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RICHARD TAKECHI

Omaha Nisei in city council runoff

By EM NAKADOI

OMAHA, Neb. — Richard Takechi, 39, has done well in the April 5 primaries in his effort to become Omaha's first Japanese American city councilman. He finished 10th (10,728 votes) in an unwieldy field of 62 candidates to become one of the 14 finalists. The voters will pick seven winners next Tuesday, May 10.

A successful downtown jeweler and trade consultant, he was 6 weeks old when his parents, the Kazuo

Takechis, moved fromocatello, Idaho, to Omaha to operate the jewelry business.

Richard graduated from Omaha Tech High and the Univ. of Omaha. He has been active in civic affairs, belongs to the Lions, JACL, Omaha-Shizuoka Sister City Affiliation, and served as a volunteer juvenile probation officer. He was on the Omaha city charter review committee and the human relations board.

Meanwhile, a federal lawsuit may be prepared requiring Omaha to elect city councilmen by districts rather than at-large, State Sen. Ernest Chambers said. His bill (LB 63) requiring district elections for city council has been in limbo.

Under the at-large system, "no black person will gain a seat on the city council", Chambers said. There were five black candidates in the April primaries.

The Omaha World-Herald notes in its study of the five past city council races that no one who finished below 10th in the primary succeeded in the general. Those who finished below seventh have a more difficult time winning, but it can be done.

New councilmen will assume office June 6 and be paid \$9,600 a year.

No. Calif. Nikkei to honor Hayakawa

SAN FRANCISCO — Northern California Japanese American Hayakawa Dinner Committee hosts a congratulatory dinner for Sen. S.I. Hayakawa on Saturday, May 7, 7 p.m. at the Hilton Hotel.

In the Mervin Field California Poll of April 25, Hayakawa topped all names on the list of 16 prominent Californians with a 72% favorable comment. Gov. Jerry Brown was second with 69%.

On the question of recognition, 96% said they knew something about former Gov. Reagan, followed by Gov. Brown 93%, Hayakawa 79% and Sen. Alan Cranston 68%.

UPAC 5th anniversary

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — The Union of Pan Asian Communities (UPAC) will hold their fifth anniversary celebration, May 29, 6 p.m. at U.S. Grant Hotel. Sen. Dan Inouye will deliver keynote address.

Tuition bill at critical stage

OLYMPIA, Wash. — The Washington state legislature, now in special session, is expected to have the House act on a Senate-passed legislation providing resident tuition privileges to college students of E-1 visa aliens.

At the instigation of Columbia Basin JACL, the bill by State Sen. Nat Washington (SSB 2113) passed the Senate during the regular 1977 session and referred to the House Committee of

Higher Education. It has received a "do pass" recommendation and is now in the Rules committee awaiting calendar assignment for action.

JACL chapters in the Pacific Northwest district were all alerted in mid-April by PNWDC Gov. Ed Yamamoto to urge their state representatives to press for favorable House floor action.

Since 1975, Columbia Basin JACL had sought reme-

dy for employees of Japan Air Lines here on an E-1 visa whose children are enrolled in colleges and universities, facing foreign student fees nearly three times the resident fee.

"The inequities and injustices are acutely obvious," Yamamoto said, "as it was learned that Japan charges the same tuition for foreign students and for citizen students of Japan."

JAL, which maintains a pilot training program at Moses Lake, has had staff members and their families on base since October, 1968.

E-1 visas are granted to employees of companies from foreign countries.

25,000 witness 10th Sakura Matsuri

SAN FRANCISCO — Spectators estimated at 25,000 watched the 2½-hour Sakura Festival parade April 24 starting from Civic Center and ending a 1¼-mile (2 km) away in Japantown.

Hideo Shirayanagai, former manager of California First Bank, was grand marshal. Over 1,600 dancers and marchers paraded. Last year, there were 50,000 spectators, it was recalled.

The happy days when Karl ran MAC

GARDENA, Calif. — The new National JACL executive director, Karl Nobuyuki, had a long record as a Youth Director and fund raiser for the city's Municipal Activities Center.

Back in 1973, the Municipal Activities Center (MAC), 1730 W. Gardena Blvd., was called the "first of its kind" within the United States.

The idea of the successful MAC had its roots with Nobuyuki who was concerned that the youth of the community were not getting help.

"It is easy to detect the

shortage of youth-oriented attractions," Nobuyuki had said at first. "Where can the 'average' student go to spend idle hours? If one should be lucky enough to find a place, what could one do? ... The shocking increase in crime rates (i.e. drug abuse) among the young (including ages 18-24), bear out the unquestionable truth—more must be done for youth."

And, indeed, more was done.

As Director of Youth and Community Services of Gardena, Nobuyuki believed the program of the

70 co-sponsor Mineta bill for retirement credit

SAN FRANCISCO — There are seven bills in Congress allowing credit for Federal Civil Service Retirement purposes to Japanese Americans who have spent time in internment camps during World War II because of Executive Order 9066, according to the Committee for Internment Credit (CIC).

But CIC is pushing the bill introduced Norman Y. Mineta (D-Calif.)—co-sponsored by 70 colleagues as HR 6412, HR 6413, HR 6414. This is due to a technicality that a bill can only have a maximum 25 co-sponsors, it was explained by Hiro Nakaji, CIC spokesman.

Similar legislation has been introduced by Sens. Daniel Inouye and Spark Matsunaga in S 224; by Reps. Phillip Burton (D-Calif.) in HR 2568, Robert Leggett (D-Calif.) in HR 3921, and John J. McFall (D-Calif.) in HR 4626. The House

bills have been referred to the Post Office & Civil Service or Government Operations committees.

(JACL's role is outlined this week in Wayne Horiuchi's column, which lists all of the co-sponsors as of mid-April.)

Mineta has described the legislation as "small compensation for the suffering incurred by these loyal Americans who were treated so shamefully by their country". The bill would grant two years of retirement credit to those who qualify.

If enacted, between 500 and 1,000 federal employees would be beneficiaries. Cost ranges between \$100,000 \$812,000 maximum. A 1972 law afforded similar credit to Social Security recipients.

Mineta explained the just cause for granting this re-

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Seattle JACL to submit proposal for center

SEA TLE, Wash. — The Japanese Cultural Service Center Committee voted Mar. 22 to "go alone" on the proposal to build a center with funds from the Commerce Dept.'s Economic Development Administration, it was reported by the Seattle JACL.

The local chapter is involved only to the extent of the federal EDA requirement that a nonprofit organization act as its sponsor. JACL is programmed to step down when the Center is funded and able to progress on its own.

The committee, which represents the greater Seattle Nikkei community, plans to house the Seattle Japanese Language School, Seattle Dojo and other cultural organizations at the proposed center.

What had complicated the proposal was the Seattle Betsuin contract with the City of Seattle to convert the Collins parcel across the street for community use. Had

both groups submitted proposals to the EDA, it was felt to be a self-abort situation with no winners.

There were three options the JCSC committee considered at its last meeting chaired by Chuck Kato: 1—Withdraw the proposal; 2—Cooperate with the Betsuin; 3—Or go ahead on its own.

U.S. bans whaling inside new limit

HONOLULU — Patsy Mink, assistant secretary of state for oceans, international environmental and scientific affairs, announced the United States will not allow the killing of whales within the country's new 200-mile limit.

The Greenpeace Foundation here said April 8 the decision, indicated in a letter to State Sen. Jean King, "sounds like good news" but questions remain on how the decision will be enforced.

Nisei in Philadelphia expect to retire there

PHILADELPHIA — Majority of the participants at the Philadelphia JACL-sponsored workshop on Nisei retirement said they expect to remain in the East, where they have lived longer than they had on the west coast. But the decision also rested on the assumption their East-born Sansei children would establish themselves hereabouts.

Such was part of the summary of regional interest recorded during the April 17 workshop, chaired by Nobu Miyoshi, at the Center for International Visitors in civic center.

The workshop opened with Allen Okamoto recapping the information he and his wife had obtained during their attendance at a course on retirement presented by General Electric for their employees. And Mas Hoshino of New York discussed the questions and attitudes of imminent retirement exchanged among his Nisei friends.

The assembly then broke into three workshops. Group leaders and recorders were: Leaders—June Schumann, Jack Ozawa, Warren Watanabe; recorders—Sumi Kobayashi, Yone Okamoto and Yuri Moriuchi.

Herb Horikawa led the discussion during the summary period, which revealed:

1—The satisfaction and friendliness within the workshops contributed to the incentive for participants to "open up".

2—Having coped successfully with financial and social challenges and feeling established for themselves and children, the East coast Nisei appear generally wishing to remain here on the assumption their children would also become established.

3—While a Nisei retirement home was not generally favored, a facility within Philadelphia was suggested to house (in rotation) Nisei living in scattered communities so that they can take advantage of the cultural benefits offered in the city.

4—A JACL telephone committee was suggested to maintain regular contacts among its retired members who are living alone or in circumstances of need.

Calif. First Bank opens 22-story HQ.

SAN FRANCISCO — The California First Bank opened its \$21-million, 22-story headquarters building April 27 at 350 California St.

Masao Tsuyama, bank president, was joined by Soichi Yokoyama, Bank of Tokyo, Ltd., president, from Tokyo, in extending greetings. Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. was also present to address the assembled guests.

The building serves as the head office for CFB, eighth largest bank in California.

Drop-In Center

In an enthusiastic moment in 1972, the Gardena City Council unanimously approved plans for a drop-in community center (the drop-in center was the first step towards a massive complex which incorpor-

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Nisei directs personnel at Nat'l Science Foundation

WASHINGTON — Fred K. Murakami occupies the position of Director of Personnel and Management for the National Science Foundation in Washington, D.C. As such, he is the only Japanese American holding a position at this level among the departmental and major independent agencies of the Federal Government.

It is his job to hire, nurture and oversee a staff of 1,300 full-time and 100 part-time employees. In addition to these permanent employees, the Foundation employs

some 1,500 consultants who are top level scientists, engineers and administrators from academia, industrial firms, and other organizations. The task of administering the almost 3,000 employees under the Federal personnel rules, regulations and procedures is augmented

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EDC-MDC Confab dates shuffled

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The 1977 EDC-MDC convention hosted by the Washington, D.C. chapter has been rescheduled for July 28-31, 1977, according to Key Kobayashi. The site, Twin Bridges Marriott in Arlington, Virginia, remains unchanged.

The change in dates was made in order to accommodate visits to congressional offices since Congress will recess on August 6. Although unconfirmed at this time, the JAYs are trying to reschedule their convention to coincide with the adults.

French Camp Nisei postmaster retires

FRENCH CAMP, Calif. — Richard K. Hayashi, postmaster of the French Camp post office since July, retired April 22, ending a 14-year career with the Postal Service.

A prewar track star at Stockton High and Stockton JC, he served with the 442nd during WW2 and stayed for 22 years in the military, attaining the rank of captain. He is married and has two daughters.



RICHARD HAYASHI

By JON INOUE

PASADENA, Calif. — "It may have been the fact that the new guayule rubber was developed in a Japanese American relocation center during the war which caused its non-acceptance," according to Hugh H. Anderson, general manager of Pacific Rubber Growers.

"In fact," this expert on rubber substances contends, "history will probably record this rubber as the most important contribution of any group made during the time of the Second World War."

In 1942, with the United States forced to tap synthetic rubber technology as the Japanese had cut off the resources from Malaya, the California Institute of Technology sponsored a project among Japanese American scientists. It was not only something to give "incarcerated scientists something to do," but vital to the war effort.

On April 13, 1942, the Guayule rubber experiments started at the Manzanar and Colorado River Relocation Camps.

Dr. Robert Emerson from Caltech was head of the project.

Manzanar Project

At Manzanar the project was dubbed "Guayule Nursery Experiments", a somewhat inconspicuous title.

At the beginning of the project, 190,000 seedlings were planted in 19 different varieties of Guayule spec-

ies. Various plots were set aside for the growing of the plant. Soon the Guayule project was taken over by the U.S. Forestry Division.

"The primary object of the Guayule Project is, not to roll out rubber tires in mass production," said one project report in 1942, "but to find a suitable method to produce rubber in a shortest possible period... It is the hope of the staff members that a discovery will be made to produce rubber in one-third the period ordinarily required."

But rubber extraction methods developed by the Nisei turned out to be not only a "suitable method to produce rubber," but perhaps one of the world's most efficient.

In fact, consequent rubber extraction methods developed by the Nisei turned out not only to be "suitable," but "superior" to the wasteful and polluting synthetic rubber methods, even today.

The new process recovered 50% more rubber from the shrub of the guayule plant while using one-fifth of the power. On top of that the rubber is clean, having less than 1% acetone insolubles. The end product from this method had a long shelf life—years as compared to months for earlier rubber.

Parthenium Rubber

The new type of rubber developed at Manzanar and Colorado River was termed "Parthenium Rubber" to distinguish it from

earlier types of rubber.

Today, the superiority—both in cost and quality—of Parthenium rubber over older types of synthetic rubber is mind-boggling.

Fully 75% of our current rubber is obtained from petroleum derivatives. While the world's resources dwindle, this poses serious questions as to the continued availability of petroleum-derived rubber; Guayule rubber can be produced for 15 cents per pound as compared with 18 cents for tree rubber and 28 cents for synthetic rubber; Guayule is a clean source of high-quality rubber which requires sunlight, water and land. Synthetic rubber requires power, heat, and feed stock from scarce fossil fuel.

Sadly enough, a by-product of synthetic rubber is smog.

But because guayule is a desert shrub, it can be grown on marginal land that is not being used for food, crops or housing, and produces a by-product of 16 tons of oxygen per acre per year as opposed to synthetic rubber factories which bring air and noise pollution.

Other by-products, however, from guayule include paper pulp, industrial chemicals, wax and soil additives.

Synthetic Rubber

The Firestone Tire Company ran tests on 100% guayule rubber tires made from rubber produced by the project near the end of World War II. The guayule tire had not broken down after 52,000 miles, while other tires made from tree rubber, synthetic rubber, or a combination of these, did not last.

After the war, however, the U.S. continued to use synthetic rubber despite the fact that it polluted, required factories to produce, required large amounts of petroleum resources, and despite the fact that the new method required only a small fraction of energy

compared to synthetic rubber.

As fossil fuels continue to diminish, the cost of petroleum-derived synthetic rubber continues to rise. Proponents of guayule claim that it is the only viable alternative and can assure the world of a reliable supply of high-quality rubber at a lower cost than either synthetic or tree rubber.

The U.S. currently has no domestic supply of natural rubber and imports 100% of its natural rubber needs.

The Pacific Rubber Growers assert, however, that "twenty million acres of land could make the U.S. a rubber exporting nation."

Guayule Stronger

When tested for tensile strength, guayule rubber has been measured at 5,200 pounds per square inch, vastly greater than synthetic rubber in most commercial uses, and 500 pounds greater than tree rubber.

"Synthetic rubber should not have been continued in production after the Second World War," says Anderson, "except for highly specialized uses, because then a new improved natural rubber was produced that has many advantages over other rubbers and may be totally paid for by the sales of its by-products. This rubber is a product of a small natural solar engine that uses water, air, desert soil, and sunlight to produce the world's best quality rubber."

A major loss occurred in 1959, however, when Dr. Emerson was killed in an American Airlines prop-jet.

He had combined the efforts of the Nisei scientists toward achieving the "rubber implementation."

It is ironic that, today, the methods developed by the Nisei may become not simply a "rubber implementation," but the foremost method in meeting the world's increased demand for rubber.

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item per inch

Bugaku at UC Irvine

IRVINE, Calif. — Japanese Court Dancers will perform Bugaku accompanied by 13 instrumentalists from UCLA's Ethnological Musical Society at Fine Arts Village Concert Hall, May 14, 8 p.m., on the UC Irvine campus.

Issei Service Center

FRESNO—Twelve Issei celebrating their birthdays in April were guests at the Issei Service Center party April 16. They were: S. Seiji, T. Ouchi, T. Nakaguchi, N. Hamaguchi, S. Goto, Mmes. K. Mukai, M. Yoshida, R. Tanaka, T. Ogawa, T. Yamada.

Japanese animation

NEW YORK—The Museum of Modern Art, National Film Center and the Japan Film Library Council of Tokyo, presented a series of 13 short-animated films from Japan. The "Pioneers of Japan Animation" included works of Yasuji Murata, Noburo Ofuji and Wagoro Arai on April 15 at the Japan House here. Films ranged from 1924 to 1956.

Japan's Elite

LOS ANGELES—Professor Masaaki Takane of Sophia University will lecture on the Japanese political elite May 12, 7 p.m. at Cal State Dominguez Hills Social and Behavioral Sciences building.

'Japanning'

LOS ANGELES—Decorative samples of English furniture with "Japanning", the western imitation of Oriental lacquer work, are on display at the County Museum of Art May 17-Nov. 16.

Teaching positions

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Asian American Studies Program at San Jose State announced three position vacancies for the fall semester, according to program director P. N. Hirabayashi (408) 277-2894. Deadline is May 16.

Deaths

Jack Noda, 66, of Turlock, died of heart attack at his home April 23. The Cortez JACler served as NC-WNDC chairman in 1954 and was nat'l JACL 2nd vice president the following biennium. Surviving are: Erick, Bruce, d. Sidney, br. William George, Ben, sis. Sara Hatahita and May Okuna.

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Student Aid

Applications are now available for the 1977 Abe Hagiwara Student Aid Program. This year some \$4,000 will be awarded to students in outright grants. Motivation, desire, and potential are the primary criteria rather than academic achievement. These grants are intended for students who show a definite financial need in order to continue their education in high

school, college, or trade school.

The Student Aid Program, currently in its seventh year, is named in honor of Abe Hagiwara, an active Midwest JACler during the late 1950s. Abe served as president of both the Cleveland and Chicago chapters, was chairman of the Midwest District Council, and was named "JACler of the Biennium" in 1956. Abe also worked closely with the Chi-

cago Junior JACL (now JAYs) and the Midwest District Youth Council.

In 1970, a national fund drive was initiated to establish an endowment which would insure the continuation of the Student Aid Program. At present there is \$14,000 in the fund and the grants are awarded from the interest and from special monies set aside by the National Board.

Because of the personal

nature of the financial information, all applications will be kept strictly confidential and the names of the awardees are not publicized.

Application forms may be obtained from JACL National Headquarters, 1765 Sutter St., San Francisco 94115 (415) 921-5225 and from JACL offices in Chicago, Fresno, Los Angeles, Portland and Washington, D.C. Deadline for submitting applications is July 30.

Hokkaido sends sakura seeds for Minnesota capital

ST. PAUL, Minn. — After more than 20 years of dedicated effort meshed with red tape, the State of Minnesota finally received last month 140,000 Japanese cherry tree seeds that will be planted here. Gov. Rudy Perpich accepted the delivery from Rev. Andrew Otani, director of Japanese American Community Center of Minneapolis who led the campaign to bring the seeds to Minnesota.

In 1955, Yosaku Harada, deputy mayor of Sapporo visited Minneapolis and lamented the lack of cherry trees. Harada said a native cherry tree from Hokkaido would be suitable for Min-

nesota. The long effort started with securing required permits for getting the seeds into the U.S. Gov. Naohiro Dogakina of Hokkaido supplied the seeds. They arrived last fall and were tested by the Univ. of Minnesota Arboretum.

Gov. Perpich and Jon Wealde, State Agriculture Commissioner, told Japanese Americans that in about three years the trees will "beautify the environment of our State Capital," and that JAs should "feel proud of achieving the goal of this new and living symbol of peace, understanding and friendship growing among Japan, America and Minnesota."

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Noguchi made his steel sculpture matte black.

Photo Courtesy: Honolulu Advertiser by Roy Ito

Hodgson hails Little Tokyo's new center at groundbreaking

LOS ANGELES — James D. Hodgson, former U.S. ambassador to Japan, called the new Japanese American Cultural and Community Center a symbol of the "magnificent durability and crowning achievement" of the Japanese Americans and a "new bond of friendship between the two most vigorous nations of the free world". He was keynote speaker April 30 at the groundbreaking rites in Little Tokyo.

Hodgson pledged his effort toward completion of the center and furthering the friendship existing between Japan and the United States. Congratulatory remarks were also delivered by:

Consul General Yukio Takamatsu, Mayor Tom Bradley, Councilman Gil Lindsay, Victor Carter, Kurt Meyer and Edward Matsuda.

Turnout of 200 at the long-awaited event was aus-

East-West extends Yamauchi play

LOS ANGELES — The East West Players production of Wakako Yamauchi's "And the Soul Shall Dance" will be airing this fall on KCET's Hollywood Television Theatre (Ch 28).

"The support for our production has been overwhelming," said administrator Norman Cohen, April 25.

Because of its success, the play will be held over through May 29 with Wednesday 8 p.m. performances added. Regular shows are Fri., Sat., 8:30, Sun. 7:30 p.m.

Garden Party

LOS ANGELES—Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Noguchi will host an afternoon garden party in honor of 46th Assembly District candidate Kaz Umemoto, May 14, 2-5pm at the Noguchi home. For address, call Umemoto HQ, 660-2110 or 660-2115.

Senior citizens

MONTEREY PARK, Calif. — Japanese American Senior Citizens Club meets every fourth Saturday, 1 p.m., at the Community Center (350 So. McPharrin Ave.).

picious by the presence of many Southland leaders from the cultural, civic and business communities at what had been a parking lot on S. San Pedro near E. 3rd St.

As the first phase of the center complex, a six-story office structure housing cultural and community groups (including the JACL and Pacific Citizen) is expected to be completed by midsummer 1978. A theater, gymnasium and parking structure complete the estimated \$9 million center.

Other participants: Frank Kuwahara, emcee; George Doizaki, JACCC pres; Rose Kaneshige, the National Anthem; Rev. Jonathan Fujita, invocation; Rev. Taisen Miyata, benediction; Rev. Isao Goto, purification rites; Koshiro Torii, Soichi Fukui, grdbkg co-chmn.

West L.A. hosts Nisei Relays

LOS ANGELES—West Los Angeles JACL is hostig the 1977 Pacific Southwest Nisei Relays at West Los Angeles College in Culver City on June 5. Pretty much the same committee, headed by Mrs. Ruth Watanabe, will coordinate the all-day event starting at 9 a.m.

Application forms are available from JACL regional office and PSW chapters. Girl events are included.

People to see about Nisei Week space

LOS ANGELES — Those wishing to stage shows, exhibits or sport events during Nisei Week Aug. 20-28 were asked to check with the committees in charge by May 20 instead of churches, banks or other locales. Committeemen to be called are:

Exhibit—Frank Hirata (972-5511), Takeo Taiyoshi (626-3970); Shows—

Charles Kamiya (626-8135), Soichi Fukui (626-0441); Sports—Yoneo Narumi (625-8611), Ed Matsuda (295-4690).

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Noguchi's 'Skygate'

By HOOVER TATEISHI

Honolulu

Sculptor Isamu Noguchi is the center of the latest cultural flaps in Honolulu as his 24-foot high steel sculpture goes up on the grounds of the City Hall Complex. Noguchi was here supervising the installation of his work.

The sculpture entitled "Sky Gate" is a \$120,000 project funded jointly by the National Endowment for the Arts (\$50,000) and the City's Art acquisition ordi-

nance. (The city art acquisition ordinance earmarks one per cent of the construction cost of new city buildings for art.) Noguchi won the commission over a field of 100 local and international artists.

Various public figures have disparagingly asked whether it's the latest sewer project, and private jokes abound over this structure of huge steel pipes but no less an art connoisseur than Vincent Price has approvingly called it a masterpiece.

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EDITORIALS:

Mass Arrests

The July 1975 opinion of U.S. District Judge Joseph C. Waddy who banned mass arrests of demonstrators in Washington, D.C., was overturned April 12 by the U.S. Court of Appeals, declaring the lower court's reasoning was "unrealistic".

Waddy had castigated police for their widespread pattern of illegal and imprudent acts during the anti-war rallies from November 1969 to the May Day demonstrations of 1971.

The appellate ruling re-establishes the police department's ability to make mass arrests without so-called field arrest forms since quelling riots did not violate the First Amendment rights of demonstrators. The court said the police "did not interfere with the demonstrators because of the content of the message they sought to present" but because the groups in question were impeding traffic, setting fires or hurling missiles at the police. "The First Amendment did not insulate them from restraint..."

The ruling does not affect, at least immediately, other suits against the D.C. police, including the 1975 jury verdict awarding \$12 million to approximately 1,200 persons arrested on the steps of the U.S. Capitol in May, 1971. That finding is presently on appeal.

The amount of individual awards, which would average about \$10,000 per person for violation of their rights under the First and Eighth Amendments, has been an alluring figure interesting some JACLers involved with drafting legislation on reparations for the Japanese Americans. It has been noted Japanese Americans have been detained for as much as four years, while the 1,200 who were arrested had been confined only up to 72 hours at D.C. Coliseum.

But the amount for individual Japanese American reparations needs to be more realistic than the figure awarded by the 1975 jury for it to survive the test through the Congress. The fact that an award was made, however, renders the matter of reparations to be a very viable issue.

Welcome Aboard, Karl

Karl Nobuyuki started his job as the new national JACL executive director this week—bringing with him his expertise as the former community resources administrator and public information officer for the City of Gardena and enthusiasm to forge the national organization as a vehicle for the greater good.

At the sendoff party last week in Gardena, where 200 friends gathered, he also manifested that virtue, the Japanese identify as "on"—a debt of gratitude—with the quick acknowledgment that his accomplishments were due to the people he had come to know through his work. While the recipient of several plaques and scrolls from public officials and community groups at the party, Karl turned around and gave personal tokens of appreciation to his mentors.

The Sansei administrator has uncapped a JACL feeling that has been long repressed in the Pacific Southwest—if the mixture of people present at the party can be an indication. Some had been turned off about JACL in the past couple of years. Their presence and expressions to wish Karl well in his new challenge pierces whatever restrained the potential within the PSW.

To Our Subscribers

It was with pride we announced last week that address labels were produced "in-house" but we had not anticipated the labels would cover a part of the reading matter on the front page. Since a narrower label is unavailable, and to have the papers dispatched as soon as they are off the press Tuesday morning, our printers this week are turning the pages around on the press so that the quarter-fold creases the front page inward, exposing the lower right corner of the back page for the address label.

This arrangement has a "plus" for those who are about to move. The box now provides space to write in the new address and the old label needn't be repositioned as in the past.

Comments, letters & features

Statue of Liberty

Editor:

The Statue of Liberty stands off New York City facing Europe. More than once I have read Asian Americans Asia in the west coast.

Dear fellow Asian Americans, you have forgotten your history. The tall goddess on Liberty Island was a gift to the people of the U.S.A from the people of France in the 1880's.

Quit wailing. Persuade the people of Japan to donate a statue of liberty to stand off San Francisco and face Asia.

NAOMI KASHIWABARA
San Diego, Calif.

From Happy Valley

Editor:

I liked Sachi Seko's recent column, "Lesson of Lillian Hellman". It is especially pertinent now, because of the conservative backlash in public print toward anything that speaks of ethnicity, aliens, Asian religions or philosophies (even valid ones like Buddhism or Transcendental Medi-

tation), and even toward the Japanese Americans.

The Bicentennial Celebration was well and good, if not taken too seriously, and interpreted to mean, that we should all shut up and become homogenized, back-to-back facing a hostile world—"What are you crying about? We have the highest standard of living in the world."

Insecurity exudes a certain inflexibility and stiffness of attitude. Does this mean that we are witnessing once again shades of the "Yellow Peril", but in another form?

JOE OYAMA

Berkeley, Calif.

Short Notes

Editor:

Regarding Joseph Halpin's letter (PC April 8) "On Enunciation".

"... a Caucasian sixth grade teacher ... couldn't twist her tongue around the Japanese name Hiroshi" is a racial slur?

Seems to me Brother Halpin is getting as thin-skinned as some Nikkei. Careful there.

M.Y. CARL

Arlington, Va.

Edison Uno (1929-1976)

In perceiving society, injustice was found,
He saw moral wrongs and discrimination all around,
The "advocate" then knew what had to be done,
Correct the mistakes and let in the sun,
For a better world, he lent us a hand,
He was, in all aspects, a disciple of man,
A very rare breed we were fortunate to know
And, because of deeds, the truth shall grow,
He spoke a philosophy that he so believed,
For the equality of man, we desperately need,
He let the light shine and inspired our souls.
Helped repeal Title II, sought reparations, other goals,
With spirited courage, he led the way,
And accomplished many a dream. To Edison, we say,
"Thank you for doing so well, your job,
Your gifts are eternal, even time cannot rob."

—SUZANNE KUSABA

Suzanne Kusaba, a 19-year-old student at San Francisco City College, was hoping to take a course from Edison Uno when she transfers to San Francisco State University.

1977 Presidential Classroom

Well-Organized & Educational

By AUDREY HOKODA
Downtown L.A. JACL

The Presidential Classroom Program offered an experience I will never forget. I learned a lot about how our American government works. Because the classroom was so organized, quick-moving and educational, and because I had never been East on an airplane, every aspect of the trip was new and exciting.

We took tours of many of the historical sites in Washington D.C. We visited such places as the Lincoln Memorial, the Jefferson Memorial and the Kennedy Center. The day at the Smithsonian Institute fascinated me, since I am really interested in American history.

We all visited Capitol Hill and some of the more fortunate students met the senators from their states. I was not able to meet my senators, Hayakawa or Cranston. However I did have the privilege of meeting my congressman, Anthony Beilenson.

We were also able to watch President Carter welcome Prime Minister Callaghan of England on the White House lawn.

The program offered us seminars in which many distinguished members of

the Washington community spoke to us. Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall spoke and also ex-New York mayor John Lindsay. A CIA member was another speaker, who showed us a film on CIA activities and demonstrated the consumption of edible paper. Through these seminars, we were able to become acquainted with all three branches of the government, the news media and other government-related organizations.

In the evenings, there were informal discussion meetings among the students. Here, we were able to exchange opinions and often the discussions ended up as full-fledged debates. The topics ranged from economics to President Carter's wardrobe.

Probably one of the most exciting features of the trip was meeting all the different students with varying backgrounds and lifestyles.

Coming from a huge city, I enjoyed exchanging views with fellow classmates who, perhaps, live on a farm and have a smaller population in their county than my senior class at high school.

Everyone is encouraged to meet many different people from different parts of

Nisei in Japan: Barry Saiki

Nikkei at Crossroad

Tokyo

Once, long ago, the concept of integration was anathema among the Issei and Nisei generations. Now, the cycle has turned a half circle, and even a hint of being against integration has become a subject of critical debate in some quarters. Such is transition.

Admittedly, some Nisei bewail integration and many others accept integration with a typical Japanese "shikataganai" (can't be helped) feeling, which is Buddhist and Taoistic in origin. These sentiments are not, as some would misinterpret, proof of racism per se, but the indications of the strong relationships that existed between the Issei and Nisei.

And in this context, it should be admired rather than castigated.

The Issei believed in family pride, and with it, ethnic

Miyagi brings film on handicapped

NEW YORK—One of Japan's leading female comedians since her stage debut in 1951 came here to introduce her film, "Mariko — Mother!" at the Japan House, April 22.

The film depicts her work at Nemunoki Gakuen, a school founded in 1968 for physically and mentally handicapped children. □

purity. They taught the Nisei Japaneseness, just as Jewishness is taught.

The Sansei and Yonsei whose destinies are indelibly tied in almost every respect to their American heritage, are no longer bound to Issei desires, as can be aptly expressed in a Japanese adage, that the third generation are already akin to strangers. Eventually, even the existence of JACL will become inconsequential for many.

But this is a matter of choice. The choice is whether they care to see some of their ethnic values retained as a part of their American heritage or not, and whether they are interested in their "roots". Those who ask the question "Who am I?" and are interested only in their own personal achievements and not in the root causes of what made them what they are, will no longer care about what the goals and aims of JACL are. Apparently needing no further sustenance, they will go their own individual ways.

Yet, human developments do have roots. What are these roots? How have they affected you? The Nisei would say that much of their basic natures were fostered in them by their parents. Some are no longer valid. Some of these must have rubbed off on the Sansei. How much? With what appreciation? Are they of value? These rhetorical questions will produce a wide set of answers. All will seem valid within one's own framework. Who can say that his own is the best?

Those who subscribe to the Pacific Citizen, and even occasionally write in, are at least concerned about the Japanese Americans as a whole. Many do not care.

The question that remains—in what direction should they move and how much are they willing to contribute in time and effort, if not in money?

Based on limited knowledge, the JACL started as a fraternal and social organization during the early period and developed its political stance with the Evacuation and with the growing maturity of the Nisei leadership, but as its sustaining membership changes, its goals will naturally turn in the direction of the mainstream.

When political issues begin to lose their relative importance, its goals must change to support the new needs of its changing membership. In fact, some day it may even need to change its name to Japanese American Friendship Society or Culture Society.

There will always be crossroads and decisions to be made. In this respect, JACL is no different than any other organization. □

the country. My roommates came from the states of Louisiana, Indiana and Maine. We all became close friends quickly. I even came home with over 20 pen-pals. I would personally like to thank the Downtown Los Angeles JACL and its president, Glen Pacheco, for sponsoring me. I feel I am now much more aware of the problems our government faces, and understand more fully the workings of the government as a whole. I will always remember my week with the Presidential Classroom. □

PORTLAND CANDIDATE

Judy Soga, writing in her Washington High School paper, attended the PCYA session between Feb. 5-12 representing the Portland JACL chapter. She reported meeting her congressman, Rep. Robert Duncan, and Senator Mark Hatfield, but missed Sen. Bob Packwood, who had left that morning for Oregon.

Her roommates hailed from North Carolina, Indiana and Germany. She was the lone Oregonian for the week.

One guest speaker at the seminar she mentioned was the Hon. Juan Jose Rovira, Spanish ambassador to the United States. □

From the Frying Pan: Bill Hosokawa

Nisei in Politics

Reno, Nevada

Tuesday, May 10, is D-day for Charles Kubokawa, research scientist, aquanaut, community activist and aspiring politician. That is the day citizens of Palo Alto, Calif., go to the polls to elect five city councilmen from among 16 candidates. Kubokawa is among the 16; he thinks he has a good chance to be among the five.

Kubokawa is an earnest, outgoing, persuasive talker with an impressive list of accomplishments to back up his words. One recent night, as he poured wine for friends and well-wishers at the Mapes Hotel in Reno, he exuded confidence as any good politician must. He and the others were in Reno for a JACL district convention, and it was a good atmosphere to hone his political skills and talk about his hopes.

Kubokawa makes his livelihood as chief of the technology utilization office at the National Aeronautical and Space Agency's Ames Research Center. But his interests are broad and far-reaching, perhaps wide enough to win him election in a community like Palo Alto.

Years ago, Palo Alto was a quiet area of well-tended lawns, moving at the leisurely pace of academic life centered around Stanford University. It has changed markedly. Transients come and go. Students have introduced a new life-style and many of the older residents are uncomfortable with it.

One of them told Kubokawa she had purchased a home to be near a lovely park, but now on weekends the park was filled to overflowing with boisterous people who didn't even live in Palo Alto. One of the councilmanic candidates had suggested he would endorse vigilante committees to chase away the outlanders. What would Kubokawa do? He said frankly that a community could not raise walls around itself, that all people were entitled to enjoy the use of parks, and that he and his family often drove to San Francisco and San Jose to utilize their facilities and so he couldn't see the fairness of trying to keep others out of Palo Alto.

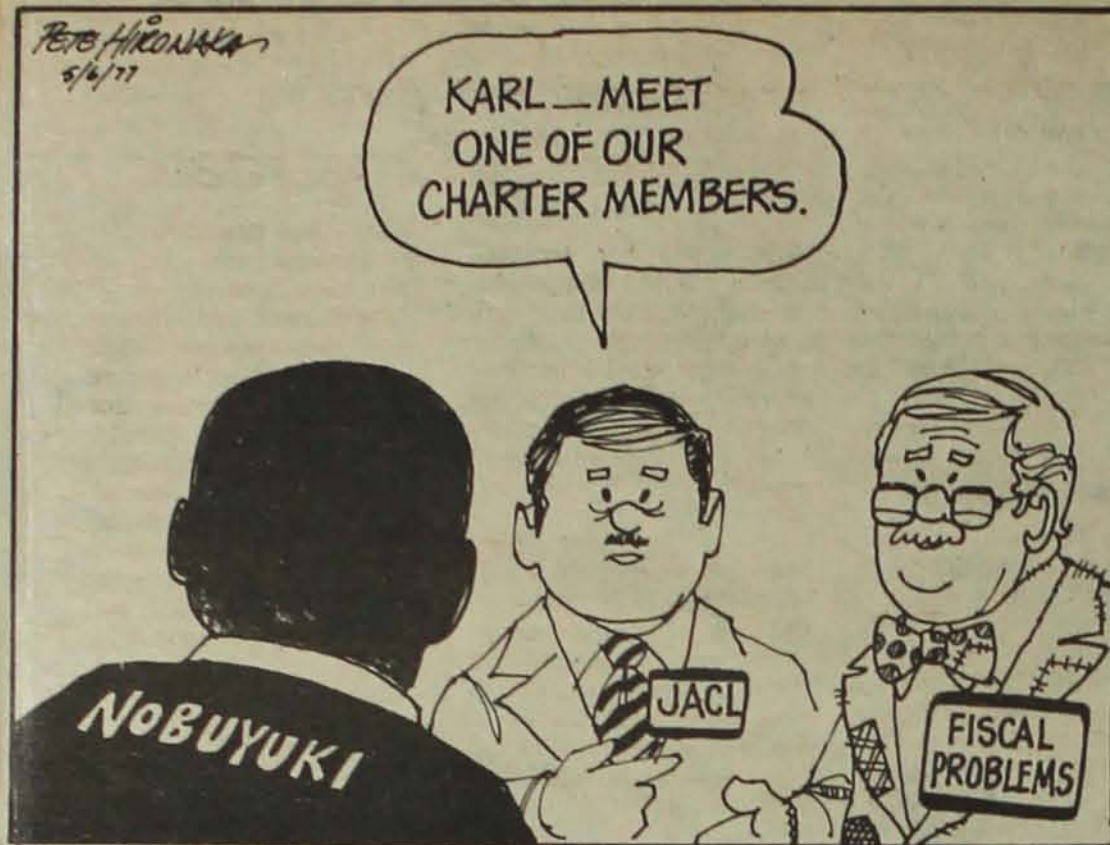
Whether such logic provides the right formula for winning public office in a community like Palo Alto remains to be seen.

It may be something of a marvel that a Nisei is a serious candidate to become the city councilman of blue-blooded Palo Alto, but evidence of changing political times was evident in various aspects of the convention. Earlier that day, State Assemblymen Paul Bannai and Floyd Mori had taken part in a panel discussion about Japanese Americans in politics. March Fong Eu, a third generation Chinese American and California's secretary of state, had been speaker at the banquet that preceded Kubokawa's party. Among others in the audience were at least two Nisei judges—Mikio Uchiyama from one of the Central California counties, and Raymond Uno, visiting from Salt Lake City. Also present were Frank Iwama and Floyd Shimomura, deputies in the California state attorney general's office. And although they were not present, in Congress itself California is represented by two Nisei, Congressman Norman Mineta and Senator Sam Hayakawa.

Mrs. Eu cited the growing "willingness of the non-Asian to accept us in politics," and lauded the "increasing political awareness of Asian organizations."

"As there are more Senator Inouyes, Sparky Matsunagas, Norm Minetas, Al Songs, Paul Bannais, Floyd Moris, Don Hayakawas and March Fong Eus," she said, "as there are more of us making the laws which used to be made to keep us all down, there will be better justice dispensed in this country for all Americans. There will be the type of justice which will assure forever that no Americans among us will be subjected to the kind of experience our predecessors endured in what we believed and still believe to be the finest country in the world."

This is the sort of change that spurs the ambition of people like Chuck Kubokawa, and gives hopes to others of us who believe in progress through the channels of the system. □



Plain Speaking: Wayne Horiuchi

Mineta's Bill Gaining Support

Washington

In this column I just wanted to update you with another report on Congressman Norman Mineta's bill to provide Civil Service Retirement Credit to the Japanese Americans who were evacuated and interned during WW II.

During the last month approximately 70 members of Congress have agreed to co-sponsor Norm's bill in response to his "Dear Colleague" letter that he sent out soliciting co-sponsorship.

The overwhelming number of co-sponsors is a direct indication of the admiration and respect that Norm Mineta's colleagues have for him. In addition, Toshie Yoshida, Bill Kyono, Muts Furiya, John Yoshino, and Bob Ota were very instrumental in generating the letters from the Japanese American community to also encourage congresspersons to co-sponsor the bill.

One significant note is that the co-sponsorship has a diverse geography, representation from both the Republican and Democratic parties, representatives from both ends of the ideological spectrum, and most important, the support of leadership of Congress. For example, Congressman Jim Wright, the Majority Leader, has not only co-sponsored the bill but given a speech in behalf of the bill at a cocktail reception which honored Norm Mineta. Also co-sponsoring is the Chairman of the full Post Office and Civil Service Committee, Robert Nix, the Chairwoman of the Subcommittee on Compensation and Employee Benefits, Gladys Spellman (both committees will oversee the bill), and four additional members of the Subcommittee, William Ford of Michigan, Herb Harris of Virginia, Cecil Heftel of Hawaii, and William Lehman of Florida.

On the Senate side Senator Daniel Inouye has already introduced a bill and Sparky Matsunaga has co-sponsored it. Both Dan and Sparky are eager to help and have agreed to duplicate the House activities by also soliciting co-sponsorship and working for passage in the full Senate.

Hopefully, we should be able to have hearings on the bill in the House side shortly. I'll keep you informed of the progress.

The following is a list of all members who have heretofore co-sponsored:

Parren Mitchell (D-Md), Charles Wilson (D-Cal), Cecil Heftel (D-Hawaii), George Danielson (D-Cal), John Burton (D-Cal), Jerry Patterson (D-Cal), Yvonne Burke (D-Cal), Don Edwards (D-Cal), Bernie Sisk (D-Cal), Jim Lloyd (D-Cal), Henry Hyde (R-Ill), James Corman (D-Cal), Ed Roybal (D-Cal), Ron Dellums (D-Cal), Biz Johnson (D-Cal), Robert Drinan (D-Mass), Dan Akaka (D-Hawaii), James Weaver (D-Ore), Al Baldus (D-Wisc), Leon Pan-

etta (D-Cal), Phil Sharp (D-Ind), Butler Derrick (D-S.C.), John Krebs (D-Cal), Clarence Long (D-Md), Ted Boland (D-Mass), Willis Gradison (R-Ohio), Jim Blanchard (D-Mich), Joe Mokley (D-Mass), Bob Edgar (D-Pa), William Lehman (D-Fla), William Whitehurst (R-Va), Bill Brodhead (D-Mich).

Joshua Eilberg (D-Pa), Pete Stark (D-Cal), Mark Hannaford (D-Cal), Peter Kostmayer (D-Pa), Fred Richmond (D-NY), Tim Wirth (D-Colo), Charles Rose (D-NC), Walter Fauntroy (D-D.C.), Newton Steers (R-Md), Allen Ertel (D-Pa), Augustus Hawkins (D-Cal), Leo Ryan (D-Cal), Henry Waxman (D-Cal), Gladys Spellman (D-Md), Robert Nix (D-Pa).

Max Baucus (D-Mont), John Jentette, Jr. (D-S.C.), Lawrence Coughlin (R-Pa), George E. Brown, Jr. (D-Cal), William Hughes (D-N.J.), James H. Scheur (D-N.Y.), Douglas Walgren (D-Pa), Stanley N. Lundine (D-N.Y.), Herbert Harris (D-Va.), William Ford (D-Mich), Joel Pritchard (R-Wash), Bob Leggett (D-Cal), John Murphy (D-N.Y.).

Paul McClosky (R-Cal), Glenn Anderson (D-Cal), Dale Kildee (D-Cal), Theodore S. Weiss (D-N.Y.), Benjamin A. Gilman (R-N.Y.), David E. Bonior (D-Mich), Paul Simon (D-Ill), Ed Forsythe (R-N.J.), Jim Wright (D-Tex.) □

GARDENA

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ated into MAC).

"This was a unique project," Nobuyuki recalled. "When I talked to people from South Bay and Centinela, they didn't believe it. To them, it was only a dream."

In the Council Chamber in late 1972 with a capacity and enthusiastic crowd present, the youth director expressed his philosophy as building "bridges between generations."

Funds for the center came from the surrounding communities, along with help from businesses.

Speaking on the youth participation in the project, Nobuyuki said that the response was so overwhelming, some of them had to be held back.

The project was expanded vastly to include other facilities and community services.

The center then included a Hotline, a drug abuse pro-

gram, multipurpose room, and a Teen Post.

Finally, with large funding, the Municipal Activities Center was opened Jan. 20, 1973.

L.A. County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn said it was a good day for the State of California and for Los Angeles County. "If every community would do what Gardena is doing this afternoon, I wouldn't have to worry so much about crime."

Hahn called Nobuyuki "the happiest man in the room". The services from MAC were called the "most comprehensive set of programs in the country."

And Nobuyuki, now the 32-year-old National Director of the Japanese American Citizens League, believes with good reason that those were the "good old days".

Some of the Nikkei who now staff the multitude of services offered by MAC are June Kobayashi, Ellen Garcia, and Wayne Sugita.

—Jon Inouye

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retirement credit. He pointed out that:

Those who remained in the camps ... overcame a hostile environment and worked in the camps as teachers, cooks, policemen, medical personnel, military personnel, carpenters, and plumbers. They performed services in the camps which the Federal Government would have otherwise had to provide. Although they were compensated a small amount per month and technically were federal employees, they received no fringe benefits and were denied the opportunity to participate in any retirement plans.

Obviously, this bill will never compensate for the suffering and humiliation incurred by those families guilty of nothing more than their Japanese ancestry. But I am pleased to note that over 70 Members of the House, including Majority Leader Jim Wright, have endorsed this legislation.

The bill has also received the support of many national employee organizations, including:

American Federation of Government Employees; the American Postal Workers Union; National Treasury Employees Union; National Association of Retired Federal Employees; National Federation of Federal Employees; and the Asian and Pacific American Federal Employee Council.

Contributions to sustain the legislative efforts are being acknowledged by:

Committee for Internment Credit, 487-23rd Ave., San Francisco, Calif. 94121. □

MURAKAMI

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ed by his responsibility to implement policies issued from sources as disparate as the Executive Office, the Congress, the Civil Service Commission, and the Foundation's Director.

As with all government agencies, the National Science Foundation is unique. However, its uniqueness is more apparent to the average citizen. The Foundation has an annual budget of approximately \$800 million, distributed primarily for scientific research in the form of grants to academic institutions throughout the United States and to a limited degree, abroad.

In order to best identify the nation's basic research priorities, the Foundation maintains a cadre of eminent scientists, engineers, economists and social scientists. Since these priorities are constantly changing, fresh perspectives from the academic institutions are imperative. This constant flow of talent in and out of NSF is translated into an entity of the workforce called the "rotator", who comes to the Foundation for a limited period of either one or two years and returns to his

institution. Under Murakami's leadership, this program has been highly successful.

As personnel director of a major independent agency, Murakami holds a seat on the Interagency Advisory Group, chaired by the executive director of the Civil Service Commission.

Murakami began his government career with the Dept. of Defense where he served for 15 years. He left Defense for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration where he worked in a variety of positions in the financial management positions before being appointed to the top personnel job in the Foundation.

Murakami is active in his Vienna, Va. community where he lives with his wife, the former Yuri Kotani of Sacramento, Calif., and two sons. He completed his undergraduate studies at the Univ. of Utah and graduate work at the American University and George Washington University in Washington, D.C. He has attended the Federal Executive Institute which is considered to be the top school for Federal managers at the supergrade level. He is a member of the Washington, D.C. chapter of the JACL. □

Detroit JACL marks 30th year

The Detroit JACL's 30th annual installation dinner-dance was held on Feb. 26 at the Michigan Inn in Southfield. A crowd of about 175 JACLers, JAYS and guests enjoyed an evening of nostalgia.

Guest speaker, Dr. Dorothy McDonald, currently a professor of American Literature at Michigan State University, addressed the group on her perceptions of Asians growing up in the Midwest. Dr. McDonald, who was raised in Hawaii, sees the Asian youth of this

area growing up without a knowledge of their Asian identity. In addition, most of the white population lacks knowledge of Asian-American heritage. Because of these factors, Dr. McDonald will coordinate the Midwest Conference on Asian American Studies in May, 1978.

MDC Governor Lillian Kimura, of Chicago, was on hand to install the 1977 board. She reported to the group the state of the MDC and National JACL concerns.

Detroit's first chapter



Photo by Tom Hashimoto

The 1977 Detroit JACL officers, sworn in by Midwest District Governor Lillian Kimura of Chicago at its 30th annual inaugural, are (from left): seated—Toshi Shimoura, Jan Ishii (chmn.), MDC Gov. Kimura, Mary Kamidori; standing—Tak Matsui, Janet Doring, Sud Kimoto, Dr. Kaz Mayeda, Min Togasaki and Tom Hashimoto.

president, Peter Fujioka, reflected on the early days of the chapter's formation. Awards were presented to the chapter's outstanding members, by recognitions chairman, Frank Watanabe. Those awardees were:

Silver Pin—Tom Hashimoto; JACLer of the Year—Tom and Michiko Tagami; Certificates of Recognition—Gilbert Kurihara, Frank Yoshida, Wayne Oyafuso, Kazuo and Eiko Ishimoto, Margaret Page.

As this installation marked the 30th anniversary of JACL and the 20th anniversary of JAYS, all past presidents were guests of the chapter. Twenty-four of the past presidents were present to receive a miniature gavel as a gift from the chapter.

Dancing to the music of the Johnny Wallace V concluded the evening's festivities. During the band intermissions, the installation committee presented some nostalgic films and slides of the chapter activities of the past 30 years. Snapshots of the chapter members were also displayed.

In keeping with the theme of "JACL—Past, Present, Future", drawings of the proposed JACL Building were also displayed. If the project is successful, the chapter will have a building in which to meet and which will house the chapter's library and other supplies.

Dinner committee:

Elaine Prout, Hal Izumi, co-chairpersons; Mary Kamidori, Marty & Colleen Matsui, Don & Marilyn Schief, Bill & Shirley Shimamura, Toshi Shimoura, Frank Watanabe, Ron & Kathy Yee.

chapter pulse

● Cleveland

The new Euclid Mall on Richmond Road will be the site of the 1977 Cleveland JACL "Issei Day" celebration, May 15, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. "Issei Day, Cleveland style ... is our way of celebrating the fact that Issei, Nisei, and Sansei and, yes, Yonsei are still together ..." said a Cleveland Chapter newsletter.

● Downtown L.A.

The two mothers who were honorees at the first Downtown L.A.-East Los Angeles JACL Mother of the Year luncheon in 1963 were inadvertently omitted in the list released last week. They are Mrs. Saku Shirakawa and Mrs. Haru Masaoka.

The mothers of the year since the inception of the

program are special guests at the 1977 Mother's Day luncheon May 7, noon, at Man Jen Low, it was announced by Glen Pacheco, chapter president. Reservations are being handled by: Frank Hirata (972-5511), Steve Kawagishi (663-1717), and Joe Hazama (680-2650).

● East Los Angeles

East Los Angeles JACL presents its 23rd annual Emerald Ball on Sunday, May 29 at the Miramar Hotel in Santa Monica. Dinner will start from 6 p.m. and dancing from 8 to 12 midnight with Dick Ducar and his Combo providing the music.

For reservations and details, call June (665-4995) or Marie (263-8920).

● French Camp

French Camp JACL sponsored the 28th annual community picnic April 24 at Micke Grove Park with Tom Natsuhara and John Fujiki as picnic co-chairmen.

● Gresham-Troutdale

Gresham-Troutdale JACL honored their high school and college graduates at the new Cattle Country Restaurant in Gresham, April 24. President Henry Mishima awarded scholarships to three graduates:

Marcia Hara, daughter of the Menow Haras; Mark Okazaki, son of the Min Okazakis and Walter Asakawa, son of the Walter Asakawas.

Dr. David Yamamoto of the Multnomah County IED addressed a turnout of over 100 people. Frank Okita, Chiyo Kato and Kiyo Nagae were in charge of the dinner.

● Livingston-Merced

A multi-faceted general meeting has been scheduled by Livingston-Merced JACL for Friday, May 20, 8 p.m. at the Livingston Social Hall. Dawn Nakashima, Darrel Shoji and Tami Suzuki will relate their Washing-

ton, D.C. experiences as PCYA representatives to be followed by a discussion on Nisei retirement led by Robert and Julia Ohki, who had attended the retirement planning conference last fall at San Francisco.

The chapter will sell teriyaki chicken at the American Cancer Society benefit community carnival on May 21.

● New York

New York JACL, which meets on Saturday, May 14, at the Buddhist Church on Riverside Dr. between 105th and 106th, will have its business meeting at 5:30, followed by a potluck at 7 p.m.

President Ron Inouye and social chairman Henry Iijima are in charge.

● Sequoia

The Sequoia JACL is sponsoring a tour through the Filoli Estate gardens in Woodside on Thursday, May 12, from 1 p.m. The spectacular 17-acre garden is part of the estate that Mrs. William Matson Roth donated two years ago to the National Trust and Historical Preservation.

Sequoia JACL invites the Issei to join the group. For reservations and transportation information, please call:

Cherry Adachi (326-0798), Miho Yamane (961-8127), Grace Kashima (366-0683), Roz Enomoto (851-1665).

Following the tour, the group will go to the Pulgas Water Temple for a picnic dessert.

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Over the years, individual JACL chapters have offered or administered for benefactors scholarships to graduates of local area high schools and community colleges. Following list may not be complete and also subject to change. We regret this list was delayed in publication as some deadlines for chapter awards have passed.—Editor.

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'Laughter and False Teeth' teamed with EO 9066



Livingston-Merced JACLers Caroline Nakashima (left), the chapter president; Robert Ohki and Buddy Iwata (right) greet Merced College students and audience at the JACL-sponsored presentation of the Evacuation experience.

MERCED, Calif.—"The experience is not one that Japanese Americans talk about very much, but Sunday (March 13) afternoon was different," wrote Patrick O'Leary in the Turlock Journal.

The play, "Laughter and False Teeth", produced by Hiroshi Kashiwagi, was performed to an audience of 300 at Merced College. The

event, sponsored by the JACL chapters of Cortez and Livingston-Merced along with Merced College, was called by O'Leary a "catharsis" of emotion, which seemed to "... activate inside feelings into outward expressions and many of audience began to talk about those bleak years."

A remarkable photographic exhibit was on

hand, a documentation of the Japanese concentration camp experience called "Executive Order 9066" and organized by the California Historical Society of San Francisco.

The photos struck Journal writer O'Leary as being a "very vivid story of the despair and frustration of the Japanese Americans who were so abruptly moved into the camps 34 years ago."

Some Nikkei spoke out following Kashiwagi's play. One of them, Kiyoshi Yamamoto from Ballico, who was 16 at the time of relocation, said, "My friends and I were at an age when it didn't bother us much. My parents were the ones who suffered the most."

Tom Nakashima of Livingston was outright bitter about the camps at first, but overcame the feeling because of his youth at the



San Francisco playwright Hiroshi Kashiwagi and Sue Asano (r), member of the cast, look over "Executive Order 9066" exhibit at Merced College.

time. "But this play was very moving," he said, "and brought back many things to me."

George Yuge was also bitter. "Yes, I was bitter at the time," he admitted, "and it took me a long while to get over it." His wife Helen experienced frustration as a mother of a four-year-old boy and expected another child any moment. She was sent to camp in a truck while pregnant. "It was awful," she said.

"I had some resentment about the internment," said Mark Kamiya, who farms in Ballico, "particularly when my loyalty to this country was questioned as we were imprisoned behind barbed wire. I subscribe to the theory that patriotism should be dedicated to making one's country a wise and more just nation."

Lloyd Narita, Cortez JACL president, told of his experiences in Ballico after returning from camp. He was very young and still in grade school.

A Miss Taniguchi, whose brothers Jim and Kiiichi Taniguchi farm in Ballico, thought the theatrical and photographic presentation was very well done. "This type of presentation enables us to reach a great many people," she said, "and to bring much of what happened in the past out in the open so a greater understanding of what really happened 34 years ago can be talked about."

GUAYULE

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After the war, many of the scientists involved with the project left it. Some of them were Dr. Matsuo Kodani, Frank Kuwahara of So. Calif. Flower Growers, Shumpei Nishimura, Joe Nishimura, Frank Hirose, Dr. Ken Nozaki, Mas Nakazawa, Moriso Yokomizo, and others.

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'MIS Booklet' delay explained

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — Unexpected print shop delays were cited this past week for the delay in publication of "MIS Booklet" after inquiries were made by the Pacific Citizen.

Money order or checks are still being held in security until the booklets are ready, assured Duane Shelum, Minnion Arts Center treasurer. (The PC order form will reappear when the book is printed.)

First grader wins 1st prize in patriotism essay contest

POCATELLO, Idaho—Troy Shiozawa, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kent Shiozawa, and a first grader at Tyhee School, was awarded a \$100 savings bond for a paper he submitted to the Chubbuck Lions annual patriotism essay contest. His paper was selected as grand prize winner from approximately 1,100 entries.

The Pocatello-Blackfoot JACL reprinted the 80-word essay.

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USC drops funding for Asian tutors

LOS ANGELES—The Univ. of Southern California's Campus Activities Allocation Board has decided not to fund the Asian American Tutorial Project for the current fiscal year. The AATP may have to end its community services to Los Angeles area immigrants.

The group has been commended by Mayor Tom Bradley. Some 120 tutors are involved with the project which has existed for seven years.

ATTP had provided English as a Second Language training to recent immigrants, held optometry and dental clinics and recreational programs for senior citizens. Send contributions for ATTP to:

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Jim Yukihiro Miyano, former acting executive director of Greater Los Angeles Community Action Agency (GLACCA), was appointed Mar. 7 by L.A. County Supervisor Ed Edelman to be his field deputy for Asian American affairs for the Third District. Mrs. Phyllis Sachiko Matsuno was appointed Mar. 28 by Gov. Edmund G. Brown, Jr., to the California state manpower services council. She was one of eight persons named by the governor to the council.

Health

Marie Kurihara, Asst. Chief, Nursing Service, V.A. Hospital-San Francisco for three years, was promoted to Chief, Nursing Service-V.A. Hospital-Spokane, Wash., effective March 27. This is a V.A. Nursing Service-Washington, D.C. appointment.

Music

Five rising young Nikkei sopranos—three from Japan, one from California—are being heard more frequently on various opera stages in recent months.

Shigemi Matsumoto, the only Sansei among them, was a former Nisei Week Festival princess from San Fernando Valley. She was on a concert tour last month covering 20 cities. Ms. Matsumoto, a winner of the Gaetano Merola Award of the San Francisco Opera, returns to California to participate May 13 in a Fresno

concert. She will make her debut next season in Brussels. Critical observers say she is destined to appear on the stage of the Metropolitan Opera House, America's most prestigious opera company in the near future.

Organizations

Ichiro Sugiyama was nominated as president of San Francisco's Nikkei Lions for 1977-78. Serving as vps are David Fujita of Berkeley, Tadami Ishida and Todd Kamiya.

Sports

"Miki" Gorman, 41-year-old Japanese housewife from Los Angeles, won the Boston Marathon women's title for the second time April 18, finishing in 2h.48m.44s. Her winning effort in 1974 was 2h.47m.11s.—a new record. The slim runner of 90 lbs. was born Michiko Suwa in Fukuoka and has trained under Lazlo Tabori, the famed Hungarian miler, after joining the L.A. Athletic Club with her husband and started jogging in 1970. Sue Murakami, 41, of Brooklyn finished third in the women's section in the 16th annual Washington Birthday marathon at Beltsville, Md. Her time in the 26-mile run was 3h.29m.15s. The leading woman finished in 3h.7m.

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