



Cut Courtesy: New Canadian

Manzo Nagano, first Issei to settle in Canada in 1877, poses with his wife (right), and two sons, George (standing at left) and Frank. Young woman at left is George's bride.

Japanese Canadians gear for gala parade down Powell St.

TORONTO, Canada — Canadians of Japanese ancestry will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the arrival of the first Japanese immigrant in Canada, Manzo Nagano.

Events during the Centennial year include a stage show on May 22 in Vancouver with traditional Japanese dances, "shigin" (chanting of Chinese poems), various koto performances, and the main attraction at the end of June—a parade down Powell St., the center of the prewar Japanese town in Vancouver.

Bus tours to the remains of concentration camps where Japanese Canadians were interned will take place at the end of July.

A photographic exhibition will feature pictures of Nagano, the Nagasaki stowaway who settled in Canada in 1877. The exhibit will also revolve about other central figures and events during the 100-year presence of the Japanese in Canada.

In 1928, the 50th anniversary of Nagano's arrival took place with a gala parade also down Powell St.

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Stage star to speak at JAL award event

SAN FRANCISCO—Mako, the Japanese American actor and star of the widely acclaimed Broadway production of *The Pacific Overtures*, will be guest speaker at this year's Cultural Heritage Fellowship award ceremony, co-sponsored by Japan Air Lines, Japanese American Citizens League and Japan Travel Bureau International to honor the recipients of four all-expense paid summer fellowships to Japan.

The ceremony takes place Sunday, June 5, 2 p.m. in the new Law Bldg. auditorium of Stanford University. Two of last year's recipients, Kathleen Saiki of Davis and John Esaki of Monterey will relate some of their experiences while in Japan.

Mako will then speak of his experiences as an Asian American actor attempting to establish a place in U.S. theater.

Despite his many credits as a director with East West Players, an Asian American repertory company he helped organize in 1965, the public is best familiar with Mako, the actor, and his portrayal of the engine room coolie in *The Sand Pebbles* that won him an "Oscar" nomination.

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Takechi wins in Omaha; Kubokawa edged in P.A.

OMAHA, Neb.—Nikkei in Nebraska beamed with pride last week when Richard Takechi, 39, was elected May 10 to the Omaha city council. He polled 38,946 votes to finish a surprising but strong third among the 14 finalists running at-large for seven seats. He had been No. 10 in the April primaries of 62 candidates.

Believed to be the first Japanese American to win a legislative post in the eastern half of the United States, Takechi won 53.9% of the total votes.

Voter turnout was 44%—lowest for a general election since the present "home rule" charter was effected in 1957.

He also scored in the majority in all seven wards west of downtown, where he and his father, Kazuo Takechi, run a jewelry store. Omaha has 14 wards.

He campaigned for industrial development to fight unemployment, staggered city council elections every two years, neighborhood and inner city redevelopment and tourism.

Takechi will be sworn into office June 6. Council meets every Tuesday. Omaha has nearly 400,000 residents and is the hub of the metropolitan area with a million people.

Though a nonpartisan race, he is one of three Republicans in the new city council.

Though born in Pocatello (his mother: nee Kimi Okamura, Pocatello), he was 6 weeks old at the time the family moved to Omaha. He finished Omaha Tech High, graduated in economics and political science from the Univ. of Omaha, studied Japanese language and arts at the Tenri University near Nara, Japan. A bachelor, he lives at 5748 S. 100 Plaza 2B, Omaha 68117.

He is active with the Omaha-Shizuoka Sister City Affiliation (his father hails from Kochi-ken), Omaha Human Relations Board, Lions, JACL, and Nebraska-South Dakota Jewelers Assn.

The Omaha World-Herald in a pre-election comment found his campaigners holding up Takechi posters at busy intersections and heavily travelled streets innovative. "Just when you think you've seen everything in politics, someone comes up with a new approach... It



RICHARD TAKECHI

will be interesting to see how the idea catches on in the next campaign. Maybe the streets will be lined with volunteers holding up signs."

PALO ALTO, Calif.—Chuck Kubokawa came within 322 votes of being elected last week (May 10) to the Palo Alto city council. With 5,048 votes, the first Nisei to run for public office here finished a valiant sixth in the 18-way race for one of five seats.

Voter turnout was a "low" 30%. Some said the rainy weather kept them away and others blamed the lack of issues on the ballot.

City council races are traditionally split between growth-minded "downtown" and conservation-bent "residential" forces, Kubokawa said in reviewing the election the next day. He

had campaigned as a "residential", but being endorsed by the "downtown" Palo Alto Times and listed on a ticket recommended by hold-over city council members gave the impression he was "downtown-ish" in attitude.

"There was hardly time to counteract the endorsements", Kubokawa explained. The residentialists have been watching their city lose its character and charm because of the influx of apartment and townhouses. Kubokawa had campaigned his technological background as research engineer with NASA could assist the city in finding the answers.

It was a low-key campaign for the popular JACL figure. He is currently the No. Calif.-W. Nevada JACL district governor. He said the campaign will cost about \$1,500 and any funds left over will be donated to the NC-WNDC legal assistance fund.

The number of Kubokawa's campaign workers was small. His daughter Lisa attending Cubberley High got her classmates to help. Among the Nikkei helping him the most were Steve Nakashima, Dr. Harry Hatasaka, Hal and Marge Iseke.

While finishing so close was disappointing, Kubokawa admitted he was more dejected to hear one voter was not voting for him because of his Japanese ancestry. "I thought Palo Altans were passed that stage," he said. "JACL's work is still cut out for us."

San Diego Asians elated by affirmative hiring order

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — The County of San Diego was ordered by the federal court to stop job discrimination against Asians, Mexican Americans, blacks and women and to implement affirmative hiring and promotion programs for these groups.

The order came May 6 when Chief Judge Edward J. Schwartz of the federal district court here signed a consent decree negotiated between the County of San Diego and two organizations representing Asian and Pacific Island communities, the Union of Pan Asian Communities (UPAC) of San Diego County and Council of

Pilipino American Organizations (COPAO).

Those who have suffered county job discrimination will be made aware of their rights "under the terms of the decree" and also advertise county jobs in the Asian community, according to UPAC administrator Beverley C. Yip.

According to Russell Thrasher, attorney for UPAC-COPAO, the county board of supervisors displayed a positive attitude in agreeing to settle the suit. "This lawsuit would have taken two years, if the Board and particularly Supervisor Bates had not recognized that discrimination had existed." □

Carter hiring policy frustrating

WASHINGTON — Public criticism of the new administration's hiring policies was published in the April 30 issue of the Congressional Quarterly.

Among those interviewed was Washington JACL Representative Wayne Horiuchi, who related his experience

trying to place qualified Asian Americans in the Carter administration. "It's just been frustrating as hell," he was quoted.

Horiuchi also said: "The problem is that you're up against the old boy-old girl network...The thing that hurts most was seeing these people (in the administration) who are straightforward, honest, decent people, and then being disappointed to find that the sensitivity just wasn't there."

Horiuchi described as "just a joke" the administration's talent inventory program, through which thousands of names of qualified job prospects were fed into computers during the transition. "It's one thing to collect a whole list of names," he said. "It's another thing to use them."

While giving President Ford credit for pardoning Iva Toguri of the so-called "Tokyo Rose" case, Horiuchi was critical of Carter for failing to keep his promises, made in San Francisco during the campaign, to hire Asian Americans.

'Mongolism' to describe disease demeans Asians

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Asians were being called last week to testify on behalf of Assembly Joint Resolution 20—which would nationally eliminate the term, "Mongolism", as a synonym for "Down's Syndrome" by any public person and institution.

AJR 20, co-authored by Assemblymen Pete Chacon (D-San Diego), S. Floyd Mori (D-Pleasanton) and Howard Berman (D-Beverly Hills), would memorialize the Congress to adopt a resolution with the same purpose.

The congenital deformity which afflicts all races was described in the 1860s by the English physician, John Langdon-Down, in his study of chromosomes. One of the symptoms of the disease is a

slant to the eyelids that is reminiscent of the people of East Asia—hence, the reference to Mongoloids. The disease is referred to as "Down's Syndrome".

AJR 20 noted the "incorrect reference to this deformity is demeaning and an affront to the dignity of all members of the Mongoloid race".

Effort to replace "mongolism" with the proper medical expression was initiated by the Union of Pan Asian Communities of San Diego County (UPAC) after the Parade Magazine in its Oct. 24, 1976, issue tried to explain why older women give birth to more mongoloid babies than do younger women. (Nov. 5, 1976, PC.)

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Canada gives \$55,000 to Centennial

TORONTO, Ont. — The Japanese Canadian Centennial Society received \$55,000 from Canada, which represents about half of the JCCS \$125,000 budget for the year-long celebration marking the arrival of the first Japanese settler in Canada.

Labor Minister John Munro responsible for multiculturalism hoped the government award will "enrich the cultural fabric of Canada".

JCCS said the grant will go toward the national photographic exhibit, film festival, odori, library and sports projects.

Support for regional or local Centennial programs are being met from local or regional sources, it was explained by Roger Obata, national JCCS chairman. In British Columbia, for instance, nine projects are being budgeted for \$49,000 and in Montreal, 12 projects at \$40,000.

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'Da Buddha Bandits'

LONG BEACH, Calif.—Asian American poets Lawson Inada, Gerrett Hongo and Alan C. Lau are currently gathering material for their book of poems, tentatively entitled "Da' Buddha Bandits". They read their poetry at CSU Long Beach during the Asian American Colloquium Series May 12.

JCI fund drive

GARDENA, Calif.—Japanese Cultural Institute began a \$300,000 gymnasium building fund drive to complete the complex, which includes a multi-purpose building that has been completely paid for from more than \$850,000 pledged or donated.

Miss Citrus Valley

WEST COVINA, Calif.—Citrus Valley Optimists host their 10th Nisei Week queen banquet May 28, 7:30 p.m. at the Hungry Tiger. Clyde Kusatsu will emcee. Six candidates are vying for Miss Citrus Valley. For reservations, call 339-4501.

Symphony of Fashion

LOS ANGELES—Japanese Philharmonic Society's Ladies Auxiliary will present its Symphony of Fashion at the Biltmore Bowl May 22 with luncheon at 12:30 and fashions following from Bonwit Teller. TV and motion picture artists and fashion models will be present.

Deaths

Jim Ushio, 61, of Salt Lake City died April 26. Owner of Ushio Catering Service, he was Mt. Olympus JACL president in 1952. Surviving are w. Itomi, s. Rodger, d. Dorothy, Marion Bailey, Joanne Voorhees, 4 gc, m. Sono, br. Shigeki and sis. Maurea Terashima.

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Manzo Nagano: Canada first

There are some 40,000 persons of Japanese ancestry in Canada today, most of them living in the provinces of Ontario and British Columbia. They are celebrating the 100th anniversary of the arrival of the first Japanese to settle in Canada—Manzo Nagano, who is generally believed to have landed in New Westminster, B.C., in May, 1877. (Vancouver to the west was still an Indian village and unnamed

except for local references of going to "Gastown".)

In researching the Pacific Citizen library for a story of this Canadian Issei pioneer, there are two versions on when he came.

The celebration now underway throughout Canada is based on information published in 1921 by Jinshiro Nakayama—whose two works are in Nihongo, *Canada no Hoko* (Canada's

Treasure House) and *Canada Doho Hatten Taikan* (Survey of Japanese Development in Canada). A tireless chronicler, he was updating the "Survey" in the late 1930s but died in an evacuation camp without having it printed. The two books contain over 4,000 pages.

It is in the second volume that contains some 200 biographies, pictures and anecdotes as recalled by the people who had been inter-

viewed, where Nakayama says "it was not clear when the Japanese first came" but "summing up the personal recollections of the early arrivals, Japanese began to come around (Meiji 10) 1877."

"Manzo Nagano from Nagasaki-ken, who runs a Japanese curio shop in Victoria, is one of the earliest comers. He says he landed at Victoria in March, 1867," notes Nakayama.

Ken Adachi, author of the Canadian Japanese history, "Enemy That Never Was" (1976), in his account of the Japanese in British Columbia concluded Nagano was "a highly enterprising and energetic sailor" of 19, when he arrived in 1877 and generally accepted as the first Japanese to reach Canada.

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However, Canadian Nisei writer Toyo Takata finds the second version from the family more convincing. Takata assumes the family would be aware of Manzo Nagano's year of birth, 1840, as beyond dispute and accepted the 1867 date would be "more logical".

The Nagano family story, thus, unfolds in Nagasaki. A British merchantman had called in for repairs in 1867 and Manzo, a 27-year-old carpenter, went aboard to assist. When the ship put to sea, he stowed away, reappearing on deck too late to be returned. Subsequently, the ship landed in Canada and he "probably sneaked off at night, unaware of where he was or that he was making

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Stature of S.F. Sakura Matsuri may be outshining Nisei Week

By JOE OYAMA

San Francisco Consul General Hidenori Sueoka described the 10th annual Cherry Blossom Festival (Sakura Matsuri) as having "magnitude". There is no better word for this late April extravaganza in the opinion of this observer whose last encounters of this kind were the Nisei Week Festivals in prewar Los Angeles.

Though we missed the start of the three-hour parade led by Mayor George Moscone and his contingent, watching the many costumed women dancing in *zori* or *geta*, colorful floats and paraders in front of City Hall was a delight if not a precarious experience. There was no difficulty finding a vantage point—top of an iron railing in front of an old office building on Polk St.

About a mile away in Japan town, where the parade ended, it was jammed with people, it seemed, from all over Northern California.

We've seen San Francisco's famed Chinese New Year's parade and that wasn't exactly what he expected because there were too many dignitaries and politicians up front riding limousines and non-Chinese participants cluttering the parade. It somewhat diminished the more spectacular and interesting Chinese portion of the parade. But the spirit is appropriate. After all, everyone celebrates Chinese New Year's—even politicians.

The Sakura Matsuri had ladies from Japan riding huge floats; four generations of Japanese Americans in their *yukata* marching or dancing; musicians, young scouts carrying a portable Daruma (the shortest one among them was a non-Asian brown-haired lad) and handsome Akita dogs. Livening up the scene were two troupes of Taiko

drummers aboard decorated flat trucks—the all-white group (with one exception) was really having a great time.

The 1977 Cherry Blossom Queen Naomi Sharon Kato was from UC Davis. Her court, interestingly enough, showed a true blend of east and west as three of them were surnamed McMahan, Andrews and Bradley. The Osaka beauties from San Francisco's Sister city went by in a motorized cable car.

One-hundred men from the Bay Area were enlisted to rock and tote the Taru Mikoshi, another gift from the sister city of Osaka.

The brochure noted that more vigorously the Taru Mikoshi is carried, the more benefits will be bestowed upon the people. (We were wishing for rain for parched San Francisco—and by the time the parade reached Japan town, it rained so hard that the food bazaar had to be closed early.)

Howard Imazeki, new president of San Francis-

co's Hokubei Mainichi, was moved to comment (May 3):

Every year we are impressed with the large number of people coming from Japan to participate in our community festival. It would be cheap of us to compare San Francisco's festival with a similar one called "Nisei Week" in Little Tokyo down south and claim ours is more lively and spectacular than theirs. But the fact remains—and it is backed by the people who witnessed both regularly that the S.F. one seems to be more "fullsome" in variety than the one down south.

What Imazeki wrote might well be the understatement of the year. His *enryo* shows so as not to antagonize his good neighbors down south. He continued,

This "fullness" is apparently obtained thanks to the participation we enjoy by visitors from Japan. If our festival is produced only by our own people in Northern California, the annual spring affair would fall flat to the extent of someone saying, "if you saw one, you saw them all."

What impressed me was that 500 people from Japan participated in this parade!

(There were 600 from Japan in the 1976 Nisei Week parade.—Ed.)

It was all mind-boggling

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for best supporting actor in 1966. He also won a Golden Globe for that performance. Mako was born in Kobe, came to the U.S. in the late 1940s to join his parents, Mitsuo and Taro Yashima. He first became involved in the theater by designing sets, attended Pratt Institute of Fine Arts in New York and the Pasadena Playhouse. In

the late '50s, he appeared in various off-Broadway productions.

During his TV work in the early '60s, Mako became convinced a special medium was needed to allow Asian American actors an opportunity to display and perfect their craft. Thus was born East West Players in an East Hollywood church basement that since been moved to a 99-seat theater near L.A. City College.

Other film credits for Mako include:

"The Private Navy of Sgt. O'Farrell" with Bob Hope, "The Great Bank Robbery" with Kim Novak, and "The Hawaiians."

His TV credits cover segments in the "Hawaiian Eye" and featured roles in: NBC's "Return to Manzanar", "F Troop", "McHale's Navy", "I Spy", "The FBI", "Room 222", "Kung Fu" and "The Streets of San Francisco".

On stage, which Mako prefers after 20 years in the performing arts, he starred

in "Pacific Overtures", Momo Iko's "The Gold Watch" (also via PBS-TV), Frank Chin's "Year of the Dragon", and a number of East West productions ranging from Shakespeare and Chekhov to Conrad Bromberg and Frank Chin.

Mako's work as artistic director for East West makes him responsible for the company's creative affairs and reflects his commitment to developing and showcasing Asian talent. He teaches several acting classes. "In a few years, I'd like to be in a position where I can help create more jobs for Asian people in the entertainment industry, using material written by Asians

and directed by Asians," he said.

Tickets are \$3.50 for adults and \$3 for students and available from:

JACL National Headquarters (415) 921-5225; San Jose JACL, 565 N. 5th; and the San Mateo JACL Community Center, 502 Second St.

Eighth pilgrimage to Manzanar held

MANZANAR, Calif. — Thirty-five years after President Roosevelt ordered civilian Americans of Japanese ancestry to "assembly centers", several busloads and caravans retraced the trek from Los Angeles May 14 for the eighth Manzanar Pilgrimage.

Hayakawa pays tribute to Japanese Americans

SAN FRANCISCO—Sen. S. I. Hayakawa again paid tribute to all Japanese Americans who had during the past scores of years "labored to make a place" in this state and country and "on whose shoulders I stood" to win in last November's election.

The 70-year-old Mill Valley resident was honored May 7 at a Northern California Japanese American bipartisan dinner at the San Francisco Hilton hotel with some 400 attending.

The senator was escorted to the head table by an honor

Marin Workshop

SAN ANSELMO, Calif.—Sen. S. I. Hayakawa presented a check of \$1,000 to Marin Community Workshop, April 11, during his tour of the facility at 21 Mariposa St. Check was given to the Senator by Shoonig Foundation when he was selected for Foundation's "Hall of Fame" for his work in education.

113 million in Japan

TOKYO—The Prime Minister's Office estimated 113,090,000 people in Japan as of Oct. 1—a 1.03% increase over the preceding year. Over half of the people were born after 1945.

Conference called to air affirmative action/Bakke

WASHINGTON—A conference to educate proponents of affirmative action about the issues involved in the pending U.S. supreme court Bakke vs Board of Regents case will take place May 25-26 here at the Georgetown School of Law, the Washington JACL Office announced.

"A Conference to Develop Strategies in Response to the Current Crisis in Affirmative Action in Higher Education" is the theme being presented with the cooperation of 22 organizations, including the JACL, which form the Ad Hoc Committee on Bakke.

Speakers will cover political historical perspectives, legal defenses and directions, and legislative directions. Workshops will focus on (a) political strategy and action, (b) national legislative thrust, (c) model affirmative action plan and (d) legal action.

Wayne Horiuchi, Washington Representative of JACL, will be lead a workshop on Political Strategy and Action.

Objectives of this national conference are three-fold:

1—To identify and discuss the critical issues affecting the current judicial and political status of affirmative action admissions programs as well as education testing and model admissions programs based on alternative criteria;

2—To develop and recommend strategies which permit members of racial and ethnic minority groups

guard of older local area residents, including:

Dr. Terry Hayashi, James Hikido, Howard Imazeki, I.K. Ishimatsu of San Jose, Yasuo Abiko, Dr. Henry Takahashi and Keitaro Tsukamoto.

Sen. Hayakawa, who was honored at a similar dinner in April by Southern California Japanese Americans, repeated that he owed his victory to the respect and acceptance won by the pioneer Issei and their children as law-abiding hard-working "neighbors".

He said that in the history of the United States nearly every immigrant group has faced discrimination, the Irish, Poles and others, but pointed out that the successes of Japanese Americans in politics in recent years proves America is "land of justice".

The senator told of his background and said his father who died in Yamashiro several years ago at the age of 92 was a resident of San Francisco before the 1906 Earthquake and fire. He served as a mess atten-

dant about the tender USS Pensacola at the U.S. naval station on Goat Island, now Yerba Buena island which anchors the San Francisco-Oakland Bay bridge in mid-bay.

He also told about his aunt Mary Furuyama, who came to the United States as a picture bride and raised a family in the Stockton area before being evacuated to Rohwer relocation camp and finally resettling in Chicago.

Greetings were extended by:

State Sen. Milton Marks (R-San Francisco) and Consul General Hide-nori Sueoka.

Congratulatory remarks were also made by:

Masao Tsuyama, pres., California First bank; Yukio Sekino, Nichi Bei Kai pres; Richard Yoshikawa, San Joaquin county board of supervisors chairman; Yo Takagaki of Los Angeles, chairman of the So. Calif. Hayakawa dinner, and James F. Murakami of Santa Rosa, JACL nat'l pres.

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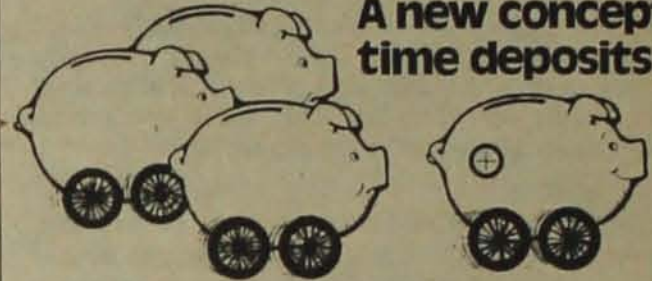
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EDITORIALS:

Anti-Foreigner Land Bill

There is a bill which passed the lower house of the Minnesota legislature this past week prohibiting foreigners from buying land. It had Nisei there wondering whether a more sinister form of alien land law was on the make. During the course of debate, fear was expressed that Arabs and Germans are most interested in that fertile land—not the Japanese.

The alien land laws of prewar years had two parts. Aliens eligible for citizenship, such as the Europeans, could buy land, but the immigrants from Japan being "ineligible for citizenship" were denied by law. That was ended in mid-1952 with passage of the McCarran-Walter Act.

The U.S. Supreme Court in the Oyama case (1948) nullified the effect of the alien land law in permitting Issei to buy land in the name of their children. Utah was the first state to repeal its alien land law in 1947. The Oregon supreme court in 1949 was the first to declare its alien land law unconstitutional. In 1952, the California supreme court outlawed its alien land law in the Sei Fujii case. It took subsequent initiatives to have voters in California and Washington eliminate the defunct statutes.

But the anti-foreigner land bill in Minnesota is just not the same kind. If the buyers were permanent residents, as an alien they are assumed to be able to buy the land. Further, there seems to be no prohibition against foreigners establishing an American corporation and purchase whatever property as desired.

Action in the Minnesota legislature only rekindled memories of the JACL campaign to eliminate alien land laws—and that was 25 years ago. How time dims past injustices!

'None of These'

While attention mounts in the Census Bureau with the Congress calling for a more precise reflection of the ethnic mosaic that makes America, the Army's Equal Employment Opportunities Office has been conducting its statistical studies of its civilian work force to determine if ethnic minorities are represented at all levels.

Supervisors were given a chart with numbers indicating an employee's ethnicity. Rather than asking the individual for his racial extraction, since that was considered an invasion of privacy, they used the "visual identification" method.

Of interest is not the results of the study but the chart of numbers.

A person is a "1" for Negro, "2" for Spanish-surnamed, "3" for American Indian, "4" for Chinese, "5" for Filipino, "6" for Hawaiian or part-Hawaiian, "7" for Japanese, "8" for Korean, "9" for Other Pacific Ocean, and "10" for None of These.

The distinctive group for "10", of course, would be the Caucasians who in most cases would be checked off in the first square in a survey of this kind. The "9" people, we have learned, also cover individuals whose ethnicity is a mixture of several Asian cultures as well as the Samoans, etc. But the Caucasian as "None of These" sounds distinctive.

Conflict of Interest

When the loyalty oath mania swept America in the early 1950s, JACL passed its statement against communism in the interests of protecting the name of the organization as well as its own members. The basis was JACL's traditional opposition to all forms of totalitarianism as was expressed in the 1936 convention.

Now comes—at least in California—the question of conflict of interest in the affairs of government and politics. The court is being asked to rule whether advisory commissions to city councils are subject to the requirements of the Political Reform Act. If "total accountability" prevails, a JACL policy on conflict of interest is likely to follow.

Bilingual/Bicultural

Editor:

Could not help but be impressed with the letter from Chicago teacher Betty Kukita Perry regarding bilingual education in our public schools.

Here in Seattle, it is reported that we have 60 different languages or dialects for which we are trying to provide native bilingual teachers for the students in our schools. Can you imagine such expense?

The writer is not a teacher, but because of my own experience, I agree with the Chicago lady that for foreign children starting out in the first and second grade, speaking only their mother tongue, that a native and/or bilingual teacher would in most cases prove to be a handicap rather than an asset.

A young, shy child with a native teacher would be inclined to associate with such instructor in the one and perhaps only family language spoken at home and would unconsciously prefer speaking her native dialect to the teacher.

Many of us have an admiration for the Europeans and their ability in three and four or more languages. One must however remember that such extra language instruction does not commence until about age 10. All the more reason that a foreign child in the United States needs to be pushed rather than pampered.

This is of course not to deny the value of knowing more than one language.

Let me relate my own personal experience which very likely compares favorably with other ethnic groups arriving from Europe or Asia with only their native language and

absolutely no comprehension of English. Such was the case with my own parents emigrating from Norway in 1907.

During the year of Seattle's four-foot snowfall my mother was so insistent on an education for a disadvantaged son, who spoke only Norwegian, that she carried me to school on her back, only to find the doors closed and then had to trudge home with her burden. That year and the year following I created a record in the Seattle Public School System, the only child ever to have taken two years to graduate from kindergarten.

Despite only a seventh grade education in Norway, my mother was intelligent enough to realize that neither of us could speak one word of English. How much better for me to repeat a year in kindergarten than to fail in the third or fourth grade level or later.

Needless to say, a far better system in my day, rather than the lock steps formation insisted on today whereby the children are moved en masse from one room to another, whether they have learned anything or not. This is not a condemnation of the teaching profession but to parents who mistakenly have set this standard.

GUNNAR OLSBORG

Seattle

Yoshimura Trial

Editor:

Several people have expressed their opinion in the PC on the Wendy Yoshimura case. But most Nisei are strangely silent. Why?

I am sure Nisei parents do not wish

1912 and interest in Japanese curios faded. A fire destroyed his giftshop and he returned to Japan and died in 1923.

Manzo Nagano had two sons, George Tatsuo, who was born in Victoria in 1890 and now a Los Angeles resident, and Frank Teruo, three years junior, who remained in Canada and passed away in 1967 in Quebec.

George, at age 86, is the oldest living Canadian-born Nisei. His four children are all U.S.-born: Tyrus, Junko, Jack and Paul (pastor of the Seattle Japanese Baptist Church).

Frank is survived by his widow, five daughters and a son. Only three of the Nagano third-generation live in Canada. The other three are in Minnesota, Trinidad and Wales.

Despite the limited formal education, Manzo Nagano's acumen and ability as an entrepreneur were manifest during his four decades in Canada. Toyo Takata emphasized. He hoped some city in the Lower Mainland or in and around Victoria would name a street after him.

Another speaker in praise of Nagano's pioneering spirit, Dr. Noble Hori of Toronto at a Centennial Fund kickoff dinner in 1975, felt Nagano must have been "very tough, bull-headed, industrious and enterprising in order to survive those early days".

Other Issei pioneers from Japan, who followed Manzo according to Roger Obata, president of the Japanese Canadian Centennial Society, were a special people "who had the courage, stamina and determination to carve a new life in a strange and often hostile environment".

their sons and daughters involved as Wendy was. However, in this open society it can happen, because it is very difficult to tell who the undesirable people are. They often speak so righteously. We just had such an example in the highest office of the nation; yet how many of us could tell when we voted?

When one becomes involved, it is extremely important that the person has protection, i.e., a fair application of justice. We need to defend two principles: (a) One is innocent until proven guilty; (b) One cannot be convicted on the basis of the doubt alone.

Are Nisei ready to stand for these principles?

NOBUYUKI NAKAJIMA
Sheffield Lake, Ohio

Inui-Fujimoto

Editor:

Many chapters send their membership notices and members automatically renew each year without knowing how the chapter functions. A good example came to my recent attention.

For at least four years (that I know of), the Long Beach-Harbor District JACL has been functioning because of two very devoted, dedicated and diligent silent members doing the necessary work, Lloyd Inui and Albert Fujimoto. Until speaking to them, I had not realized how much they have given of themselves for the chapter. As the liaison personnel between the membership and JACL in general, they took over the tremendous responsibility of keeping up the membership, mailing, medi-

cal health programs, plus reports to local regional and national levels for the chapter.

Now with five other JACL chapters neighboring Long Beach-Harbor District JACL, some of the membership has dropped. Some people have moved, but the old timers, the parents or relatives, still live in the area and need a JACL chapter. I wonder how many understand the position of a chapter in the community. Many of us are willing to help financially, but a chapter needs a board to keep the ship above water and to navigate it.

Persons wishing to help "reactivate" the chapter may contact Lloyd Inui at 817 Kallin, Long Beach 90815 (598-4539). We hope many of the old timers will re-establish the activities for present members. I am certain there are some young people willing to serve on the board.

From all the Tanaka family, past and present members of the Long Beach-Harbor District chapter, our thanks go to Inui and Fujimoto and their families for keeping the chapter alive.

PEGGY TANAKA

Gardena, Calif.

Peggy Tanaka included the names of Fumiko Mitsuuchi Tanaka, Lakewood, Calif.; Dr. Yoshindo and Betty Shibuya, Dr. Terry and Naomi Tanaka, all of Chula Vista; Dr. Donald and Lily (Arihara) Bryant, Downey; Dr. Robert and Lucy Komura, Ojai; Thomas and Frances Tanaka, Cypress; Sp/5 Frank and Robin Tanaka, San Francisco; Akio and Midori Mitsuuchi, Phoenix; Emi Mitsuuchi, Chicago; George and Sue Nagumo, Park Forest, Ill., as co-signers.

100 Years in Canada—some facts and figures

SIGNIFICANT DATES IN HISTORY

1877 — Arrival of Manzo Nagano, first known Japanese to land and settle in Canada.

1885 — Immigration begins. First settlers engage in coal mining, fishing, railroad construction, lumbering and farming.

1887 — Arrival of first woman, hence beginning of family life.

1901 — First census to record Japanese. Of a total of 4,728, 97% resided in British Columbia. The other 141, including 94 in the Yukon, were recorded in the prairie provinces, Ontario, Quebec and Nova Scotia.

1902 — Tomey Homma, naturalized citizen, loses fight for the franchise.

1907 — Immigration gains momentum. During anti-Oriental riots, mob attack on Vancouver Japanese community.

1917 — Great War — nearly 200 Japanese Canadians volunteer for service with Canadian Army in France. After Vimy Ridge, Ypres, 54 return.

1931 — World War I veterans receive right to vote.

1936 — Japanese Canadian Citizens League formed and sends delegation to Ottawa to petition unsuccessfully for the franchise. One member, S.I. Hayakawa, B.C.-born, now naturalized American and U.S. Senator from California.

1941 — Pearl Harbour bombed; Japanese Canadians' darkest days begin.

1942 — Imposition of the War Measures Act — 22,000 ordered to evacuate from the west coast.

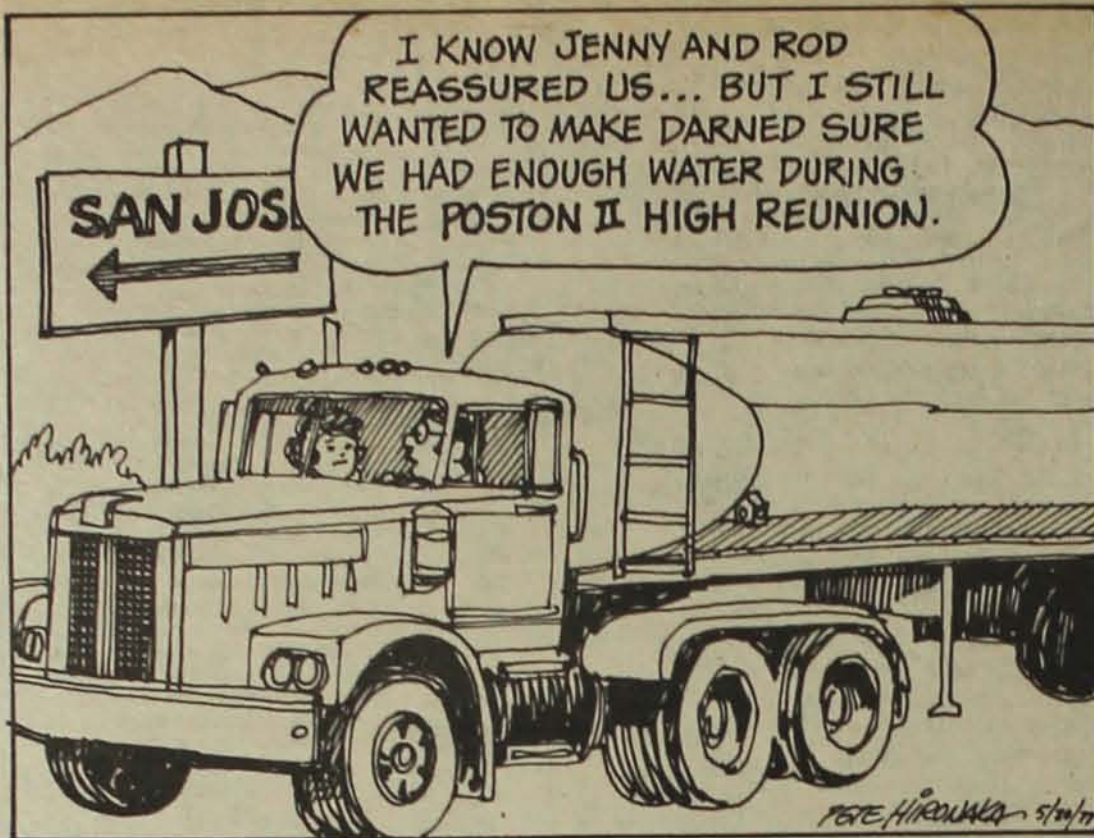
1945 — Canada secretly accepts Nisei volunteers for military service in Far East — about 150 answered the call.

1949 — Normalcy begins to return. All restrictions are lifted and, finally, Japanese Canadians receive the right to vote in B.C. They are permitted to return to the coast but the majority choose to stay where they have resettled in other parts of Canada.

TODAY — Japanese Canadians reside in every province, Yukon and the Northwest Territory with the heaviest concentration in the Toronto-Hamilton area (15,000), followed by Greater Vancouver (10,000) and Southern Alberta (2,500). The total population is estimated at 40,000. Postwar emigration from Japan has been minimal; therefore, the majority of Japanese Canadians are Canadian-born, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren of the original immigrants.

With the changing social climate, an estimated 90% of all third generation Japanese Canadians are marrying non-Japanese.

—The New Canadian



Plain Speaking: Wayne Horiuchi

A Fascinating Hayakawa

Washington

I just had the opportunity and privilege of being the guest of Senator S.I. Hayakawa at a luncheon sponsored at the National Press Club. I had the time of my life.

Let me give you a glimpse of one of the most intriguing and fascinating politicians (or non-politicians) on today's American political scene.

The crowd was absolutely enthralled.

To put it simply, Senator Hayakawa was lecturing the National Press Club on the mainstream of American political thought.

He attacked the institutions, traditions, and the establishment with a most powerful weapon—humor and satire.

The audience laughed, chuckled, and snickered as he assaulted the language of the Senate as "bafflegab." He attributed the growth of Washington acronyms to the growth of government agencies. And he mocked the elitism and egotism of his fel-

low colleagues. But most important of all, he was challenging the assumptions of not just the institutions we work with, but the people who run them.

And then came the Q and A period. He waved his Tam O'Shanter in the air and then proceeded to repeat many of the same lines which he used in his campaign, such as how we ought to keep the Panama Canal because we "stole it fair and square". Or how after three terms as a U.S. Senator he would only be 88 while his mother was 92 and very much alive and well.

After watching Sam Hayakawa on several occasions now, I can only describe him as the Rousseau of American politics. Whether he is effective as a U.S. Senator still remains to be seen, but he has touched a chord in the American conscience that makes him one of the most fascinating of public officials. □

From the Frying Pan: Bill Hosokawa

Thanks and Ever Thanks

Denver, Colo.

George Togasaki, senior member of the distinguished San Francisco family who now lives in Tokyo, was in town the other day. Somehow our conversation turned to the Japanese concepts of moral obligation embodied in words like *giri* and *on*. He told of a couple of personal encounters with those concepts which bear repeating.

The first encounter took place during the latter days of World War II. Togasaki, though an American citizen, had been caught in Japan by the outbreak of hostilities and shared the privations of the Japanese when food ran short, bombings were almost a nightly occurrence and the economy was completely disrupted.

One day a roughly dressed man showed up at Togasaki's door and asked if he were any relation to Togasaki Kikumatsu of San Francisco. Somewhat surprised, George said Kikumatsu was his father who was still living in the United States.

As George recreated the conversation, the man explained: "We heard recently that Togasaki-san had relatives in Tokyo, and we have come from a distant fishing village in search of them. We owe Togasaki-san a debt of gratitude, and now we are pleased to be able to repay it."

Then the man told George a story that the stranger said he had heard many times from his own father. Back about 1914, or maybe it was 1915, the father was among a group of fishermen rescued from their storm-damaged vessel by an American ship. The ship was bound for San Francisco and the fishermen were taken to the Angel Island immigration station until they could be transported back to Japan.

George's parents heard about the castaways and visited them with gifts of Japanese food and clothing to replace their tattered garments. Eventually the fishermen went home bearing gifts from the Togasakis, and they never forgot their kindness.

So now that food was scarce, the son of one of the castaway fishermen and several of his friends had come to Tokyo with fresh

fish from their nets and great bundles of vegetables from their gardens.

George vaguely remembers the incident of the fishermen from his boyhood. He gratefully accepted the gifts, which was indeed like manna from heaven, and shared the food with friends and neighbors.

The second story has to do with Kikumatsu Togasaki himself, who as a youth had gone to school in Japan under a government scholarship to be trained to become a judge. At the time of his graduation in 1887, however, he was still a year too young to be appointed to the bench, and so he came to the United States for what was to be a short visit. But once he was here he decided to stay.

More than 60 years later, when Kikumatsu returned to Japan to spend his last days, the matter of the scholarship still weighed heavily on his mind. He had accepted the education, but he had never served in the capacity for which he had been trained. Kikumatsu felt an obligation to repay someone, or some institution, for the scholarship.

He visited the Justice Ministry, the Education Ministry, the Foreign Ministry, the chief justice of the supreme court, and others with his story. Everywhere the answer was the same. All the old records were gone, and besides, there was no provision for accepting conscience money. Kikumatsu finally solved the problem by making a generous gift to the Red Cross.

Among the people George Togasaki saw during his visit here was the Rev. Hiram Kano, who retired 20 years ago after many decades of service among Japanese Americans in Nebraska. The Rev. Mr. Kano is a spry 88. Togasaki is an equally spry 82. They had met for the first time after serving in the U.S. Army in France. They hadn't seen each other since then, although they corresponded. It was fun listening to them talk about mutual friends who were "mere youngsters, only about 75 or so." □

800 Asian students in Fresno school district not considered 'minority'

FRESNO, Calif.—Some 800 students of Asian background in the Fresno Unified School District are not regarded as a minority.

The district, instead, classifies black or brown as "minority", according to two Nisei members of the 27-member citizens advisory committee for desegregation of the Fresno school.

Fresno JACL, among the 32 community groups responding to the school district appeal of November, 1976 to assist in school integration, appointed Sumi Saito as representative with Barbara Taniguchi as alternate.

The school board's charge to the citizens advisory committee was four-fold:

a) Primary concern to be the educational needs of students, consideration of community input and desegregation techniques used by

other districts and economic feasibility.

b) School's agreement of Oct. 1976 with HEW requiring desegregation of Edison High (30% non-minority by Oct. 1977; 40% non-minority by Oct. 1978) and the offer of "magnet programs" at Edison during the 1977-78 year.

c) Crawford vs. Board of Education decision—the Calif. supreme court decision obliging school districts take reasonable steps to alleviate segregation, whether de facto or de jure in origin.

d) Review of the Hart bill (AB 3408, proficiency standards), RISE—Reform in Intermediate and Secondary Education, bilingual-cross cultural (AB 1329), and district expansion in northwest.

On Mar. 24, the committee submitted a majority report to the board of education which noted the district was in sound financial condition to make the necessary improvements to desegregate in a sensible way.

Volunteer methods, reorganization of the school system (such as separating 9th grade students from the

present 7th and 8th grades and making 6-2-2-2 system, which was highly supported) and exposure to career alternatives were recommended.

With a new board of education in office, there was question whether the citizens advisory committee re-

port would be considered.

Breakdown of Asian students in Fresno is as follows: elementary—399 (1.3%); junior high—230 (1.7%); high school—214 (1.8%) but

not including Filipinos). Largest Asian enrollment by school: McLane High, 54 (2.2%), Tenaya Jr. High, 40 (3%), Lincoln School, 34 (6.1%).

The Fresno JACL representatives said: "We have been given time to work out our own method of desegre-

gation. We will be desegregated by court order if we cannot come up with a definite plan. We feel the CAC recommendations are well worth studying and if there are any better methods (these) should be submitted for consideration by the new board of education."#

communications

from jacl headquarters

● Whale Issue

Dr. Clifford Uyeda of San Francisco returned from a month-long trip to Japan and Hawaii in early May. He attended the first joint environmental event April 5 in Tokyo where the Dolphin Project Japan Concert and exhibits were held.

The "save the whale" event in Tokyo was given a big lift when Calif. Gov. Jerry Brown appeared at the April 9 concert. He was in Japan as a private citizen talking to Japanese automakers to locate their assembly plants in California.

While U.S. musicians returned home after the con-

cert, Uyeda remained to pick up Japanese reactions. Youth involved in the event were optimistic, thus showing environmental teach-ins are possible and successful in Japan. Older folks were likewise encouraged because of the open, direct approach to the problem. One free-lance writer, a university president and a top corporation executive all commented, "There are no longer any real good reasons for Japan to continue whaling."

Uyeda added, "The spark lit in Tokyo in April, 1977, will not only continue but will grow in size and it may well be one of the most significant environmental

sparks struck during this decade."

Sens. Inouye and Matsunaga were credited for helping the secure special visas for U.S. musicians to perform in the Tokyo benefit concerts.

While in Hawaii, Uyeda boarded a former Navy sub-chaser which the Greenpeace Hawaii had purchased for use in surveillance of whaling fleets. It was being made seaworthy with help of 250 volunteers. With a top speed of 32 knots, the 175-ft. vessel will allow the crew to 27 to keep up with Russian and Japanese

whaling ships in the North Pacific, according to Uyeda.

"Many people of different backgrounds and views are involved in the save-the-whale campaign. So long as they do not injure or victimize people, we feel we can support them and wish them well," Uyeda concluded. He is chairman of the JACL—Whale Issue Committee, which was formed in 1974 to condemn racist tactics arising out of the whale conservation movement which were misdirected against Japanese Americans and Japanese as a people through indiscriminate boycott of Japanese goods and services. □

Architect

The new Tokyo Miyako Hotel, coming up in Shiroganedai Machi in Minato ward, is being designed by Detroit architect Minoru Yamasaki, it was announced by Kinki Nippon Railway Co. The 12-story edifice is expected to open in March, 1979. Yamasaki was overall designer of San Francisco's Japan Center which includes Miyako Hotel.

May this period of meditation, the quiet moments of inward reflection, and spiritual refreshment help you to gain a new direction of thought and value.

—SHOKO MASUNAGA

Deadline changed for bowling entries

SAN FRANCISCO — Entry deadline for the National JACL-Mas Satow Memorial handicap bowling tournament was extended to May 31 at request of chapters asking for additional time.

A special "fun" event for bowlers who have no league average in the past five years was added in the tournament for Saturday, July 2, at Japantown Bowl. Handicap will be based on 50% of one's age. Sign-up will be at the desk, \$5 entry fee with 100% return of prize fund.

DOWN'S

Continued from Front Page

UPAC's educational task force protested twice to Parade Magazine for its use of the offensive term and urged they "intelligently refer to (the disease) by its proper name".

EDITOR'S NOTE

The monthly Midwest District Council page will appear next week.

calendar

While the Calendar features JACL events and deadlines, we now welcome non-JACL groups to notify us of their public events. Non-JACL items are italicized.—Ed.

JACL DEADLINES

May 31—Nat'l JACL-Mas Satow Memorial Hdcp Bowling Tournament entries. (Forms at JACL Hq and chapters.)

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

July 30—Student Aid applications. (Forms at JACL Hq, reg'l offices.)

May 20 (Friday)

Contra Costa—Family volleyball, Adam Jr. High, Richmond, 7 p.m.
Alameda-Berkeley-Contra Costa—Nisei retirement comm mtg, Sycamore Church, El Cerrito, 7:30 p.m.
Livingston-Merced—Gen mtg, Liv Social Hall.

May 21 (Saturday)

Alameda—Bowling tournament, Mel's Bowl, 7 p.m.
Chicago—Scholarship dnr, Sheraton-Oakbrook.
Riverside—Graduates potluck, Renck Ctr, 6 p.m.
Venice-Culver—Frances Kitagawa testimonial dnr, Pacifica Hotel, 6:30 p.m.
Livingston-Merced—Carnival dance.

Santa Monica—Gardeners Assn 30th anny dnr, Villa Hotel
Los Angeles—Nisei VFW Post 9938 inst dnr, Biltmore Hotel, 6:30 p.m.
Salinas Valley—Graduates dnr, Towne House, 7:30 p.m.
San Diego—Schol awds dnr, Romines Restaurant, Old Town, 7 p.m.
Jim Murakami, spkr.

Washington, D.C.—Mtg, "Estate Planning", Kensington Park Library, 8 p.m.

May 21-22

Monterey Peninsula—Japanese movies, JACL Hall.

May 22 (Sunday)

West Valley—Picnic.
Fresno—Barbecue picnic, Parkview Shelter, Woodward Pk, 1 p.m.
Los Angeles—Japanese Philharmonic Society fashion-luncheon, Biltmore Hotel, 11:30 a.m.
Fremont—Picnic, Central Park.
Lodi—Picnic, Micke Grove, 10 a.m.
Salinas Valley—Senior Project Inaugural, YBA Hall, 11 a.m.
PSWDC—2d Qtrly, Hollywood JACL hosts: Ambassador Hotel, Lido Rm 10 a.m.; Tennis to follow.
Contra Costa—Golf tournament, Alameda South course.
El Cerrito—Sakura-kai, EBJA benefit dnr, El Cerrito Comm Ctr, 3-6 p.m.

West Covina—Citrus Valley Optimist Nisei Week dnr, Hungry Tiger, 7:30 p.m.

May 28-29

San Jose—Zebras inv basketball tournament, City College.

May 29 (Sunday)

Stockton—Comm picnic, Micke Grove, 11 a.m.

Retiree seminar

SALT LAKE CITY—A follow-up seminar on financial and health problems facing retirees was sponsored by Salt Lake and Mt. Olympus JACL May 14 at Northwest Multipurpose Center. Estate planning, Social Security, Medicare, family corporate structure, insurance and readjustment problems were subjects covered in the one-day meeting.

Salinas Valley to start Senior Project

SALINAS, Calif.—To inaugurate the Senior Project officially, Salinas Valley JACL is serving a San Francisco Japanese restaurant-prepared box lunch and program of Japanese band music on Sunday, May 22, at the YBA Hall. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m.

The Senior Project is a monthly social activity for the aged Issei and Nisei seniors under auspices of the local JACL. Chapter feels it has the names of all Issei on file but not the Nisei 65 and up. They are expected to check with:

Shiro Higashi, chapter president (424-2843 day) or project co-chairman Ted Ikemoto (422-4945 eve).

Monthly activities thus far included a trip to the San Francisco Sakura Matsuri in April.

chapter pulse

• Downtown L.A.

A record attendance of 250 persons crowded the 15th annual Downtown L.A. JACL Mother's Day luncheon May 7 at Man Jen Low to honor two mothers of the year: Taki Imai, 96, and Fumi Niiyama, 91.

Takekuma Takei, Japanese Community Pioneer Center president, praised the honorees and all Issei mothers for their role in rearing their children during the struggling Depression years. The honorees were handed commendations from the City of Los Angeles, the City Board of Education, Downtown L.A. JACL and other organizations.

Takito Yamaguma, who has chaired the luncheon since 1964, was presented a wrist watch from the Japanese Chamber of Commerce in grateful recognition. Frank Hirata, who chaired this year's luncheon, said he will pick up where he left off.

• East Los Angeles

Elaine Kataoka, the 1976 Miss East L.A., will relinquish her crown to one of five candidates seeking the 1977 title during the East Los Angeles JACL Emerald Ball May 29 at the Miramar Hotel, Santa Monica.

The new chapter queen will receive the Takamatsu Hayashida scholarship and other gifts from the community. Mas Dobashi will emcee the evening, starting with 6 p.m. dinner and dancing to Dick Ducar's combo from 8. For dinner-dance tickets (\$12.50) and reservations, call:

June Tanikawa (665-4995) or Marie Ito (263-8920).

• Fremont

Newark High School jazz band, under direction of Richard Pontzius, Fremont JACLer who taught at St. Marys International School in Tokyo and speaks Japanese fluently, is set to leave June 20 for a three-week concert tour in Japan.

The 23 students in the band have been raising funds but are \$3,000 short of reaching their \$24,000 goal. Tax deductible donations to Newark High School Jazz Band, 6201 Lafayette Ave., Newark 94560, has been encouraged.

Meanwhile, the chapter will have its annual picnic May 22 at Central Park from 11 a.m. The annual graduates luncheon will be held June 5, noon, at Ohlone College cafeteria with the Japan-bound Newark High jazz band entertaining in a fund-raiser.

• Gardena Valley

Gardena Valley JACL an

nounced Kiyoshi Kawai, onetime Downtown L.A. JACL president, has assumed the remainder of the term of Koyu Ota who resigned as chapter treasurer because of his job change. Kawai is with the Sumitomo Bank of California's branch at Gardena.

Chapter also announced Kenny Uyeda will be general chairman of the annual Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute community carnival June 25-26.

• Lodi

Lodi JACL will sponsor the Japanese community picnic at Micke Grove Sunday, May 22, from 10 a.m. Games for children start at 1 p.m.

• Riverside

Seven high school graduates and their families will be honored at the Riverside JACL graduation potluck supper May 21, 6 p.m. at Renck Center. Mable Bristol and Toshi Hanazono, co-chairing the dinner, announced the following scholarship winners:

JACL Awards: \$100—Katherine Yoshiko Hsu; \$50—Patricia Ann Takemoto, Robert Caseres, Joyce Higashida, Irene Ogata.

Dr. Hideo Inaba Memorial: \$100—John Y. Yamano; \$50—Mary Shizuko Joseph.

Meantime, the chapter is assisting the Sister City committee which is hosting visitors from Sendai June 2-4 and the Sendai Festival July 15-16 at Riverside Plaza.

• Sacramento

Sacramento JACL on Mar. 31 donated two blossoming Japanese cherry trees to the children of William Land School in commemoration of their first spring in their new school. The trees came from the Frank Ikemoto Nursery.

• Salinas Valley

Salinas Valley JACL will honor local area high school graduates May 21, 7:30 p.m. at the Towne House. Four scholarships are to be awarded.

Work to clean up Yamato Cemetery continues on Sundays in preparation for the May 29-30 Memorial Day weekend when many hundreds are expected to visit the dead buried at the only JACL-operated cemetery.

• San Gabriel Valley

San Gabriel Valley JACL will hold a benefit luau May 29 at East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center, 1203 W. Puente, start-

ing at 3 and dinner at 5. Luau is to show the chapter's gratitude to the center. Net proceeds going to their second building fund drive.

Tickets at \$7.50 and reservations are available by call-



Entertainers for the San Gabriel Valley JACL luau are (from left) Maile, Puanani, Natalie Shiraki and Laura from the Aloha Dance Studios.

• West Los Angeles

Summer events for West Los Angeles JACL will be headlined by the July 19 Asian Festival at West Los Angeles Mall with Shig Takeshita (473-0629) as liaison.

The chapter has been searching since April for a queen candidate for the 1977 Nisei Week contest. Applicants should call Toy Kanegai (820-3592) or Stella Kishi (477-7205) for details.

Terri Teshiba was the chapter representative in the February Presidential Classroom for Young Americans.



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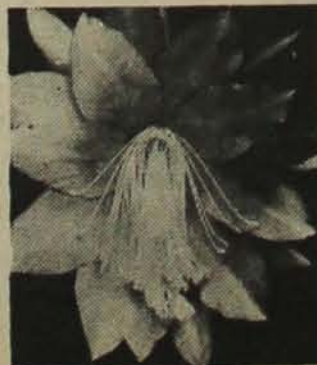
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SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Twenty-five prominent, local Asian Americans participated in Project Motivation, a day long program held during the Easter break (April 5) at Calif. State University-Sacramento, to acquaint high school students with Asians in various occupational areas.

Program was under direction of Connie Gibson of the State Dept. of Education with cooperation of the Sacramento Unified School District, JACL, Capitol Lions and Senator Lions clubs. Floyd Shimomura, JACL chapter president, and Mas Ota of Capitol Lions were co-chairmen.

Speaking to the Asian high schoolers were:

Jerry Enomoto (corrections), Robert Matsui (city council), Thomas Chinn (school board), Edwin Kado and Alan Oshima (architecture), Kay Fukushima (insurance), Walter Liang (accounting), Jean Kashiwada

Issei nutrition study underway

PORTLAND, Ore. — Tom Takeuchi was selected as coordinator of the survey on the nutritional needs of the elderly Nikkei in a project initiated by the Portland JACL.

Bill Sugahiro, chapter v.p. and chairman of the panel to select a coordinator, said Takeuchi was well qualified, having graduated from Reed College and in business here for many years. He also compiled a book of experiences at Camp Minidoka.

S.F. Protos to hold 50th reunion May 29

SAN FRANCISCO — Founded in 1927 as the San Francisco Young Men's Buddhist Assn., the Protos will have its 50th reunion dinner May 29, 6 p.m., at Suehiro's Restaurant. Dick M. Seiki of San Jose is chairman.

The club derived its name from the first syllables of "Progress" and "Together", upon suggestion of James S. Nii, now retired from Nippon Steel Co.

Oski Taniwaki, now of Denver, was the first president. Other officers and charter members were:

George Hagiwara, vp; James Hashimoto (San Jose), sec; Duke Itatani (Los Angeles optometrist), treas; Satoshi Nii, "Masaju Matsui," Mitsugu Yoshinaga, "Tadashi Enomoto, bd membs; Tokihiro Murase, Yusen Shimizu, Minoru Furuki, Harold Ouye (Sac to druggist), Ted Yasukawa (New York), "Shigeru Hagiwara, "Ted Iwasaki, charter (" RIP).

Dinner will be \$12.50 per person. Reservations are being accepted by:

Yusen Shimizu, 775-33rd Ave, San Francisco 94121 (386-6755); Dick Seiki, 2949 Cataldi Dr, San Jose 95132 (408-258-7457); or Dr. M. Itatani, 725 No. 6th St., Montebello 90640.

Sister City

Mrs. Ayako Hashimoto, professionally known as Kaori in the koto world, entertained at the Livermore-Yotsukaido Sister City benefit dinner April 1 at Livermore High. She trained in Tokyo under Nosaka Soju of the Ikuta School and was certificated in 1973. Last summer she trained in Fukuoka under Mme. Katsuko Chikushi. Wife of Fremont JACler Walter Hashimoto, she also teaches flower arrangement at Fremont Adult School. She hails from Chiba-ken where Yotsukaido is located.

Nisei development group activates



Toyo Miyatake Studio Photo

A Los Angeles Nisei development group, in a joint venture with the Fletcher Co., will break ground in May on 78 homes in Alta Loma and later this summer in Diamond Bar in a \$20 million project of 440 homes. Four members of the group (from left) Karen Mizusaki, Kay Higuchi, Jack Kobayashi and Akira Komai are standing in front of one of 34 homes just completed and sold out in Upland in the joint venture.

Bowling committee named

SAN FRANCISCO — The committee for the 1st annual JACL Mas Satow Memorial Handicap Bowling Tournament scheduled at the Japantown Bowl from June 29 through July 3 was announced as follows:

Hi Akagi, gen chmn; Tad Hirota, JACL coordinator; Shig Imazumi, men's div; Meri Ikeda, women's div; Hisa Hirota, exec sec; Art Mitsutome, treas; Yo Ishizaki, tabulation; Jug Takeshita, tickets; Hats Aizawa, booklet; William Nakatani, Contra

Costa JACL, and Paul Takata, Berkeley JACL, mixer; Mike Ito, San Francisco JACL, awards program; Betty Akagi, Alameda JACL, housing;

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S.F. Jr. Olympics forms due May 27

SAN FRANCISCO — Entry applications for the 25th annual San Francisco JACL Jr. Olympics are due May 27. They are obtainable from JACL chapters, many community and church groups from:

Robert Fujioka, Mitsubishi Bank of Calif., 425 Montgomery, San Francisco (788-3600 ext 20).

The Jr. Olympics will be held June 12 at Laney College in Oakland. Golden Gate Warriors guard Phil Smith will be on hand to present some of the awards and ribbons.

Zebra cage tourney over May 30 holiday

SAN JOSE — An event endorsed as part of the San Jose city bicentennial this year, the Zebra invitational basketball tournament May 28-29 at City College will pit Sansei teams from northern and southern California. A separate series for girls is also on tap. Sho Yamashita and Sally Jew are tournament chairpersons.

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