

JACL mourns death of Saburo Kido, 74

SAN FRANCISCO—The Japanese American Citizens League mourns the loss of Saburo Kido, a respected leader in the Japanese American community over the past half century.

In failing health since he was stricken in 1970, the 74-year-old attorney and JACL's wartime national president (1940-46) died Monday, April 4, at his home, 1628 Anza St. (94118). Family service was held April 6 at Christ Presbyterian Church with the Rev. David Nakagawa presiding. The body was cremated and interred at Green Hills Memorial Park, San Pedro. A final memorial was conducted April 9 by the Rev. Harry Murakami of the West Los Angeles United Methodist Church at Green Hills.

The family had requested no flowers and suggested contributions in memory of Saburo Kido be sent to the National JACL Scholarship Fund, 1765 Sutter St., San Francisco 94115.

James Murakami, national JACL president, said:

JACL is grateful for the life of Saburo Kido and for his numerous sacrifices to aid in the formation and growth of our organization. His profound knowledge and tireless efforts inspired us all. We will miss him greatly.

Donald L. Hayashi, acting national director, noted: Saburo Kido provided JACL and

the Japanese American community with vision and hope in troubled times; he inspired us to believe in the democratic principles and to practice good citizenship; he gave so unselfishly for the benefit of all. We owe a debt of gratitude to him and his family for all they. We now ask God's comfort be with his family in this dark hour.

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SABURO KIDO, 74

JACL's wartime national president (1940-46) died April 4 in San Francisco. The Hawaiian-born attorney was a founding member of the National JACL in 1929, national legal counsel (1946-53), Pacific Citizen Board chairman (1953-56) and had been in failing health since 1970. Picture was taken in 1966.

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Gov't hearing being sought to probe anti-Asian bias in jobs

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Are the cases of discrimination against Japanese Americans (JAs) in employment that we occasionally read or hear about isolated or are they, in fact, part of an insidious pattern of widespread job bias against pan-Asian Americans (PAAs) in general?

To determine the extent, nature and gravity of prevailing bias against PAAs in employment practices, this writer is gathering material on the status of PAAs in public and private employment and of known meritorious cases of bias against individual PAAs in hiring, advancement or denial of managerial or administrative positions because of ethnicity.

My findings to date (April 5) in a federal installation and in university faculties indicate that prevailing discriminatory employment practices against PAAs are extensive and serious in these two sectors.

The materials thus far assembled—if they substantiate my gut-level feeling of widespread discrimination against PAAs in employment—could form the basis of a request for a congressional hearing. Such an action is required to expose the prevailing racist attitude against PAAs.

DISCRIMINATION IN A FEDERAL INSTALLATION

In 1973, because a large number of Japanese and Chinese Americans employed at a federal installation in the

San Francisco Bay area felt that they were being denied equal employment opportunities, a comprehensive study was made on the job status of PAAs (the largest group of ethnic minority employees there) as compared to whites by an ad hoc committee of PAA employees.

Study was confined to males—64 PAAs and 1,295 whites; females were not included because of the small number of PAA female employees. The study was broken down as follows:

Education—Non-degree, BS, MS, doctorate.

Averages—pay grade, annual salaries, years of work experience (estimated from employee age), years in pay grade.

The results were quite revealing and confirmed the feelings of the committee. The study showed:

1—That PAA males on the average had more education (65.6% had degrees vs. 59.7% for whites) and longer work experience than whites, but on the average one pay-grade lower and received significantly less pay (\$1,107 - \$6,731) than whites in all four employee categories.

2—That PAAs were about one year longer in grade than the whites in all groups except the BS-degreed group, in which the average years in grade were the same.

3—That there were no PAAs in decision-making (division or higher level) administrative or management positions.

Only in the case of the non-degreed group can the \$1,107 higher average salary of the white male be justified on the basis of longer work experience by average years (23.4 vs. 19 yrs.). In the three degreed groups, significantly higher average salaries of whites than the PAAs cannot be similarly justified. On the contrary, PAAs received less pay even when they had longer work experience than the whites.

In the BS-degreed group, average years of work experience were nearly alike (18.9 vs 19.8 years), but the average salary of PAAs was a whopping \$6,371 less than the whites.

In the MS-degreed group, PAAs had about twice the percentage of degreed employees (25% vs. 14%); longer work experience average (19.3 vs. 15.4 yrs.), but a lower average annual salary by \$2,921 than that of whites.

In the doctorate degreed group, PAAs also predominated in average years of work experience (15.8 vs. 12.1) while the average salary was \$4,046 lower than that of the whites.

Not only were white males paid higher average salaries than PAAs in the respective degreed categories, but the lower degreed whites received higher average salaries than higher degreed PAAs:

1—BS-degreed whites received an average of \$3,445 more than MS-degreed PAAs and \$1,378 more than doctorate-degreed PAAs.

2—MS-degreed whites averaged \$814 more than PAA doctorates.

3—Doctorate-degreed whites, who had the shortest average years of work experience of all employee groups, received the highest average salary—\$3,232 and \$2,668 more than the second and third highest paid BS- and MS-degreed whites, respectively.

There are several meritorious cases of discrimination against individual PAAs at the federal installation. In one well documented case, a Nisei with years of proven administrative and managerial leadership experience and ability was denied a line management position because he was stereotyped as a "typical Oriental" by white racist members of the promotion interview board.

Obviously, two standards—one for PAAs and another for whites—are being used for advancement. The data substantiates the statement

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Evacuees defend choice of words for Tule Lake plaque

LOS ANGELES—When L.A. Times editorialized March 21 that they "get the message" on the Tule Lake plaque, marking the incarceration of 110,000 of Japanese ancestry during World War II, and said that the term "concentration camp" was a distortion, angry letters of former internees poured into the Times and appeared in their letter section the following week.

"The internment of persons of Japanese ancestry," the Times editorial had said, "although done in wartime, was a serious injustice against them, and a mistake of historic proportions ..."

"Yet, in recognition of this fact, it is not necessary to link the detention centers with the death camps of Nazi Germany. But that is the message that the Tule Lake plaque will carry."

To many internees, the editorial's stand against the term "concentration camp" needed reassessment.

"You object to the term 'concentration camp,'" wrote Robert Matsushima of Los Angeles, "connecting it to the death camps of Nazi Germany. You ignore the fact of the psychological

torture and death that the Japanese Americans suffered during the years spent in the American concentration camps. To have your homes taken away without charge or trial, to be herded into stalls at Santa Anita, to have every single right as an American citizen taken away ... because of race—is this not torture of the worst kind?"

Matsushima's letter went further.

"To call the concentration camps anything less than 'concentration camps' is a degradation of the concept of human rights. It is an avoidance of the reality that took place ..."

Matsushima boldly pointed out that any word besides "concentration camp" would be an extreme insult to his grandparents, parents, aunts and uncles.

"Your editorial," said Fred S. Kai of Los Angeles, "stated that there is a 'profound distortion' ..."

"In my opinion, the 'pro-

found distortion' occurs when one calls Auschwitz, Dachau and Treblinka 'concentration camps'. The term is far too euphemistic to describe sites where millions of people were ruthlessly murdered; and I would propose that we always refer to them as 'death' or 'extermination camps' ..."

In Three Camps

"Having spent three years of my youth in three of these camps (including Tule Lake)," Kai added, "I can personally attest that the reality consisted of Army-type barracks, barbed wire fences, guard towers, Jeeps with mounted machineguns, a squad of tanks, and a regimented mode of life. So far as I and most of the Japanese Americans who shared my experience are concerned, we were put into concentration camps—your editorial, dictionary definitions, and Sen. S.I. Hayakawa's learned opinion notwithstanding ..."

"I am relieved in one respect, however. At least you didn't refer to the camps as 'relocation centers'."

Joey Kumagai of Costa Mesa was also emphatic. Having lived with his fellow JAs in a horse stable at Santa Anita, he told the Times that they were as "concentrated as hell."

"The barbed wire surrounding us and the ever-moving searchlights that shone through the stable opening at night was certainly 'concentration camp' ...," Kumagai said.

Essential Meaning

A San Fernando Valley JACler also pointed out some of the facts.

"To my knowledge," said Phil Shigekuni of San Fernando, "no one has ever equated the camps with the Nazi concentration camps of World War II ..."

Pointing out that he himself was a camp inmate, Shigekuni criticized the euphemisms "Relocation Center" or "Assembly Center"

that the L.A. Times advocated.

Those softer phrases "just do not convey the essential meaning of what these camps did to the men, women and children imprisoned there. If this country is to learn from its mistake, it is crucial that we communicate more precisely. By acknowledging the fact that this country once established and maintained concentration camps, public and individual consciousness may be raised to prevent their recurrence."

Another JACler, Deni Uejima of San Gabriel Valley, suggested if imagery was the concern of the editorial writer, "concentration camps" be used when serious injustice is done to its citizens and "death camps" for atrocities.

Richard Walters of Los Angeles defended Rhodes for reminding the similarities are significant "if we are to prevent a recurrence of such a travesty." □

TV series 'insensitive' for omitting other Americans

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. — The current TV series, "Six American Families", produced by Group W, United Methodist Church and the United Church of Christ, suggests Hispanic, Asian or Native Americans "are not Americans", according to the National Federation of Asian American United Methodists, which held its first national caucus here March 25-26.

While it was regarded as "valuable and educational",

"inclusiveness and sensitivity" to ethnic minorities is lacking in the series, thus perpetuating the stereotype that Asian Americans and other immigrants of color "as not really being American", the Asian churchmen pointed out.

The board directed its concern at United Methodist Communications, co-producer, and urged the Commission on Religion and Races investigate the situa-

tion and recommend how the agency might handle its media involvement "that are inclusive and lack sensitivity".

People in Taiwan

The most heavily debated resolution, however, concerned Taiwan in light of changing political relationships between the United States and both Nationalist China and the People's Republic of China.

The U.S. government was

urged "to be sensitive to the issue of human rights and rights of self-determination of the people in Taiwan in its (U.S.) negotiations with the People's Republic". This was approved 15-5 after a central phrase was revised from "people of Taiwan" to "people in Taiwan" to give assurance of concern for both native Taiwanese and Nationalist Chinese.

The federation will meet next year in New York City, Mar. 31-Apr. 1. □

\$1,000 reward for info on vandals

FILLMORE, Utah — The Millard County Commission approved a \$1,000 reward for information leading to arrest of vandals who shot bullets and tore the newly constructed Topaz Monument, it was announced. The plaque is undergoing repairs.

Transpacific Connections

Two pieces from 1976 recipients of the JAL-JACL Cultural Heritage Fellowship relate some of the activities and experiences being offered to young people through JACL. Application deadline for the 1977 program has been extended to April 20. Call Richard Okabe at JACL Headquarters (415-921-5225) for details.—Editor

By JOHN ESAKI

A couple of days ago the mail brought a wallet-sized, brown paper packet pasted over with customs designations and inscribed with the address of a friend in Yokohama, one of the guides in Tokyo for last summer's Fellowship recipients. On eagerly shredding the covering I was delighted to discover within a special-issue coin and a couple of stamps commemorating the fiftieth year of Hirohito's reign. Accompanying these fine souvenirs was a letter—and a Fujicolor of my friend prominently displaying Converse All-Stars (tennis shoes) that had attained Japanese citizenship owing to my frantic efforts to lighten overstuffed baggage the last few days before returning to the States.

The letter informed me of Wataru's intent to visit California this June, confirming plans we had discussed last summer. Arriving now at about the time the 1977 JACL/JAL Cultural Heritage Fellowship Program is concluding its initial application phase, the coin, the stamps, the photo and the letter are all very concrete reminders of the relationships made possible by this worthy program.

A month has not passed since August in which I have not received a communication from either a friend or relative in Japan. A formal wedding portrait of a bride and groom in traditional attire arrived in October announcing the marriage of my cousin who was so solicitous of my well being in Tokyo that he offered to have his then-fiancee do my laundry—by hand! A poignantly sad message relayed the news of my grandmother's brother's death. This vital man who had not seen his sister or anyone from the American branch of the family in over 35 years gave to me in a couple of unforgettable evenings a wealth of stories about my grandmother's childhood and

about her decision as a young woman to go to America and become the wife of my grandfather. And so, beyond the considerable value of the academic, intellectual experience provided by the scholarship at Sophia University, the opportunity to make friendly connections and reaffirm family ties was to me the most valuable and personally affecting aspect of the Cultural Heritage Fellowship.

Courtesies of JAL-JTB

Although the selection of Fellowship recipients is administered by the JACL, and recipients receive a generous stipend from Japan Travel Bureau, the JACL program is actually a part of a larger educational venture underwritten by Japan Air Lines. A model of corporate conscientiousness and generosity, JAL brings together in Japan each summer students from Indonesia, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Hawaii (separate from the JACL program) and the U.S. In addition, therefore, to the cultural heritage emphasis placed on the program by JACL, Fellowship recipients are fortunate participants in a quest for international understanding.

The lengths to which JAL went to care for us were remarkable and fully appreciated. From the more-than-adequate meal allowances—which allowed us to satisfy our curiosities about Japanese cuisine—to the handling of our domestic air travel—which allowed us to taste the geographical uniqueness of the land—JAL's concern was ever evident and did much to lessen the anxieties of travelers in a foreign environment.

It is difficult in such a small space to relay all of the significant, beautiful experiences of the summer in Japan. To say that it was totally exciting, intellectually and emotionally rewarding, and ultimately fulfilling would still merely be the understatement of words.

But for four more people this summer the connections will certainly be made. □

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A Dormant Sense Awakened

By LAUREL KIMURA

As a learning experience the summer in Japan was a prism of many dimensions, flashing all at once. What I valued most was the unexpected awakening of a dormant sense within myself of "Japanese culture". Having been isolated from many Japanese American communities which could be said to be more culturally-aware and conscious of their roots than myself, I came to Japan quite open-eyed. But perhaps this permitted the freshness, the desire to savour observations and experiences: the ordinary became exciting as I related new patterns to old reminiscences of my very early childhood years.

In Proustian fashion, I often felt transported to a world present and past simultaneously. What soon became apparent was a strong affinity I felt for these new habits, bents of mind and expressions; an exciting revelation emerged.

Much of what I had experienced in the U.S. as a Japanese American in my (culturally) isolated environment was alienating, and I continually felt myself "in opposition"; here I suddenly experienced an otherwise foreign society in an affirmative, fulfilling way.

Self-Created Myths Dispelled

Living in Japan for even a brief period gave rise to other insights as well, which dispelled many society-created and self-created myths (for being Japanese American does not make one immune to the one, nor incapable of the other). One is not aided in one's efforts to understand Japan by creating an image of its people wherein the delicacy of *ikebana* is juxtaposed to the discipline of education, both physical and mental, the self-reflective aspect of gardens is juxtaposed to the fast, technological and economic giant of modern Japan; but rather, by the effort to observe points of delicacy and strength, of introversion and extroversion, where and as they are put by Japanese in day-to-day encounters, by different kinds of people in different kinds of life roles and professions, in different parts of the country.

This intuitive or sense-approach did more to awaken an unconscious empathetic understanding of Japanese culture and to keep it alive than any previous word of advice I had read or heard before.

The opportunity created by JACL, JAL, and JTB for the summer in Japan made possible an extremely favorable blend of flexible and structured learning and of different kinds of learning, all of which heightened by receptivity to people and experiences. A few of these I would like to share below.

Relatives in Kyushu

The first night of my stay, as well as many heart-warming subsequent nights, was spent at the Higaki family's home, the home of my friend and Japanese teacher, Yoshiko. I immediately travelled south, to make memorable visits with my relatives Nakamura-Saito and Sakimura, in Kumamoto and Fukuoka respectively, on the island of Kyushu. Here I was able to reestablish kinship ties left by my grandparents on what was coincidentally the festival of Obon, when one's ancestors are especially remembered.

Through a host family organization (SERVAS International), I was able to stay in many parts of Japan with Japanese families of many different backgrounds who were very interested in cultural exchange. I stayed with a shoemaker's family, a dentist's family, a music teacher and his wife, and in Nagasaki, with a high school English teacher's family. The host of the latter invited me to teach several English classes in his high school, and through the experience I gained a pleasant familiarity with students

and teachers, some of whom were dedicated to Peace Education efforts in the city.

On the return to Tokyo, I stopped in Kyoto, where I stayed in a very old, beautiful, sparsely-populated village at a mountain summit. There were small waterfalls and streams flowing on all sides of the house, and mossy verdure everywhere.

It was something to go from the height of Yamanaka-cho, where water is pumped from wells and where my host couple taught village children, to the bustle of modern Kyoto below. There it was all the more crowded due to the Gion Matsuri, when everyone appears in *yukata* and *geta* to watch elaborately decorated floats being wheeled down the streets and to listen to ancient strains, all in celebration of the expulsion of plague from the city in 869 AD.

Summer Session at Sophia

The return to Tokyo for the summer session at Sophia University, initiated another kind of learning. The program was well organized and provided structure and regularity to our lives. Classes were very well taught and were particularly interesting for the Asian perspective they took.

The mingling of students from many Asian cultures was a feature of this period, and I enjoyed the somewhat unusual chance to visit Tokyo in their company.

At the end of summer session, I moved to another part of Tokyo to stay with another branch of my relatives, the Kinoshita family. Here I met with a wonderful reception and renewal of exchanges, as well as the chance to continually practice my Japanese.

Soon thereafter, I travelled north and throughout the island of Hokkaido. There I made many friends on the long train ride throughout some of the most beautiful lake and hill regions I have seen.

Finally, during the last part of my travels, I went to Nagano in the Japan Alps with my friend Yoshiko. We stayed in a lovely 100-year-old house with thatched roof on the invitation of the Kawakubo family, who are typical of the hard-working rice farmers of the region.

The rice which I saw growing in Kyushu at the beginning of my visit as small green shoots, was here at the end of my travels, tall and bent, yellow with ripeness. Eagerly I reached for a bunch of it, but was reminded by Yoshiko that it was such hard-working rice farmers who made the backbone strength of contemporary Japan. I then plucked a single stalk with but a few grains on it, to remind me of the debt and respect owing to countless farmers of the older generation, quite literally bent from their work.

Such was the great variety of enriching experiences which provided the opportunity to meet many Japanese men, women, children and old people alike, remarkably open to ways different from what they have known; to speak with them about aspects of American life in answer to their queries, and to share in their aspirations.

A debt of gratitude is due the Japanese American Citizens League, Japan Air Lines, and Japan Travel Bureau International, for their sponsorship of the Cultural Heritage Fellowship and the generous contribution they make to the cultural learning experience for Japanese Americans. In Japan, special recognition should be expressed to Kiyoshi Ikenaga (JAL), who patiently attended to all our needs, and to Father Bairy (Director, Sophia University Summer Session) and Ms. Amano, his assistant. □

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Gerald Ford Bldg.

WASHINGTON—The House subcommittee chaired by Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.) approved legislation naming the Federal Bldg. in Grand Rapids, Mich., the Gerald R. Ford Bldg. "This is a small tribute to man who served Grand Rapids as its congressman for 25 years and who stepped in to serve his country honorably as both Vice President and President," Mineta commented.

Little Tokyo construction

LOS ANGELES — The Community Redevelopment Agency Board accepted a low bid proposal from RST Construction Co. to build a two-story building at 327 E. 2nd St., it was announced Mar. 28. The building will be used to relocate displaced businesses within the project area.

Tsutsumu: an art show

CINCINNATI, Ohio — The Japan House Gallery exhibit, *Tsutsumu: Art of the Japanese Package*, will be shown at the Contemporary Arts Center April 17-May 22. Local people are being sought who can demonstrate Japanese arts and crafts.

'We Are One'

CULVER CITY, Calif. — Tom Shimazaki heads *We Are One*, a club for widowed, divorced or singles formed eight years ago for fellowship and community work. Other officials include Lorie Inouye, Hasi Sato, James Masuda, Hana U. Shepard and Kazumi Fujii, past pres.

Wendy's exhibit

SAN FRANCISCO—Eight years of drawings, etchings and watercolors by Wendy Yoshimura will be shown in a special exhibit at Glide Memorial Church, beginning April 3 and will run through the month of April.

5-story main building design for community center OK'd

LOS ANGELES—The final design drawings for the first phase of the proposed Japanese American Cultural and Community Center in Little Tokyo has been approved by the board of the Community Redevelopment Agency of Los Angeles, it was announced on April 4.

Minute of Silence

GARDENA, Calif.—Assemblyman Paul Bannai co-authored legislation (AB 843) which would authorize governing boards of each school district to establish daily observance of one minute silence in every classroom to "exercise ... his or her individual choice, meditate, or pray, or engage in any other silent activity which does not interfere, distract, or impede other students in the like exercise of individual choice ..."

The bill would be added to the Educational Code as an article providing the right of every student to free exercise of religion.

Anti-bias clause

LOS ANGELES—Contractors and vendors doing business with Los Angeles County government are prohibited from discriminating against their employees, subcontractors or suppliers because of race, creed, ancestry, national origin or sex under a new ordinance.

Designed by architects Adachi, Sawano and Matsunaga, the center will be located on San Pedro St. between Azusa and Third Sts.

Initial phase of development consists of a five-story, reinforced concrete building containing 43,000 square feet of space above ground and a lower level of 8,500 square feet.

The structure will contain exhibit facilities, conference rooms, classrooms, with library and offices provided for various non-profit, cultural groups.

Construction of the first phase of development will start in midsummer. Groundbreaking is scheduled April 30. □

Nisei play in debut at Asilomar confab

SAN FRANCISCO — The S.F. Center for Japanese American Studies will present its second Asilomar Conference June 17-19 at the Monterey peninsula grounds. Hiroshi Kashiwagi's new play, *Mondai wa Akira*, will be premiered.

The conference is geared toward individual and collective growth as Japanese Americans in a white-dominant society. Registration forms are available from:

Jane Hori, 2711 Sacramento #3, San Francisco 94115.

Symphony of Fashion

LOS ANGELES—Ladies Auxiliary of the Japanese Philharmonic Society will present its Symphony of Fashion luncheon May 22, 11:30 a.m. at the Biltmore Hotel. Holly Mitchell will coordinate the fashions from Bonwit Teller of Beverly Hills. Proceeds go toward the orchestra's cultural activities. Tickets at \$15 per person are obtainable from Ty Hamano (624-0177) or Naris (299-1888).

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Kido gave 50 years to the Nikkei community and society in general

BY JON INOUE

Edison Uno once wrote in his column, *Minority of One*, "General Douglas MacArthur revived an old army tune with the quote of 'Old Soldiers never die, they just fade away.' That thought comes to mind every time I think of old time JACLers, especially some of the early pioneers who are fast approaching their golden years."

One such pioneer was Saburo Kido.

Some 50 years ago, a young Nisei from Hawaii graduated from a law school in San Francisco and became an attorney. The name Saburo Kido came to play an important role in the future of all persons of Japanese ancestry in America.

Saburo Kido was born on Oct. 8, 1902 in Hilo, Hawaii. His parents were Sannosuke Kido and Haru Hirabara. He was baptised by the Congregational Church.

Attending school in Hilo and graduating in 1921 from Hilo High School, Kido went on to attend the Univ. of California at Berkeley. In 1923 he entered the University's law school, Hasting College, in San Francisco. He graduated in 1926 with a bachelor's degree in law.

Kido then entered private practice after acceptance into the State Bar that same year.

Kido married Mine Harada of Riverside, Calif., on May 20, 1928. Their family included a daughter, Rosalind Mitsuyo (Mrs. Edison Uno) and two sons, Laurence Mineo and Wallace Teruyuki.

JACL Founder

He was very active in the Japanese community and was one of the founders of the national Japanese American Citizens League. Working first with the San Francisco JACL in 1928, Kido was one of the charter members and its first president. In 1929, a conference was held in San Francisco to discuss the formation of a bold, new organization: a national organization among



As Mr. Kido appeared while National JACL President (1944)

the Nisei with Kido as chairman. The first national convention met in Seattle, Wash., 1930.

During this convention (Aug. 29-Sept. 2), Kido drafted the constitution which established the National JACL. In this sense, Kido becomes the "Thomas Jefferson" of the JACL.

In addition to a law practice, Kido was an active director of the Sumitomo Bank of California before he retired.

Civic Leadership

But his list of achievements within the JACL and the Japanese American community reads abundantly:

In 1930, Kido presented two resolutions, the repeal of the Cable Act which had deprived citizenship from Nisei women who had married Issei and the granting of naturalization privileges to Oriental World War I veterans. Through support of the newly formed JACL, these resolutions were later enacted by Congress.

He served as San Francisco chapter president in 1928-29, 1932, 1938-39; two separate terms as Northern California District Council chairman, and National Secretary for two terms prewar.

As a vigorous young man, Kido represented Nisei Republicans in Northern California during this era.

Kido participated in the repeal of the Japanese Exclusion Act, defeat of the Alien Fishing Bills of the California State Legislature, and the introduction of Japanese language in the California public schools.

In 1931, an ominous event took place.

The Japanese Army invaded Manchuria.

Kido began a series of lectures at various colleges, such as Mills College, San Jose State College and service clubs in the San Francisco Bay region on the Japanese people and their culture.

During this period of increasing military crisis from Japan, and the possible danger this might bring to Japanese Americans, Saburo Kido did his best to familiarize the general public on the Japanese character.

During the 1930s, he debated at the University of California-Berkeley on the Manchurian crisis under sponsorship of the Asiatic studies honor society.

He spoke to a teacher's conference at Watsonville before 1,500 delegates on the Sino-Japanese War.

Although his work did familiarize select groups of people on Japanese customs and traditions, the crisis went unchecked.

Pearl Harbor

On Dec. 7, 1941, Japan attacked Pearl Harbor.

During the wartime hysteria, Kido was a decisive leader. From 1940-1946, he served as the JACL's national president. Perhaps some of his greatest contributions came during this period. Despite the challenges to his loyalty, the barbed wire and the concentration camps he, along with other Issei and Nisei, managed to pull through.

During the war years, Kido and his family had evacuated to Visalia in Central California; then to Camp II of Poston, Ariz. and, finally, to Salt Lake City, Utah.

While anti-Japanese sentiments were running high, he participated in many legislative cases to ensure civil rights for Japanese Americans. He worked to secure the franchise rights of American citizens of Japanese ancestry; he participated in the Mitsuye Endo case to test the constitutionality of confining citizens in relocation camps without hearing as to their loyalty; he participated in testing the constitutionality of evacuation cases and curfew laws.

Kido also encouraged young Nisei to volunteer for military service, an unpopular position during that era. Because of his stand on military service, he was beaten up by thugs at Poston.

At the war's end, he and his family moved to Los Angeles where he resumed private practice of law.

Postwar Activities

In 1947, Kido went to Hawaii to join the JACL contingent to raise funds for legislative activities. He fought to pass the Evacuation claims bill and the immigration and naturalization bills

through Congress.

Between 1947-53, Kido became the national JACL legal counsel. He represented JACL and the Civil Rights Defense Union of Northern California to fight escheat cases of the State of California.

A prolific writer in the Japanese American press, he decided to become a publisher. In 1953, he became president of the New Japanese American News, a bilingual Los Angeles newspaper no longer published.

In 1964, he was decorated by the Japanese government with the Order of the Sacred Treasurer, 4th class.

He retired from active participation in 1966, leaving an undeniable impact on the Japanese Americans he touched. Some of his past activities included:

National Committee of American Civil Liberties Union; Board of Directors, S.F. International Institute; attorney, Japanese Emergency Committee of San Francisco; scoutmaster, Scout Troop Committee Troop 12, San Francisco.

California Advisory Board member, U.S. Civil Rights Commission; Pacific Citizen board chairman; Japan Society of San Francisco; secretary, California Federation of Civic Unity; vice president, Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Southern California; senior vice president, Japan America Society of Southern California for three years; president Pacific Southwest JACL Credit Union, 1949-54, 1958, 1964.

Member, board of directors of the Japanese Association of San Francisco.



As guest of honor at Downtown L.A. JACL's 35th anniversary party in 1964. The Kidos lived in Los Angeles for 25 years.

During the war years, Kido and his wife were invited to meet the late Eleanor Roosevelt at the White House in 1943. Kido appealed to the President to open the U.S. Army to persons of Japanese descent. For this, he was among 19 to receive the Selective Service Medal for his patriotic service.

In 1961 President Eisenhower cited Kido for his work on civil rights and improving human relations.

Kido was the first Japanese American awardee when he received a Los Angeles City Hall award for community service.

Misfortune struck Saburo Kido when he suffered a mild stroke in 1970. He was forced to retire from his law practice and community activities.



Autographed picture of Sen. Daniel Inouye for Mr. and Mrs. Saburo Kido was taken at the JACL Building Fund kickoff banquet at San Francisco Oct. 28, 1973.

The Kidos returned to San Francisco in 1972 after a lapse of 30 years.

As an elder, he reaped the benefits of a lifetime of service to civil rights and the Japanese Americans.

Kido was called the "genro" of National JACL when he and his wife were guests of honor at an informal dinner held in San Francisco, Oct. 13, 1973. A crowd of old-time Nisei, many close friends of the Kidos, acknowledged him for his many achievements.

His last years were, as Edison Uno described, "a very quiet life."

"It is very sad to see him declining," Edison said in August, 1976, "especially after such an active life and a sharp mind, ready to discuss any topic under the sun. Growing old and fading away is a difficult and depressing situation. One must develop a great deal of patience and understanding

"His pace has become slow, his balance unsure, his reactions irregular, and a disorientation that makes life a gradual fading away ... Although the picture is not too bright, we are grateful for the strength and encouragement expressed by many who remember the old man as Sab Kido, a courageous leader, visionary, and unselfish contributor towards the cause of Japanese in America ..."

Although the aged body is dead, the spirit of Kido lives on. His many accomplish-

ments will not be easily forgotten.

Sacramento-based columnist Phil Jordan had written in the *Hokubei Mainichi* and *Kashu Mainichi*, July, 1975:

"In his time, Sab Kido had an influence on national and even international events, and he wanted that influence to be for good. How many of us will ever be able to say as much?"

Jon Inouye is the nephew of the late Mr. Kido.

Some Past Tributes

"Sab has been a human cornerstone of the JACL since its founding."

LARRY TAJIRI
Denver, Colo., Dec. 12, 1955

"His first, war-time visit to the East Coast created nationally an understanding of the Japanese Americans. He appreciated and helped awaken the JACL to the hard facts of life: that most of those who wielded national power in America lived on the East Coast ... and knew nothing about the Japanese Americans, or worse, had been misled by the racists."

DR. T. SCOTT MIYAKAWA
Boston, Mass., May 28, 1966

"In our book, Saburo Kido is one of the great Nisei of our times ... I can testify that as history has proved over and over again, the leadership of Kido in World War II has been vindicated time and time again."

MIKE MASAOKA
Washington, D.C., Oct. 23, 1970

"It is largely because of the vigor and wisdom of such men as Saburo Kido that all persons of Japanese ancestry in America today enjoy the great opportunities, freedoms and the position they now occupy."

NAT'L JACL CONVENTION
Chicago, Ill., Oct. 2, 1950

With Profound Sadness

The Board of Directors and the employees of The Sumitomo Bank of California join with me in this expression of deep sorrow over the death in San Francisco April 4 of Mr. Saburo Kido, who served with uncommon distinction as an Honorary Director of the bank.

A respected leader of the Japanese American community for many years, Mr. Kido gave unselfishly of himself to improve the quality of life for all Americans of Japanese ancestry, as well as the United States of America, which he dearly loved.

His vast store of knowledge and his tireless activities on behalf of his fellow man were an inspiration to all who were fortunate to know him. His life was a model of dignity, good will, and faith in the future, and he leaves that priceless legacy as a beacon to guide generations to come.

To the family and friends of Mr. Kido, all of us extend comfort and compassion in these trying hours.

YOSHIO TADA

President
The Sumitomo Bank of California



As honoree, of the 1966 National JACL Convention testimonial at San Diego, Mr. Kido rubs the papier-mache "Hotei" presented him, reminiscent of the lean JACL years when national membership was under 4,000. He picked up the Japanese folk practice of rubbing Hotei-san for good luck and invariably his prayer was answered with an unexpected contribution to JACL.



James Murakami, National JACL President
Alfred Hatate, PC Board Chairman
Harry K. Honda, Editor

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EDITORIALS:

Saburo Kido: 1902-1977

No single man has affected the lot and lives of Japanese in America individually and collectively as had the late Saburo Kido, who died on April 4 in San Francisco—the arena of his early years as an attorney defending the rights of Issei and Nisei against the immense odds and pressures that germinated the Evacuation. Indeed, Sab is the “greatest Nisei”.

The many who knew him are comforted today by the fact that Sab lived to hear and accept the tributes from near and far over the past fifty years of his public life. Yet he was never content to rest on his laurels—always yearning and continuing to work for the common good for there was still much to do. It was a tiring heart which untracked him about six years ago.

From our perspective, Sab practicing law was the bread & butter so that he could engage in perhaps a more satisfying but impecunious vocation of newspapering. When he penned his final “Observation” on March 31, 1966—a daily column that he had started 30 years earlier as “Timely Topics”—he accomplished a writing record even the newspaper pros will strain to achieve.

He had been president of the Shin Sekai-Asahi, predecessor to the Hokubei Mainichi of San Francisco, at the time the Japanese vernacular was shut down in 1942. Postwar, he was president of the Shin Nichibei, defunct since 1965, which also was the “home” of the PC. He was instrumental in launching the PC, first known as the Nikkei Shimin, in 1929 in San Francisco, and then having it relocated from its wartime home at Salt Lake City to Los Angeles in 1952, because he believed the PC should be self-sustaining. His counsel when this editor was hired was unfettered: “Do nothing to diminish the Nisei as Americans”.

A Corner for Our Guests:

He's enthusiastic, optimistic, humble . . .

By CHIZ SATOW

San Francisco

I think we have a winner! The announcement (PC, Mar. 25) that National JACL has an executive director may give many members a sense of relief. But on the other hand, some may feel uncertain. Is this person really qualified to handle this awesome responsibility and would he be handicapped by the pain and scars he might inherit from his predecessor?

Let me assure the membership and everyone concerned that I had the good fortune of meeting Karl Nobuyuki over dinner, very informally but on an honest one-to-one basis. And if I am any judge of character, I can honestly say we have a winner.

His *modus operandi* revealed a lot to me. Prior to his appointment, he took the time to call and introduce himself: “Please don’t think it presumptuous of me but I am one of the candidates for final consideration as National Director of JACL and whether I get the position or not I would like very much

to have the opportunity of meeting you and discussing JACL in general and whatever it was that made Mas so effective.” And he said, “Even if I don’t get the job, I’ll have gained because you would have shared with me your ideas and opinions.” I was flattered and impressed—and it certainly reflected a lot of his make-up.

During our conversation, he came through to me as being a very warm, very sincere, comfortable to communicate with—and a feeling came that I had known him for a long time. His desire to be of service, and his excitement to be so close to the realization of getting this opportunity was refreshing.

I don’t think he is going to perform miracles, but I am confident he will learn quickly. He will be effective in getting the cooperation of all he encounters, because he is enthusiastic, optimistic and humble. But he possesses an air of confidence that seemed very much attuned to our peer group but

Comments, letters & features

The Bakke Case

Dear Harry:

Ordinarily I would not comment on another person’s interpretation of a judicial decision unless it involves one of substantial importance and gravity. I find this to be the case relating to your editorial of April 1, 1977, wherein you quote from the statements attributed to Frank Iwama, Esq., the National Legal Counsel, and conclude your editorial with the statements consistent with that of Mr. Iwama. The subject matter relating to the racially controversial decision of *Bakke v. Regents of the University of California* presently before the United States Supreme Court.

Pursuant to your editorial “... legal counsel Frank Iwama openly wondered about the propriety of JACL supporting a case which heeded 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*.”

I have spoken on the *Bakke* decision (PC, Dec. 10-17, 1976) from coast to coast since the decision was rendered and minority and other sensitive groups and persons throughout this nation are preparing amicus curiae briefs in opposition to the decision.

In my opinion, only way that the California Supreme Court is placing

His counsel remains steadfast, despite occasional expressions of concern as to whether the PC is a house organ of the JACL or not.

Kido seldom exuded humor in his columns but his final “Observation” ended with a smile. “Now when business friends meet me, they will not have to worry if I had come for an advertisement or not. I am a free man without any newspaper connections.”

Today, Kido is the free spirit regenerating the JACL as it approaches its 50th year. The current generation can be reminded of what the organization contributed to the welfare of the community in years past and pause to pay respect to those who had served. As he reminded, “Fifty years is a long period for any organization to claim as part of its history. Unless they had some worthy cause for its purpose, most organizations will not be able to survive that long a period.” □

JACL “on the spot” is if JACL did nothing.

Permit me to explain my position. In the event that JACL is supportive of the majority decision for disallowing minority enrollment, JACL will certainly be placed “on the spot” since the California Supreme Court utilized the *Korematsu* and *Hirabayashi* decisions to buttress its rulings. If JACL is strongly opposed to the decision, and I’m certain that it should be, this is the ideal case to initiate a collateral attack on the gross error made by the United States Supreme Court some thirty-three years ago.

The approach should be that the “compelling state interest” is the erroneous standard used in *Bakke*. The special admissions criteria was not promulgated for the purpose of invidiously excluding a racial group (Caucasian in the *Bakke* case) but to provide a benign and remedial classification to rectify the past discrimination of the minority. In this way, you are crossing swords with the *Korematsu* and *Hirabayashi* decisions. The benign and remedial classification theory is not novel. It is used repeatedly in affirmative action cases regarding employment and in civil rights cases.

For the reasons above stated, it would be totally consistent for JACL to attack the *Bakke* decision and the “compelling state interest” standard.

ROBERT M. TAKASUGI
Los Angeles U.S. District Judge

Loyalty Issue

Editor:

Every Memorial Day when our family lay flowers at my brother’s grave at San Bruno I remember the great sacrifice he, along with the many Japanese American young men of the 100th, 442nd and MIS, made for us.

After 30 years or so we still find that there are still Americans who question our loyalty!

Recently it was disclosed during President Carter’s transition team (March 4, PC) discussions of the possible appointment of a Japanese American, one of the members of the transition team asked, “Can the Japs be trusted?” How quickly they forget or choose not to remember!

As a mother of an only son, I truly cannot say that I would be strong enough to ask or support my son’s decision to sacrifice his life if there is another war as my Issei mother did for my brother so many years ago.

I can still recall the many sleepless nights my mother went through in the American Concentration Camp in Colorado worrying about my four brothers who were fighting for us to prove our loyalty to the United States. When the fatal day came when we received the dreaded news of the death of one of my brothers, I cannot recall one bitter word uttered by her against the country who upset her life and treated her family so brutally.

I thank God that there are strong Japanese Americans like our own NC-WN Governor Kubokawa who are willing to speak out for us (Mar. 25, PC). The day of “ko-rae” or suppression must be over and we “Quiet Americans” must speak out and urge organizations like the JACL to vigorously campaign against those who question our loyalty.

If we are to keep our beloved country strong and free, we must also do our part by being aware of racial bigotry in high political offices and to speak out against these grossly unfair accusations when needed.

MARGARETTE MURAKAMI
Sonoma County

Concentration camp

Editor:

While the definition of “concentration camps” as used on the plaques identifying the misnamed “relocation centers” is obnoxious and controversial to a few concerned Americans with guilty feelings at this time, they must remember that back in 1942 they felt no guilt or shame nor raised any objections to innocent victims or bystanders being rounded up, tagged and herded like cattle to internment camps.

Very little is written in the U.S. history textbooks regarding the mass Evacuation of Japanese and Japanese Americans during WW2 so that the general public is still unaware of what happened back in 1942.

RICHARD K. HAYASHI
Stockton, Calif.

Short Notes

Dear Friends:

The new format and excellent printing mean that now this 85-year-old great-grandmother can read it all and with pleasure. Having had cataract surgery on both eyes, very little was possible before without eye-strain. Mr. Hosokawa’s was plain but not much more.

MARGARET FLEMING
Pasadena, Calif.

‘Years of Infamy’

Editor:

With graduation days just around the corner, wouldn’t it be a good for all Japanese American groups to copy the Philadelphia JACL gesture of buying copies of Michi Weglyn’s “Years of Infamy” to present to high school and college graduates?

And when I think of the thousands of Japanese Americans who have not read this book and whose attitude is the sloppy “let bygones be bygones”, I get pretty mad for they are insuring the certain return of bygones.

YONE U. STAFFORD
West Chatham, Mass.

East Wind: by Bill Marutani

Food for Thought

Philadelphia

THE OTHER EVENING while getting a quick snack at a nearby restaurant, I was struck by the sight of a big, grown man nearby drinking a comparably large glass of milk. I couldn’t remember the last time that I had milk, straight that is. Indeed, I can’t recall the first or the last time that I ever saw any Nisei gulp down a glass of milk, straight or not.

AS I MUNCHED on my corned-beef-on-rye sandwich with cole slaw dripping from its edges, I wondered just why this was. In terms of regular fare of dishes, the at-least-once-a-day fare of “gohan” and “okazu” must insulate Nisei from developing a broader taste. And this includes this writer: give me some oriental soul food, and you get no complaints from me. It’s seen me through thick ‘n thin, and it was particularly good during those thin days.

TAKE FOR INSTANCE, cheese. I have a hunch that if a poll were to be taken of Niseidom, one might find that as a group we Nisei are not sophisticated to the consumption of cheeses. And again that includes this writer. Oh, not that I’m completely alien to cheeses: mozzarella is delicious, tacky; spaghetti without parmesan is just spaghetti; and bleu cheese, as ripe as that deteriorating stuff is, is delicious. As a lad I don’t recall my Issei mother placing cheese on the table with any memorable regularity: on the contrary, if she placed cheese on the table, that would be memorable. Perhaps the stuff was too expensive.

BUT EXPENSE CAN’T have been all that determinative. For just as you will recall, so my Issei parents put stuff on the table that was expensive based upon weight. I never knew what “kazunoko” cost back in those days—I only know today the stuff is worth its weight in gold—but it couldn’t have been all that cheap. And bamboo shoots, tohfu, kama-boko, and so on must have been much more expensive,—pound for pound—than, say, cheese.

SPEAKING OF KAZUNOKO, unfortunately I did develop a fondness for the stuff, after initially detesting its repulsive odor. Similarly, I got hooked on sturgeon caviar, which is about as hard to find. And even on raw clams, juice and all. Artichokes, I can take ‘em or leave ‘em: too much trouble for a hungry person.

ALL OF WHICH is to say: you can taken an inaka-mono out of the inaka, but you can’t take the “chazuke-’n-koko” out of an inaka-mono. □



From Happy Valley: Sachi Seko

Lesson of Lillian Hellman

Salt Lake City
One event distinguished this year's Academy Awards program. It was the appearance of Lillian Hellman, who was invited to make two presentations for best documentary films.

Lillian Hellman is probably one of the greatest living playwrights and writers of this century. She is also a symbol of the McCarthy era. Those were treasonous years, equal in terror and trauma to the Evacuation. Perhaps it was not coincidental that the witch-hunting of the '50s was a monster creation conceived by the House Committee on Un-American Activities in 1947. This time the attention was focused on alleged Communists.

While the Evacuation was largely based on a suspicion of race and national origin, the purge of the '50s was directed at another selective segment of American society. Or so it seemed. Because it questioned the loyalty of those particularly prominent for their creativity and intellect.

I think that one of our largest American failures is the inability to grasp the fact that when any minority is assaulted, be it of race or of art, it is essentially an attack on all of us.

As even the most detached student of recent American history knows, the McCarthy years were terrible for their fury and fear. Some who thought they were men, proved they were not.

They provided the Committee with lists of persons whom they believed to be un-American. Self-preservation was the demon which consumed conscience and contributed to the destruction of other Americans.

But a few noble men and women would not be coerced by the Committee, including Lillian Hellman who refused to testify against

others, only regarding herself. They weren't considered noble by the citizenry in those days. They were assumed to be Communists because they chose to remain steadfast to a personal code of justice which escapes the understanding of most of us. And that is why there are few who will achieve that particular nobility.

Some went to prison, among them Dashiell Hammett, an American literary genius. He was the man Lillian Hellman loved and lived with. Prison wasn't quite enough penance in the judgment of some ultra-patriots. Many in the film industry were further punished by their peers by being black-listed from employment, among them Lillian Hellman.

Maybe the forces of fate and time combined, in some mysterious way, eventually balance the judgments of past. Richard Nixon, who achieved national prominence for his participation, today lives in the isolation of a disgraced presidency. And Lillian Hellman, years later, is recognized with a standing ovation in the arena from which she was expelled.

In a later analysis of this American agony, perhaps prompted by the need for exorcism, many who remained silent during this period, have publicly berated themselves for not having had the courage to stand up for justice and be counted.

The blame is therefore accepted by those who did not speak out. We are almost inclined to forget the real villains, those who talked too much. Those, who in trying to salvage their own skins, projected suspicions into a cauldron which not only destroyed innocent individuals, but threatened the concept of American justice.

Sometimes the sheer magnitude of these historical events, falsely lulls us into a state of apathetic unconcern. We believe that since we are ordinary citizens, we are granted a sort of immunity from responsibility. We do not believe ourselves capable of participating in modern day crucifixions.

And sadly, because as Japanese Americans we have experienced the same type of skulduggery, we tend to believe ourselves above persecution.

This was disproved to me by the board of the Salt Lake JACL in 1973. Their quarrel with me was an article I was preparing in defense of a local white teacher, whom I believed had been misrepresented, had wrongly been accused of racist tactics.

The board did not know the contents of my column since I was writing it as they were conducting their meeting. And it was not their prerogative to know, since PC columnists, other than JACL staff writers, express their own opinions and not necessarily JACL policy.

What astounded me was personal attack I incurred, in absentia, as I later learned from witnesses at the meeting. One of their concerns was my political proclivity and this is where I lost my respect for the board.

It is one of my quirks, call it a lesson of my own baptism into American politics shortly before McCarthy's troops moved in, but my politics are an entirely private matter. It is something between me and the ballot box, a guarantee of the Constitution.

And whether or not I agree with someone else's ideology, I will defend to the end, his constitutional privilege to it. This is what Lillian Hellman tried to tell this country.

From the Frying Pan: Bill Hosokawa

Choice for Ambassador

Denver, Colo.

If it couldn't be Mike Masaoka for United States Ambassador to Japan, then President Carter's selection of former Senator Mike Mansfield for the Tokyo post was an excellent alternative. I hasten to applaud Mansfield's qualifications for representing us in a critically important capital before the more militant critics in our midst scream racial discrimination and Carter insensitivity.

Masaoka and Mansfield have more than their initials in common. They are personal friends, their association dating from the days when Masaoka as JACL's Washington representative was prowling the halls of Congress for support. And, in fact, it was Senator Mansfield who last year was named for JACL's Mike M. Masaoka Award for his role in promoting good relations between the United States and Japan.

Like Masaoka, Mansfield has had a long-time interest in Asia. Before he went to Congress for the first time 34 years ago he was a professor of Asian studies at the University of Montana. Last July, as the then Senate majority leader, Mansfield went to Japan to study problems facing the United States.

In his report to the Senate foreign relations committee, Mansfield noted that strong ties with Japan are a "fundamental pillar in present U.S. foreign policy whose goal is continued stability in the Western Pacific."

"Unlike our ties with Great Britain," his report continued, "language and cultural differences have been obstacles to mutual understanding between Japanese and Americans. Trust does not come easy under these circumstances. Extraordinary efforts by both sides are necessary."

And now Mansfield, who did not run for re-election, has an opportunity to exercise those "extraordinary efforts."

As for Masaoka, the word is that he was a contender right up to the final selection. An unprecedented amount of support had been

marshaled for him. More than 100 members of Congress had expressed their backing, a most unusual action. Asians and Blacks rallied behind Masaoka.

Mike and Etsu Masaoka were of two minds about the possible appointment. It would have been a great honor, and it would have given them an opportunity to work for even firmer relations between the country of their birth and citizenship, and the country of their ancestry.

On the other hand, taking the appointment would have posed a heavy financial burden on them. In a post like Tokyo, ambassadors must draw extensively on personal resources to supplement an inadequate entertainment budget. Masaoka, who spent his most productive years working for JACL, certainly has no personal fortune. In addition, his Washington consulting business is pretty much a one-man concern (with apologies to his hard-working staff), and its prospects would have been doubtful with the boss off in Tokyo.

That Masaoka was considered at all is an important milestone. The Carter administration was made dramatically aware of the Japanese American minority. The fact that Masaoka was a contender made it certain that anyone chosen over him had to be thoroughly qualified; it guaranteed that no stodgy bureaucrat or political hack would be sent to Tokyo as a reward for past services.

There are not fully confirmed indications that Tokyo itself was only lukewarm to Masaoka's appointment. Hostility toward Nisei apparently was not involved. The Japanese foreign ministry, given its 'druthers, would prefer to deal with a Washington insider with close ties to the power structure and direct access to the Oval office. And this is understandable.

Mike Masaoka and those who supported him made a good try, and in no small part to this effort, an ambassador of Mike Mansfield's abilities was selected. We have nothing to be downhearted about.

From Mid-America: Tom Hibino

Compelling State Interest

Chicago

The April 1 PC editorial concerning the minority admissions programs of state universities which use "race" as a criteria was based on an overriding "compelling state interest," in this case, the need for more minority professionals and an integrated student body.

Since the same rationale, the best interests of the state, was used to uphold the constitutionality of relocation in the Korematsu and Hirabayashi cases, the PC found it "ironic" that JACL would support the university's position. It was also reported that legal counsel Frank Iwama, at the recent National Board meeting "openly wondered about the propriety of JACL supporting a case which heeded the precedent from cases that JACL had long sought to overturn."

For the record, I think it is important to make clear the stand taken by a university and the JACL in the De Funis case. Contrary to what was stated in the April 1 editorial, neither the Univ. of Washington nor the JACL contended that a "compelling state interest" was the

justification for utilizing racial factors in the minority admissions program.

In the brief filed in the Supreme Court by the Univ. of Washington, it argued that the University had "never supposed that they are required to justify the affirmative consideration of race in their admissions policy by showing that it is necessary to fulfill a compelling state interest..." Furthermore, it argued that the Supreme Court itself had "never yet held or said that race is a 'suspect classification' requiring a compelling state interest in justification when the major purpose and effect is to extend equality to an under-represented minority race."

The JACL, as one of a number of organizations who joined in a brief filed by the Children's Defense Fund, argued that the Washington Supreme Court had "erred in [its] over-reading of the law" by presuming that the University needed a "compelling" reason for using racial criteria. It called "inappropriate" the need for a "strict requirement of 'necessity' and 'compelling' justification."

Thus, it is clear that sup-

port for affirmative action through minority admissions progress need not be based on a "compelling state interest" and, therefore, the acceptance of precedents set in the Relocation cases. In the JACL brief mentioned above, the Korematsu case was referred to as "one that involved the most blatantly inferior treatment and stigmatization of a racial minority."

The JACL's position in this area might best remain as it was stated in the De Funis case brief:

Having suffered through one of the most intense periods of discrimination in the modern history of the United States—the exclusion of over 100,000 persons of Japanese ancestry from the West Coast during World War II—Japanese Americans are acutely aware of the potentially invidious and unjust consequences of governmental programs based exclusively on race. However, JACL is joining in this brief because it believes that it is imperative that affirmative efforts be made to increase educational opportunities for individuals who are disadvantaged in our society because they are members of minority races that have been traditionally discriminated against and denied access to the advantages of American society.

In the words of one legal scholar: "Equal protection, not color blindness is the constitutional mandate." □

San Francisco JACL officers, past and present



San Francisco JACL installed its 1977 board of governors Feb. 26 at Forest Lodge and honored 11 of its past presidents. Program consisted of slide presentation of 1976 chapter activities, recognition of Frances Morioka for her volunteer work with chapter and her involvement with the Soroptimists and installation of officers by Dr. Terry Hayashi, 1934 chapter president and a past national JACL officer. Evening concluded with dancing to George Yamasaki's Trio.

TOP: The 1977 board (from left): front—Allyn Yamanouchi, Gail Uyehara, Mike Ito (pres.), Yo Hironaka, May Ochi; back row—

Steve Okamoto, Nob Mihara, Ken Nakamura, Bob Fujioka, Daro Inouye, Ted Kitada, Frank Minami, Richard Kiwata, Jan Yanehiro, Bob Kiyono, Gary Nakamura, past pres.; missing—Nancy Okada, Louise Koike Steve Treaoka, Chiz Satow, Cherry Tsutsumida.

LOWER: The 11 past presidents (from left): back—George Yamasaki Jr. ('71); Gary Nakamura ('76); Mike Ito ('77); Donald Negi ('66); Steve Doi ('59); Wes Doi ('69); front—Yas Abiko ('51); Yo Hironaka ('67); Dr. Terry Hayashi ('34); Dr. George Togasaki ('31). Years shown are for the first year only as some have served more than one term.

chapter pulse

● Cincinnati

Cincinnati JACL announced it would like to sponsor a regular, possibly bi-monthly, Sunday afternoon tea for old friends who have celebrated "Kanreki" (60th birthday) to get together and chat.

The first of the "teas" will be held April 24, 2-4 p.m., in the home of Tak and Sachi Kariya, 5809 Bluespruce Ln. Anyone over sixty is invited, according to Fred Morioka (563-6718).

Terry Ishikawa, Kazuya Sato, and Gordon Yoshikawa formed the local JACL Japanese American History Committee to collect information on early Cincinnati Issei experience. They are looking for photos, information, memorabilia. Written and oral interviews are also planned.

● Hollywood

Through courtesy of NHK (Nippon Hoso Kyokai) and the Los Angeles Japanese Consulate, Hollywood JACL and the LA Union Church presented the three-hour film, "Kohaku Uta Gassen" of 1977 as an Easter Sunday treat at the new Union Church on 3rd and San Pedro.

Every New Year's Eve NHK tapes this big three-hour production in which the most famous and popular singers compete for honors.

● Hoosier

The Hoosier JACL potluck dinner with a talent contest for youth will be held on Sunday, May 15, 2 p.m. at the Fort Harrison Civilian Club, Indianapolis, according to chapter president Bill Alexander.

● Lodi

The Lodi chapter held its installation dinner at Yoneda's Restaurant on Sunday, Mar. 20. Assemblyman Floyd Mori was guest speaker. David Morimoto was emcee, Rev. Seikan Fukuma presented invocation and benediction.

● Salinas Valley

Salinas Valley JACL's annual scholarship benefit movie night will be held on Thursday, April 28, at the YBA Hall. Tickets are \$3. Harry Sakasegawa and

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ARKANSAS VALLEY JACL

George Ushiyama (Rocky Ford), pres; Harry Shirokawa (Ordway) vp; Mary Hamano (La Junta), rec sec; Mary Takeda (RF), cor sec; area reps—Rocky Ford: Jerry Hirakata, Ichiro Suto, Ordway; Tom Tanabe; La Junta: George Hiraki; Las Animas: Emory Namura; Lamar: Kazuko Matsunaga.

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MILWAUKEE JAYS

Ruri Teramura, pres; Paul Levandowski, vp; Karen Nakamoto, treas; Cheryl Miyazaki, sec; Linda Go, hist; Jeff & Sue Kataoka, adv.

West L.A.'s 'wine & roses'



West Los Angeles JACL's benefit wine tasting party will be held this Sunday, 12:30-3:30 p.m. at Yamato's in Century City for the March of Dimes and American Cancer Society. Preparing for the event are (from left) Veronica Ohara, Taye Isono, Aiko Takeshita and Stella Kishi.

D.C. sets date for EDC-MDC confab

WASHINGTON—The 12th biennial Eastern-Midwest joint district council convention, being hosted by the Washington, D.C. JACL, will be held over the Aug. 4-7 weekend at the Twin Bridges Marriott Hotel.

The reparations campaign and JACL legislative programs are expected to be the main topics for delegates representing the 13 chapters comprising the two district councils.

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JACL DEADLINES

May 1—Nat'l JACL Graduate scholarships.
May 1—Nat'l NACL Freshman Graduate scholarships.
May 15—Special PCYA summer session. Contact Wash'n JACL Office.
May 16—Nat'l JACL-Satow Memorial Hdbp 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 15 (Friday)
NC-WNDC—Blue Cross 30th ann'y dnr, Sakura Garden, Mountain View, 6:30 p.m.

April 16 (Saturday)
San 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.

Placer County—Potluck dnr, Nisei retirement mtg, Placer Buddhist Church, 6 p.m.

Fresno—April birthday party, Issei Sv Ctr, 12n.

Contra Costa—Issei appreciation potluck dnr, Kennedy High, Richmond, 4:30-8 p.m.

April 17 (Sunday)
Salinas—Japanese food sale, YBA Hall, 10 a.m.

West Los Angeles—Benefit wine-tasting, Yamato Restaurant, 12:30-3:30 p.m.

San Fernando Valley—Manzanar teach-in, SFVJA Comm Ctr, 1 p.m.

Tri-Valley—Box lunch sale.

Los Angeles—Koto lecture, Japanese Retirement Home Concert Hall, 2 p.m.; Kazuo Kudo, spkr.

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

April 23 (Saturday)
Contra Costa—Reno trip.

West Valley—Mtg.

Los Angeles—Nisei Singles dance, Alondra CC.

Monterey—VFW Post installation.

April 24 (Sunday)
Airzona—Issei Day picnic, Paradise Valley Park.

Livingston-Merced—Picnic, Henderson Park.

Cincinnati—Sunday tea, Tak Kariya's res, 2-4 p.m.

Gresham-Troutdale—Graduates dnr, Anderson's Cattle Country Restaurant, 6 p.m.

April 25 (Monday)
Fresno—Bd mtg, Calif 1st Bank, 7:30 p.m.

April 28 (Thursday)
Salinas Valley—Scholarship benefit movie, YBA Hall.

May 1 (Sunday)
San Gabriel Valley—Luau, ESGV Japanese Comm Ctr, West Covina.

May 2 (Monday)
Mid-Columbia—Parents appreciation day, Westside School.



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Paul Ichijui is accepting applications for chapter scholarships.

● San Fernando Vly.

An educational program on the Manzanar Camp experience will be sponsored by the San Fernando Valley JACL in conjunction with the Manzanar Committee on Sunday, April 17, 1 p.m. at the SFV Japanese Community Center, 12953 Brantford St., Pacoima.

Among those expected on the teach-in panel are Dr. Arthur Hansen, history professor at CSU-Fullerton, Judge Robert Takasugi and Warren Furutani.

The eighth annual pilgrimage to Manzanar is set for May 14. For details, write to: Manzanar Committee, 1566 Curran St., Los Angeles 90026.

● Tri-Valley

Tri-Valley JACL has its first benefit teriyaki box lunch sale on Sunday, April 17. The box lunch will include teriyaki chicken, mushroom, tsukemono, fruit, and cookies. Tickets are obtainable from members at \$2.75.

Those who have tickets can pick up their box lunches at 6776 Via San Blas, Pleasanton between 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The benefit is being chaired by Sam Cohen (443-5290) and Sally Morimoto. An "Odds and Ends" sale at the pick-up point is being chaired by Frank Inami and Sam Cohen.

Diablo Minyo

RICHMOND, Calif.—Issei will be entertained by the Diablo Minyo Doko Kai, headed by Hiroshi Morodomi, at the annual Contra Costa JACL potluck dinner April 16, 4:30-8 p.m. at Kennedy High School. Jerry Irei will emcee.

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San Jose champions for fourth consecutive year



Carey Iida Photo

Glen Fujii (44) of Sacramento slipped past the outstretched arm of San Jose defender Craig Morioka (42) and John Hohn, (22) to lay up a field goal during Berkeley JACL Tournament. San Jose turned back the Capital team 75-72 to clinch the 4th consecutive championship.

Toll-free number

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—The new State Office of Business Development has a toll-free phone (800-952-5502) to help local businessmen cope with complex government regulations. Out-of-state firms interested in relocating will be helped, according to Assemblyman Floyd Mori.

Shimizu wins coach honors

LOS ANGELES — Yutaka "Tabo" Shimizu, varsity basketball coach at Hamilton High School, was named "Westside Coach of the Year" by the Los Angeles Times during ceremonies honoring 80 outstanding prep basketball players from Greater Los Angeles. One of the most notable players produced by Shimizu was Sidney Wicks, the former UCLA great now with Boston Celtics. Shimizu, 49, was described by his associates as a "hard worker".

BERKELEY, Calif. — The San Jose JACL won the Berkeley JACL invitational basketball tournament (Mar. 25-27) for the fourth consecutive year in a hard-fought 75-72 game over a fine Sacramento JACL team.

San Jose's defense and reserves played key roles in the come-from-behind victory, making up a 10-point deficit in the second half. Two San Jose starters were saddled with four fouls early in the third quarter and another fouled out early in the final quarter in the championship play.

Contra Costa JACL won third place honors after an overtime 91-83 victory over a faltering San Francisco JACL team. The Contra Costans made up 8 points in the final 1:38 of regulation play to tie.

Reedley JACL won the consolation prize 73-54 over Stockton JACL. Berkeley JACL and Eden Township JACL were eliminated in the semi-final rounds.

All-Tournament stars were:

Craig Morioka (SJ), Russell Morioka (SJ), Jeff Ota (Sac), Dean Matsuura (Sac), James Endo (Con), Jeff Tokunaga (Sto), and Randy Iwasaki (Ree).

To commemorate the 20th annual invitational, the Berkeley JACL presented recognition plaques to five men for their continued support and hard work of the tournament. The recipients were:

Willie Osada (SF), Bob Kojimoto (SF), Frank Kitagawa (Sto), Tosh Matsuura (Sac) and Tom Taketa (SJ).

Eastbay Asian Group

OAKLAND, Calif.—The East Bay Asian Local Development Corp. (EBALDC) received a grant of \$25,000 from the S.H. Cowell Foundation of San Francisco towards building a multi-service center to serve the East Bay Asian Community last March. Payment is contingent upon funding of the balance of the \$2,500,000 project.

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Education

Noted playwright Momoko Iko is teaching playwriting with the Chicago Asian American Theater Performers who are conducting a spring session in theater at Harry Truman College. Dr. Kinji Tanaka, who conducts the Japanese Language School of Greater Cincinnati, reported the school received a \$129 grant from the Japanese government to purchase books and teacher instruction manuals.

2x2½ cherry blossom ... cutline



Thundering rhythms of Japanese drums (taiko) attracts thousands of all ages and ethnic background to the 10th annual San Francisco Cherry Blossom Festival opening April 15 at Japan Center and in adjacent blocks of Nihonmachi. Taiko performances are among many cultural events which can be seen during the seven-day, two weekend celebration. A 3-hour parade on Sunday afternoon of April 24 will be the climax.

Six vie in Festival queen race

SAN FRANCISCO—Six candidates are vying for the title of Cherry Blossom Festival queen in the 10th annual pageant April 16 at Japan Center Theater. They are:

Cathleen Hanako Andrews, Barbara Reiko Bradley, Jennifer Yuriko McMahan, Susan Matsuko Shinagawa, Naomi N. Kato, Mary Ann Hori.

Dinner will be served

Business

Ernest J. Sasaki has been appointed executive vice president of MDB Systems Inc. of Orange, Calif. MDB is a large manufacturer of minicomputer interface modules (tiny components of a computer).

Radio-TV

Sharon Maeda has become a producer/director trainee for KCTS (9), Seattle. She was formerly director of Community Involvement for the Public TV station.

Churches

Dr. Roy I. Sano, director of Pacific and Asian American Center for Theology and Strategies, Berkeley, will speak at North Gardena Methodist Church, April 17, 10:30 a.m., on current situations and rich heritage of the Japanese Christian mission in North America.

Government



PATSY MINK

The Senate confirmed Mar. 23 President Carter's nominee, former Rept. Patsy T. Mink of Hawaii, to be Assistant Secretary of State. She will have responsibility for oceans, international environment and scientific affairs. She is the only Asian American appointed within the first 100 days by the Carter administration. Johnny Y. Maeda, who had been postmaster at Hawthorne, Calif., has taken over the Palo Alto post office Dec. 4. A native of Torrance, he entered the postal service in 1953. He is a graduate of Pepperdine University with a masters in business administration.

Election

Community Coalition for Kaz Umemoto opened its campaign office April 9 at 2044 Hillhurst, L.A. (660-2110) for the special May 24 primary election to fill the vacancy for the 46th Assembly District.

Tulare County JACler Marvin Cook was among those elected recently to the Porterville Elementary School District board of trustees.

Sam Kimura of Pacoima finished 7th (628 votes, 2.4%) in a field of 14 vying for the Los Angeles City Council 1st District seat in the April 5 primaries. L.A. Mayor Tom Bradley was re-elected to his second four-year term.

Welfare

Dr. Kenji Murase, San Francisco State professor of social work education, was appointed principal investigator for the Pacific/Asian Coalition (PAC) research project, working in conjunction with national coordinator Roy Hirabayashi, at San Jose and under direction of the PAC national board of directors, chaired by Dr. Mary I. Watanabe of Philadelphia. Project entails preparation of program evaluation for the National Institute of Mental Health and developing an evaluation design.

Deaths

Kinuyo Tanaka, Japan's best known actress, died in Tokyo Mar. 23 of a malignant brain tumor after a 54-year long career in motion pictures. She was 67.

Sanji Tsukamoto, 56, who farmed with his brother, past president Masa Tsukamoto of Pocatello-Blackfoot JACL, died Mar. 13 following a brief illness.

James G. Otagiri, 77, board chairman of the Otagiri Merchandise Co., San Francisco, died Mar. 24. He had been ill for some time.

Clevelanders back Masaoka as U.S. ambassador to Japan

CLEVELAND, Ohio — Responses favorable to the endorsement of Mike Masaoka as U.S. ambassador to Japan were received by the Cleveland JACL, it was revealed by Rev. George Nishimoto, chapter president, and by

Yoshiko Ikuta of the chapter legislative committee.

The committee had contacted the two Ohio senators, John Glenn and Howard Mitzenbaum, and members of the House from their area, Reps. Mary Rose Oaker, Charles Vanik, Ronald Mottle and Louis Stokes,

to call on President Carter and Secretary of State Cyrus Vance.

The chapter noted "this position must be filled by a person who is not only knowledgeable in political and industrial arena but also well versed in tradition and be sensitive to inner feelings of Japanese people".

Report that retired Montana Senator Mike Mansfield would be selected appeared Mar. 30.

Ex-Tacomans plan back home reunion

TACOMA, Wash. — Plans are underway for the first postwar reunion of former Tacomans who attended Nihon Gakko, Methodist or Buddhist Church. The 35th Year reunion will be held here Aug. 12, 13 and 14. Reunion committee is headed by Tak Ikeda.

Kimi Tanbara is looking for addresses for former Tacomans to be contacted. Her number is BR 2-5235, 710 No. Yakima Ave., Tacoma 98403.

Poston III reunion in 1978 expanded

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Search is on for Poston III junior-senior high school students for the Super Reunion II scheduled here Aug. 11-13, 1978, according to Ben Honda ('43), reunion chairman.

A decision was made at the first reunion held in San Jose in 1975 to include students attending junior high school at Poston III. Addresses should be sent this month to Honda, 3482 Altridg St., San Diego 92123, it was stressed. Information being sought is name (maiden name, too), address, telephone and year of the graduation class.

USC Law alumni

LOS ANGELES — Federal judges Robert Takasugi and Laughlin Waters will be honored at the USC Law Alumni luncheon April 26 at the El Dorado Room of the Music Center. For information, call Sharon Lynch (746-6143).

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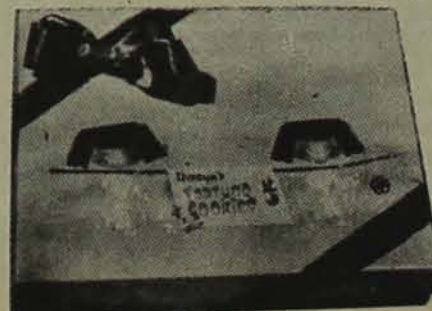
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We're Not Together

The topic of reparations was brought up and discussed at the recent Midwest District Council meeting. If the diverse opinions expressed are at all representative of the JACL as a whole, then we are a long way from getting together and embarking on a full-fledged national campaign.

One questioned the basic commitment of the organization to a reparations drive. While he acknowledged that many National Councils had endorsed the concept, he felt that a vote against such resolutions would have been the JACL equivalent of voting against "motherhood and apple pie." Another member thought that the National Reparations Committee needed to take a more active role in coordinating and promoting the effort. Still others viewed the issue as "ancient history" which should be dropped altogether in favor of more current problems.

Perhaps it is too unwieldy a structure for each chapter to wade through the many complex questions and options that are involved in the different reparations plans, in the hope that we might somehow be able to arrive at a national consensus. Maybe we should instead use as a model the successful Iva Toguri pardon campaign and go back to one committee with all the members from the same area, who would then be able to meet on a regular basis. If such a committee could be mandated to lay out a few clearly defined alternatives for consideration, then possibly the rest of the chapters could simply vote and select one acceptable plan.

We believe a national campaign for reparations should be undertaken with all deliberate speed. Although there are many other good reasons for this effort, we have a very pragmatic one. Until this matter is dealt with, settled, and a campaign carried out, it will never disappear as a JACL issue. And, as long as it is with us, it will always take away time and energy from the other important issues facing the organization.—MDC Page Editorial Committee

SPEAKING OUT:

Why Do People Join?

Terry Ishihara (Hoosier JACL)

Officially, the Hoosier JACL is less than a year old. In Japan a baby is considered a year old at birth. So, in this respect, the Hoosier JACL is more 1½ year old. The chapter was conceived in the fall of 1975 by a small group where the first task was to decide whether there was a real need for a JACL chapter in Indiana.

The question of justification and purpose for the existence of the Hoosier JACL is one that can be asked of any organization.

Having had many years of experience in various organizations, the main reason for them in my opinion was to get people of common interests and concerns together. It is important for groups to form because a unified voice speaks louder than a single. It is through groups that we as individuals are able to improve upon our own personal beliefs.

Also, through my experiences I have seen organizations change with the passage of years because different people join. This reveals the necessity for JACL to remain flexible and dynamic to accommodate new members, changing needs and fresh ideas.

Paraphrasing one of our greatest Presidents, JACL should be an organization of its members, for its members and conducted by its members if it is to continue.

I am a JACL member mainly as a result of my ancestry and birth. I am a Japanese American citizen. However, there are others who are U.S. citizens by birth but not of the same racial heritage. Still others of the same

ancestry were born in Japan and thus do not necessarily have U.S. citizenship.

Younger members with an ancestral mixture of parentage are emerging. As a result the term "Japanese American citizen" is no longer appropriate, but, on the other hand, I cannot think of a better term other than to hyphenate and refer to its members as Japanese-American or American-Japanese citizens.

Among the reasons Hoosier JACL was formed were to preserve Japanese heritage, to assure that children in the U.S.A. benefit from it and to educate the larger community about the presence of Japanese culture and customs. For some of us, the Japanese way of life is inherited while for others it is adopted. I happen to believe that the qualities and beliefs that I have acquired as a result of my Japanese upbringing had made me an advantaged rather than a disadvantaged person. I'd like to see others benefit from the advantages I have enjoyed, but most of all, I would like to see it continue for the future.

Not all people who share a commonness in the Japanese element due to inheritance or adoption will join JACL. Some will even reject it for one reason or another. This is true of any organization. For example, for my profession there is the American Society of Engineering Education that does not include all those who teach engineering. However, it is important that those do join any organization do so because they choose to join.

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Midwest Nisei retirement session held

CHICAGO—A Workshop on Nisei Retirement highlighted the Midwest District Council spring meeting here April 1-3. The purpose was to help the participants from eight of the nine MDC chapters organize Nisei retirement conferences in their home communities.

The all-day affair on Saturday was the direct result of the national Nisei retirement planning conference held last November in San Francisco through a grant from the National Institute of Mental Health. Four of the resource persons who helped with the MDC Workshop, including Gov. Lillian Kimura, attended the national conference. The others were Dan Kuzuhara, Director of Adulthood and Aging Studies, Northeastern University; Masaru Nambu, executive director, Japanese American Service Committee of Chicago; and Henry Tanaka, executive director, Hill House in Cleveland.

Dr. Kuzuhara opened with an overview of the process of aging and implications for the Nisei. The second phase, which concentrated on the institutional and other resources available to retirees, was led by Masaru Nambu, whose agency presently works with Issei.

The "how-to's" of conference planning, chaired by Lillian Kimura, closed out the afternoon. Small group discussions were held after each presentation. A workshop highlight was the showing of a film on Issei values, which was produced by JASC and the Midwest Regional Office as part of the Gerontology Project.

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St. Louis Issei project proposed

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—John Bennett, professor of anthropology at Washington University, told the St. Louis JACL he is willing to work on a local Issei history, provided some supportive funds are available.

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12-acre Japanese garden in St. Louis inspired by local JACL to be dedicated



Teahouse donated by the Nagano Prefecture graces the Japanese garden to be dedicated May 5 at St. Louis

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — Japanese Ambassador Fumihiko Togo, Consul General Sumiya of Chicago, a host of national, state and local officials will attend formal ceremonies May 5 marking the dedication of Seiwa-En, the "garden of pure, clear harmony and peace" at the Missouri Botanical Garden.

A delegation of 15 from sister city Suwa and four from sister state Nagano Prefecture will also come.

The \$1.2 million Japanese garden, spanning 12 acres, will be the largest of its type in North America. Contributing to the project were:

National Endowment for the Arts, Japan World Exposition Commemorative Fund, Missouri Dept. of Natural Resources, other organizations and individuals.

Designed by Koichi Kawana, professor of environmental design at UCLA, and inspired by the St. Louis JACL, the garden culminates years of effort by many toward ensuring the authenticity and originality of the project. According to Dr. Peter Raven, director, Missouri Botanical Garden:

"The importance of Seiwa-En lies in its authentic Oriental design, offering visitors a landscape experience which expresses the ancient, unique characteristics associated with the Japanese style of gardening."

May 6 Program

May 6 (Friday) will be a day for Botanical Garden members. Sachiko Kacho, great-granddaughter of Prince Sadanaru Fushimi

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who dedicated the Imperial Japanese Garden at the 1904 World's Fair, will be with her mother, who will present the Garden with a series of panels of calligraphy painted by Prince Fushimi.

May 7 (Saturday) is devoted to "Nihon: the World of the Japanese Child" with workshops and special events designed for children, their parents and teachers. Children will be able to build a kite with Tal Street-er of New York, author of "The Art of the Japanese Kite". Also on tap at the JACL/St. Louis-Suwa Sister Ci-

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Aikido demonstrations, led by Akira Tohei, Midwest Aikido Federation; flower arr., Ikebana International; kimono modeling, Harusame Club; Sakura dancers, koto, arts & crafts.

Festival Day chairman Ed Shimamoto expects as many as last year, 10,000, to show up. "We weren't prepared for the crowds last year. Appropriate arrangements have been made this year with shuttlebus service, extra ticket booths and lots more Japanese food," he said.

Other organizations joining JACL in the Festival are:

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four blocks, bounded by Broadway, 11th, Webster and Ninth Streets, include three large towers for a 450-room hotel, an office building, a cultural center and 150-unit residential tower with underground parking for 2,000 cars. □

Spartan Beat: Mas Manbo

Anti-Neckwear Time Nears

"Rumpled corduroys are optional. The new look in the White House is comfortable. Some might call it sloppy."—AP report from Washington.

TOKYO—Shintaro Ishihara, director general of the environment agency, has been taking a lot of flak lately. But he is the Japanese Cabinet minister whose thinking comes closest to President Jimmy Carter's—at least in regard to dress.

Still in his mid-40s, Ishihara is the youngest member of Prime Minister Takeo Fukuda's Government. He has been in the public eye since his college days when he authored a hit novel on his generation called "Taiyo-no-Kisetsu," or "Season

of the Sun."

Ishihara is a yachting enthusiast, and, it was glaringly revealed the other day, also a tennis player. He ran into trouble when it was claimed that he was out on a tennis court when he should have been hearing the complaints of citizens about pollution.

Before that, Ishihara incurred the wrath of neckwear manufacturers by saying that there was no sense in wearing a necktie.

He told reporters at the end of January that while in his office, he would dispense with his necktie and wear a sweater.

Just a few days later, what happened? President Carter delivered his fire-side chat in the White House

library clad in a sweater, although he did wear a tie.

The Associated Press quoted White House press secretary Jody Powell as saying that for Carter, "clothes aren't part of the trappings of formality and power. They aren't important."

That's what Ishihara seemed to think when he called the necktie an utterly useless male adornment.

Perhaps Ishihara shouldn't have blasted the necktie in public, but it was a remark that made sense to many. If he had made it in midsummer instead of midwinter he would have had

plenty of support.

In Japan, a business suit topped with a necktie has long been the uniform of office workers, even in the tropical heat of August.

As the torrid summer weather approaches, there are always antinecktie stories appearing in the newspapers.

Last year, an Asahi Shimbun column pointed out that the *barong tagalog* serves as formal dress in the Philippines while India has the Nehru coat and *dhota* and China the Mao suit—all not requiring neckties.

It said that Amiko Kujirakawa, a fashion critic, had come up with the suggestion that a new shirt with patterns be worn by Japanese office workers in the summer.

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The Foundation for the Study of Plural Societies, founded in 1969, to conduct a world-wide scientific investigation of discrimination, commissioned scholars from all parts of the world to prepare a series of case studies.

There are 92 papers in the set, all academically presented. In Volume 3, which

came last month, is one on *America's Minorities* by S.J. Makielski Jr., professor and chairman of political science at Loyola University, New Orleans. One chapter deals with "Oriental Americans", which is carried verbatim to show how well the topic is presented. The same attention and balance is noted in other papers on the state of human rights in other parts of the world.

With President Carter and the U.S. Congress inquiring about the human rights of nations seeking U.S. economic aid this five-volume set

makes a most timely appearance and should become a standard reference.

Japan does not escape scrutiny in this set as the case of the *Korean Minority* (Vol. 4) is stated by Professor Changsoo Lee, director of Asian American Studies at the Univ. of Southern California; *Ethnic Minorities in Japan* (Vol. 1) are discussed by William Wetherall and George A. DeVos; *Discrimination Against Foreigners of Japanese Descent in Japan* (Vol. 2) by Jiro Suzuki and Mickey Sakamoto; and of the *Political Problems of a Minority Group in Japan*:

Recent Conflicts in Buraku Liberation (Vol. 3) by Hiroshi Wagatsuma.

Jiro Suzuki is one of the seven assistant editors of the five volume work. A native of Japan who teaches social anthropology at Tokyo Metropolitan University, he specialized in problems of the blacks and American Indians and engaged in further research on minorities in mainland China, Southeast Asia and India.

Sakamoto, a USC graduate, received his master's degree at Tokyo Metropolitan in 1974 on the Nikkeijin Situation in Japan.

—HARRY HONDA

Hokusai touch graces book about Hiawatha

THE SONG OF HIAWATHA, by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, decorated by Herbert Meyer, Tuttle, 222 pp., \$17.50.

Long before ethnic literature had become compartmentalized into a separate genre, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow wrote it with *elan*. In his epic "Evangeline", he writes of lovers parted in 1755 when the British, at war with France, evacuated 6,000 French from Acadia, eastern Canada.

Adumbrating the plight of the Nikkei after the Pearl Harbor attack, "Evangeline", appearing in 1847, sets a mark of literary excellence for writers about the Nikkei evacuation of 1942.

Longfellow had been born in Portland, Maine (then a part of Massachusetts), Feb. 27, 1807. He had spent years in Europe studying foreign languages and had served as professor of modern languages at both Bowdoin and Harvard. But though European experiences and influences color his writing, he never forgot his origins.

The countryside of his boyhood must have resembled the "forest primeval" his ancestors in the region had known. In such poems as "My Lost Youth" he gives us glimpses of "the beautiful town ... seated by the sea" in which he had grown up.

He had observed Algonquin Indians at firsthand. An Ojibwa chief is said to have been a guest in the Longfellow home. Longfellow had increased his knowledge of Indian lore through reading the works of Henry Rowe Schoolcraft (1793-1864), explorer-ethnologist, who had married an Ojibwa and had made a special study of that tribe.

After reading a German translation of the Finnish national epic "Kalevala", Longfellow wrote in his diary, "I have ... hit upon a plan for a poem on the American Indians ... I have hit upon a measure, too ... The measure was the trochaic meter of the 'Kalevala'."

Hero of the epic was to be Hiawatha, the legendary Onondaga chief who is said to have formed the League of Five Nations known as the

Iroquois. Like Hiawatha, Longfellow was concerned that oral traditions "fade and perish". Like Hiawatha, he wanted to preserve the traditions for "the generations that, as yet unborn, are waiting ..."

March 1855, nine months after beginning the poem, Longfellow finished it. The legends tell of the West-Wind seducing an earthly maiden who bears Hiawatha and dies of heartbreak because her lover had deserted her; of the grandmother, Nokomis, rearing the child; of Hiawatha growing up and confronting his father; of his meeting with Minnehaha; of his wooing and winning of her and much more. "Hiawatha" became an immediate success.

Enhancing this edition are scores of illustrations by

Herbert Meyer (1882-1960), who had early come under the spell of the *ukiyo-e* school of painting. Seeing the woodblock prints of Hokusai's "Views of Mount Fuji", at 23, Meyer changed his artistic views as Hokusai opened to him a "new and enchanting world." In a foreword, Teiji Chizawa, chief curator of Tokyo National Museum, traces the Hokusai suggestions in the Meyer technique.

For the "Hiawatha" illustrations, Meyer did extensive research into American Indian lore. But he says, "What I learned from Hokusai, I employed in my Hiawatha pictures."

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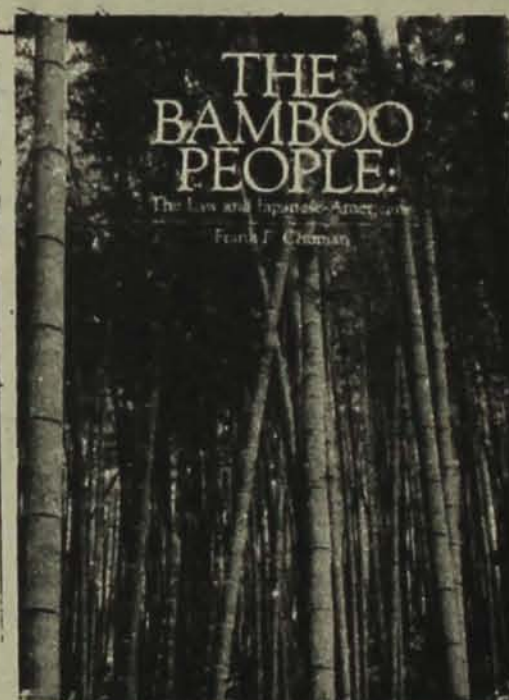
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isolation to restrict immigration of Chinese passed first in 1882 and subsequently renewed and strengthened in succeeding years, and "The Gentlemen's Agreement" of 1907 between the governments of Japan and the United States to refuse passports to potential Japanese immigrants. Both groups in addition faced deliberate barriers to citizenship and formal and informal exploitation in employment practices. In addition, both sets of immigrants were the frequent targets for individual, mob and police violence. Although Japanese and Chinese by preference each sought out the respective societies of their own ethnic groups, ghettoization was further imposed on them by community practice, leading to the "China Towns" which still endure. One result was that municipal services ranging from health and sanitation to police protection, fire protection, and public education were easily denied them. The conditions were perhaps worse for the Chinese Americans, for of the two groups they were the most urbanized, while a large proportion of the Japanese became farmers.

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Asian American men pace white collar force on federal payroll with top median income

WASHINGTON — Among the federal white-collar workers, the Asian American men have the highest median income at \$18,575 of any racial, ethnic or sex group, according to Washington Post writer Mike Causey. Another eye-opening statistic is that they are just over 1/2 of 1% of the federal white-collar work force.

(Median figures mean

that half the people make more and half less than the figure shown.)

The salary survey taken in November, 1975, covered 774,500 men and 545,899 women employed full-time in the government's clerical, administrative and professional arm. Causey used the new salary scale (Oct. 1976) in his Dec. 29 report.

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While figures mean different things to different people, Causey said, "Anyway you slice it, it seems that when women—black, white, red or Spanish-speaking—yell about pay discrimination, they have something to yell about."

National Figures

Nationally, the 1960 Census showed median income of Japanese Americans was \$4,388—far less than the white median income of

\$5,109. By 1970, the median figures for the Japanese American topped the whites, \$12,515 to \$9,661.

(The Sacramento Union recently recalled as early as 1960, Japanese Americans in California outranked all other ethnic groups, including whites, in educational attainments. They also came to occupy more professional and technical positions in ratio to population than any other ethnic group.)

Thus in certain eyes the Japanese Americans have been a notably successful minority in terms of educational levels attained, income bracket, and professional and technical positions.

Certain members in the Japanese American community express a concern, however, for more Asians in governmental leadership positions, and more actual political responsibilities in Congress, the Senate, and local government.

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made in 1972 by the then white Equal Employment Opportunity officer at the facility to a couple of PAA employees that a minority has to be 10 times better than a white to even qualify for a given position.

DISCRIMINATION IN UNIVERSITY FACULTIES

UCLA Professor Thomas Sowell determined the influence of affirmative action on the 1972-73 employment status of whites, blacks and PAAs in university faculties while he was a senior research fellow at Stanford Hoover Institute. That portion relating to PAAs follows:

1—PAAs earned less on the average than black or white even though they were better qualified than either whether measured by percentage holding a doctorate, the proportion of doctorates, or the number of publications per person.

2—More than 40% of PAA faculty had published five or more scholarly articles, compared to 31% for whites and 12% for blacks.

3—PAAs were in the high-paying natural sciences to a greater extent than either the blacks or whites, so that they would tend to have the highest salaries overall if everyone were paid the same within each field. But PAAs were invariably the lowest paid by \$2,000 or \$3,000 in every field for any given level of degree and any given number of articles published.

MY CONCLUSION AND PROPOSED ACTION

How extensive is such discrimination against PAAs? My gut-level feeling is that

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in-the-government, and to embark on an extensive degree of self-development and determination. In spite of, or perhaps because of this isolation, both groups showed remarkable gains. Japanese American farmers in California, for example, rapidly outstripped their white competitors, thanks to superior organizational skills. Chinese Americans showed great skill and energy as small businessmen and minor capitalists, and brought acceptance by white America. Both groups have been patient and have overcome numerous formal and informal obstacles to follow the prescribed route to success and respectability, yet each still remains outside the mainstream of American acceptance. While other minorities might well envy the Oriental Americans' success, he remains conscious of his outsider status.

such practices exist on a large scale in all public agencies and in the public sector.

To substantiate this feeling, PC readers can help by sending this writer (3295 Lindenoaks Dr., San Jose, Calif. 95117) statistical data as developed in the federal installation study cited and material on meritorious cases where ethnicity is suspected as the basis for bias against individual PAAs.

If a fairly large number of PAAs are employed and bias is felt, a study should be initiated. This writer will gladly provide counsel.

This subject will be a major topic at the JACL Tri-District Council conference next weekend at the Mapes Hotel, Reno, Nevada.

Bataan-Corregidor Day in U.S. sought

WASHINGTON — Sen. Spark Matsunaga has introduced (Mar. 31) a resolution to have Feb. 16 designated as "Bataan-Corregidor Day" in memory of the gallant American and Filipino defenders of Bataan and Corregidor during World War II.

Stiffer penalties sought in bill

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—A bill (SB-568), introduced in March by State Sen. Alex P. Garcia (D-Los Angeles) will stiffen penalties against immigration consultants who "knowingly mislead their clients."

A mandatory penalty of \$5,000 or imprisonment of one year will be brought about to immigration consultants for violation of certain state laws relative to immigration assistance if the bill is passed.

Whereabouts

SALT LAKE CITY—John Badger from Finders Trust is looking for Jack M. Osaki who returned to Japan before World War II. According to Badger, Osaki had over \$11,000 insurance due.

Large East Asia libraries combine

STANFORD, Calif. — Students, staff and faculty of both Stanford and UC Berkeley have had access to East Asian library collections at both universities since March 1.

An agreement was made between the two universities for broader use of Stanford's Hoover Institution East Asian collection and Berkeley's East Asiatic Lib-

rary and Center for Chinese Studies Library.

It was estimated the three libraries together hold over 650,000 books, over 20,000 current and noncurrent periodicals, over 12,500 reels of microfilm.

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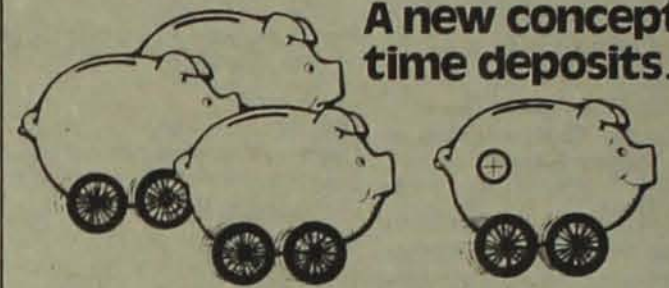
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