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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 of 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

chairman Ben Takeshita, meantime, said the weekend schedule is firmed up as follows:

Friday, April 22  
8:30-11:30 p.m.—Mixer.  
Saturday, April 23  
8:45 a.m.—Greetings, 9:15—  
"Checkpoint '77", James Murakami,  
Helen Kawagoe; 10:00—Discrimination  
in Government and Industry, Tom  
Taketa; 10:45—Role of the U.S.  
Office of Education, spkr to be  
announced; 11:45—Luncheon, James  
Clavell, spkr.  
1:30 p.m.—Agriculture's Concern  
with Government's Directions—  
Harry Kubo; 2:45—Coffee break;  
3:00—Panel on political awareness:  
Salt Lake City Judge Raymond Uno,  
Calif. Assemblymen Paul Bannai  
and S. Floyd Mori.

6:30 p.m.—Reception; 7:30—Dinner,  
Calif. Sec. of State March Fong

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## First Sansei 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.)

## 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 an-

nounced it was grateful for unprecedented response from the community. It now hopes to raise up to \$150,000. As of Mar. 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—items not covered by \$5.4 million already approved by the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development.

## Inagaki recovering

SAN FRANCISCO—George Inagaki is recovering from his recent heart attack here and is expected home by the end of the month. He was here April 6 to attend the service for the late Saburo Kido. He is convalescing at Children's Hospital, 3700 California (94118).

## Nobuyuki: JACL must affect not only Nikkei but everyone

National JACL President Jim Murakami and Headquarters have been asked by many chapters for additional information on Karl K. Nobuyuki, appointed by the National JACL Board last month to be executive director, subject to ratification of the majority of chapters in good standing. Return of the ballots to National HQ by April 30 was requested.

—Editor.

### Los Angeles

National JACL Executive Director-designate Karl Nobuyuki is driving up to Reno this weekend to attend the



KARL K. NOBUYUKI, 31

JACL Tri-District Council conference. Not only will it be economical, but it gives him a chance to get better acquainted with JACL staffers who are joining him, on what will be a 12-hour jaunt via San Francisco.

The Tri-District Conference will be the first opportunity for officers and members from two-thirds of the 100-plus chapters that comprise the national organization to meet the appointee who was unanimously acclaimed by the National JACL Board at its meeting in San Francisco last month.

Karl said he was looking forward to sharing ideas on directions for JACL far into the night after the scheduled events are over. It appears at this point the well-known attractions of Reno will have to wait.

Karl brings with him his managerial skill as a community resources administrator for the City of Gardena, a well-disposed acquaintance with governmental and private agencies which fund a variety of human welfare and communi-

ty action programs and a casual, easy-going spirit he will need to cohere the human mosaic that seasons the national organization.

Since the board selection four weeks ago, he has begun to survey the "lay of the land", talking informally with old-time JACLers, current leadership, the youth, young adults and individuals in and out of JACL.

He pointedly asks for individual opinions of just "what is JACL" and it can turn out to be a philosophical dialogue.

On an organizational plane, he sees his immediate job as national executive director is to pull the organization together. The pluses that fasten and move the organization are the keys he seeks.

"I also want to try to get the American public to see what the JACL does as a human rights organization does not affect only Japanese Americans but everyone," he explains.

The appointment is effective May 1.

### Personal Background

Karl Katsu Nobuyuki was born May 20, 1945, at Gila River, Ariz. He grew up in East Los Angeles, graduating from Maryknoll School and Bishop Mora Salesian High School, both Catholic institutions. He lettered in varsity football for three years at Salesian High and was its student body president in 1963.

He has been a Gardena resident since 1971. He is married to the former Hiro-mi Yamagata and has two sons: Craig, 11, and Bryan, 7.

Karl worked as a retail and produce clerk in a 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 Go For Broke, Inc., a self-help drug abuse program in East

## \$2½ million JACCC bldg. site prepared

LOS ANGELES — A parking lot between the new Union Church and the Rafu Shimpo on S. San Pedro St. near Third is being prepared for groundbreaking ceremonies April 30, 1:30 p.m. for the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center Bldg., first of four planned for the \$9-million complex.

The five-story building of reinforced concrete will contain 43,000 square feet of space above ground, plus a lower level containing 8,500 square feet of space.

Designed by architectural joint venture firm of Kazumi Adachi, Kiyoshi Sawano and Hideo Matsunaga, the building is expected to serve as the nerve center for most of the cultural and social service activities of the Japanese community of some 175,000 or more in Southern California.

Portions of the lower level adjacent to what will later be a sunken Japanese garden, will be used by the senior citizen Pioneer Center.

The main floor with an 18-foot ceiling, will be given over mainly to an open exhibit area. A library and

## Santa Ana Nisei councilman stays

SANTA ANA, Calif.—All four incumbents, including City Councilman Harry Yamamoto, were re-elected in the April 5 primaries here.

An unsuccessful candidate for the board of supervisors last November, Yamamoto topped his challenger Robert Arjonilla, 5,094-1,989, who was a campaigner worker for Philip Anthony, who had soundly defeated the Nisei for the county post.

conference rooms are planned for the second floor, with classrooms for cultural instructors and offices for non-profit community social service organizations set for the remaining floors.

The structure is expected to cost approximately \$2.5 million, of which some \$1.8 million has been raised to date. All of the funds for the Center Building is expected to be raised by the time the building is completed in the summer of 1978. Included in the funds raised is a \$680,000 grant from the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development. The James Irvine Foundation of Orange County has pledged \$100,000 toward the center.

The Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, Inc., with a 33-member board of directors, organized in 1970 and incorporated in 1971, will operate and maintain the building as a non-profit venture.

The complete center will eventually include an 840-seat theater, a gymnasium and a six level parking structure, all surrounding a plaza, at an approximate total cost of \$9 million.

Part of the funds are expected to be raised in Japan, according to George J. Doizaki, president, under whose aggressive leadership for the past three years the JACCC has come this far.

Katsuma Mukaeda, 86, who has been an active leader in the Japanese community in Southern California for most of his life and who provided the inspiration for the center, is chairman of the JACCC board.

Los Angeles. As its program director (1968-71), he formed a parents group, initiated tutoring, fund-raisers, counseling, community involvement and a live-in residential unit. This was Karl's first work experience with JACLers who were closely associated with the community program.

During his senior year as a USC student, he acquired the art of writing proposals and designing workshops for affirmative action programs.

His managerial talents continued to expand as director (1971-74) for Gardena Dept. of Youth and Community Services, supervising 13 employees and four graduate students in social work. Gardena was one of the first U.S. cities under 50,000 population to engage in direct social services through its YACS office.

During this period, he worked with other groups to establish a youth center which was expanded to include a broad spectrum of social services. Today it is

referred locally as MAC (Municipal Activity Center).

In 1974, Karl served as the city's first grants administrator—not only preparing and reviewing programs but devised a team approach to grant applications to insure the balance where the process for obtaining grants did not out-strip both the project needs and city resources.

In the past two years, he served as community resources administrator for the city of Gardena, a title to describe his first position as grants administrator and a subsequent charge as public information officer to centralize the city's p.r. efforts.

Nobuyuki, also a county commissioner on the manpower advisory council, and a Gardena Valley JACLer, is affiliated with:

Gardena Friends of Richard; Japanese American Community Services; Asian American Voluntary Action Center; American Red Cross; Mexican American Civic Organization, Boy Scouts of America, Explor-

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ELIZABETH STERNAMAN—

# First Sansei lass at Annapolis

HUNTINGTON BEACH, Calif. — Elizabeth Sternaman was 18 years old when she was accepted into the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis. She was one of the first women to ever attend the Academy and will make up the class of 1980.

The Navy, however, has been a family tradition. Her father Rollo, a former Navy man, met and married his wife Hiroyo, while stationed in Japan.

Liz was an honor graduate from Fountain Valley High School here 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".

Hiroyo Sternaman complained that her English wasn't very good, but stated she was positive that her daughter will "make it".

Rollo Sternaman works as a civilian at the Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station, and Hiroyo works as a waitress in a Japanese restaurant in Downey.

They were both extremely proud of their daughter.

"I remember when she was in high school, she told me she'd like to go to the Academy," her father said (a retired chief petty officer).

"I just laughed ..."

### Changing Attitudes

But times changed and they had taken a somewhat different attitude.

"All she has to do is make up her mind and she can do it," Sternaman said.

Liz felt determined, however, and felt that "so many things are open to women now."

When she arrived at Annapolis, she was somewhat shocked.

But then, so is nearly every plebe who arrives the first week in July.

Elizabeth became seasick on occasion, and nearly grazed the cheek of a midshipman during a quick turn in a close order drill.

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.

### The First Year

She felt the Academy was what she expected yet different.

"You prepare by thinking," she had said, "Okay, I know it is going to be like this. I know it is going to be hard, and I know they are going to yell at me. But that's all right. I can handle it." Then you get there. Going through it personally is a whole different situation. It is a lot harder. You are never ready for it."

She added, "Would I recommend it? Oh yes, if they (women) can handle it. If they know what they are getting into. It is a good experience."

Her plebe summer meant intense pressure in a highly disciplinary environment.

As is the Annapolis "tradition", now passed over to the 81 women plebes, Elizabeth was yelled at, made to sit at attention at tables with eyes straight ahead, march

in formation, and adjust to all manner of regimentation like the men.

"One of my friends left. She just couldn't stand it anymore," Liz said.

### Tough Regimen

Add to this regimentation the denial of television and stereos, high academic standards (and the pressure of getting "good marks"), and limited dating, one has a good explanation of why many plebes drop out during the first and second year.

Of the 81 women admitted in Elizabeth's class, 70 remain.

Liz plans to major in math or operations analysis and, upon evaluating her determination to make it, said "I hope so."

There is no type of girls club at Annapolis as yet, and females are not, at this time, allowed to work aboard a warship due to state laws.

"They don't want to have

a girls' club where all the girls get together," Liz observed. "They don't want to distinguish the girls from the guys. They are trying to make it as equal as possible."

The women will have a five-week training cruise of their own in a yard patrol boat, which are like miniature destroyers.

"We will become officers of the deck," Liz noted, "Learn to steer and work in the engine room. We'll take the boats up and down the East Coast. There will be guys on them too."

Upon Liz's graduation, she will serve five years. She feels capable for the job and said that she could handle it "as well as a guy".

Liz has nonetheless come a ways from being a cheerleader during her high school football season, a member of the fencing team and holder of a sharpshooter rating with a .45.

She summed it all up by saying, "It seems all right now."

## 'Tokyo Rose' book on sale at TDC

RENO, Nev. — Dr. Rex Gunn's "They Called Her Tokyo Rose", an account of Iva Toguri d'Aquino as an announcer for the "Zero Hour" on Radio Tokyo during WW2, her subsequent trial and conviction as a traitor and pardon by President Ford, is off the press and will be available (\$5) at the Tri-District Conference.

JACLers may order through the author, Rex Gunn, 1151 Skyline Blvd., Reno, Nev. 89505, who is contributing half of any proceeds over his original investment in printing to the JACL Masao Satow Memorial Fund.

## Congregationalists meeting April 29

EL CERRITO, Calif.—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.

Keynote speaker, Rev. Mineo Katagiri, Northern California Conference United Church of Christ Conference minister, will talk on "The Contribution of the Japanese American Church to the Life of the United Church of Christ".

The Rev. David Unoura of Culver City is council moderator.

## JACL credit union posts first quarterly dividends

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah—National JACL Credit Union posted 6½% per annum quarterly dividends on member's accounts as of April 1—the first time such entry is being made quarterly-annually, it was announced to Al Oshita, treasurer-manager. Dividends exceeded \$40,000.

At the annual credit union dinner Feb. 26, Saige Aramaki and Shake Ushio were re-elected to three year terms and Ushio was re-elected president, a position he has held for over 30 years. Other officers on the credit union board are:

Ichiro Doi, vp; Nobuo Iwamoto, sec; Minoru Matsumori, Al Oshita, Yukus Inouye, bd mem; credit—Rupert Hachiya, K A Kubota, Yukio Kasai; supervisory—Mary Umamoto, Mas Akiyama, Alyce Shiba; staff—A Oshita, treas-mgr; Yoshie Fujii, ass't treas-mgr; Karla Kasai, sec.

"In a society in which more and more people complain about big government, big business, insensitive officialdom and alienation of individual identity, the Credit Union movement is a welcome and refreshing venture of neighbors working with neighbors to help each other with their financial needs," Ushio declared.

He told the audience that "a sleeping giant" in the financial world is about to wake up. Earlier this month (April 7), officials of the Credit Union National Assn., of which the JACL credit union is a member, said sweeping legislation offering a wider range of new services was expected to be signed by President Carter.

Congress has approved legislation permitting federal credit unions to grant home mortgages, finance mobile homes and larger unsecured loans.

Valley Japanese Cultural Institute. He is the new Mitsubishi Bank branch manager here, succeeding Keiichi Kawarai whose support for community affairs was lauded.

### Nisei Singles

LAWNDALE, Calif.—A post-Easter dance will be sponsored by Nisei Singles April 23, 9 p.m., here at the Alondra Club, 16411 Prairie Ave. Henry Miranda's band will play.

### Pioneer Center

LOS ANGELES—The Japanese Community Pioneer Center, based on the ground floor of the Sun Bldg., 125 Weller St., is campaigning through April to raise \$10,000 for programs. As of April 10, some \$4,200 was acknowledged.

### Sacramento picnic

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—The annual Sacramento community picnic will be held on Sunday, June 12, at Elk Grove Park, coordinated by the Sacramento JACL with Stan Tanaka as chairman. A meeting for all participating organizations has been scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 27, at the Sumitomo Bank community room at 13th and Broadway.

## RENO

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Sunday, April 24

9 a.m.—"Motivation", Pat Patridge (IBM), spkr, 9:45—Tri-District governors; 11:00—Wrap-up: "Forward '78", Helen Kawagoe. 11:45 a.m.—Farewell brunch.

Although Clavell will not be selling his books at the conference, he has offered

to autograph any of his books at the conference.

Gardena Valley JACLer Tak Kawagoe will emcee the luncheon.

Conference package deal of \$39 or single-event admission tickets will be available at the JACL registration desk.

## communications

### ● IRS Form 990

JACL chapters and district councils are reminded to file their IRS Form 990—Return of Organizations Exempt from Income Tax for 1976 by May 15 with a copy also for National Headquarters. Detailed instructions have been forwarded to the chapter presidents and district governors.

All income and expenses being reported by the chapters or districts would include memberships, insurance programs, travel programs, special events and special funds.

### ● Satow Memorial

The Masao Satow JACL Memorial Project Committee, chaired by Mike Masa-

oka, has been authorized by the National Board to conduct a national fund drive for three projects: (a) publish the history of JACL for public sale, (b) distribute copies to key decision-makers in government and selected libraries, (c) preserve historic and related documents about the Japanese in the United States—especially material in the National Archives.

The chapters and districts have been asked to submit names of persons for inclusion on the honorary campaign committee and to identify those who may be asked for sizeable contributions to start the fund drive to JACL Headquarters, attention Don Hayashi.

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### Cultural fiesta

LOS ANGELES—Craftsmen and artisans from cultures around the world will demonstrate and sell their wares at third annual International Day, Sunday, May 29, at Los Angeles City College.

### Fountain for New Otani

LOS ANGELES — The Community Redevelopment Agency Board approved final fine arts design for a fountain to be located in Little Tokyo's New Otani Hotel Plaza, it was announced Mar. 28. Fountain has four sculptured elements and granite finish.

### Japan bonds called

SAN FRANCISCO—The Japan 5½% External Loan sinking fund bonds due May 1, 1980, have been drawn for redemption and 720 bonds have been called on or after May 1, 1977, it was announced by the fiscal agent, The Bank of Tokyo Trust Co. of New York. California First Bank, at all its former The Bank of Tokyo of California branch offices and trust department will assist the bondholders in presenting their bonds for collection of proceeds.

### Japan inflation high

TOKYO—The consumer price increase in Japan for the fiscal year ending in Mar. 31 was 9.2%, according to Tadashi Kuranari, director-general of the Economic Planning Agency. Official target for nation's inflation was 8.6%.

### Mitsubishi Bank manager

GARDENA, Calif.—Hiroshi Kobori was welcomed April 21 at a community party sponsored by the Gardena





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

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EDITORIALS:

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 be made easier and suggested public financing of Congressional elections. Since JACL was founded as a national organization in 1930, getting Nisei to register and vote has been a traditional plea.

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 independent judgment. But history has since transformed that with electors being straight party people who register the electorate's decision.

If National JACL's experience with "direct election of the president" said anything, JACL would be inclined to stay with the Electoral College. Headquarters had issued double postal cards to members for the 1948 and 1950 elections of national officers. In 1948, about 2,000 out of 6,600 ballots were returned. In 1950, 3,800 out of 10,000 were cast. So in view of the expense as well as other difficulties (some nominees dropped out while the ballots were in process, forcing Headquarters to redo the cards), the system now in use came into being whereby a delegate from each chapter in good standing votes for the officers at the National Convention.

But the principle—that the president should be the choice of the majority of its membership—remains. With the Pacific Citizen now reaching every JACL household, the cost of distributing ballots has been minimized. There only needs to be controls to assure the integrity of the ballot cast.

Tri-District Conference

This weekend in Reno, the third biennial JACL Tri-District Conference is being hosted by the Northern California-Western Nevada District Council—thus completing the cycle started six years ago.

Joint district council conventions go back some 20 years ago when the Eastern and Midwest District Councils held their first biennial in Washington, D.C. in 1955. The success of this series encouraged JACLers in California to meet and discuss matters of statewide concern and Central California District Council initiated the Tri-District Conference in 1973 followed by the Pacific Southwest District in 1975.

An adjunct to the Tri-District Conference, the Pacific Citizen board of directors, chaired by Al Hatate, with representatives from each district council will meet all day Saturday.

We understand Washington Representative Wayne Horiuchi will attend this weekend as will people from Salt Lake City to ballyhoo the 1978 national convention. It's very possible National President Jim Murakami can convene his Executive Committee since its members are within an hour flying time from Reno.

Such prospects of leadership presence—plus the introduction of National JACL Executive Director-designate—gives this biennium's Tri-District a strong base for JACL programs to come.

Please Don't Use . . .

American broadcasting has recently added a few "damns" and an occasional "hell" to its vocabulary. Meanwhile, the phenomenon of vulgarity on stage and in literature has achieved a kind of cult status. We fear complaints against use of racial epithets over the airwaves will mount as stations experiment with the limits of acceptability.

Rather than giving up altogether on stations and the FCC (which said it couldn't do anything about anti-Polish jokes), sponsors of those programs permitting racial epithets, and vulgarity too, might be challenged in the open market if efforts to sensitize them fail.

Comments, letters & features

Asian Studies

Dear Harry, In reply to Barry Saiki's article, Integration may erase mochitsuki (PC, April 1), regarding the loss of Japanese identity through intermarriage, I'd like to observe:

1—Intermarriage was/is a necessity because of the very small original immigrant group and lack of mutual interests between American-born and Japan-born/raised Japanese. By the Sansei generation, it was becoming a matter of marrying relatives—though some were distant, and the wide dispersal of Japanese in America making it unlikely for youth to meet others of their group. I don't think we need bewail the intermarriage or out-marriages. It is unlikely that my children will marry within the Japanese American group because they meet so few.

2—The other action we can be taking and should press on with is to make all persons of Japanese background well aware of Japanese traits and customs which we value and perpetuate them. These can be done through study, workshops, joint activities with non-Japanese groups to educate them also. In other words, it is incumbent upon Nisei to know their cultural heritage—beyond mochitsuki, tsukemono, festivals—to values, history, language, etc. They need to insist that local schools offer courses in these areas. They need to impress the schools that there is a continuing need to prepare students adequately to interact with the Japanese because for the foreseeable future, the United States and Japan will have close economic ties.

Very few colleges offer anything in Asian studies. They will not do so unless the Asian community makes a concerted effort—put pressure on school boards, administrators, etc. JACL needs to push—and I mean push for this. We do not. I cannot even get support from our chapter to put courses in the schools.

Instead of bewailing the loss of Japanese identity—we had better do these and other kinds of activities to strengthen it.

IVY MAKABE DOWN Loomis, Calif.

'Ethnic Disaster'

Editor: I was very disappointed to read such short sightedness concerning interracial marriages (PC, Mar. 25). Jon Inouye presents a concept that is extremely racist.

For as he knows, there are many people who look Japanese American but who remove themselves as far as possible from their Japanese heritage. Both their parents may have been Japanese.

Wouldn't it be better to write not about extinction but more importantly emphasizing the need for parents to share their Japanese American culture with their children. That

is truly a more realistic choice! VALERIE OOKA PANG Ellensburg, Wash.

Dear Harry: I thought Bill H. (Mar. 25) was overreacting about Jon I. There are things much bigger to get p.o. about.

JOE O. Berkeley, Calif.

Editor: Every issue of the PC presents how diversified Japanese American opinion can be. This should be expected as this is a free country. It is healthy.

As some feel there might be too much from one person (me), the Mar. 25 PC prompts me to respond but send them to the respective addressees.

NOBUYUKI NAKAJIMA Sheffield Lake, Ohio

Notes were addressed to Jon Inouye, Dr. Akira Kubota and Chuck Kubokawa. Nakajima told Inouye he feels Japanese Americans face "extinction" because of immigration quota in U.S. He supported Kubota, adding it was imperative Asian studies are led by scholars of Asian descent. He agreed with much of what Kubokawa said about anti-Nisei racism but noted this perspective: "The question is not that loyalty of Japanese Americans but the loyalty of Euro-Americans who have not been upholding the principle of democracy."—Editor.

Peopling a Nation

Editor: For many years it was easy for any ethnic group by race or nationality to establish a closely knit enclave and so shut out association with or influence by others upon them or by them upon others. However, with the advent of instant communication and rapid transportation protected by a way of life which guaranteed freedom of movement and association, all changed.

Were I to emigrate to another country, I would be motivated by a desire to escape (persecution) or to enjoy (a better way of life). Having picked the country to which to go, I should remind myself of the ancient adage, "When in Rome, do as the Romans do," to which might be added, "If one does not wish to do so, don't go to Rome."

Having arrived in my new home, I have a choice. I may isolate myself as completely as possible and as a parasite reap the rewards which enticed me to move, giving nothing beyond minimal requirements in return or I may choose to become a part of the community and enjoy a reciprocal exchange of benefits and enjoyments of many kinds and forms.

In the former case, I may well be able to isolate myself, but what of my children? At birth they are natives of the new land. At a prescribed age

they must enter school. Their lives will be lived in the reality of the here and not in the nostalgic dream world of my memories.

Today these same means of instant communication and rapid transportation have rendered us a One World family of nations. Even as within any home there lives a family of diversified personalities—siblings may represent a doctor and a mechanic, a nurse and a secretary; so within the family of nations we find varying cultures, customs, personalities.

Having settled—by choice—in a new setting, what must we expect as a result? Whether by conquest or otherwise the historic results of mixture of one people with another has been assimilation. Look about your neighborhood—unless you have chosen a restrictive enclave—and you will meet Scotch-Irish, French-German, German-Greek, English-Polish. Even in ancient Japan my wife's ancestry introduces a Chinese line.

What to do? Remember the former culture; perpetuate it to the greatest possible degree. Celebrate March 3 with dolls for daughters; fly the carp on May 5 for sons. Eat the foods; have proper attire for special occasions; study the language. Likewise, welcome the new culture; study its history; learn its customs; adopt its ways. Groom yourself to become a bridge of understanding and cooperative action between the two nations, cultures, races.

Prepare for the inevitable when boy meets girl. Love is blind; true love is the blending of two compatible personalities whether from next door, the other side of town or a far city or country.

Life flows on. "Tempus fugit," the Romans said and it flies for us. The world of today is not the world of yesterday. It is up to us to retain and perpetuate what we can or let it go.

REID D. ALLEN Milwaukee

In Cambodia

Editor: "Murder of a Gentle Land", a new book by John Barron and Anthony Paul condensed in the February (1977) Reader's Digest, is a moving account of the genocidal slaughter of over a million helpless Cambodian men, women and children.

Despite the Reader's Digest account, I have met no one who knows anything about the slaughter. I was in charge of a meeting attended by 25 faculty wives from the Univ. of Nebraska at Omaha. I conducted a little poll to determine how many of these well-informed and well-educated women knew about the slaughter of innocent in Cambodia. Not one knew!

I think PC readers should take interest when over a million Orientals have been murdered in time of "peace" and no one seems to hear or

care. (The book will be published by The Reader's Digest Press, and distributed by Thomas W. Crowell, New York City.)

CAROL SUZUKI Bellevue, Neb.

Bilingual/Bicultural

Editor: Bilingual/bicultural programs in all our public schools? Sounds great on paper even if the results are disastrous and it's a pity! The point is, these so-called minority children must earn their livelihood in America, where English is a necessity and the sooner they master this language, the better off they'll be.

At present, all public schools in Chicago must have these programs if there are at least 20 children from a non-Anglo culture. In my present school, we have a program in Spanish, Greek and Korean. Soon to come is one for Middle Easterners. Sounds great doesn't it?

But, does anyone know that most of these children already know how to communicate in the English language and they are forced to learn their mother tongue, which incidentally, is really the family's responsibility? That these children are being deprived of a half day of hearing an English-speaking teacher and learning from their English-speaking peers which, many times, they don't get to hear at home?

That most of these teachers have no experience in the teaching field and speak with such a horrendous accent that they themselves should enroll in an English course?

Prior to this madness, these children were serviced by the TESL program (Teaching English as a Second Language) for 45 minutes per day by English-speaking teachers whose backgrounds were bicultural and were fluent in both languages. When they felt that these children were ready to communicate effectively in English, they were dropped from these programs. These children then progressed rapidly in the regular classroom.

Are our lawmakers fully aware of what's going on? Or, is this some kind of conspiracy to keep minorities down? Only time will tell. Give it a few years and like the New Math will then disappear into the sunset.

In the meantime, we have so many teachers who themselves should study English that our public schools really are not good examples any more for children to follow. And the amount of money spent for personnel and curriculum guides are catastrophic. No wonder, the general public is losing faith in our educational system. I don't blame them. And the children? They too will suffer in the long run. It's a pity!

BETTY KUKITA PERRY Skokie, Ill. Surely, there are teachers elsewhere who think to the contrary. —Editor.

Just About Youth

By RICH OKABE

San Francisco Since coming to work for JACL as interim national youth director, I have heard several people express doubts as to the value of the Japanese American Youth (JAYs) program. It seems more difficult to attract new members and that Sansei have less time for JACL because of all their involvement in other school, church, and community groups.

I became associated with JACL through its youth program in Chicago (it was called Junior JACL back then) about the time that I graduated from high school. I had very little knowledge of who the JAYs were or

what they did. While attending a graduation dinner I was asked to help out at a car wash the following week and that was the beginning of my JAYs "career".

As with all groups it took me a little while to get to know the members. I quickly found out that they were very friendly people with many of the same likes (rock music), dislikes (films), and problems (Do I really want to become an engineer?).

It didn't take long for me to become an active member. I worked on committees, chaired activities, and assumed a chapter office. I was then encouraged to run for Midwest District Youth Council chairperson. This got me involved with the JAYs from all over the country.

About this time I began to

realize that as a American with an Asian face, I was somehow different from the mainstream American youth and I began to wrestle with the question, "Who am I?" Identity, cultural awareness, Asian pride—whatever you call it, it is a part of growing up and JACL helped me sort out what it means to be Asian American.

In short, the JAYs program contributed greatly to my personal growth. I made friendships which to this day continue to be strong. I learned about my cultural roots and how my Japanese heritage continues to influence my daily life. I learned how to plan activities, work with people, and realized how satisfying community service projects could be.

It is true that I might have

benefited from similar experiences by joining a church group, fraternity or student council. However, since it was the JAYs that I joined, it is the JAYs that I feel strongly about.

I have heard that in the time since I was a member the youth scene has changed and that the need for the JAYs is not as strong as it used to be. I am not yet convinced that this is true. I hope to be able to get some feedback from seniors, JAYs, and former Juniors in order to check this out.

If the needs of the youth have indeed changed, then JACL may have to modify the current youth program structure. With the resources of the JACL, I know we can continue to provide the opportunities for leadership training, cultural heritage, and personal growth. □

From the Frying Pan: Bill Hosokawa

## Let's Talk 'Fingliska'

Denver, Colo.

Some months ago several readers took me to task for being either so ignorant or so insensitive as to refer to Issei-ese as "Japlish". I had meant that as a contraction of Japanese and English but they professed to see a racial slur where none was intended. Perhaps they would have preferred "Jaglish" or "Jpnlish" 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 typewriter to bleat to the editor, how would they react to a really outrageous affront?

But I wander. What brought up this subject after all this time was a story titled "Let's Talk Fingliska" 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-you. When the teacher read off Willie's name for roll call, he would reply: "Fine, 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 Fingliska 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, usually pronounced in the Finnish way. These loan words are used most in speaking of things that were strange in the old country.

"When, for example, the mainarit (miners) speak of their profession, their accounts are riddled with English words—sovelta (to shovel), paasi (boss), pitti (pit), leveni or leveli (level). The same applies to the names of foods—piiri (beer), pisketti (biscuit), tousti (toast)—or even the names of nationalities, such as Airis or Airismanni (Irishman), Talimanni (Italian), Hunkeri or Unkeri (Hungarian).

"But then there are a host of Fingliska words that set one wondering why they have been borrowed, since there is an old name for the thing in question in Finnish, too. Such words are haussi (house), ruuma (room) leeki or leiki (lake), huntata (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-beeru for automobile instead of *jidosha*, ris-toh watchi for wrist watch instead of *udedokei*, oba-kohto for overcoat instead of *gaito*.

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. Swedish, for example, 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 emigrant who had been in America for 69 years and said he was still so 'short' in English that he could not possibly hold a conversation in it. But on the farm where he had spent his working life he had not needed English because all his neighbors were Finns."

And much the same could be said for many Japanese. □

For Today &amp; Tomorrow: by Jon Inouye

## The Nisei and the Sansei

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

Just as the Nisei are heavily indebted to their Issei forebears, so is the next and maturing generation, the Sansei, indebted to the hard work and accomplishments of the Nisei.

When the word "Nisei" is murmured a variety of images and thoughts appear. "Nisei" stirs up memories of the "442", and "Go for Broke"; Nisei are concentration camps and farm-lands and the first generation of truly Americanized Japanese. Nisei was a word of hope to the immigrant families, a generation coming of age and struggling for acceptance into an American society.

The Nisei is Saburo Kido, Dan Inouye, Spark Matsu-

naga, 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 today run for Congress.

Yes, indeed—the message has been delivered countless times. The Nisei, who have every right to be bitter at being called "Jap" and rounded up into concentration camps, 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 been phenomenally successful, that everything has gone 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 Sansei and, in fact, other minority groups.

Other images and thoughts—thousands, too countless to place on a physical page—flash before me when the word "Nisei" is mentioned.

Yet one day I heard a man remark, "We Nisei are getting older. Our hope is the next generation."

When I, a Sansei, get older, and whether or not I am the success that I set out across a crimson path to be, my hope will be the Yonsei of tomorrow.

Myths of the Generation Gap should be cast aside, better communication between the hopes and ideals of generations should be encouraged. People are people—but it is the hard work of our parents who make the world as it is today.

And it is the work of what we, the children who are now adult, do today that will cause our own children to grin or cry. □

It is all right to spend time. To waste time is really sad. But to spend time, wasting time is truly tragic indeed.

—SHOKO MASUNAGA



West Wind: by Joe Oyama

## Built-in Antennas

(Suisun, Calif., where I was born, comes from the Indian word meaning "West Wind". My respects and apologies to Bill Marutani, whose column is called "East Wind".—JTO)

Sausalito, Calif.

I'm a Nisei who was brought up in the good old rock throwin' days of the Twenties and suffered the Depression of the Thirties, when it was popular to dislike the "Japs" in California. The Japanese in California were more disliked than the "Negroes" as they were called then in polite circles.

Having come through this period the older Nisei such as myself (like the Blacks) have built up built-in antennas (it works like the adrenal gland) so that, when they are confronted with hidden prejudice, they can easily sift it out.

This column is in reference to Richard Jordon's,

star of TV's 'Captains and the Kings', recently being the "target of several angry Asian American groups" in San Diego for his use of a racial slur.

On Ms. Shore's program, Jordon talked about his vacation to Japan and stated several times, Japanese are weird, weird.

Now, the Japanese, having lived in overcrowded conditions for centuries, have made human relations into practically a top priority art, and have built up such a sophisticated system of antennas that they are able to, believe me, from experience, sniff out what one is thinking without conversation.

On a more pedestrian level, they are like psychoanalysts who can easily detect one's underlying feelings and thought by his speech pattern.

To my mind, it's very possible that they immediately found out about the ambivalent feelings that Jordon has about himself; to wit, that he, Jordon, might be the original *weirdo* and that he projects that feeling to the Japanese.

Richard Jordon is to be pitied.

Nothing really need be said for the Japanese except that have a way of being overly polite and even overly solicitous to people who feel uncomfortable with themselves.

Richard Jordon should really have done his homework before going to Japan like any intelligent person might do to know what kind of people that he was dealing with. □

Plain Speaking: Wayne Horiuchi

## 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 backed up 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 say the least, the relationship between Congress 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 performance heretofore. 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, who are in the finals, and who are being considered for top level positions in about a half a dozen different 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 sense 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. □

# chapter pulse

## Chicago

A box lunch social to raise funds for the Midwest Regional Office will be sponsored by the Chicago JAACL on Saturday, April 30, 6 p.m. at Gemini Hall, Greenwood and Ballard, Niles. Country square dancing concludes the evening.

Box lunches prepared by

## Calendar

**April 22-24**  
Tri-District (PSW, CC, NC-WN)—3d biennial conference, Mapes Hotel, Reno. Sat lunch spkr, James Clavell; banq spkr, March Fong Eu.

**April 23 (Saturday)**  
Contra Costa—Reno trip.  
West Valley—Mtg.  
Los Angeles—Nisei Singles dance, Alondra CC.  
Monterey—VFW Post Installation.  
Wasatch Front North—Family Nite, Ogden Buddhist Church, 7 p.m.; Jenny Aoki, spkr, "PCYA Experiences".

**April 24 (Sunday)**  
Arizona—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.  
Tulare County—Mtg, Visalia Buddhist Church, 7:30 p.m.

**April 27 (Wednesday)**  
Sacramento—Picnic Comm mtg, Sumitomo bank, 13th-Bdway, 7:30 p.m.

**April 28 (Thursday)**  
Salinas Valley—Scholarship benefit movie, YBA Hall.  
Gardena Valley—Karl Nobuyuki dnr, Gung Hay, 7 p.m.

**April 30 (Saturday)**  
Chicago—Box lunch social, Gemini Hall, Niles, 6 p.m.  
Puyallup Valley—Member potluck, Olympia.  
Sacramento—Family potluck, Japanese Methodist Church, 5:30 p.m.  
Tulare County—Benefit Japanese movie, Visalia Buddhist Church, 7:30 p.m.

## NOBUYUKI

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ers; Torrance Manpower Planning Council.

He secured over 20 grants from federal, state and local levels, served as consultant to 20 projects or entities and belongs to a number of professional groups.

His Southland friends will have a "send-off" party on Thursday, April 28, at Gardena's Gung Hay Restaurant, 6 p.m. no-host cocktail hour and 7 p.m. dinner at \$10 per person. Co-sponsoring the affair are:

Pacific Southwest JAACL District Council, Gardena Valley JAACL, Gardena Japanese Cultural Institute, Gardena FOR Sports Associates, and friends.

—HARRY HONDA



## And the Soul Shall Dance

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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 (561-5105).

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

Roy Honbo, Michi Izui, Vic Izui, Al Kawamura, Mits Kodama, Art Morimitsu, Hosen Oshita, Bob Takami, Richard H. Yamada and Kumeo Yoshinari.

## Idaho Falls

By Kathy Buckland  
Idaho Falls JAACL'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 Issei 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 Chiyeko", was featured during the March 14 meeting of the Las Vegas JAACL at Osaka Restaurant. Another Japanese film is being contemplated for the meeting

in May, it was announced by Sam Nakanishi.

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

Chapter may have specially-designed pattern for a "club yukata" to be worn at

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## Tatami-goza

LOS ANGELES—Nichibei Enterprises, manufacturers of Japanese tatami, is making a 3 by 6 ft. tatami-goza (1/2" thick) on sale for \$53. It stays put when laid over carpeting. Company has moved and is now known as McKow Corp., 1030 Byram St., Los Angeles 90012.

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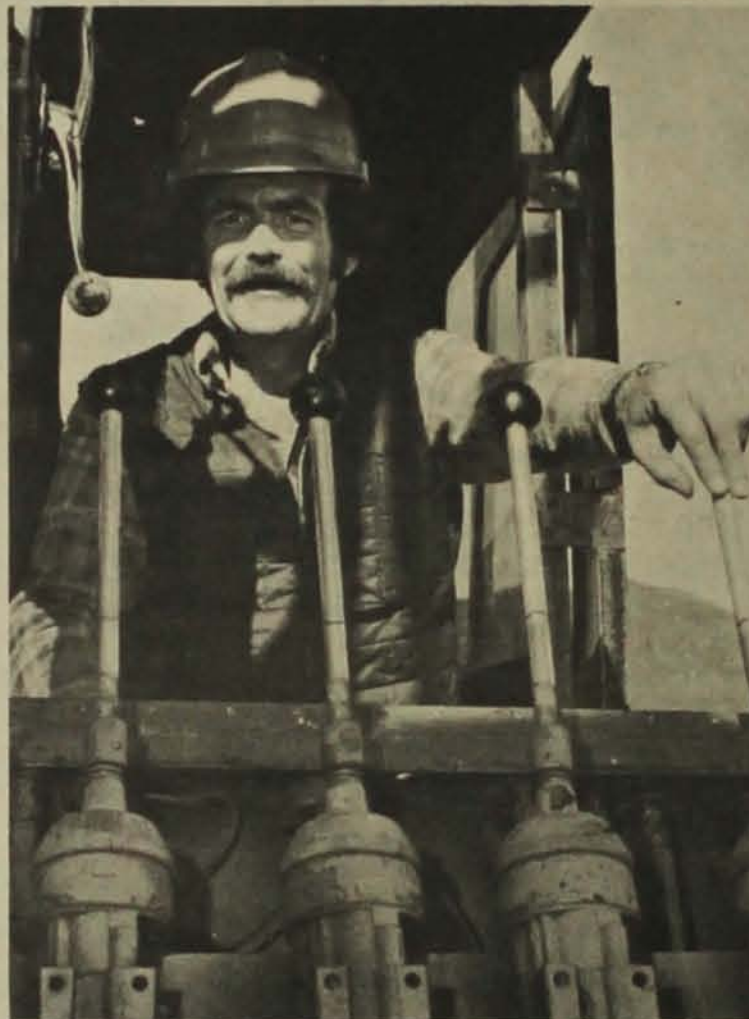
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# chapter pulse

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such functions as the International Festival in July. Tatsuko Schofield was in Japan looking for material.

## ● Mid-Columbia

Mid-Columbia JACL will host an Issei appreciation potluck dinner on Monday, May 2, at Westside School, preceded by a showing of a Japanese film at the Hood River Trail Indoor Theater.

Other activities for the coming season include a graduation banquet June 11 at the Recreation Cafe, 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-Tsuruta (Aomori) sister city affiliation. A Japanese delegation led by Tsuruta Mayor Kenji Nakano is expected to visit the valley in August. "Chop" Yasui is serving on the local sister city committee.

## ● Placer County

Questions dealing with

Nisei retirement were discussed at the Placer County JACL dinner meeting April 16 at Placer Buddhist Church. Mrs. Ivy Makabe 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 Niwa in charge. Persons interested in attending should call Tamiko Ward (491-2824) or Dr. Paul Ellis (352-9725) for locale and details. Dr. James Tsujimura of Portland, nat'l v.p. for research and services, will be guest speaker.

There are some 40 members in the Olympia area.

## ● Sacramento

Sacramento JACL's annual family night potluck dinner will be held on Saturday, April 30, 5:30 p.m. at the Sacramento Japanese United Methodist Church, 6929 Franklin Blvd., to welcome new chapter members and honor the community Issei. Participating ladies

are requested to contact Betty Aoki and Gladys Masaki, who are coordinating the dinner menu. Coffee, tea and punch will be provided. Men are to bring a small gift suitable for door prizes. Issei in need of transportation may call the Sacramento JACL Office, 441-2188.

## ● San Luis Valley

The San Luis Valley JACL held its installation banquet Mar. 5 at the Blanca Inn. Shirow Enomoto was installed as president along with appointment of his cabinet by Dr. Takashi Mayeda, vice governor of Mountain Plains district Council.

Dr. John Turano, vice president of Adams State College in Alamosa, was guest speaker. Bessie Konishi recited the JACL Creed.

## ● San Mateo

San Mateo JACL board has changed its meeting schedule to the third Wednesdays of the month at Sturge Presbyterian Church, effective April 20, with the executive committee meeting from 7 and the full board from 8 p.m.

A newly-formed Japanese-Speaking Group, chaired by Akiko Docker, 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 50 were present at a Feb. 28 meeting to hear immigration officer at the

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 awards banquet on Friday, May 6, at the Santa Maria Club, it was announced by Pete Uyehara, chapter president.

The chapter recently presented \$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. Broadway. Bud Ferguson, museum curator, accepted the history and contribution. A number of prominent Japanese American families had made contributions earlier when the museum was under construction. The museum accepts memorabilia and historical items for display.

## ● Spokane

Spokane JACL mourned the recent accidental death of Ed Takahashi, 36, who succumbed while on a skiing trip. A past president and a 10-year board member, he served on various civic committees including the school district, police department and other civil groups.

## Mas Uyesugi heads Orange Co. JACS

SANTA ANA, Calif. — The Orange County Japanese American Community Service elected Mas Uyesugi president recently. He succeeded Hitoshi Nitta. Formed to serve the community, JACS is on the search for a community center.

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

## T&T wins 19th FOR basketball tourney

GARDENA, Calif.—T & T Farms Knights won their third straight championship of the Friends of Richard (FOR) basketball tournament over the Easter weekend at Gardena High School. It was the 19th annual series named for the late Richard Nishimoto 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 Marutama Dolphins humbled the Mr. Bonzo's Lakers 109-89 for the A title.

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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 of \$500,000 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**



**DEBORAH KODAMA**

Hawaii's silver jubilee Cherry Blossom Queen was formally crowned April 2 at the Sheraton Waikiki. Deborah Miyuki Kodama is the young lady and Gov. George Ariyoshi did the honors. She succeeds Myra Higa as the 1976 CBF queen.

Deborah, a 19-year-old U.H. sophomore, sees a future for herself in Hawaii's visitor industry. She is looking forward to her trips to the West Coast and to Japan. Her parents are Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Kodama, long-time owners of Liliha Service Station. She will be accompanied to Japan by her mother who is a native of Hiroshima.

**U.H. NOTES**

A massive student demonstration converged on the State Capitol as legislators threatened to cut from Univ. of Hawaii budget for the next biennium. As many as 4,500 students from Manoa as well as Leeward, Kapiolani 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 recover from its various basketball woes of the recent past finally have something to cheer about. It comes in a package of a freshman and senior combination of pitchers who have been able to give Coach Les Murakami a record to date of 40 wins and 8 losses.

The senior is right-hander Gerry Ako and the freshman is Derek Tatsuno, both coincidentally graduates of Aiea High School. Derek's prep record of 27-1 (only loss to McKinley) 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 bested 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.

**Gen. Herron defended Hawaii's Japanese community during WW2**

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, 1877.

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.

Herron graduated from West Point in 1899, sailed to the Philippines to serve with the American forces and later became military secretary there to an officer named Douglas MacArthur. When Herron left the post, it was taken by another West Point graduate named Dwight D. Eisenhower.

During World War I, Herron served on the headquarters staff of Gen. John J. Pershing.

In 1937, Herron was put in command at Schofield Barracks and in 1938 he became commander of the Hawaiian Department at Ft. Shafter. He was so popular that civilians urged him to stay on when he retired in 1941.

Called back during World War II, Herron served on the staff of Gen. George C.

**pc's people**

**Agriculture**

**Dr. Kay Iriu**, professor of pomology at Univ. of Calif. Davis was one of ten speakers at the annual meeting of Walnut Growers Institute, Mar. 30. She spoke on soil-water-plant relationships.

**Awards**

Pioneer Fresno Issei **Gunzo Miyamoto**, 86, was named "Foreign Born Citizen of the Year" by Fresno International Institute last month. A native of Hiroshima, he was the first Issei locally to be naturalized in 1954. He serves as chairman of the Voice of Tokyo Show on TV Channel 26, and received several commendations from Japan for leadership ... **Carey K. Oshita** was named "Girl of the Month" in March by the Exchange Club of Altadena. The John Muir High School senior is now competing for the club's "Girl of the Year," for scholastic achievement.

**Book**

**Richard Oyama**, CCNY graduate in English listed in the American Poets of 1976-1977, received an offer from Sunset Magazine editor Virginia Scott to publish a book of his poems. He read his poems with a group from the Basement Workshop in Manhattan at Tufts University and over radio WNYU.

**Government**

Calif. **Assemblyman Floyd Mori** (D-Pleasanton)

was named to the powerful Committee on Ways and Means by Speaker Leo T. McCarthy (D-San Francisco) April 4. Mori surrendered his seat on the Labor, Employment and Consumer Affairs committee. He is also on the Education committee, Revenue & Taxation committee, Select Committee on Corrections, Select Committee on Bilingual/Bicultural Education, and chairs the Legislature's joint committee to oversee the Agricultural Relations Board ... **J. Boyd MacKenzie**, of Hawaiian-Scotch ancestry was recommended by Sen. Spark Matsunaga to be appointed High Commissioner of the Trust Territory. A high-ranking civil employee in Micronesia for over 20 years, he is currently special assistant for district affairs under the High Commissioner. He majored in agriculture at the Univ. of Hawaii and Sacramento State.

**George Kawamura**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eijiro Kawamura of Denver, was named

director of Adams County Social Services Department in Brighton, Colo.

**Politics**

**Sen. S.I. Hayakawa** (R-Calif.) was given a theme award, "Spirit of America," April 14, at a \$125 per plate awards dinner sponsored by the United Republican Finance Committee. The award recognized the many achievements of Hayakawa in semantics, academic administration, and politics.

**Science**

**Nobuhiko Katsunama**, 51, director of Tokushima University, Japan, may have found a way to control muscular dystrophy, a disease marked by progressive wasting of muscles, it was reported Mar. 30. Katsunama is director of the university's enzyme research facility.

**Sports**

Japanese baseball star **Sadaharu Oh** hit another home run early April, giving him a lifetime total of 717, only 38 short of the record of 755 held by Henry Aaron of the United States.

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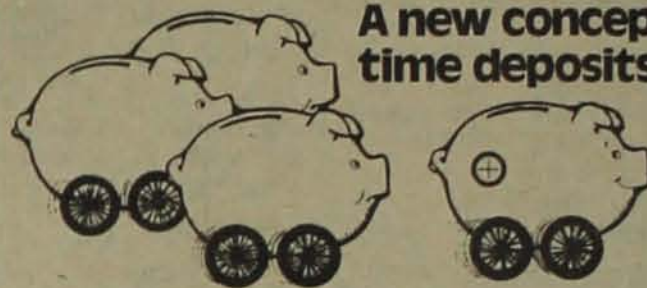
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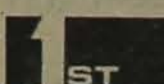
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