and local in scope. JACL is proud to be one of them.

The national chairman of the Leadership Conference is Clarence Mitchell, Washington Director of the NAACP and is well remembered by JACLers for his rousing speech before the National JACL Convention participants in Sacramento last June. Clarence succeeded Roy Wilkins, former Executive Director of the NAACP who retired earlier this year.

The Washington Director is Marvin Caplan, who I personally believe is a giant of a man of enormous heart and compassion. I owe Marvin a great deal because when I first arrived in Washington, Marvin was the first to show me the intricacies of lobbying. And I shall never forget that.

The Executive Committee, which functions very similarly to the JACL Executive Committee, plays an important role in the direction of the Leadership Conference. I am very privileged to be a member of the

### A Corner for Our Guests:

Canadian Reactions to PC writers

Kay Ohashi is the nom-de-plume of a columnist in The New Canadian covering the activities of Nisei in Ouebec in "A Letter from Montreal".

### By Kay Ohashi

Montreal

Did you read a recent article in The New Canadian by Mamoru Iga on Japanese national character (Nov. 19 1976, PC)? Pretty h e a v y stuff. I am tempted to accuse Iga himself of obscurantism with his use of words like "dependence conformance", "supersocietal values", "objective order" and "formal consistency".

Dohmo pin-to konai.

But it's interesting because he touches upon matters that we have been discussing.

My first target is really a question raised by Bill Hosokawa. "How much inter-

are nationalistic. I think they have a healthy nationism, having recovered some time ago from a p a i n f u l brush with ultranationalism.

In spite of his apparent wide readings, Iga is obviously no social scientist. Because he refers to Ben-Dasan as an authority and "Nihonkyo" as a valid thesis.

Ben-Dasan is supposedly a Jew, who once lived in Japan and wrote the provocative best-seller, *The Japanese and the Jews*. The author still does not identify himself, and some even say he must be Japanese. In any case the theory of "Nihonkyo" does not stand up to close examination. Of course the Japanese are not noted for penetrating criticisms.

Executive Committee of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights because JACL in effect now has a say in the policy of this important organization.

Other Executive Committee members include nationally famous Joe Rauh and Bayard Rustin, Andy Biemiller, legislative director for the AFL-CIO, David Brody of the B'nai B'rith, Ron Brown, Washington Director of the National Urban League and many other influential and important people in Washington, D.C.

Track record of the LCCR is lengthy. For example, the tremendous surge of civil rights legislation in the '60s such as the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and the Open Housing Act of 1968 are just a few of the monumental pieces of legislation that the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights helped enact. And they have helped JACL with such legislative successes as the Evacuation Claims Act of 1948, Hawaii Statehood, and the Repeal of Title II of the Internal Security Act in the early 1970s.

More significantly, both Joe Rauh and Clarence Mitchell have both publicly declared their support for reparations.

The Leadership Conference on Civil rights is just one of the many coalitions that JACL is involved with here in Washington, D.C. I will keep you informed of their activities and the activities of other coalitions in future articles.

words are supposed to be hard to define and whose meanings could be changed with circumstances. How about defining "the American way?"

I shall touch upon one more point. I disagree entirely when Iga says, "Japanese people, who have never developed democracy for themselves, need help from Americans, and especially Japanese Americans."

Japanese "de-mo-kra-shii" does not equate with democracy, American style, and it need not. American style democracy may have been imposed upon the Japanese in the beginning, but the shoe has been modified to fit. The Japanese have always been good at that.

I think economic and political systems (unless antisocial) must be allowed to evolve in any nation, but not necessarily in the same manner for all nations. And there is always an erroneous tendency to judge another style or system of organization, using one's own as an unquestioned standard. Should we impose a Canadian style democracy on Japan? Is ours not ailing somewhat at the moment from an overdose of divisiveness in its regional, economic, and cultural sectors? Japan's "de-mo-kra-shi-" is not devoid of weakness. Iga has suggested an important one-susceptibility to manipulation. This point interests me, and you, as an informed scholar, may be able to fill me in on it. I hope you will write soon. -The New Canadian

Undoubtedly Jon Inouye is unaware that JACL, whose publication provides him with a forum for his half-baked opinions, has taken the position that choice of a marriage partner is a personal and individual liberty. I do not know Jon Inouye. If, as seems likely, he is an inexperienced young practitioner of the writing arts, his editor had the obligation of exercising his responsibilities as editor.

If "A Major Ethnic Disaster" was intended as a cruel satire designed to create a sensation and stir controversy, then the editor should have recognized the subject's great sensitivity and warned his readers that this was indeed its purpose.

Just how repugnant the column is can be demonstrated by imagining an essay written from the opposite view—by a Caucasian urging other Caucasians not to marry Japanese because the white heritage is superior and must not be diluted by the infusion of other than pure Caucasian blood.

If that had happened today—as it happened frequently during World War II— Pacific Citizen would be deluged by bitter and angry protests. And rightfully so.

est is there in Japan about Japanese Americans?" he asks. He implies, not much. My comment is, "why should they be interested?" Even Americans who have such close economic ties with Canada are amazingly unknowledgeable about Canada. The French couldn't care less about French Canadians. So why should Japan, with her rich cultural goodies, be interested in Japanese Americans who may turn up in Japan as pseudo "gaijin" or surprise "gaijin"?

On the other hand, I think Japanese Americans should retain their interest in Japan because that is where their roots are and the wellspring of their identity.

There is no point in a long winded discussion on whether or not the Japanese

I'm inclined to agree with Iga's statement that the Japanese lean towards nonrationalism. A dash of lean intellectualism should have a salutary effect on Japanese thought. But ... and there is always a but.

We are inclined to forget that rationalism is not god. It is not the only means of perception and understanding. Western civilization may have overstressed rationalism. There is much to be said for the nonrational and the intuitive approach. But here there is a great danger of becoming lost in the jungle of parapsychology and magic.

I don't know quite what to make of Iga's statement that words like "Yamato damashii," "Nihon no kokoro," and "De-mo-kra-shii" are amulet words. A mulet

### calenda

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 20-JAL JACL cultural heritage fellowship (extended from Apr. 1). Contact R Okabe, Nat'l Hq.

May 1-Nat'l JACL Graduate scholarships. May 1-Nat'l NACL Freshman

Gradus - scholarships

May 15-Special PCYA summer session Contact Wash'n JACL Office. May 16-Nat'l JACL-Satow Memorial Hdcp Bowling Tournament entries (Forms at JACL Hq., chap-

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

April 10 (Easter Sunday Hollywood—NHK 1977 Kohaku Uta Gassen film, Japanese Union Ch, 3-6 p.m. East Los Angeles-Egg hunt, Granada Park, Alhambra. 1 p.m.

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. Los Angeles-Japanese American

Republican dnr, Gung Hay Rest, Gardena, 6:30 p.m. Alameda-Mtg, Buena Vista Meth-

odist Church, 7:30 p.m.

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April 12 (Tuesday) Stockton-Bd mtg, Cal 1st Bank, 8 p.m.

April 13 (Wednesday) Orange County-Bd mtg, Cal 1st Bank, Santa Ana, 7:30 p.m.

April 15 (Friday) NC-WNDC—Blue Cross 30th ann'y

dnr, Sakura Garden, Mountain View, 6:30 p.m. April 16 (Saturday)

San Diegoan Diego-Spcl mtg, Nisei VFW Hall; On Retirement, film "Wataridori", Bob Nakamura, spkr. Sonoma County-Dance class. Washington, D.C.-Issei Night, River Rd Unitarian Church, Bethesda, 7 p.m.

April 17 (Sunday) West Los Angeles-Benefit winetasting, Yamato Restaurant, 12:30-3:30 p.m.

Salinas-Japanese food sale, YBA Hall, 10 a.m.

April 22-24 Tri-District (PSW, CC, NC-WN)— 3d Biennial Conference, Mapes Hotel, Reno; Sat bang spkr: Sec of State March Fong Eu April 23 (Seturdar)

April 23 (Saturday) Contra Costa—Reno trip.

West Valley-Mtg. Los Angeles-Nisei Singles dance,

Alonda CC. Monterey-VFW Post installation.

# chapter pulse



Reno JACL's new president Molly Yamashita lifts her gavel just received from Ronald Yamamoto during the recent chapter installation dinner at Sharon House.

# chapter pulse

### East Los Angeles

The annual East Los Angeles JACL Easter egg hunt for children (3-10 yrs. old) will be held at Granada Park, 2000 W. Hellman, off Atlantic Blvd. in Alhambra on April 10 from 1 p.m. The Jr. Duprees will arrange the hunt and games. For information, call:

Dr. Robert Obi (265-8551), Danny Iwama (262-3294) or Sid (261-9202).

#### Fremont

**By Walt Hashimoto** 

Fremont JACL family bowling night Mar. 20 at Fremont Bowl was enjoyed by 56 members and family. Fourteen prizes were distributed for top high game and series scores in four divisions. Winners were:

212, HS Ed Nagase 561; women's HG Ayako Hashimoto 161, HS Gail Tomita 475. Age 15-16-HG Randy Tanouye 162, Tammie Nagase 107; HS Scott Hashimoto 453, Laura Izuno 320; Age 10-11—HG Jeff Miyaoka 142, Diane Sato 127; HS Kory Chun 360, Julia Miyaoka 383; Age 9 & Under-HG Kyle Yamasaki 64, HS Steve Sato 238

### Fresno

The Fresno School District has asked the Fresno ALL/JACL for Nikkei interested in helping to evaluate textbooks for discriminatory material. No special knowledge or training is required, only an interest in books used to teach children, according to chapter president Norton Nishioka.

### Berkeley JACLers

463-4161 or 665-4864. (Hiroshi Shimizu, the San Fernando Valley JACL insurance commissioner, is a business associate of Ono's.)

### **Orange County**

Patricia Kitsuta, Huntington Beach High senior who was Orange County JACL's representative this year to the Presidential Classroom for Young Americans, will recount her experiences at the Orange County JACL meeting April 13, 7:30 p.m. at the California First Bank. 501 N. Main St., Santa Ana.

The chapter meetings are held the second Wednesdays upstairs in the bank building. Entrance is from the 5th Street side.

### **Puyallup Valley**

Puyallup Valley JACL will have its graduation banquet on Sunday, June 12, at the Poodle Dog Restaurant for recent high school and college grads. Emi Somekawa, chairperson for the event, said details will come.

#### San Jose 8

Scholarship counselors in the Santa Clara county public schools have applications for ten scholarships administered by the San Jose JACL. Students who apply for scholarships being offered by the Gilroy, West

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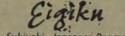
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The chapter will have its

annual steak barbecue pic-

nic on Sunday, May 22, 1

p.m. till sunset at the Park-

view Shelter in Woodward

Park. Dr. Izumi Taniguchi is

George Uno, longtime

picnic chairman.

Hollywood

meets Apr. 16 FREMONT, Calif. - The Eden Township JACL Asian American Youths (AAYS) are hosting a district get-together for Northern Cal AAYS on April 16 at Lake Elizabeth. The activities will encompass entertainment new and old. Registration will begin at 10 a.m.

Some scheduled activities are a "New Games Day' dinner at Banchero's in Hayward, and social dance instruction by instructors from the George M in a m i Dance Studio of Hayward. The registration fee is \$7.50. For further information, contact:

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Valley or Seguoia JACL chapters will not be eligible for the San Jose awards, it was explained by Helen Mineta, scholarship chairperson, to insure fair distribution.

The following scholarships are available this year

\$300-Chapter award; \$200-Chapter award; Wm. H Yamamoto Memorial (2); \$150-Mr. and Mrs. Kay K. Mineta Memorial; \$100-Chapter award, Toshi Taketa Memorial, San Jose Nisei Bowling Assn. S.J. Nisei Memorial Post 9907, and Lanette Hayakawa Memorial (5). Applications must be re-

cevied by April 25.

### Seattle

In view of the successful presentation of the conference of Nisei retirement under co-sponsorship of the Seattle JACL and Pacific Northwest District Council here in January, Cherry Kinoshita, chapter president, said representatives from all Nikkei organizations are being asked to serve on a steering committee to coordinate further programs. Over 200 were present at the first conference. Nearly all indicated they are interested in future conferences and audience interest (in descendingorder) concerned physical and mental health, financial and estate planning, government and community services, spiritual needs, family relationships.

The chapter board is also in general agreement with the Seattle school desegregation plan. Sam Shoji is the JACL representative to the city desegregation task force. Arlene Oki, task force consultant, Paul Isaki and Shoji addressed the board on the program.

#### Tulare County

Information Needed: R. Chiba and a G. Minashima brought workers to the Visalia area and a T. Yamaguchi brought Japanese workers to the Tulare area in the 1890s. Tom Shimasaki, 2902 W. Main St, Visalia 93277, would like more info on these Issei or any others for use in his chapter newslet-



Lenn Sakata

SUN CITY, Ariz.-Lenn Sakata, 23, tried out for the second base job with the Brewer (Milwaukee) baseball team last month.

A nonroster player at the time, Sakata was described as "American as baseball, and is hoping his future will be in the major leagues" by Milwaukee Sentinel sports writer Lou Chapman. Sakata can "execute the double play beter than any second baseman in the Milwaukee camp."

All-Events

Mary Aramaki (SLC) 676t, 543d,

603-1822; Beverly Umemoto (EB)

1771: Linda Uno (Palo Alto) 1747; Ta-

keko Nishizawa (EB) 1703; Amy Hi-

Team

Hayakawa's Salon of Beauty (SF): M Aramaki 676, Jen Hayakawa 442,

Bettie Murakami 490, Carol Ding

536, Takeko Nishizawa-2764; Take-

hara Landscaping (Sac) 2727; Holi-

### a Gonzaga star from Hawaii The Brewer first base coach Frank Howard insisted Sakata was "the strongest player in our system." Sakata's career began when the coach at Treasure Valley College in Oregon, spotted him with a Hawaiian American Legion team during a national tournament at Roseburg, Ore. His sports career began in

Honolulu where he played tennis, baseball and golf. He earned nine letters during his prep career, and captained the golf team.

As a freshmam with Treasure Valley, he hit .369; later he went to Gonzaga (his alma mater) where he hit .325 as a sophomore and .379 as a junior.

In his senior year at Gonzaga the Brewers drafted him, to his college coach's displeasure. Sakata intends to pursue

baseball as a career.

"My big goal is to go as high as I can ...." Sakata said. "If I don't make this team, it's not the end of the world. I'll make it with some other team, possibly in Japan.'



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SAN FRANCISCO - The third annual Japanese American Nisei Bowling Assn. tournament attracted over 175 men and women teams, some from Hawaii to Japan, at L & L Castle Lanes during the week of March 7-12

Mrs. Chiz Satow was present to award the Masao Satow Veteran Awards at the Mar. 12 banquet at the Jack Tar. It is presented to the top male bowler with 15 years or more of tournament participation (that would include 12 of them

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when it was sponsored by National JACL) and top femme bowler with 10 years or more.

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Many JACLers continue to bowl in this classic started by National JACL in 1947. Top five winners in each event were:

#### day Bowl #1 (LA) 2706; Fiesta Lanes (SJ) 2667; Hada Automotive (Denver) 2666. Doubles

rano (SF) 1697.

Emily Furuyama-Laura Kagehiro (SF) 1150; Mas Fujii-Rose Yamasaki (LA) 1137; Georgia Kakinami-Sumi Handa (SJ) 1133; Jean Okazaki-Jeanne Kusumoto (LA) 1122; Polly Sakamoto-Alice Inami (SJ) 1100.

#### Singles

(PA) 663; Phyllis Bell (Sac) 625; Nancy Toshi (Seattle) 609; M Aramaki

Mary Lou Sanjo (Sac) 830; T Nishi-zawa (EB) 829; Sophie Watanuki (LA) 801; Gay Higashi (LA) 794; Ju-dy Kikuta (LA) 783.

**Mixed Doubles** B Umemoto (EB)-Dan Sasaki 1184; Agnes Okamoto (SJ)-Dick Shigemura 1183; Annie Suenaga (SF)-T Onishi (H) 746; Michele Tokunaga (SF)-Dean Asami (EB) 1174; Masaye Men's Division

All-Events Sakie Yamauchi (SJ) 593t, 737d, 641s-1971; Thomas K Yamasaki (H) 1959; Dennis Matsunami (Gar) 1914; Tsuneo Onishi (H) 1913; Ed Dong (P) 1908. Team

Timber Lanes (P): Jay Aono 609, Cecil Ohashi 636, Mits Nakashima 586, Harry Kaneshige 581, Ed Dong 669-3081; Super Jet Travel Agy (H) 3049; Sundowner Casino-Hotel (Reno) 3046; Eden Five (S Lorenzo) 3013; East Bay Nisei Bowling Assn, 2944.

Doubles Kent Uvemura-T K Yamasaki (H) 1414; Ken Haitsuka-T Onishi (H) 1318; George Shiyoya (Colo)-Art Moniz (S Carlos) 1301; Ron Iyemura-George Kawaguchi (EB) 1295; Dan Sato-Rich Takeuchi (SJ) 1283.

Earl Hanzawa (H) 698; Ed Tsuruta Jr (LA) 679; Rich Tsubamoto (LA) 664; Jack Shimatsu (LA) 656; Dave Tsukaya (H) and Kenichi Yamamoto (H), tie for 5th, 652.

K Haitsuka (H) 1351; Rich Shimoda (EB), D Matsunami (Gar) 1324; K Uyemura (H) 1310; J Aono (P) 1309.

Individual Highs High series-774-d, T Yamasaki (H); High game-288-sw, K Uyemura (H).

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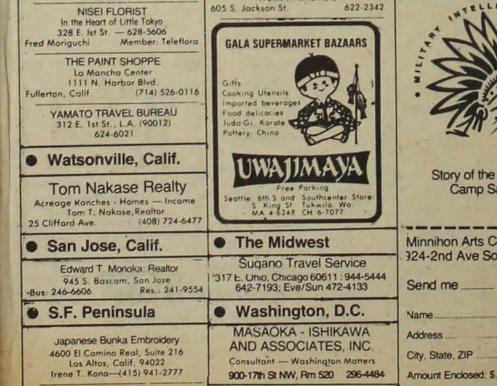
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Salt Lake JACLer Tommy Sutow (center) receives award for 29 years of government service from John Kenny (left) and Col. Billy F. Nunley, a division chief at Hill Air Force Base, Ogden.

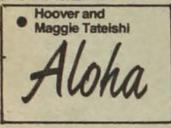
## No sick leave in 29 years

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah-Tom Sutow, 62, the Salt Lake JACL president in 1973, was recognized in February for serving 29 years of government service (over 3,000 hours) to his credit, at nearby Hill Air Force Base in Ogden. Tom has never used any sick leave in his 29 years.

Tom's sick leave record is a unique first time achievement for the base among civilian employees. He has been recognized for this record several times in the past as he approached the 3,000 hour mark.

Sutow, an item manager in the Stock Fund Missile Section, Item Management Division, says he will retire at 70 and play semi-pro baseball in the old timer's league in Florida.

His wife Koko is a JACL Silver Pin awardee. National JACL chapter of the biennium honors in 1974 went to Salt Lake City and to Sutow.



In Washington-Sen. Inouye agrees with FCC chairman Richard Wiley that Congress should delete Sec. 222 of the Communications Act of 1934 that treats Hawaii as an "international point" and integrate Hawaii's communication rates into the Mainland rate pattern. The senator also introduced legislation directing the Secretary of Commerce to activate any "national defense fleet" to assure regular maritime service from the U.S. mainland to Hawaii, Guam, American Samoa, the Northern Marianas and the Trust Territories if normal commercial traffic is interrupted for more than five days.

Economy Notes-A new papaya-marketing project has been proposed by Castle and Cooke to relieve the woe-beset papaya growers. Papaya growing became a marginal operation in 1976 when prices fell to the lowest in years. The problem seems to be the existence of at least eight marketing organizations handling the export to the mainland for the state's 175 or so growers. Castle & Cooke is promising to return an annual rate of 17 cents a pound (from the low of 11.8 cents a pound last year). It would involve a cooperative of all the state's growers providing its products to the single Castle & Cooke marketing organization for a 3 year contract. Honors-Named Professional Engineer of the Year by the Hawaii Society of Professional Engineers was Kazu Hayashida. He is director of Transportation Services for Honolulu. Before his appointment to that position in January, he served as director and chief engineer of the City Department of Public Works.

### 'Wataridori' billed for Apr. 16 showing

SAN DIEGO, Calif .- "Wataridori", award-winning documentary film on the Issei, will be shown at the next community meeting of the Issei-Nisei Retirement Committee April 16, 7:30 p.m. at the Nisei VFW Hall, 541 E. 24th St., National City.

The 36-minute film traces the history of Japanese in the United States. It received Award of Merit at the 7th Annual Art Center International Exhibition/76 and was selected for showing at Smithsonian Institution, Washington D.C.

Nisei film maker Bob Nakamura, who made the film, is also a member of the Retirement Committee a n d will introduce the film and answer questions. П

### TV awards

CHICAGO-"Farewell to Manzanar", TV film starring Yuki Shimoda and Nobu McCarthy, won two natioanl awads: Gold Hugo Award at the Chicago International Film Festi-val and Gabriel Award from Catholic Association for Broadcasting and

### PC's People

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"The Bamboo People" by Frank Chuman was judged among the "Best of Show" for its page design and cover at the 16th annual show off of the San Diego Communicating Arts Group. John Odam was the designer, Jane Bremner of Publisher's Inc. handled productions. The picture of the bamboo groves was taken by Seiji Otsuji.

### Awards

Los Angeles city human relations commission cited 31 outstanding volunteers in the culture, music and arts field on Mar. 25. Among them were Mako of East-West Players for his 12 years developing the first Asian American repertory theater company; to Toy Kanegai for her leadership in establishing the Nora Sterry Lighted School program; to Dr. Sei Jong Kim for do-nating over \$100,000 to educate immigrants from Korea; to Stan Lau, a founding member of the Chinese Historical Society and to Spencer Yamada, NASA affirmative action consultant, for developing a youth employment program in San Fernando Valley.

#### Business

Oxnard Mayor Dr. Tsujio Kato and Councilman Don Miller were in Japan in mid-March to inspect three liquified natural gas (LNG) facilities and returned home impressed by their safety record and advanced technology. City may be the site for above-ground facilities Calif. Assemblyman Floyd Mori introduced legislation Mar. 21 to establish an Office of International Trade and Research under the State Business and Transportation Agency. Japan was Califoria's leading trade partner in 1976-\$11.5 billion imported, 10.3 billion exported and involved 64,500 persons whose jobs are directly linked to foreign export.



John Morey Victor Nakamoto

Pan Asian JACLer John Morey, 28, became one of the youngest directors on the Los Angeles board for the Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers Assn. and currently preparing the young agents conference April 22-24 at Costa Mesa. Upon graduation from Occidental, he started his career with Funakoshi Insurance Agency in 1971 and recently became a principal in the Joe S. Itano & Co.

T. Inouye of the Bank of Tokyo Japan Center branch was reelected president of the San Francisco Nihonmachi Merchants Association. William S. Yamauchi was recently promoted to manager of freight traffic for Matson Agencies, Inc., in San Francisco.

#### Education

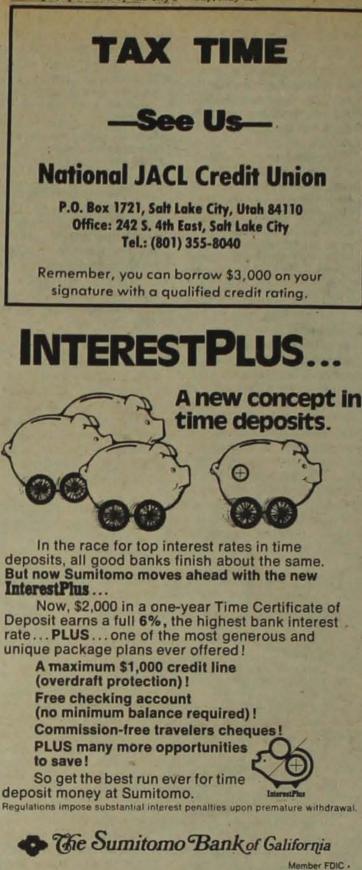
San Jose JACLer Victor Nakamoto, 43, was named associate director of personnel services for the Foothill-De Anza Community College District, based at Los Altos, Calif. After graduating with a masters in management from the Univ. of Utah, he has been in personnel administration with local school, county and state agencies.

#### Flower-Garden

The Anaheim firm of Kaz Hanano Landscape Inc. was awarded the contract for New Otani Hotel's Japanese roof garden. Kaz, 51, and his brother Shizuo, 53, have been licensed since 1961. They recently completed El Cajon Civic Center, Dana Point Harbor and Bullock's Mission Valley in San Diego. East West Development Corp. noted the selection marks the sixth local Japanese American contractor involved with the \$30-million hotel project. 

Festival of the People CULVER CITY, Calif .- Festival of the People, sponsored by the city's

human relations commission and community groups, will be a fun-filled day at Veterans Park on Sunday, May 15.



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