San Francisco police inspect bloody scene inside Golden Dragon Restaurant where Paul Wada was among five shot to death and 11 others were wounded early Sept. 4.

San Francisco—Paul R. Wada, 25, was one of five persons slain Sept. 4 by unidentified gunmen in a Chinatown restaurant, the Golden Dragon at 822 Washington St. He was shot in the head after having a late night snack with a few friends visiting from Seattle.

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Court sets Oct. 12 to hear Bakke

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court has set Oct. 12 as the date it will hear arguments on the so-called "reverse discrimination" Alien Bakke case, which many legal experts believe is to be the court's most important decision on race relations since the 1954 decision outlawing "separate but equal" facilities in schools.

The case involves a challenge by a White engineer in all his thirties who failed to get into the Univ. of California Davis medical school. The California Supreme Court has supported his contention by declaring the specific admissions program was unconstitutional.

In New York, six ethnic and religious groups joined in an amicus brief in support of affirmative action and the entry of American Affairs Council, Polish American Congress, Committee of the China America Community of Congress, Chicago Division; Union National.

A number of universities have submitted briefs supporting the University with the aim of defending the autonomy of universities. Golden Gate Watergate special prosecutor Archibald Cox and one-time solicitor general will argue for the University. Bakke will be represented by San Francisco attorney Reynold Colvin.

Kumabe, who declined to say how many persons were ruled ineligible for travel aid, said the legal action would continue "reactivated" depending on the final wording of King's written order, which was not issued. Indeed, as well as ACLU Executive Director Reinhard Mohr, recommended that persons ruled ineligible not rely on government agencies to make sure they are eligible for jobs which may be filled before Dec. 13. Kumabe said the State plans to bolster its case at the Dec. 13 hearing with more evidence of the problems of water shortages, overpopulation and environmental concerns.

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Intemment credit bill being heard

WASHINGTON — Public hearing on the Mineta bill authorizing retirement credit for Japanese American civil service employees, previously scheduled Sept. 1, was moved to Sept. 15.

Rep. Gladys Spellman, chairwoman of the House Post Office and Civil Service subcommittee on compensation and employee benefits, addressed representatives of the JACL and Committee for Internment Credit of the date change and invited them to testify on bills HR 6412-14.

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Tax credit proposed as reparations

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — A draft proposing reparations to Japanese Americans who were evacuated, detained or interned during World War II by allowing federal income tax credit was submitted this past week to the National JACL Executive Committee meeting this weekend (Sept. 17-18) at Headquarters.

Shimomura’s proposal was outlined as a bill might be presented in Congress. It calls for $10,000 or $5,000 tax credit, depending on age and current housing conditions, and because many of them were not allowed as a credit under this provision shall, for purposes of the national origin quota on or before December 7, 1941.

There are many advantages to this approach,” Shimomura explained. “It preserves the concept of individual payments without requiring Congress to affirmatively appropriate a large sum of money. It is not a handout but a tax-break in the best American tradition to those who suffered during World War II.

It would be simple for an individual to claim the tax credit at the time of annual filing. The benefit of tax credit will be limited to those who actually suffered during World War II and are still living. A person with little or no tax liability can simply file for a refund,” Shimomura pointed out.

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JACL officers readying 1978 national convention agenda

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. — Preparing for the 1978 national convention at Salt Lake City, the National JACL executive committee (EXECOM) convenes this weekend (Sept. 17-18) at the Maaso Tow Bldg. (Headquarters) to act on various proposals from chapters, district councils and national committees. Some of the major decisions are expected, according to national president, Jim Murakami, in the areas of employment discrimination, Equal Rights amendment, anti-busing legislation (S. 1651) and reparations. The EXECOM will also review issues which were referred to them by the last national convention, such as money and housing issues, district funding and health insurance guidelines.

A JACL statement on the Allan Bakke case can be expected, according to Frank lwama, national JACL legal counsel. Murakami is calling the meeting to order on Saturday, 9 a.m. and adjourns by 2 p.m. Sunday.
EDITORIALS:

JACL Fund Drives

National JACL Legal Counsel Frank Iwama has updated the tragic Okugo-Yamada case in our front-page "By the Board" feature. This is a case that has passed since that sad night of 1970, seven years ago, and the two families still in pursuit of justice. Delegates present at the convention in Chicago probably can recall all the pory details as if it had happened in July of 1977.

The needs stated in the article to appeal the lower court's decision are compact but costly. When the JACL leadership makes its commitment to this cause, it shows compassion and concern prevailing among the general membership and within the community. We are as kind hearted as to feel a spirit from the past.

It is in secret that the Japanese American community is constantly cajoled and coaxed to support a variety of causes. Not a week passes where another appeal is not foreced on people. Public sentiment has been sensitive to deluge its membership with extra fund drives or assessments. But if the cause rings true, let the magnitude of personal sacrifice shine for it determines how exalted and liberated the donor will be.

Hooray for Jimmy

President Carter's decision to make human rights a central concern of his Administration's foreign policy was critici- zed by some as a move to impose American values on other cultures. They should look now at what's happening.

For instance in South Korea, his president has begun releasing some of his political prisoners from prison. This is seen by the Japanese in the Philippines.

We're not reading too much into these events, but the sign of change is in the air. Eventually, it may help dissolve the biggest barrier of all: the denial of the right of people to be free. And that's a universal value.

Ye Editor's Desk: Harry Honda

Believe it or not, there were between 100 and 200 Nisei GLs stationed in the Canal Zone before the end of World War II, about half assigned to station hospitals and the other half with the Army coast artillery. On week-ends, they frequented the many Chinese restaurants at either Balboa or Cristobal in Pan- ama. Unfortunately, the Japanese businesses were closed during the duration. One of them was a small house in Panama town, the Nisei GLs were there.

While 30 years have passed since their return to the United States, none of the veterans of the Southern Command can be expected to have been as familiar with the Canal Zone as a rear guard for his 11-page testimony of July 29 before the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on the Separation of Powers and the five-page transcript of his Aug. 19 testimony in San Francisco.

At the San Francisco press conference, Hayakawa stressed the importance of the vote on the basis of the particularities, less than the principles, based upon what I believe are the best interests of the United States in the political climate of the century.

The Philippines had gained independence just four years earlier.

Sen. S.I. Hayakawa reiterated his support of the Panama Canal treaty in Little Tokyo before the ride in the Nisei Week parade several weeks ago, saying people should understand why there was a vote for the new treaty. He said that there is a need to know what he said was the intention of the Japanese government when it signed the new treaty.

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Salt Lake City  

The last Hale Haven peaches remain unstoned on a tray. It is funny how the fruit once tasted so delicious, especially when it was purchased at outrageous prices from the store. The first handful from our own tree was quickly consumed. But as the crop ripened and the peaches became abundantly available, even the harvesting became a chore. There was plenty to give to neighbors and friends. But eventually the sources of distribution are depleted and so the last gathering remains to be eaten almost dutifully. I suppose they could be preserved, but last year’s batch of frozen peaches lacked the taste of the fresh fruit.  

We are already watching the five frog trees. A few more nights of cool weather will sweeten the fruit. They have turned from their former green to a pale yellow which will ripen golden. Each night we plague one to test for taste and texture. But as with the peaches, once they have ripened and there is plenty to eat, we will lose our appetite for them.

Scholarship

DIANNE EMI ARAKAWA, 25

The daughter of Kazuko and Wallace Arakawa of Honolulu, Diane was awarded the JACL, Manoichi Kato Memorial Graduate Scholarship of $350.

Most of these efforts have largely been directed toward conservation and change in physical areas. What about changes elsewhere? For instance, in JACL.

The concern was voiced recently in the Midwest District Council’s commentary (PC Aug. 19). It stated that National JACL’s efforts are all clearly World War II related.” It noted that these issues are primarily the concern of Nisei.

Then it raised the question of “whether or not JACL is going to expand from its traditional Nisei orientation in attitude and programming.”

With the convening of each national convention, this identical query is restated. The membership assured that changes are occurring, however slowly. But I sometimes wonder whether it is not more a change of personnel rather than of attitude.

One of the impediments to change may be our obsessive preoccupation with the past. Certainly, we seem to lag behind. Contemporary historians and writers already consider the ’60s sufficiently ancient to memorialize. But we are still dwelling on the victors and mistakes of almost two score years past.

The heroes and villains in our book have not changed. We appear to believe that we can keep the past totally reconstructed, that we can resurrect the dead. We equate age with authority. Repeated rhythms and lyrics of old songs haunt us, perhaps with the promise that they will be back in vogue again.

But there is strong evidence that the tide is turning against the past. And unless JACL becomes an organization of these changing times, it will be a luxury which few can afford or want.

From Happy Valley: Sachiko Seko

Changes of the Season

Denver, Colo.  

Herb and Ruby Maruyama threw a party the other evening. Although they have a sumptuous home in the suburbs with a swimming pool and a beautiful back yard (landscaped mostly by Herb and the boys), they engaged the ballroom of the Denver Athletic Club for a buffet and invited about 150 of their neighbors, friends and associates. The occasion was the celebration of their 50th anniversary and the Maruyamas wanted to share their happiness.

Maruyama was a burr-headed Sansei from Hilo, Hawaii, when he showed up in Denver a couple of decades ago with his bride. Ruby. He was fresh out of a Midwest medical school and had come here for postgraduate work. To help make ends meet, Ruby worked as a psychologist in the public schools.

When his graduate work was completed, Maruyama took a deep breath and opened a practice on the west side of town. It was a calculated risk. His field was orthopedic surgery, which has to do with bones and joints and things like that, and most specialists in that line of medicine were right in the middle of Denver or on the east side of the hospitals. Ruby worked as his receptionist to hold down expenses.

The practice turned out to be more successful than the Maruyamas ever dreamed it would be. As word of Herb’s skill spread, sooner he had to take in associates to help with the work.

More than anything, the Maruyamas wanted children. When it was determined there was scant chance of having youngsters of their own, they adopted four of them over a period of time and knotted the two boys and two girls into a warm, close family.

Family was the theme of the anniversary party. Herb’s Dad, Nobuo, and his Mom, and Ruby’s sister, Sachiko Ebisugawa, flew in from Hilo to take part. But it was the kids as much as the older folks that got the attention.

There is an old stereotype that Orientals are not expressive--or at least they don’t show their emotions. They smile only faintly when others might burst into laughter, maintain a stolid poker face when others weep in grief or compassion. Well, we know that it isn’t necessarily true, and at their party the Maruyamas let their close attachment for each other hang right out in the open for their friends to see and admire.

Everyone knows, of course, that there is a family solidarity, that sometimes people become unreasonable and disagreeable. But it was obvious that with the Maruyamas, family solidarity was very important and they weren’t bashful about letting their friends know about it.

It is not possible to look into the minds and thoughts of those who attended the party, but I would guess that the Maruyamas were not simply real nice folks to have as friends and neighbors.

In reality, the ethnic background of the Maruyamas did have a significant role in the festivities. The Japanese, and most other Orientals, have a tradition of strong family ties. So do many European cultural groups, but life in the United States has weakened the bonds that hold a family together are weakening, perhaps as a result of greater mobility. Particularly among those of us who are Japanese, perhaps in part it is the result of the setting of other values, perhaps to the emphasis that is placed on individualism.

Some sociologists see the diminishing of the sense of family as a basic cause of high divorce rates, juvenile delinquency and a general lack of patriotism. Whether this is so, most experts agree strong family ties ought to be encouraged, and the Maruyamas certainly demonstrated how family closeness can mean.

There were a good many of their friends who left the party with a warm feeling about the old-fashioned meaning of family solidarity.

Plain Speaking: Wayne Horiiuchi

Undocumented Aliens

Washington  

The Carter administration has just presented its legislative proposal regarding the issue of undocumented aliens to the Congress of the United States. Unfortunately, the legislation will have serious questions about civil liberties and may have a substantial impact on Asian Americans.

- Let me give you my analysis.

First, the Carter proposal puts the discretion for enforcing the illegal hiring of aliens on the employer. The employer would be required to check the citizenship status of all fulltime employees before hire. The potential for abuse comes when all persons who are "foreign-looking" must assume the burden of proof in demonstrating that they are not an illegal alien. This could open the door for widespread racial discrimination against Asian Americans regardless of their citizenship by birth. Why? Because the white society has difficulty in physically distinguishing Asians and Japanese Americans from Asians and Japanese nationals and immigrants.

Secondly, the Administration proposal sets up a so-called "temporary resident alien" status. All undocumented aliens, including those whose legal status has expired, would have one year to apply for the new status. However, they would not have political or civil rights to vote, serve jury duty or bring forth a lawsuit. Furthermore, they would not be eligible for any federal government social service program.

In effect, a large group of second-class citizens would be forming a separate and independent group of aliens. I think this should be placed in its proper historical perspective. It should be remembered that America is deeply rooted in immigration from other countries. Japanese Americans developed into a valuable and strong resource for America because of the redactions which they brought from Japan.

I’ll keep you informed of the progress of this important legislation in later columns.
Hollywood/Metro co-sponsor fashion extravaganza benefit

LOS ANGELES — Leading Asian American modeling agencies and designers will be spotlighted Sunday, Oct. 16, when the Hollywood/Metro populaznal Los Angeles JACL chapters present a benefit fashion show-luncheon at Beverly Hilton Hotel in Beverly Hills.

Themed “Asian Family Affair,” the show is being coordinated by fashion consultant Stella Sano. It will feature the fall and winter collections of local couturiers, fashions and accessories from Bullock’s Department store in Century City and others. Prominent stores include Betsy Matthews by Mitus of Vidal Sassoon.

With 1,000 expected for the event, part of the proceeds go to the Japanese Retire ment Home and the remaining benefits to the Japanese American Cultural Center of Los Angeles.

Tickets are $15 per person. Reservations will be accepted only until Sept. 28 or until space is filled.

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• Fremont

Fremont JACL’s booth at the annual food bazaar at Fremont Hub Shopping Center in this fall season, Sept. 17, 10 a.m. (in- stead of Sept. 10 as previously reported).

• Fresno

A Fresno JACL forum on establishing a community-sponsored retirement home will be held this Sunday, Sept. 17, 6 p.m., at Lazo Restau rant following a smorgasbord dinner. Interested persons from Fresno, Modesto and Tulare counties are expected to be present.

Among the participants will be Yoshio Kai, who will report on a recent laser survey. Mr. Nishiwa will relate her experiences in managing a nursing home while Mike Iwashita will cover possible contracts with existing facilities.

Late additions to the panel include Neil Tauba with a slide show of facilities in Los Angeles and Fresno, Ron Takahashi discussing Med-Cal eligibility and Ernest Katsuato on costs as an occupant and overall building.

People in the valley have discussed this problem privately for years,” Dr. Kazuo Kato of the JACL, in a report, said, “Now we would like to hear from them during the forum.

Dinner reservations will be accepted until Sept. 24 or until space is filled.

• Santa Barbara

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San Francisco Kimochi seeks Isssei 'board and care' home

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.—Prospects of a Japanese senior citizen home providing board and care are being considered by Kimochi, Inc., as purchase of a three-flat frame building at 1374-36th Laguna St. is negotiated with the San Francisco redevelopment agency, which now owns the property.

The plans, which had been discussed previously by the Kimochi task force, were to be announced at the Sept. 10 meeting at Cal. First Bank's hospitality room at Japan Center.

Plans call for 24-hour care, non-medical facility for ambulatory residents, according to Kimochi director Steve Nakajo. The facility will handle 15 persons. Meals will be provided and assistance given in bathing, dressing and taking of medicine.

It was emphasized that a board and care home cannot meet all the needs for senior citizens for housing and care while a wide range of health care from preventative care programs to a convalescent home would be ideal. A Japanese board and care home, however, is a good beginning and is definitely needed by many Japanese elderly right now, Kimochi said.

In Oakland, the East Bay Housing Committee is looking for open space (1 to 1 1/2 acres) as a site for a low-cost elderly housing project with HUD funding. E. Morrison, Schaffran and Co. of El Cerrito was designated housing consultant.

The committee (438-3566) is also seeking a Japanese community group or groups as sponsors. Its next meeting will be held Sept. 15, 7 to 9 p.m. at the Calif. First Bank hospitality room, 1746 Broadway, Oakland.

San Mateo plans Oct. 1 festival

SAN MATEO, Calif.—An Asian-Polynesian Festival will be sponsored by San Mateo JACL on Oct. 1 at San Mateo High for its community affairs project. Participants from various ethnic groups are participating in the program.

Proceeds go toward matching an additional $3,000 being provided by the San Mateo Foundation, which told the chapter the amount would be given if it is matched. The Foundation presently grants $6,000 to the salary of the community worker, who is now being assisted by Tongan and Vietnamese workers.

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Community. His denunciation of Chinese Americans is not going to facilitate that process.

The legislator also took issue with Gair's "subculture of fear" theory, with its implication that Chinese cultural values may be hampering police efforts.

"Perhaps we should look a little closer to home on what Asians have endured in California in the name of the law," he continued.

Mori pointed to the history of incarceration in concentration camps during World War II, internment detention on Angel Island and denial of due process in court.

"If Chinese Americans are living in fear, some say, all the gains made to the reverse may be in order. Continuing harassment and negative treatment are not the answers, said the Nisei assemblyman.

Mori concluded he sympathizes with the magnitude of Chief Gair's immediate task and called upon both Gair and members of the community to pool their resources toward making Chinatown safer for its people.

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Spartan Beat: Mas Mambo

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The main reason is that it is impossible for the Government to meet Chiba Prefecture’s demand right away for the national rail line. Right now it takes about 80 minutes from Tokyo to the present Tokyo International Airport at Haneda. Destroying the airport by bus.

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