Evacuation was a 'bum deal': Buchanan

San Benito High School teacher John Buchanan tells his story of the 1942 evacuation to all San Benito County students, as San Benito High School celebrated its 100th birthday.

Buchanan was stationed in the South Sea Islands during World War II with the 442nd Combat Battalion, a unit of Japanese American soldiers.

Buchanan said that he was shocked when he learned that the Japanese American soldiers were being treated so differently from other American soldiers.

"It was almost as if the soldiers were being treated differently because of their race," Buchanan said. "It was a bitter pill to swallow."
Pac/Asian American Heritage Week proclamation sought

WASHINGTON — Colleagues in the House, urged by Rep. Frank Horton (R-N.Y.) to co-sponsor with Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.) a joint resolution authorizing the President to annually designate a week during the first 10 days of May as "Pac/Asian American Heritage Week."

To obtain approval of the Post Office and Civil Service Commission, additional co-sponsors in the House are needed, Horton pointed out in introducing the joint resolution June 30.

Over 1.4 million Asian/Pacific Islanders live in the United States, according to the 1970 census. Census estimates indicate that the Asian/Pacific population is growing at a rate of 1% per year.

**Hawaii asks bilingual voting aid for two groups be dropped**

HONOLULU—The State of Hawaii and its four counties filed a federal lawsuit July 14 asking the state to be exempted from the requirement to provide bilingual voting assistance in a contested county council election.

A 1976 state survey showed the literacy level of these two groups was increased sufficiently so that assistance is no longer required under the Fair Voting Rights Act of 1975, the suit stated. Voting instructions and ballots were printed in Japanese, Chinese and Samoan for the 1976 elections.

There were 251,457 voting eligible in Hawaii and 309,025 in the general elections, according to the figures in the suit. In 1978, 172 asking for bilingual ballots and 2,098 asking for assistance at the polling booth last year. Most (136 ballots; 1,723 requests for aid) were in Honolulu.

The suit, filed by Lt. Gov. Nelson Doi and the clerks of the four counties, noted federal law allows states to be exempt if a minority group's illiteracy level is below the national average and the 1976 survey shows that only the Hawaiian (for Filipino) illiteracy level is above the national average of 3.6%.

Defendants are U.S. Attorneys General John D. Erlenborn and census bureau director Manuel Plotkin.

**Spelling errors:new look department store**

21st Mile-Hi graduation party

DENVER, Colo. — What began as a Mile-Hi JACL contest in 1921 is again for 1972.

One of the highlights of the mile-high graduation party of the 21st Mile-Hi graduating class is an opportunity for the group to design their own department store. They picked the location, the stores and the fashion and design of the store.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Masanori Honda, junior branch president of the JACL, said the group's efforts were in keeping with the JACL's goal of providing American citizens a place to shop.

According to the announcement at this time, the store will be located at the corner of Colfax and streets in mile-high artistic and design.

**San Quentin racial violence: 'unfortunate . . . not unique'**

SAN QUENTIN, Calif. — When self-styled Nazis attacked Black Muslims with crude knives and clubs inside San Quentin state prison, corrections officials said they were not really surprised.

Jerry Enomoto, state director of corrections, said, "It happened before. These tragedies of insects are being killed in black-white racial, gang activities. It's an unfortunate reality of prison business."

Enomoto said that San Quentin has a history of occasional trouble of this type — but it comes in cycles. It is a bad scene but it is unique to San Quentin. The Nisei head of the state prison system said of the July 12 violence, its most serious in many years, "It will be in San Quentin." "For a long time, we have had to invade the prison. The Nisei, who spend as much as four months of the year behind bars, are in San Francisco with a new department store, a chain of restaurants and an hotel in Singapore and a newspaper plant in Mexico.

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Design of the Liberty House store for Sacramento's Downtown Plaza will be the responsibility of Wayne T. Takeuchi, executive v.p. of Chaix & Johnson Associates, Los Angeles, and who also knows Sacramento well. The form will serve as building architect and interior designer for the Liberty House.

Takeuchi said, "It will be a 50,000-sq. ft. prototype, the design is not fixed but I look upon it as a challenge not only because it will be a new landmark but also because it will be in Sacramento."

Chaix & Johnson made the announcement at this time, though the store opening is more than a year away because of the "involvement of a native son of the area."

**Nisei wins big Brazilian lottery**

SÃO PAULO—Yukio Saba­ da, 38, of the Sao Paulo suburb of Itaquera, is the winner of the largest prize in the history of Brazil's television lottery (recently begun June 25) $24,011,100 cruzados ($1,673,000), hitting three balls in the same space.

Takeuchi's father was a naturalized American as a young man and his parents now live in Los Angeles. His parents and relatives visit Sacramento.

**Being called a racist: 'That's sticky'**

The pattern of Japanese Americans to design new look department store said that the new design "finally reflects the concerns about the architectural character of Union Square."

"That's the site of the one of the important corners in San Francisco ... the corner of a facade that makes the turn into Union Square easier and more humanized. The facade must match the columns of the St. Francis Hotel. And we hope to have a restaurant on top with a major sculpture." The facade will be six stories with a 1980 completion date.

"I was also architect for the proposed Yerba Buena convention and exhibition hall to be built on Market Street between Third and Fourth Sts. More recently, I was acclaimed for the design of the National Air and Space Museum for the Smithsonian in Washington.

**The Rough**

A Diamond in the Rough

While formally incorporated in California in 1958 as the Japan Food Corporation, its history goes back 75 years when Gusu Shirakawa and the Pacific Trading Co. in San Francisco to import from Japan those fast foods which blossomed. The Japanese-American owners of the company are movies, tos and noodles that were produced locally.

During World War II, Modern Food Products Co. was part of the government's food control program which was an allotment of locally produced Japanese food.

After the war, the Modern Food and Pacific Trading operations were reorganized in 1946, and the Japanese-owned food items under the "Japs" were never again used for the import of food items from Japan. Their main offices are in Chicago and Los Angeles. The Pacific Trading expanded with offices in New York and Chicago. In 1958, both organizations are multi-millionaires. And an increase in the number of California owners of the firm in Los Angeles and San Francisco.

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Japan to raise ¥1,000,000,000 for Li'l Tokyo cultural-community center

LOS ANGELES—With Shin­ taro Fukushima, president of Kyodo News Service and a pre-war consul general in Los Angeles, and Nihachiro Hanamura, executive vice president of the Kikakuren (Federation of Economic Organizations) taking the lead, the first steps toward obtaining donations for the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center in Japan were taken in Tokyo July 11.

In a recent letter to Katsumi Mukaeda, JACC chair­man of the board, Fukushima reported the formation of a group of organizers (hako-nin) composed of former Japanese ambassadors to the United States as well as another former consul­general.

He also reported that Ino­ matsu Umemura, vice-chairman of the Ministry of Finance and currently an editor at Kyodo News Service has been appointed executive director of the JACC fund drive in Japan and will work out of Fukushima’s office.

After the July 11 meeting, the organizers will call on some 50 prominent leaders in business and industry to form a sponsoring group.

Nisei Week ondo

LOS ANGELES—Mme Chiyoju Pau­jima, choreographer of the three Nisei Week ondo folk dances, will hold practice sessions for the public at the Hifarbana Parking Lot on Mon­days and Wednesdays, 1:30 p.m., August 1—17. The dancers will per­form Aug. 27 and in the Aug. 28 grand parade.

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In the past National JACL president Frank Mineta's position would be noteworthy to mention that one of Frank's "most significant acts" was his assumption Accountability in his professional role. Frank's role within the JACL house.

First published reaction by a Thai-American reaching out for the King and I" appears in the July issue of the pacific Citizen. The printing press was brought to us by the Union of Pan-Asian Communities of San Diego County in 1977.

By GARY SAWYER
San Diego

As an American, "Anna & The King of Siam" is a movie and play banned in Thailand by our King and government. The film presents a false story about our country and our culture.

On June 16, George Williams and Al Aferos of the Makoyas visited Watsonville, Calif. to see what happened the Starlight Opera Company to discuss this production.

Our intentions were: (1) to bring out the objectionable and stereotypical acts, (2) to correct the distortions resulting from cultural and religious errors and value judgments and (3) offer technical assistance in correcting the presentation of the Thais and Buddhism.

We did not ask them to change the play. We requested that they tone down or omit the present harmful parts which are incorrect.

King Mongkut is depicted as a despotic ruler instead of being one of the most enlightened, beloved and respected rulers in history.

The English dialogue for the Thais is stilted and pidgin. Their pronunciations do not make sense.

Buddha is made a mocksta of in at least seven places. Everyone knows that Buddha is not the true deity, using Buddha's name in vain, as the Supreme Being, to sell and buy, is sacrilege, a young woman.

The cultural objection is the bowing in Asian countries, which is considered obscene. Buddha is the creator of all existence and prostrate "tood are.

The printing press was discovered over a thousand years ago in an ancient palace where the Europeans are given credit for it.

Throughout the play, the author feels the Thai people preferred her "English culture" to our culture. The Starlight Board of Directors decided that the play was in no way demeaning or racist.

The three representatives of the Board refused to come out, and I believe that the audiences attending the play will be left with a negative image of the Thai and Asian culture.

We appealed to the Director to insert a special note on the programs as the cancer patient can check boxes to refuse packs. "This opera is a highly exaggerated musical comedy produced for pure entertainment and in no way reflects the true historical and cultural heritage of the people of Thailand."

Throughout Siam's history, my people have never been subjugated to Western powers. Unlike in King Mongkut's diary, Anna Leon Woens was mentioned only once. She was an insignificant person in our history and deserves to be forgotten.

Helping an Issei with his property tax averts state take-over and eviction

By GEORGE KUNDO
San Francisco

Here is an incident which just happened involving an Issei couple in their 70s. An Issei couple recently found that their property had been sold to the government for property taxes that dates back to FY 1969-70. It was a matter of time before the property would have been sold to the highest bidder and both of the Isseis were not subject to eviction.

The neighbor contacted us as he did not want the Issei couple to think he was prying into their personal affairs.

It also struck us as important—especially if they were not aware of their circu-

In addition to the Issei, we immediately checked with the aged Issei who admitted he knew the property tax bill which came about 20 years ago, but had not known that it was the State's due. He asked if they would be penalized?

We didn't know there was a property tax assistance for homeowners over age 62. They were informed of the value of the home.

In San Francisco, property tax assistance for homeowners over age 62 is 25% of the full cash value. This question must be made before Aug. 31 to apply toward taxes due FY 1976-77. In this particular instance, we were able to get the Issei owner a tax relief of over 50% so he should be getting a refund this fall.

This will enable him to have enough money to pay to at least the first installment of the FY 1977-78 property tax, thus, he would take a load off of his financial burden.

We feel very comfortable in having helped in this one instance. This may be an isolated case, but it is one of the thousands which the JA-CL can help our senior citizens.

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reception will be held honoring the four appointees during the EDMC Convention in Washington, D.C. at the Twin Bridges Marriott, Saturday, July 30, 6:30 p.m.
The Bakke Case

Just read a letter in the Pacific Citizen which questions JACL's position in supporting the University of California Board of Regents over Allan Bakke in the celebrated case involving the so-called "reverse discrimination" issue.

I can't speak for the National JACL Board who supported affirmative action programs last April at the Board Meeting because I wasn't there and I don't know what the reasoning was. But, let me give you some of my thinking with respect to the case which may have a significant amount of impact concerning affirmative action in employment, let alone the admission policies of higher education.

If I was to ask some rudimentary questions about the issue, I would probably first ask: Who is Allan Bakke and why is he suing the University of California Board of Regents?

Bakke is a white male who applied to the University of California at Davis Medical School and was rejected. The Med School had an admission policy whereby minority applicants were rated below Bakke relates verse discrimination. "I'll glad to see you. I'm Mrs. Tamotzu." She took us back to the first building, which had been a radio and was now a gallery. Tamotzu, it turned out, was indeed Japanese. His first name was Chozo. But alas he was only 25 years old at age 88, because the American society, let alone other minorities.

Many of these issues are very complicated and some of the answers have been simplistic. However, the issue of so-called "reverse discrimination" can't be settled by a National Board nor by this column, or even by a Supreme Court case. The issue will be settled in your communities by you. I suggest that JACLers discuss these issues regardless of their controversial nature because the impact on our lives will be great.

SAN BENITO

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"I'll work hard to keep that promise. But you've got to realize that neither newspapers of the day and public vocabulary of the 1940s that term was used to intimidate the enemy. It's going to be hard to teach history without touching on the sentiment of the American people at that time.

To understand the use of mass media against the Japanese home islands and the use of nuclear weapons you've got to have an appreciation of how the American people felt.

Our students of the day have grown up in an era of post-Vietnam, disengagement and distrust of government. In my teaching of World War II I have tried to show how the radio on Pearl Harbor united the American people as nothing else could. It determined to wage and win the war that had been so peripherally thrust upon us.

A word spoke in anger is the deadliest poison; passion is the fiercest ignominy is the darkest night.

—SHIKO MASNAGA

Looking into the future, he said, "If I have offended, then obviously I'm going to see that I give notice. But I'm still going to teach history. Some of which cannot be swept under the rug."

At 53, Buchanan is a man who carries himself with the erect pride of a soldier of a military background.

He spent his youth in Far Eastern ports where his father was in the navy. His childhood memories begin at pre-war Pearl Harbor where the family was stationed for many years. That's the Orient where the father skipped a destroyer and a gunboat in China, which he signed in Canton in 1940.

The river gunboat plied between Hong Kong and Canton. On the morning of Dec. 7, 1941, Buchanan and a 17-year-old rescued a pilot at Piedmont high school in the East Bay, were chatting in the back seat of his car on the way home when a sister suddenly called out a window, "Hey! They're on the radio. The Japs have bombed Pearl Harbor!"

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NC-WN swim invitational slated Aug. 7 at Palo Alto High

PALO ALTO, Calif.— The third annual Northern California-Western Nevada JA CL District swim meet will be held on Sunday, Aug. 7, at Palo Alto High. As in previous years, the meet is restricted to youth 18 and under affiliated with JACL and invited guests. A contingent from Japan is expected, according to meet director Ted Inouye (415-797-3075). Entries on official forms must be postmarked by midnight July 31, 1977, and forwarded with fee (75¢ per entry). Mrs. Harry Hattori, 3007 Grove Ave., Palo Alto, Calif. 94304 (415-493-8832). Checks are payable to "JACL Swimming.

Swimmers are limited to five events while those 8 and under are limited to three. A schedule of 56 races with boy and girl divisions in five age categories, in line with AAU rules, will start at 8:30 a.m. Events, by ages, are as follows:

10& Under—50 free, 50 breast, 100 ind medley, 50 back, 50 fly.
11-12—50 free, 50 breast, 100 ind medley, 50 back, 50 fly.
13-14—50 breast, 100 freestyle, 200 backstroke, 100 medley, 100 back, 100 fly.

15-18—Same as 13-14 list.

Computer system

SAN FRANCISCO—California First Bank has dedicated its new computer center July 8 with Aiko Yana­ ginawa, tr. v.p., and Ben N. Masui, v.p., in charge. By year's end, each of 102 offices will be linked with a single memory bank via "on line" terminals. Its newly installed IBM 370/138 computer is 30% faster than its previous system and the first in any California bank.

Merit S&L growth

LOS ANGELES—Earnings for the quarter ended June 30 in the history of Merit Savings & Loan were 3% over the comparable period, it was announced here on Wednesday.

BUSINESS/FINANCE

Election of Kanno Hattori, 66, as chairman of the Board of Directors of the Sumitomo Bank of California was announced July 13. President Yoshio Tada continues as its chief executive officer. The chairman post had been vacant since 1972. Hattori has been deputy president of the parent bank, Sumitomo Bank, Ltd., in Japan.

The sumitomo bank (formerly the Bank of Japan's branch in the United States) has appointed Harry Mastro of Moses Lake, Wash., as head of the branch's chamber of commerce, "Pacifi the Blas-le," on stationery and production. Mastro is a long serving member of the branch chamber of commerce.

San Diegans slate retirement seminar

SAN DIEGO, Calif.— A series of five retirement seminars on the first Friday of the month (first was held last weekend) at the Nisei VFW Hall, National City, is being conducted by the Japanese American Retirement Committee. It was announced by Karen Ishizuka (714-287-5367). All meet­ings start at 7:30 p.m. The remainder of the schedule:


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The craft and crew left for Hawaii July 9 and after a two day layover there, they proceeded to Guam. Total traveling time will be approximately 7½ days to Ha­ waii and 12 days to Guam.

The Fukuzuki brothers have come out of retirement to embark on this venture. And as brother Ben ob­ served on this phase of his life, "Retirement is like waiting to die." So, it's off to the South Seas, or the Western Pacific Islands, in this case. It was a most impressive departure as the women came down to send their men off to sea, as they have done in earlier years on Ter­ minal Island—and, they'll be waiting for their return with, perhaps, a lighted lamp in the window.

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Sanesi dominate top Key Club

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Sanesi (Cal­ if.) High School Key Club was judged the top Key Club in the U.S. and Canada at its annual convention held here recently. A total of 2,000 vied for the honors. Many Sanesi are active in the Gardena unit, which was headed by Toshi Miyahara, var­ iety football star this past season, and Paul Yoshinaka.

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Seattle-PNW '78 Japan flight has advantages

SEATTLE, Wash. — The April 1978 GA/100 Flight to Japan, via Japan Air Lines, sponsored by the Seattle JA-CL and PNWDC will offer an advantage that will be of interest to JACLers in Oregon and California, it was announced by Harry Kadoshima, travel chairman, Seattle Chapter.

Any participant who plans to depart from Los Angeles, Francisco or Portland will be able to fly to Seattle, visit there for a few days, and then fly to Japan for the tour.

Inter-Study request

LOS ANGELES—Nine families in San Fernando Valley who can host youths from Japan, aged 13-18, during Aug. 2-13, may call Sandra Eisenpelt of Inter-Study (664-9456). Visitors will attend classes and programs during the day but evenings and weekends are free.

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Government

Gov. Brown has signed AB 455, authored by Assemblyman Paul Bannali, amending the Governor Code by providing an alternative to solving the problem of uneven staggering of city council terms. Without the city council members serve four-year terms, a designation of a two-year term may be made to equalize the number of seats at the subsequent election.

Virginia Gee of the Stanford University psychology department was appointed by the Secretary of Labor to the 25-member Federal Committee on Apprenticeship, which meets four times a year. She is also a member of the California Apprenticeship Council, is chair of the professional selection and training committee.

Medicine

Pyong Hwan Lim, a San Francisco Nihonmachi acupuncturist at 1634 Post St. was arrested July 8 on suspicion of grand theft and practicing medicine without a license. He was released after posting $2,000 bail.

According to the district attorney's office, Lim advertised he could cure sexual frigidity, menopausal problems, narcotic addiction, constipation and other problems with "gold needle" acupuncture and patients paid from $20 to $2,000 per treatment.

Ted T. Taniguchi, Seattle JA-CL president-elect, was elected chairman of the Washington State Board of Pharmacy. A staff member of the Univ. of Washington School of Medicine pharmacy department, he has been on the state board for the past four years.

The Southern California College of Optometry in Fullerton announced the promotion of Rodger T. Kamei, O.D., from contact lens instructor and lecturer to assistant professor. Active in JACL and the Optimist Club, he is a fellow of the American Academy of Optometry. He is certified as a Contact Lens Diplomate. He is immediate past president of the Los Angeles County Optometric Society.

Church

The Rev. Harukichi Oda of the Tri-State Buddhist Temple in Denver will serve as chaplain at the National Scout Jamboree to be held at Moraine State Park, Pa., Aug. 3-9. He served as the Buddhist chaplain in 1973 at the National Scout Jamboree at Farmount State Park, Idaho.

1977 Orientation Meeting Schedule

For members participating in the JACL Travel Program

(Each meeting from 7:30 p.m.)

(A) LOUIS ANGELES—Sumitomo Bank, 3rd fl, 230 E 1st St.
(B) SAN FRANCISCO—San Francisco JACL Headquarters, 1755 Sutter St.
(C) SAN FRANCISCO—Tri-State Buddhist Temple, 833 North Kerman St.

Group A (Mon.)

Group A 1 — Aug. 13 (A)
Group A 2 — Aug. 13 (B)
Group A 3 — Aug. 13 (C)

Group B (Tues.)

Group B 4 — Aug. 14 (A)
Group B 5 — Aug. 14 (B)
Group B 6 — Aug. 14 (C)

Group C (Wed.)

Group C 7 — Aug. 15 (A)
Group C 8 — Aug. 15 (B)
Group C 9 — Aug. 15 (C)

Group D (Thurs.)

Group D 10 — Aug. 16 (A)
Group D 11 — Aug. 16 (B)
Group D 12 — Aug. 16 (C)

Group E (Fri.)

Group E 13 — Aug. 17 (A)
Group E 14 — Aug. 17 (B)
Group E 15 — Aug. 17 (C)

Group F (Sat.)

Group F 16 — Aug. 18 (A)
Group F 17 — Aug. 18 (B)
Group F 18 — Aug. 18 (C)

If there are any questions regarding the National JACL Travel Committee policies or decisions, write to Steve Dot, c/o JACL Headquarters, 1755 Sutter St., San Francisco 94122 or telephone (415-892-3131) and ask for Mich Misakawa.

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