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TRI-DISTRICT TO HEAR AUTHOR OF 'SHOGUN'

RENO, Nev. — Author James Clavell was announced as the Saturday luncheon speaker for the third biennial JACL Tri-District Conference here this weekend at the Mapes Hotel. Clavell will relate how he went about writing his best-seller, "Shogun," a novel about the English adventurer Blackthorne shipwrecked in Japan in the 1600s. Though fiction, background and descriptions of that historical period of Tokugawa Ieyasu are tied into the story that readers have found suspenseful and exciting.

Tri-District Conference

Heiwa Terrace needs funds

CHICAGO — The Japanese American Service Committee is conducting a campaign to raise funds for Heiwa Terrace—a 200-unit apartment specially planned for senior citizens. The committee announced it was grateful for the unprecedented response from the community. It now hopes to raise up to $150,000. As of March 18, $92,921.10 were raised through cash contributions and pledges.

At the outset, the campaign was for $100,000 to purchase furniture for the lobby, dining room equipment, landscaping, draperies, etc. The goal was increased to $5.4 million already approved by the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development.

First Sansel lass at Annapolis

U.S. Naval Academy Photo Midshipman Elizabeth Sternaman of Huntington Beach, Calif., stands in front of the Japanese bell, a 600-year-old memento of Commodore Matthew Perry’s voyage of 1853. The bell was presented by the Regent of the Liu Chu Islands (now called the Ryukyus). It stands in front of Bancroft Hall, home of the Midshipmen Brigade at Annapolis. (Story on page 2)

Nobuyuki: JACL must affect not only Nikkei but everyone

Personal Background

Karl Katsumi Nobuyuki was born May 20, 1945, at Gardena, Calif. He grew up in Gardena and adjoining San Pedro, Calif. In 1963, he graduated from Maryknoll School in East Los Angeles, graduating 10th in his class.

He entered the University of California in Berkeley in 1963. Karl worked as a retail store clerk and produce worker in the supermarket while attending college studying speech communications, first finishing East Los Angeles College (1969) and then USC (1971). On campus he received a number of scholarships and honors in debate. He was also student body parliamentarian.

He was co-founder of For Broke, Inc., a self-help drug abuse program in East Los Angeles. As its program director (1968-71), he acquired some of the property and did some design work. He then moved on to the greater Los Angeles area, picking up jobs as an art teacher and counselor in a variety of projects.

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He joined the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department in 1971 and served as a narcotics detective until 1974. He then joined the Los Angeles County Bar Association and became a member of the Board of Directors. He continued in this role until 1977. He then became a member of the Los Angeles County Bar Association and served as a member of the Board of Directors. He continued in this role until 1977.
**ELIZABETH STERNMAN**

**First Senseilass at Annapolis**

HUNTINGTON BEACH, Calif.—Elizabeth Sternman was the first woman to ever attend the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, after being accepted into the school in 1975. She was 18 at the time, one of the first women to ever attend the Academy and will make up the class of 1979.

The Navy, however, has been a family tradition. Her father was a former Navy man, and met and married his wife Hiyori, while stationed in Japan. Liz was an honor graduate from Fountain Valley High School in California and wanted to attend the Academy since a little girl.

Being only five feet tall, she met the minimum requirement height to qualify for the academy.

Her father noted, however, that Liz was a very "strong, independent girl". Hiyori Sternman com- mented that her daughter "had the wrong Gene". Rollo Sternman works as a civilian at the Naval Beach Quartermaster Station, and Lizannoyed to be a waitress in a Japanese restaurant in Downey.

They were both extremely proud of their daughter. When she was in high school, she told me she'd like to go to the Academy, her father said.

Due to her height, she said that "everyone was scared to stand next to me after that." However, she managed to get through her first six months at Annapolis with some measure of confi- dence.

**JACL credit union posts first quarterly dividends**

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah—National JACL Credit Union posted a $40,000 quarterly dividend on member accounts as of April 1. When the credit union was first established, such entry is being made quar- terly-annually, it was an- nounced. An executive manage- er-manager. Dividends exceeded $40,000.

"I'm happy to tell you that the JACL credit union dimer Feb. 26, Saige Aratani, and Ushio announced to the National JACL Credit Union movement of the financial world is about to be welcomed and refreshing," Chief Financial Officer of the JACL, Mr. Shiba-4.

"In a society in which more and more people complain about big government, big business, insensitive of- ficials and the erosion of individual identity, the Credit Union movement is a model of a David versus the Goliath, a venture of neighbors working with neighbors to help each other with their financial needs," Shiba declared.

"I've been a member of the Credit Union National Asso., of which the JACL credit union is a member, and seeing legislation of- fering a wider range of new services, and I think to be signed by President Carter," Shiba added.

"This effort is being built on the belief that the credit union movement can help those in the Japanese community, and the first step in this direction is the establishment of the JACL credit union," Shiba declared.

**Reno**

Continued from Front Page

Inquiries about any of his books at the conference, he offered to autograph any of his books at the conference.

Gardena Valley JACLer Tak Kawagoe will emcee the luncheon. RENO, Nev.—Dr. Regis "They Called Her Tokyo Rose", an account of the story of Margaret Toomey, will be on the program at the 62nd annual conference of the Council of Japanese American Congregational Churches of America will be held April 29-May 1 at the Sycamore Church.

JACLers may call the author, Rex Gunn, I1S1 Skyline Blvd., Reno, Nev. 89505, during the conference to get information on Bureau of Naval Personnel, (b) distribute mission tickets, (c) preserve historic and related documents about the JACL in the United States—especially in the National Archives.

The chapters and districts have been asked to submit names of persons for inclusion on the conference committee and to identify those who are interested in the JACL credit union movement.

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Comments, letters & features

Electoral College

The recent exhortation of President Carter asking the Congress to abolish the Electoral College and provide for direct election of the President by the people is certainly not new. While criticism abounds, no one is precisely clear of the consequences and whether they would be desirable or not.

Mr. Carter also proposed registering to vote to be made easier and suggested public financing of Congressional elections. Since JACL was founded as a national organization in 1910, getting Nisei to register and vote has been a traditional goal.

The Electoral College was devised by the framers of the Constitution for retaining “state power” in the federal system. They also wanted the President chosen by electors exercising the best judgment of the people as a whole. However, the precedent was set when the Eastern and Midwest District Councils held their first convention in 1921. The cycle started six years ago.

As with the Electoral College, Headquarters had issued double sponsorships of those programs permitting racial epithets, and I had very little knowledge about them. When I was asked to help out at a Mark 23 PM party, I agreed to reprogram my constituency to the respective ad addresses.

Every action has a price, even of those programs. The Nisei generation is not as strong for the JAYs as for the JACL. It is not as strong as the New York Times or for the American Broadcasting, which has recently added a few members in the United States.

It is true that I must have entered their school. Their lives will be in the reality of the boys and girls of my memories. It was true that some one meant of innocent communication and rapid transmission of American values to One World family of nations. Even as with the same problems, Nisei generation continues to influence our daily life. I learned about some of my values, with people, and realized how and why communications of service projects could be accomplished.

In California

Editor

“Murder of a Gentle Land,” a new novel by Dr. Paul Conrad, published in the February 1975 Reader’s Digest, is a moving account of the personal struggle of over a million helpless Cambodians against a ruthless enemy.

Despite the Reader’s Digest account, I still do not know what the children are doing. For the JAYs is not as strong as the New York Times or for the American Broadcasting, which has recently added a few members in the United States.

I have heard that in the time since I was a member the youth scene has changed. It may be that the need for the JAYS is not as strong as it was. I am not sure that this is true.

I hope to be able to get some feedback from seniors, those who’ve been around for a while, in order to check this out.

If the needs of the youth have changed, the JAYS may have to modify the current youth program. This must be done in the light of the resources of the JACL, I know that there are opportunities for leadership, cultural heritage, and personal growth.
West Wind: by Joe Oyama

Built-in Antennas

Plain Speaking: Wayne Horiiuchi

The Carter Administration

The winter is over here in Washington, D.C., the cherry blossoms have come and gone, and the new administration is now in place. The Easter Congressional recess has given this town a breather and given the lobbies and congressional staff a chance to catch up on backlogged work.

However, there is a certain restlessness that can be felt only in the political town of Washington, D.C. For example, the Congress and President may be headed on a collision course. After the Easter recess, the $50 tax rebate and the discontinuance of several dozen water projects throughout the United States will be debated in Congress. President Carter’s contention is that the issues should be dealt with separately and both judged on merit. The Congressional leadership sees both inevitably tied together, meaning that Congress will give Carter his legislation on the rebate if he’ll give Congress some of the water projects in return.

I had a long talk with one western Congressman several weeks ago who digressed into a lengthy and livid colloquy about President Carter’s ignorance of the importance of water to the western states. To conclude this and the President is cordial on the surface, but strained underneath.

I was asked the other day during a meeting of the Employment Task Force of Leadership Conference on Civil Rights to assess the Carter Administration’s performance hereafter. The sum of my assessment can be described in two words: “guarded optimism.”

Of course we’re disappointed that more Asian Americans haven’t been appointed to top level positions in the government. However, we do have a half a dozen people who have been interviewed in the final, and who are being considered for top level positions in about a half a dozen agencies.

If these people are selected, then maybe my assessment will be more optimistic. However, if they are not, then perhaps I’ll begin to see the same kind of frustration as other minority groups have shown. For example, thousands of Hispanics will converge on Washington this week to demonstrate their frustrations toward the paucity of appointments that Carter has made of persons of Hispanic ancestry.

Regardless, my experiences with the Carter people in the last three months have been invaluable because they lay the foundation for our activity vis-a-vis the Carter Administration in the next four years.

From the Frying Pan: Bill Hosokawa

Let’s Talk ‘Finglish’

Denver, Colo.

Some months ago several readers took me to task for being either so ignorant or so insensitive as to refer to Japsese-as “Japlish.” I had meant that as a contradiction of Japanese and English but they took it to mean anti-Japanese. Perhaps they would have preferred “Jaglish” or “Jiplish” or some other bit of gibberish, or maybe just forget the whole darned thing.

In any event, their indignation provoked neither tears of remorse nor of anger. I remember thinking that if something as innocuous as this sends them racing to the TV set, just what would they do to really outrage them?

But I wander. What brought up this subject after all this time was a story titled “Let’s Talk Finglish” in a recent issue of Look at Finland, a magazine published by the Finnish Tourist Board and the Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

It was written by Pertti Virtaranta, a Finnish scholar, and it is an account of his study of the language of Finnish immigrants in the United States. There are some striking similarities between their linguistic practices and problems and those of Japanese immigrants.

I used to know a Finnish American named Willie Harju in high school. His name was pronounced Har-yoo. When the teacher read off Willie’s name for roll call, he would reply: “Finn, Harju?” Hosokawa by natural alphabetical progression usually followed Harju, but I could never think of such a snappy response.

Professor Virtaranta made two long trips visiting various Finnish American communities, amassed some 200 hours of interviews on tape and picked up another 150 hours from other sources.

“The Finglish spoken by the first generation and many second-generation emigrants is not a hybrid language,” he writes. “It is Finnish that has adopted English loan words.”

In the story, the author describes how in the Finnish these loan words are used most in speaking of things that were strange in the old country.

“When, for example, the mainairit (miners) speak of their profession, their accounts are riddled with English words—sovelta (to shaved), paasi (boss), pitty (pit), leevi or levei (level)—but it is the hard work (biscuit), toast (toast)—or even the names of nationalities, such as Airis or Airtannim (Irishman), Tallinnallit (Italian), Hunkeri or Unkeri (Hungarian).”

There are also a host of Finglish words that set one wondering why they have been borrowed in the first place. There is an old name in Finland, for example, which has haussi (house), ruuma (room) leeki or leiki (lake), huntata (to hunt), hountata (to hunt), hilli (hill).

We’re familiar with the way Japanese immigrants borrowed English words, and, like the Finns, gave them their own pronunciation instead of using perfectly good Japanese words: oh-ton-beuru for automobile instead of jidasha, ris-toh watchi for wrist watch instead of udededek, oka-koboto for overcoat instead of gato.

Virtaranta observes: “The fact that Finnish and English are very remote from one another is the main reason for the stubborn survival of Finnish in America. For example, it has given way far more quickly, due to its close relationship with English. In other words, it is relatively easy for a Swede—even one without an education, to learn to speak English, whereas for a Finn it is a great trial and not all of them succeeded.”

During my trip in the spring of 1975 I met one old ensi or second generation in Finnish, too. Such words are haussi (house), ruuma (room) leeki or leiki (lake), hountata (to hunt), hilli (hill).

And much the same could be said for Japanese.

The Nisei and the Sanseki

The recent death of Nisei Saburo Kido reminds us that the Nisei generation is growing old. Within twenty years at most, they will be fully retired, enjoying the fruits of a productive and successful work and accomplishments of tomorrow.

Just as the Nisei are heavily indebted to their Issei forebears, so is the next and maturing generation, the Sanseki, to the hard work and accomplishments of the Nisei. When the word “Nisei” is murmured a variety of images and thoughts appear: “Nisei are concentration camp and farmhands and the first generation in America.”

Nisei is a word of hope to the immigrant farmer. It has come generation coming of age and struggling for acceptance into an American society. The Nisei is Saburo Kido, Dan Inouye, Spark Matsunaga, Bill Hosokawa, and a hundred thousand other faces and names and hopes.

Some of the Nisei are no longer with us, others sit behind desks as successful executives or teachers or businessmen. Some of them tomorrow day run for Congress.

Is, indeed—the message has been deliveredcountless times. The Nisei, who have every right to be bitter, are not. They have rounded up into concentration camps and cam­farms and run for Congress. They are a unique people. But they came through. Despite all forms of prejudice, the Nisei came through.

This is not to say that they have not been successful, that everything is going according to the dream.

But their mark has been left on future generations. It has been irrevocably stamped on the lives and faces of the Sanseki and, in fact, other minority groups.
members and friends will be auctioned to the highest bidder with the buyer given the opportunity to share the lunch with the maker. It was explained by Dr. Frank Sakamoto (861-5105).

Sakamoto heads the chapter committee of 1000 Clubs developing various social events to raise funds for the Midwest District Council. Other fun nights are being planned. On the committee are:


- Idaho Falls

Idaho Falls JACL’s recent Winter Carnival hosted approximately 2,500 persons who enjoyed the tasty Japanese foods, homemade foods and goods offered by the chapter auxiliary. Proceeds go toward chapter program and sponsorship of local students to both Boys and Girls State. Support from both members and nonmembers was also gratefully acknowledged.

Under sponsorship of the chapter, Eiko Shoji is teaching Japanese at the beginner and advanced levels, including reading, writing and conversation. Also on the chapter calendar will be an Issai appreciation dinner, a graduates dinner, Tri-City picnic, and entry of float in the local Fourth of July parade.

- Las Vegas

A Japanese film, “Portrait of Chiyoiko,” was featured during the March 14 meeting of the Las Vegas JACL at Osaka Restaurant. Another Japanese film is being contemplated for the meeting in May, it was announced by Sam Nakashishi.

At the April 11 meeting, Makiyo Mayeda demonstrated the art of kimono dressing. Yumiko Seifert and Sadie Tanaka were her models. Makiyo is certified as a kimono dresser by a professional school in Japan.

Chapter may have specially-designed pattern for “club yukata” to be worn at

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such functions as the Inter-
national Festival in July Ta-
suiko Schofield was in Ja-
pan looking for material.

Mid-Columbia
Mid-Columbia JACL will
host an Issei appreciation
potluck dinner on Monday,
May 2, at Westside School,
presented by a special film
of a Japanese film at the
Hood River Trail Indoor The-
ater. Other activities for the
coming season include a gradu-
nation bunette June 11 at the
Recreation Center. The Dalles,
and the Aug. 7 picnic at
Rooster Rock Park. The Pacific
Northwest District will meet
June 11-12 with the local chapter as hosts.
Interest has also developed in
the Hood River-Tsuruma
(Amoni) sister city affilia-
tion. A Japanese delegation
led by Tsuruma Mayor Ken-
ji Nakano is expected to vis-
t the valley in August
Chop Yatsu is serving on the
local sister city commit-
tee.

Placer County
Questions dealing with
Nisei retirement were dis-
cussed at the Placer County
JACL dinner meeting April
16 at Placer Budd h i s t
Church. Mrs. Ivy Makeh
Down of Loomis chaired the
discussion as a prelude to the
forthcoming community meeting on the
topic.

Puyallup Valley
Olympia area members of
Puyallup Valley JACL will
hold its third potluck gathering
April 30 with Carl Ni-
wa in charge. Persons inter-
ested in attending should
tell Yamako Ward (491-
262) or Dr. Paul Ellis (353-
9725) for local and details.
Dr. James Tsujimura of
Portland, nat v.p. for re-
search and services, will be
guest speaker.

Sacramento
Sacramento JACL's an-
nual family night potluck
dinner will be held on Satu-
day, April 30, 5:30 p.m.
at the Sacramento Japanese
United Methodist Church,
929 Franklin Blvd., to wel-
come new chapter members
and honor the community.
Issei. Participating ladies
are requested to contact
Betty Ayuk and Gladys Ma-
saki, who are coordinating
the dinner menu. Coffee, tea
and punch will be provided.
Men are to bring a small gift
suitable for door prizes. Is-
sei in need of transportation
may call the Sacramento
JACL Office, 441-2188.

San Mateo
San Mateo JACL board
has changed its meeting sched-
ule to the third Wednesdays of the month at
St u r g e Presbyterian
Church, effective April 20,
with the executive commit-
siteo meeting from 7 p.m.
full board from 8 p.m.

A newly-formed Japa-
ese-Speaking Group, chaired by Akiko Dock,
will meet on the first Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., at
the Central Park Recreation Center.
At the first meeting April 6, Emiko Kikuchi held
a calligraphy class. The group is also preparing a
Japanese-English business and
professional directory.
Over 80 were present at a
Feb. 28 hearing to hear
immigrant officer at the
T&T wins 19th FOR
basketball tourney
GARDENA, Calif.—T & T
Farmers Knights won their
third straight championship of the Friends of Richard
(FOR) basketball tournament over the Easter week-
end at Gardens High School.
It was the 19th annual seri-
ies named for the late Rich-
ard Nishimura and attracted
16 teams.
T&T hit two free throws at
the final minute to beat New
Moon Fish Blazers 71-69
for the AA title. The Ma-
putawana Dolphins humbled
the Mr. Bonzo's Lakers 109-
89 for the A title.

Join the JACL

Buddhist Hall. Over 100
attended the Feb. 13 open
house of the new San Mateo
JACL Community Center.

Santa Maria
The Santa Maria Valley
JACL will host its annual scholarship dinner banquet
on Friday, May 6, at the San-
ta Maria Club. It was an-
ounced by Pete Ueyehara,
Chapter president.
The chapter recently pre-
sented $1,000 and a copy of
the history of Issei pioneers
in Santa Maria valley to the
local historical society for
its museum at 614 S. Broad-
way. Bud Ferguson, muse-
um curator, accepted the history and contribution.
A number of prominent Japa-
ese American families had
made contributions earlier
when the museum was un-
der construction. The muse-
um accepts memorabilia and
Historical items for display.

Sakura
Presidents of JACL
mourned the recent accidental death of TK Oka, who
succeeded while on a skis-
ing trip. A past president
and a 10-year member of the
chapter, he served on various
civic committees including
the school district, police
department and other local
groups.

Mas Uyesugi heads
Orange Co. JACS

SANTA ANA, Calif. — The
Orange County Japanese
American Community Serv-
ces elected Mas Uyesugi
president recently. He suc-
ceded Hintershita Nitta,
who was elected to serve the
community. JACS is on the
search for a community
officer.

An achievements award
program to honor high
school and college students
for their community work
was announced last month.

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THE BIG STORY
The biggest story in Hawaii now and until the conclusion of the trial this summer is the indictment of Mayor Frank Fasi and his chief political fund-raiser and friend Harry C.C. Chung. The charge before the grand jury by Special State Prosecutor Grant Cooper is the acceptance by Chung of $500,000 in bribe in connection with downtown Honolulu’s Kukui Plaza development.

The trial is expected to begin in mid-June. Mayor Fasi claims that “this investigation and trial is an effort on the part of the Governor to eliminate me as the only effective opposition to the political dictatorship which has controlled the state for 15 years.”

Grant Cooper was brought in on special contract from San Francisco by State Attorney General Ronald Amemiya to conduct the investigation.

NEW CBF QUEEN
HONOLULU—One of the nation’s oldest living West Point graduates celebrated his 100th birthday Mar. 13 here. He is retired Lt. Gen. Charles D. Herron, born on March 13, 1887. The old soldier served here 1938 to 1941 and was one of Hawaii’s most popular commanding generals.

At a time when Americans of Japanese descent in California were being herded into concentration camps, Herron defended Hawaii’s Japanese community.

The way the Japanese Americans of Hawaii have taken to the draft ... and the manner in which their parents—the so-called ‘alien element’—have responded, we are honored to have their sons serve Uncle Sam,” he told California reporters.

Lt. Gen. Herron

Photo was taken in 1899.

DEBORAH KODAMA
Hawaii’s silver jubilee Cherry Blossom Queen was formally crowned April 1 at the Sheraton Waikiki. Deborah Miyuki Kodama is the young lady and Gov. George Ariyoshi did the honors. She succeeded Myra Higa as the 1976 CBF queen. Deborah, a 19-year-old UH sophomore, sees a future for herself in Hawaii’s visitor industry. She is looking forward to trips to the West Coast and Japan. Her parents—Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kodama, longtime owners of Lilac Service Station. She will be accompanied to Japan by her mother who is a native of Kunitomo.

U.H. NOTES
A massive student demonstration converged on the State Capitol as legislators threatened to cut off Univ. of Hawaii budget for the next semester. As many as 1,500 students from Mamo as well as Leward, Palolo and Honolulu Community Colleges swarmed into the State Capitol.

Rainbow fans, long-starved for sports heroes since the days of the “Fabulous Five” and trying to recapture from its various basketball woes of the recent past finally had something to cheer about. It comes in a package of a freshman and senior combination of pitchers who have been able to give Los Angeles State a record of 40 wins and 8 losses. The senior is right-hander Gerry Ako and the freshman is Derek Teo, both coincidentally graduates of Allen High School. Derek’s prep record of 27-1 lossy low to McClay and his record of no losses as a Rainbow is impressing professional scouts. Long-time local baseball fans claim that these two are the best local pitchers they’ve ever seen.

The Rainbows this season have beaten USC, Nevada Las Vegas and the Oklahoma Sooners among others.

The icing on the cake of their unbeaten Easter Week Tourney was their selection as ninth-ranked major college baseball team.