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Judge cites residency law in Hawaii 'unconstitutional'

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HONOLULU—Gov. George Ariyoshi intends to fight for his controversial one-year residency law, which was dealt its first judicial setback in federal court Aug. 26 when Judge Samuel P. King called it "unconstitutional" and issued a preliminary injunction.

The injunction, which bars Ariyoshi from enforcing the law, is good until Dec. 13 when a hearing will be held on whether to make that injunction permanent by striking down the law.

In a prepared statement, Ariyoshi indicated—as he has before—that he will appeal the case if he loses before Federal judges here.

New regents win 1st O.K.

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — The four appointees of Gov. Brown Jr. as Univ. of California regents were recommended for full Senate confirmation this past week (Aug. 30) by the Senate Rules Committee without dissent after questioning that centered on UC investments in South Africa.

Yoritada Wada, one of the four, said he supported sale of the holdings if necessary, but "I would rather have the University take a strong stance allied with other investors for affirmative action for black workers in South Africa."

It has been reported that \$448.7-million of UC's \$793.4-million in common stocks is invested in companies doing business in South Africa.

The law was adopted this year as a key part of Ariyoshi's campaign to control growth and curb overdevelopment.

It requires a one-year residency to be eligible for State and County jobs, which number about 40,000.

Since Federal courts and the Hawaii State Supreme Court have previously ruled residency laws unconstitutional, Ariyoshi said he expected a court challenge to the law.

The American Civil Liberties Union filed that challenge last month, saying the law violated equal protection and due process rights under the U.S. Constitution.

King acknowledged the changing nature of the law and the possibility his ruling may be overturned.

He said courts, personnel and policy change, "but if there's anything this country was founded on it is that this is one country."

Factionalism — where "everybody said this is 'mine, mine, mine and everybody else is excluded' — is what the Civil War tried to prevent, King said.

However, he said, "I wish I was as sure of that (the unconstitutionality of the residency law) as I used to be."

King said some restric-

tions on residency may be in the State's interest, but he said the residency law was "an open, frontal attempt to establish an in-migration policy and in my opinion that's unconstitutional."

He said the residency requirement has been proven to have an "impact on interstate travel."

In order to uphold that law, King said the State

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Japan 'reliable ally' say 46% in poll

TOKYO—One out of every two Americans regard Japan as his country's reliable ally, according to a Gallup Poll commissioned by the Japanese Foreign Ministry.

The survey, the 19th of the kind since it was first taken in 1970, was conducted in March using a total of 1,525 Americans aged over 18 and chosen randomly.

The survey showed 46 percent of the respondents replied "Yes" to a question "Do you think Japan is a reliable ally of your country?"

S.F. police chief blamed for Chinatown 'silence' on help

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Remarks by San Francisco Police Chief Charles Gain in the aftermath of the Sept. 4 Chinatown mass slaying have prompted stunned responses from Asian American civic leaders.

Assemblyman S. Floyd Mori (D-Pleasanton) last week (Sept. 9) described as "ironic" the accusation by Gain that Chinese Ameri-

cans are demonstrating "an absolute abdication of responsibility in not aiding police investigations into the case."

Mori charged that Gain must bear some responsibility for building good police-community relations and resolving the latest slayings.

"What Gain needs now is the cooperation of the com-

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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.

Sansei slain in S.F. Chinatown restaurant

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, while having a late night snack with a few friends visiting from Seattle.

The one-minute melee in which at least 20 shots were fired in front of some 100 diners occurred early Sunday about 2:40 a.m.

The fact that Wada was shot nine times gave rise to speculation that he might have been the target of the shooting. Police Lt. Daniel Murphy of homicide said he "looked like the man the killers were really after" but "something went wrong and the killers made a mistake."

Wada's family issued a statement the following day declaring: "It should be made clear that Paul was not a member nor associated with any gang activity in Chinatown. Furthermore, he had no enemies."

The victim was a third-year student at the Univ. of San Francisco Law School. He was the third son of Yasuko and Yukio Wada, well-known Nisei leader in the community who helped reactivate the San Francisco JACL after the war and was elected chapter president in 1947. Now residents at Walnut Creek, the Wadas are charter members of the new Diablo Valley JACL.

A lifelong San Francisco resident, Paul was graduated from George Washington High School and UC Berkeley. A member of the Christ United Presbyterian church and Boy Scout Troop 12, in recent years he had worked with community services groups and was providing legal services for the poor through the Neighborhood Legal Assistance Foundation, tutoring law students at USF, counseling the Upward Bound Program on campus, Nihonmachi Legal Outreach, Kimochi, Inc.'s, legal aid educational committee and Japanese Community Youth

Council.

Paul was regarded by his friends as "a generous and selfless person who was liked and highly regarded by everyone", the family statement concluded.

The five dead raised the count to 39, which the police have attributed to gang warfare in Chinatown since 1969. Police said it was the city's worst mass murder and believed it to be the third fatal encounter this year between the groups. All three incidents have happened on or near holidays giving rise to Murphy's speculation that the gangs strike when they expect the fewest police to be on the streets.

Eleven others were also wounded, including two who were in critical condition, Wendy Suto in her 20s and Robert Yuen, 18. Janice Imanishi, 23, was also hit, suffering shoulder wounds.

Murphy said the conflict is between the two largest and most powerful of the gangs—the Wah Ching and the Joe Fong gang, also known as Joe's Boys.

As many as 10 Wah Ching gang members were in the restaurant Sunday morning, but they escaped injury "because they may have been street-wise enough to dive under tables at the first sign of trouble," Murphy said. The killers, using a shotgun, automatic weapon and pistol were Joe Fong gang members.

The Joe's Boys gang came into existence after former Wah Ching member Joe Fong broke with the group and formed one of his own. Throughout the early 1970s, the two gangs clashed repeatedly for supremacy and revenge. Fong was convicted in 1973 of conspiracy to commit murder and is now serving a ten-year-to-life sentence.

Authorities believe the source of the clash is that most Wah Ching members are foreign-born while most of the Fong followers are

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BY THE BOARD:

The Okubo-Yamada Case: Seven Years Later

By Frank Iwama, Nat'l JACL Legal Counsel

The news shocked all JACLers: A brutal murder and assault had just occurred at the Palmer House Hotel in Chicago, Illinois. The 21st Biennial JACL Convention was in progress, and the date was July 16, 1970.

Soon, the tragic report was received in California that two young Jr. JACLers from Stockton had been the victims of this senseless, and yet unresolved, crime. Evelyn Okubo (age 18 years) was murdered, and Ranko Carol Yamada (then age 17) was near death after being severely assaulted. It was a miracle that Ranko survived the assault.

It is ironic that Evelyn and Ranko, friends since childhood, had gone to Chicago with the dedication and purpose of improving our society. They, perhaps, may have been victims of the very society that they were seeking to improve.

As a result of the incident the families of the victims initiated a civil suit against Hilton Hotels, which owns and operates the Palmer House. Their suit alleged a breach of expressed or implied warranty and negligence on Hilton's part in not providing adequate security and accommodations at the hotel. From the beginning, the JACL leadership pledged their support and assistance to the families in their legal battle.

(The Chicago Ad Hoc Committee, which was formed to handle the aftermath of the tragedy, had received about \$5,000 during the ensuing 12 months from chapters and individuals to help pay funeral and travel expenses for the parents.)

In late November 1975, the disturbing news was received from Chicago that the long awaited trial had ended with a verdict in favor of Hilton. The families' attorney ad-

vised that the trial judge had committed numerous prejudicial errors, which could be resolved favorably for the families on an appeal.

A decision had to be made. Should the families pursue an appeal? Although in this type of case the families would incur no attorney's fee, there were substantial costs to consider. The expense of having the trial court transcript transcribed was, by itself, a costly undertaking. Again, the JACL leadership assured the families of their continuing support and assistance in the legal battle against a corporate giant. The families made the decision to pursue an appeal, which is still pending.

In September 1976, the JACL Executive Committee adopted a resolution to embark on a campaign to solicit funds from the JACL membership to assist the families to

defray legal expenses in their case. No funds raised will be used for attorney's fees.

The national fund raising campaign for the Okubo-Yamada Legal Assistance Fund will commence soon. Two longtime and dedicated JACLers will chair this important effort—George Baba of Stockton Chapter and Frank Oda of the Sonoma County Chapter.

Seven years later, the legal battle continues for the Okubo and Yamada families. Although no amount of compensation will ever repay the families for their loss and suffering, they are entitled to a fair trial in their legal battle against Hilton Hotels.

Hopefully, our fading memories of the tragic incident which occurred in Chicago will not deter us from assisting the families in their legal battle which is continuing in 1977.

'Baseless' race bias case ends with 'fine'

WASHINGTON—U.S. District Judge John Pratt, ruling on a sex and race job discrimination case, found the charges brought by Barbara N. Copeland, a GS-11 program specialist with the Community Services Agency, as "baseless and frivolous" and dismissed it Aug. 23.

Judge further held Copeland must reimburse the winning side (the federal government) for its costs because she "acted vexatiously, maliciously and in bad faith in bringing and maintaining this action and has intentionally abused the judicial process".

The bill in her case would probably be about \$4,000 as it cost the government about \$27 an hour to defend such a case.

In a related case, Sept. 1, U.S. District Judge Charles Richey of Washington, D.C.,

Deaths

Kinoshita, Dr. Ryojun, 84, chairman of experimental pathology at the City of Hope Center (1951-71), died Sept. 7 at his daughter's home at Palos Verdes peninsula. He was one of the first scientists to suggest a link between cancer and smoking and chemical food additives. In 1969, he was decorated by Japan with the Order of Sacred Treasure, 2nd Class, for cancer research. He had authored some 500 articles in professional journals.

Lee, Shao Chang, 86, former professor of Chinese language at the Univ. of Hawaii (1922-43) and department head emeritus of foreign studies at Michigan State (1943-60), died Aug. 16 at Lansing, Mich. Upon retirement, he taught briefly at UC Berkeley, Univ. of Florida and Bates College.

ordered a black engineer in the Navy Department to pay \$248.65 to the federal government for costs the government incurred in defending a race discrimination suit he filed and lost.

Ruling involved Charles Thomas, 41, GS-14 engineer who claimed he was denied a promotion to GS-15 because of his race. The judge found Thomas did not prove discrimination.

Federal employees who believe they are victims of job discrimination have something new to think about before filing suit against the government. They may not only lose the case, they also may be ordered to pay the fees of government attorneys, a courtroom observer concluded.

Internment credit bill being heard

WASHINGTON — Public hearing on the Mineta bill authorizing retirement credit for Japanese American civil service employees, previously scheduled Sept. 13, was advanced one day.

Rep. Gladys Spellman, chairwoman of the House Post Office and Civil Service subcommittee on compensation and employee benefits, advised representatives of the JACL and Committee for Internment Credit of the date change and invited them to testify on bills HR 6412-13-14.

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must at least show a rational basis for the law or an overriding State interest.

"None of that has been shown," he said.

King said the State officials who testified on the State's interest in the law all said the law "was not part of their program."

The State officials testified about water, population and unemployment problems facing Hawaii, but were unable to present figures on the number of persons ruled ineligible for State and County jobs because of the law or the number of newcomers holding these jobs.

After the decision, Ariyoshi said, "We continue to feel as strongly as ever that a very basic state's rights question is involved here," the determination of a state's own future and destiny.

He said State attorneys will pursue the case through the hearing on the permanent injunction and if necessary, appeal to higher courts.

The immediate effect of King's ruling was unclear.

The ACLU suit named only one defendant—Ariyoshi—and it was not certain whether the counties or the University of Hawaii, a separate entity under the State

Constitution, would fall under the judge's order.

State Deputy Atty. Gen. Lawrence Kumabe, who defended Ariyoshi, said they did not.

Clayton Ikei, ACLU attorney, said King's ruling probably won't apply to the counties, but he didn't consider it an important issue since there didn't appear to be anyone who was ruled ineligible for a county job because of the law.

Ikei also said the University falls under the judge's order because Ariyoshi is the State's chief law enforcement officer.

It was also unclear as to whether persons ineligible for jobs in the past because of the law are now eligible.

Kumabe, who declined to say how many persons were ruled ineligible, said applications of the newcomers will remain on file and become "reactivated" depending on the final wording of King's written order, which has yet to be issued.

Ikei, as well as ACLU Executive Director Reinhard Mohr, recommended that persons ruled ineligible notify the 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.

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" Allan Bakke case, which many legal experts believe 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 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 special admissions program was unconstitutional.

In New York, six ethnic and two Jewish groups joined in an amicus brief in support of affirmative action to speed the entry of racial minorities into higher education but opposed use of racial quotas.

In rejecting the criterion of race and use of quotas,

the organizations stressed need for intensified efforts to recruit disadvantaged students. The organizations signing the brief with Prof. Alan Dershowitz of Harvard Law School listed "of counsel" were:

American Jewish Committee, New York; American Jewish Congress; Hellenic Bar Assn. of Illinois; Italian American Foundation; Polish American Affairs Council; Polish American Education Assn.; Ukrainian Congress Committee of America, Chicago Division; Unico National.

A number of universities have submitted briefs supporting the University with the aim of defending the autonomy of universities.

Former Watergate special prosecutor Archibald Cox and onetime solicitor general will argue for the University. Bakke will be represented by San Francisco attorney Reynold Colvin.

Chinatown editor blames silence on S.F. police ties

SAN FRANCISCO — Responding to repeated criticism by police of Chinatown residents for not stepping forward to help identify three young men involved

in the Sept. 4 mass shooting, East West editor Gordon Lew this past week charged in his editorial it was because unnamed police and city officials associate with "so-called community leaders (in Chinatown) who have links with the underworld."

Police Chief Charles Gain responded, "I have gone out of my way" to avoid associating with citizens with known criminal connections. He also expressed anger and frustration over his inability to stop off-duty policemen from hiring themselves as guards.

It was learned an off-duty San Francisco policeman was in the Golden Dragon, hired as a plainclothes security guard, when the shooting broke out.

Editor Lew criticized the San Francisco police for failing to do their job in Chinatown.

"Unlike police counterparts in Hong Kong and Singapore, who have penetrated the underworld organizations, San Francisco police are still relying on secondary sources for most of their information," Lew wrote.

"Chinese-Americans living in this neighborhood, with little protection from the police, would be fools to testify openly.

"Not only that, it is common knowledge in Chinatown that many so-called community leaders have links with the underworld. If the police and city officials prefer to deal with these community leaders, the common folks will never testify.

"Committing suicide is not a virtue among the Chinese."

Court & Law

Japanese businessman Hideo Shibukawa, 47, of Tokyo, was acquitted Aug. 31 in Los Angeles of charges he helped run an "endless chain" scheme that bilked members of the Japanese American community of \$250,000. He was accused of offering to sell unlicensed securities. Charges against two others were dismissed for lack of evidence while Keido Koga, 68, of Los Angeles, who pleaded no contest Aug. 25 to a misdemeanor charge of operating the scheme, will be sentenced Oct. 26. Toshio Masuda, 48, of Monterey Park, who pleaded guilty to the same charges leveled against Shibukawa, was to be sentenced Sept. 13. Police had raided a promotional meeting Sept. 7, 1976, at a Little Tokyo restaurant.

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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 by Floyd D. Shimomura, attorney and Sacramento JACL president.

SHIMOMURA DRAFT NO. 1—

Aug. 31, 1977

Reparations — A Tax Credit Proposal

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A BILL

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, to provide that Japanese Americans evacuated, detained, or interned during World War II shall be allowed a Federal income tax credit.

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"(c) Credit for Evacuated Japanese Americans

"(1) **In General.** All persons of Japanese ancestry who were evacuated, detained, or interned at any time during World War II by action of the government of the United States of America shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed by this subtitle in the amount of \$10,000 if at the time an adult or \$5,000 if at the time a child. The amount allowed as a credit under this provision shall, for purposes of this subtitle, be considered an amount withheld at source as tax under section 3402.

"(2) **Period of Credit.** The tax credit provided for in paragraph (1) must be claimed within a period of 5 years of the effective date of this subdivision.

"(3) **Definitions.** For the purpose of this subdivision, the following definitions shall apply:

"(A) 'Persons of Japanese ancestry' refers to all persons of Japanese ancestry and their spouses and dependent children residing in the United States of America or its territories or possessions at any time during World War II.

"(B) 'Evacuated, detained, or interned' refers to evacuation, exclusion, detention, or internment pursuant to -

"(i) Executive order Numbered 9066, dated February 19, 1942;

"(ii) section 67 of the Act entitled 'An Act to provide a government for the Territory of Hawaii' approved April 30, 1900 (chapter 339, Fiftysixth Congress; 31 Stat. 153);

"(iii) Executive Order Numbered 9489, dated October 18, 1944;

"(iv) sections 4067 through 4070 of the Revised Statutes of the United States; or

"(v) any other statute, rule, regulation or order.

It shall also include voluntary departure from a military area prior to but in anticipation of an order of exclusion therefrom and voluntary departure in order to accompany a spouse or parent evacuated, detained, or interned.

"(C) 'World War II' refers to the period beginning on September 1, 1940, and ending on July 24, 1947.

"(D) 'Adult' refers to a person who was fifteen (15) years of age or older on or before December 7, 1941.

"(E) 'Child' refers to a person who did not become fifteen (15) years of age until after December 7, 1941.

Sacramento JACL president.

The draft was presented as an individual JACL member to JACL Headquarters to stimulate and sharpen debate over the reparations issue, which is on the agenda of 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 at the time of evacuation or internment. The proposal is drafted so that a person can file for refund if the tax liability is less than the tax credit.

"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 will 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.

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-

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 (EXEC-OM) convenes this weekend (Sept. 17-18) at the Masao Sato Bldg. (Headquarters) to act on various proposals from chapters, district councils and national committees.

Murakami is calling the meeting to order on Saturday, 9 a.m. and adjourn by 3 p.m. Sunday.

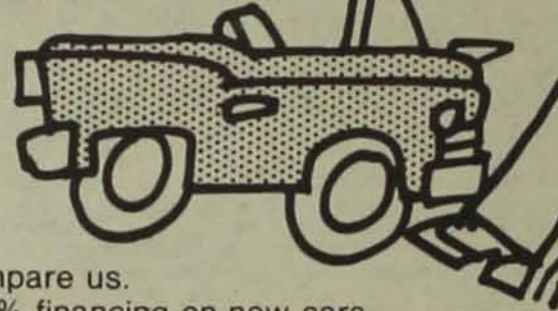
1651) and reparations.

The EXECOM will also review issues which were referred to them by the last national convention, such as proxy votes, district funding and health insurance guidelines.

A JACL statement on the Allan Bakke case can be expected, according to Frank Iwama, national JACL legal counsel.

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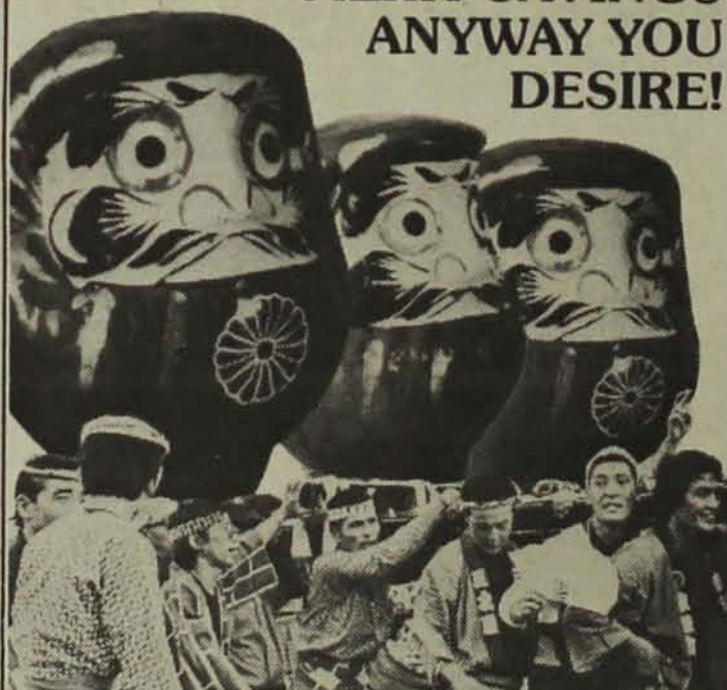
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American-born.

Investigations into the killings are usually met with frustration in attempts to get information because of the traditional Chinese code of silence and because of fears by witnesses that they would be harmed if they talk.

The gangs engage in extortion, gambling and assault. They first came into existence after 1965 when the national origin quota system was abolished. The new young Chinese who came found overcrowded housing conditions, and because many of them were unable to speak English, few available jobs.

Fong, in past interviews, has said the Wah Chings are a front for a cadre of respected businessmen in Chinatown who control gambling, prostitution and extortion.

Meanwhile, Mayor George Moscone offered a \$25,000 reward—the largest in San Francisco's history—for information leading to the arrest and conviction for the three assailants.

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EDITORIALS:

JACL Fund Drives

National JACL Legal Counsel Frank Iwama has updated the tragic Okubo-Yamada case in our front-page "By the Board" piece this week. It is distressing to note how time 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 gory 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 made its commitment to assist, they were fully aware of the compassion and concern prevailing among the general membership and within the community. We are that kind... having inherited such a spirit from the Issei.

It is no secret that the Japanese American community is constantly cajoled and coaxed to support a variety of causes. Not a week passes where another appeal isn't foisted for people know it doesn't hurt to ask. JACL has always been sensitive not 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 criticized 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, its president has begun releasing some of his political opponents from prison. The same is being seen 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

Panama Canal Issue: Notes and Background

Believe it or not, there were between 100 and 200 Nisei GIs stationed in the Canal Zone during World War II, about half assigned to station hospitals and the other half with the Army coast artillery. On weekends, they frequented the Chinese restaurants at either Balboa or Cristobal in Panama. Understandably, the Japanese businesses were closed for the duration. One of them was a big gambling house, the Nisei GIs were told.

While 30 years have passed since their return to the States, these few Nisei veterans of the Southern Command can be expected to have a keener insight to the signing of the new treaties this past week: (1) acknowledging Panama's sovereignty over its territory and (2) recognizing the canal as an international waterway operating under permanent neutrality. While one of them had not read the excerpts of the treaties, he didn't feel the canal has the value today as it did when he was there.

A Panamanian student we knew in college described the Canal Zone—about 10 miles wide and 36 miles across the isthmus—as dividing his country in half and it was time they got it back. 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 he rode in the Nisei Week parade several weeks ago, saying people would understand why after more information on the issue became known. Those who want to know what he has said ought to write to his office and ask 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 press conference in San Francisco.

At the San Francisco press conference, Hayakawa said: "I shall cast my vote on the basis of the particulars, no less than the

Derogatory Terms

Editor:

On Aug. 29's "Tonight Show", George Carlin was guest host. Part of his opening monologue went: "... and that great hit from '42—Slap the Jap in the Yap". I wonder how many of us were offended by that. This is the second time I've heard him use "Jap" on that show and I think it's out of taste.

If he had used "nigger", I wonder if the NAACP would have waited this long to protest.

Perhaps this is another insult we'll accept without protesting.

JOHN KIMATA

Harrisonburg, Va.
Radio/TV stations are required to keep a telephone log of complaints (or praises). Incidents such as that reported by our reader should be made with the station at the time. JACL can better follow-up after that.
—Editor

'The King & I'

It is apparent that Miss Yamamoto's plea (PC Ltrs, Sept. 2) for justice, desire to see a play without being offended, cessation of all racial epithets is indeed valid but hits far of the mark.

While not to continue a written debate on the topic of San Diego's *King & I*, I would like to offer historical evidence that Asian and her people have been a source of exoticism from the 18th century. Mozart operas refer to "Oriental" mysteriousness; one in particular taking place in a Turkish harem! More to Asia itself—the Far East—and France: the 19th century produced in France an interest in the Orient culminating in the 1889 Exhibition featuring Indonesian dancers, Japanese music & Chinese art. A whole spate of poetry longing for Asia emerged; the most notable being Tristan Klingsor's *Asie*, further immortalized in Ravel's *Sheherazade* song trilogy. That poem stereotypes Pan-Asians but have yet to hear of a protest against that concert work.

The Mikado by Gilbert & Sullivan is a very well known work available in any music section of the library. At present, it is being performed by San Francisco's *Lamplighters* without protest (to my knowledge). I don't find the *Mikado* amusing. I find it silly, but hardly offensive.

I might also cite another 19th century example of "Orientalism"—that being the world famous opera *Madame Butterfly*. Names like Cio-Cio-

San, Sharpless and Goro are used and the totally absurd story of a naval officer falling in love with a 15-year-old Geisha, leaving her for three years and returning with an American wife has captivated opera lovers for 75 years. No one seems to have protested this opera.

I abhor slurs, racial, religious, ethnic as anybody but can assume that cultured people going to the theater and opera would not assume ALL Thais in King to "toady" around anyone more than assume ALL American officers marry 15 year old Japanese geishas.

As a teacher, I have been familiar with the high scholastic record of Asians and have observed in my university days that most Asians WERE science majors. I also have observed the stereotypes on TV and have objected to them—fortunately we live in an age now where this is largely disappearing. Remember too, that prejudice is a two way street and, while living in Hawaii, have been the victim of numerous slurs from Asian-Hawaiians in my school. I finally agree that I have not been locked in concentration camps but my ancestors (100% Irish) during the 19th century on the East Coast endured signs in offices "No Irish Need Apply" and "No Irish Allowed". My father's people were dock wallopers in New York while my mother's people were maids.

A valid protest is healthy but a complete termination of art because some segment of it reflects adversely upon some group reminds one of the ominous time when Jewish and "decadent" art pictures, books, and music were burned in public in Germany, 1935.

JOSEPH HALPIN

Santa Rosa, Calif.

Manner of Censure

Editor:

Violent reaction to inadvertent remarks which can be construed as racial slights is like slapping down a neighbor's kid because his ball happens to fall into your flower garden. It is effective; but it may strain relations with his dating parents.

Folsom-Cordova school board chairman Dave Marty's off-the-cuff remark: "Hey, this country wasn't founded on Buddha," (PC, Sept. 2), was made in response to a loaded question by a fellow board member Joel Moskowitz, who appears to be opposed to a time release law for Christian instruction. Because he has already apologized, it is hardly necessary for the JACL to join Mos-

kowitz and the Jewish Anti-Defamation League in demanding that Marty be publicly humiliated by a vote of censure.

Screaming for blood whenever someone makes a thoughtless remark to which we take umbrage is not in accord with the principles of "love your neighbor" and "forgive your debtors".

We will be "Better Americans in a Greater America" if we learn to resolve our differences with dignity and a little humor.

MASARU ODO

Gardena, Calif.

Time to Remember

Editor:

I felt prompted to write this letter after another wonderful summer visiting relatives and friends in California. After returning I scanned a pile of back issues of the Pacific Citizen and also read "Bamboo People" by Frank Chuman. Then last night I watched the special three-hour TV program called "Life Goes to the Movies". These recent experiences made me reflect about my life thus far of some 50 years.

From the Pacific Citizen I read accounts about the reunion of those who resided in Tacoma before the war. I also read about the JACL meeting in Salt Lake City honoring among others the only Nisei, Wat Misaka, to play professional basketball as well as Raymond Uno, first Nisei judge in the state of Utah. Then additionally I perused the account about the reunion in Berkeley for those who participated in the Northern California Young Peoples' Christian Conferences. A good part of my life is tied to all of the aforementioned events, which geographic distance prevented me from attending.

I spent my formative childhood years in Ogden, Utah, where I was born and lived with Wat Misaka as my downstairs neighbor. Raymond Uno's older brother, Wallace, was one of my class mates in elementary school. In 1939 my family moved to Tacoma, Washington, from which location I ended up spending about three years of my life in Tule Lake Center. After graduation from Washington State University I continued my academic work at the Univ. of California in Berkeley where I was awarded a secondary teaching certificate. While at UC I attended the NCYPC at Zephyr Point conference grounds on the shores of beautiful Lake Tahoe.

There is, of course, much more to

my rather nomadic life, which has led me to the Midwest where I teach mechanical engineering in college. The intervening years have not dimmed my memories of the close associations I have had with the Japanese community.

I found even deeper remembrance in reading Frank Chuman's fine book about the legal history of the Japanese in the United States. It reinforced my impression that I regard myself as an advantaged person as a result of my Japanese cultural heritage. It was a heritage that enabled my parents and the entire Issei community to endure and overcome so many obstacles. I am thankful for the emphasis in the Japanese culture for such superb qualities like patience (*gaman*), fortitude (*shikari shinasai*), parental loyalty and honor (*oya kōko*) etc. These qualities are a permanent part of me and serve to sustain me in these trying times. It has also been a source of strength for me to dwell on the remarkable record of accomplishments for the Nisei, the way in which the Japanese community cared for each other and were not a burden on society, and the crime-free record that was maintained until recently.

One of the main purposes for the formation of the Hoosier JACL was to preserve the Japanese heritage in America so that posterity could benefit from it. The Japanese community keeps growing and now includes people of all races and backgrounds. I believe it is worthwhile and highly desirable to broaden and strengthen JACL so that there will be a unified effort to encourage the dissemination of the qualities and values from Japanese culture that enabled the Japanese community of past years to be such a superb and strong entity in the United States.

We live in times of great moral decay, abundant greed, and increasing apathy. All of these are contrary to the Japanese cultural heritage. Hence, there is a great need to emphasize in our society the importance of living up to high moral standards, to abandon primary emphasis on material things, and to return to a real concern for people. The success ethic is firmly implanted in all of us, but I realize now that material gain is not or ever has been a good measure of success. To me success is measured by how much one is giving to help one's fellow human beings. We need to return to such an emphasis and help lift our nation out of its present depths of despair.

TERRY ISHIHARA

Terre Haute, Ind.

committee, "We did nothing that was unusual or contrary to the public morality of those days. At the turn of the century all great powers behaved similarly, and the speed with which the new republic (of Panama) was recognized by all governments indicates that we applied what were then standard practices." He had noted:

a) Ferdinand de Lesseps, the French builder of the Suez Canal, had received a concession from Colombia to build a canal across the Isthmus of Panama in 1878. It also demonstrated to the American people that an important commercial route and vital link might come under foreign control and the need for construction and ownership of such a canal by the United States.

b) By 1889, the French "threat" was removed when De Lesseps Co. went bankrupt. The American Maritime Canal Co. also abandoned in 1893 its effort in Nicaragua.

c) Theodore Roosevelt, who became President in

September, 1901, apparently favored the Nicaragua route, since American engineers said it would be cheaper. De Lesseps Co. reorganized to sell its concession to the U.S., reducing its price from \$109 million to \$40 million.

d) In June, 1902, Congress authorized the President to secure a right-of-way across the Isthmus or through Nicaragua. Because of the possible alternative, the Hay-Herran treaty with Colombia was negotiated, providing a 6-mile-wide canal zone for \$10 million and annual payments of \$250,000. It was ratified by the U.S. but the Senate of Colombia rejected it for a higher price.

e) Panamanians, independent since 1821 and voluntarily becoming a part of New Granada (Colombia), never felt strong attachment. There had been a number of attempts to establish an independent state. While the Colombian Senate debated, the French agent Bunau-Varilla, intent on securing the \$40 million

from the U.S., supplied the conspirators with a proclamation of independence, a constitution, a flag of liberation and instructions to start the uprising on Nov. 3.

f) On Nov. 2, the USS Nashville conveniently arrived in Panama. Less than 1,000 people participated in the bloodless revolt. American presence prevented the landing of Colombian troops. The next day, the new Republic of Panama was proclaimed. In quick succession, it was recognized by the U.S., by European powers and by all the Latin American republics except Colombia. By Nov. 18, the Hay-Bunau-Varilla treaty was signed, the terms identical to those rejected earlier by Colombia.

The work on the canal started in 1907 and was completed by 1914. Work of Dr. Hideyo Noguchi in yellow fever research also helped lick a major construction problem. Contributions of the Issei microbiologist to world health is one that should be retold. □



From Happy Valley: Sachi Seko

Changes of the Season

Salt Lake City

The last Hale Haven peaches remain uneaten 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 Japanese pear 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 pluck 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. It

is that way with most things. Our appreciation decreases with plenty.

The same negligent attitude extended to water until this summer. The winter drought made it necessary for local officials to initiate a voluntary water conservation program. At first many citizens predicted that it would be a brown summer and that most yards would die.

Nothing like this had ever happened before. Water was assumed to be as ample as air. In years past, we had the sprinklers operating for hours on end. Under the new restrictions, we were prepared to lose parts of our garden. But instead the yard did quite well. In spite of increased rates, our water bill was lower, proving that we did conserve.

The restrictions were removed this week, but there is no need to return to our former ways. In a few brief months we have become accustomed to using less water. Conservation has become a habit.

It has always been a surfeit of goods and commodities, whether they be peaches and pears or water and energy, that has led to wanton waste. As beautiful as the garden may have been, with its multi-colored lights, we can live without the illumination night after night. Because it is now an infrequent luxury, we enjoy it more when guests are here to share it.

Conservation is essential now if future generations are to survive. We want those who succeed us to have the same opportunity to enjoy forests and streams. We want them to be able to raise food for their tables from soil which is rich and black. The sacrifices and changes which we must adjust to are essentially the promise of a legacy to those who come after us.

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

This concern was voiced recently in the Midwest District Council's commentary (PC Aug. 19). The article 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 raised. The membership is assured that changes are occurring, however slowly. But I sometimes wonder whether it is not more a change of personnel rather than philosophy.

One of the impediments to change may be our obsessive preoccupation with the past. Cautious by nature, we seem to lag behind. Contemporary historians and writers already consider the '60s sufficiently ancient to memorialize. But we are still dwelling on the victories 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 the Frying Pan: Bill Hosokawa

Togetherness

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 25th 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 post-graduate 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 close to 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. Soon 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 knit 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, Sachi Ebesugawa, 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 stoics, and that the Japanese in particular 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 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 are family disagreements, and sometimes people become unreasonable and disagreeable. But it was obvious that with the Maruyamas, family togetherness 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 seen simply as real nice folks to have as friends and neighbors.

In reality, the ethnic background of the Maruyamas did have a not insignificant role in the festivities. The Japanese, and most other Orientals, have a tradition of strong family ties. So do many European cultures. But in the American way of life the bonds that hold a family together are weakening, perhaps as a result of greater mobility, perhaps due to affluence which may lead to 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 sense of rootlessness. Whether this is so, most experts agree strong family ties ought to be encouraged, and the Maruyamas unintentionally but vividly demonstrated what 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 Horiuchi

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 to the employer. The employer would be required to check the citizenship status of all future employees before hire. The potential for abuse comes when all persons who are "foreign-looking" must assume the burden of proof in demonstrating that he or she is 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 one whose legal status has expired, residing in the United States on or before Jan. 1, 1977 and who register with the Immigration and Naturalization Service will be granted this status for a period of five years.

Those granted temporary resident alien status would be allowed to work and 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 in family members from abroad. Furthermore, they would not be eligible for various federal government social service programs.

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

I'll keep you informed of the progress of this important legislation in later columns.

Scholarship



DIANNE EMI ARAKAWA, 25

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

Hollywood/Metro co-sponsor fashion extravaganza benefit

LOS ANGELES — Leading Asian American fashion designers will be spotlighted Sunday, Oct. 16, when the Hollywood and Metropolitan Los Angeles JACL chapters present a benefit fashion show-luncheon at the 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 nine couturiers, fashions and accessories from Bullock's Depart-

ment Store in Century City and hairstyles by Mitsuo Vidal Sassoon.

With 1,000 expected for the event, part of the proceeds go to the Japanese Retirement Home and the remainder to be used for charitable projects by the participating chapters. Tickets are \$15 per person. Reservations will be accepted on a first-come first-served basis by:

Gail Maeda (Metropolitan) at 413-6100 or 479-3368 or France Yokoyama (Hollywood) at 662-4954. Checks payable to Hollywood/Metro JACL and sent to 5270 Los Feliz Blvd., Los Angeles 90027.

calendar

Sept. 16 (Friday)

Sonoma County—Benefit movie, Emmanji Hall, 7:30 p.m.

West Los Angeles—Sr. Cit. Luau, WLA United Methodist Church

Seattle—Nikkei Retirement Seminar, Bannan Hall, Seattle Univ., 7 p.m.

Sept. 17 (Saturday)

Saint Louis—Issei day.

Salt Lake—Monte Carlo night, Buddhist Church, 7 p.m.

Fremont—Food Bazaar, Fremont Hub Shopping Ctr., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Sept. 17-18

Nat'l JACL—EXECOM Mtg., Hq., San Francisco.

Sept. 18 (Sunday)

Cincinnati—Pioneer picnic, Buyo home, Osgood, Ind.

Fresno—Forum: Retirement Home, Luau Restaurant, 6 p.m.

Sept. 21 (Wednesday)

Mid-Hi—Mtg., Cathay Post, 8 p.m.

Sept. 23 (Friday)

Seattle—Nikkei Retirement Seminar, Bannan Hall, Seattle Univ., 7 p.m.

Sept. 24 (Saturday)

IDC—Qtrly sess., Ponderosa Inn, Burley, Idaho, 1 p.m.

Garden Grove—Wintersburg Presbyterian Church food festival, 13711 Fairview, 4-9 p.m.

West Valley—Issei appreciation night.

Sept. 24-25

Contra Costa—Golf tournament.

Sept. 25 (Sunday)

Cincinnati—Bd Mtg., Fred Morioka's res., 1:30 p.m.

Washington, D.C.—Chapter picnic.

Sonoma County—Nisei GI Memorial Service, Emmanji Temple, 2:30 p.m.

Sept. 30 (Friday)

Chicago—Annual mtg.

Seattle—Nikkei Retirement Seminar, Bannan Hall, Seattle Univ., 7 p.m.

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Ron Takahashi discussing Medi-Cal eligibility, and Dr. Ernest Kazato on costs as an occupant and overall building costs.

"People in the valley have discussed this problem privately for years," Dr. Kazato said. "Now we would like to hear from them during the forum."

Dinner reservations will be accepted until Sept. 16 by Mrs. Shinobu Mikami (266-4045) and Sumi Suda (439-4495).

Santa Barbara

The Santa Barbara JACL held its annual barbecue picnic to a good crowd at Tuckers Grove on August 28th. Local Japanese businesses added to the door prizes while races and games kept the younger set busy.

The JACL presented \$100 scholarships at the picnic to David F. Takeuchi, son of the Goro T. Takeuchis, who will enroll in the engineering department at Loyola; and Glenn Fukumura, son of the Tom Fukumuras, who will attend Pomona as a premed.

Guests of the JACL were the Rev. and Mrs. Sakow of the Buddhist Church and the Rev. and Mrs. Roy Takaya of the Bethany Congre-

gational Church, and the two scholarship winners.

Seattle

Attorney George Koshi, now retired from government service, was guest speaker at the Seattle JACL meeting in June, speaking on community property. His great sense of humor made the presentation of a heavy subject matter most interesting.

As government attorney with the Far East Command, Koshi helped coordinate the American and Japan legal systems as applicable to the armed forces stationed in Japan. He was decorated with the Order of Sacred Treasure, 3rd Class, for his contribution.

Community property law in the state of Washington is complicated, he pointed out, especially when an accounting is necessary in a divorce or in probate. One way to avoid this problem is to make all existing property the husband and wife have into community property or jointly owned as well as all future acquisitions, Koshi explained.

Noted Koshi: "If a hus-

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band buys a \$5,000 fur coat for his wife, he is actually presenting a \$2,500 gift as only one-half belongs to her."

Inca site found

LIMA, Peru—A Yomiuri Shimbun archeological team led by Chiaki Kan found the long forgotten capital city of the Inca Empire in a deep jungle of south Peru in Cuzco province. The Peruvian government Aug. 24 said it was highly satisfied that Vilcabamba, the last Inca capital, was discovered. It was overrun by Spaniards in 1572.

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San Francisco Kimochi seeks Issei '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 1734-36-38 Laguna St. is being 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 Calif. 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 medi-

cine, he added.

It was emphasized that a board and care home cannot meet all the needs of senior citizens for housing and care while a wide range of health care from preventative health 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 1½ acres) as a site for low-cost elderly housing project with HUD funding. E. Morton Schaffran and Co. of El Cerrito was designated housing consultant.

The committee (848-3560) is also seeking a Japanese community group or groups as sponsors. Its next meeting will be held Sept. 19, 7:30 p.m. at the Calif. First Bank hospitality room, 1746 Broadway, Oakland. □



94 years young and driving

Longtime Seabrook JACler and now the honorary member, the Rev. Mamoru Eto admires a terrarium exhibited at Seabrook JACL chow mein dinner. Mr. Eto, who is 94 years old, is the resident minister of the Seabrook Christian Church and still enjoys participating in all community functions. A shigin enthusiast, each week he drives the members in his station wagon to the nearby Seabrook Buddhist Church where the Shigin Club meets.

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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 toward the salary of the community worker, who is now being assisted by Tongan and Vietnamese workers.

SILENCE

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

The legislator also took issue with Gain'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, immigrant detention on Angel Island and denial of due process in court.

"If Chinese Americans are living in fear, some sensitivity as to the reasons 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 Gain's immediate task and called upon both Gain and members of the community to pool their resources toward making Chinatown safer for its people.

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Nakasone to appear at Los Angeles trade event

LOS ANGELES—Yasuhiro Nakasone, frequently mentioned as a potential prime minister of Japan, will be keynote speaker at the 14th annual trade luncheon of the Japan America Society of Southern California on Sept. 29 at the New Otani Hotel.

Nakasone, a leader in the Liberal-Democratic Party (LDP), has held a number of significant government

posts, including Director-General of the Defense Agency, Minister of International Trade and Industry, and Secretary-General of the LDP.

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SAN FRANCISCO—The Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Northern California has moved from the Ferry Bldg. to the World Affairs Center, 312 Sutter St., where members will have access to conference rooms, library and other facilities. Other tenants include Japan Society and the World Affairs Council.

Dames Country Fair

LOS ANGELES—Local Asian artists will be selling their wares, community groups will staff Oriental food and game booths, a country store full of boutique items at the Dames Coun-

try Fair Oct. 1, 10 a.m.-9 p.m., at the spacious grounds of the Japanese Retirement Home, 325 S. Boyle Ave. Proceeds go to the home. The Dames, a social-philanthropic club of women from Los Angeles/Orange counties, is headed by Mrs. Jimmy Sakoda.

Ishikatsu stoneware

SANTA MONICA, Calif.—Over 200 Ishikatsu stone lanterns, monuments and garden pieces are being shown for the first time in the U.S. through September (until Oct. 3) at Hotel Miramar. (An Ishikatsu stone lantern is lit each spring to signal opening of the Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, D.C.)

The best way of answering a bad argument is to let it go on.
—Sydney Smith

Spartan Beat: Mas Mambo

Narita Still Closed

TOKYO—Well, it now seems definite. The New Tokyo International Airport at Narita, which was supposed to be finally opened this year, will continue to remain a multimillion-dollar white elephant out in Chiba Prefecture.

The main reason is that it is impossible for the Government to meet Chiba Prefecture's demand right away for the completion of access roads to the airport before its opening.

Chiba Prefecture's demand for widening of National Route 51 is reasonable enough. The airport, unloved by the Chiba populace, is located way to hell and gone, 66 kilometers from Tokyo. And driving from the capital to the airport in clogged traffic could take three or four hours.

The Shipping and Trade News, published in Tokyo, notes that travel by automobile from Narita Airport to Tokyo via heavily congested roads would take longer than a flight from Narita to Hong Kong by jetliner.

Even when it is finally opened, it will be "the world's most inconvenient, most expensive and worst airport," according to the S&T News.

As for rail transportation to the airport, a New Narita Railway Line has been built but not the planned Narita Shinkansen line. Right now it takes about 80 minutes from Tokyo to Narita Station via the Sobu Line of the Japanese National Railways and an additional 20 minutes from the station to the airport by bus.

The S&T says the Transport Ministry has estimated that when the airport is opened, the number of persons traveling between it and the heart of Tokyo will reach about 34,000 daily one way. They are expected to include 6,800 plane passengers and 16,000 well-wishers.

The prospect is that those riding taxis will receive a terrific dent in the pocketbook.

The S&T News says that travel from central Tokyo to Narita by airport limousine is going to cost a minimum of ¥36,750. This is more than four times the charge from central Tokyo to the present Tokyo International Airport at Haneda of ¥8,600 (\$3.25).

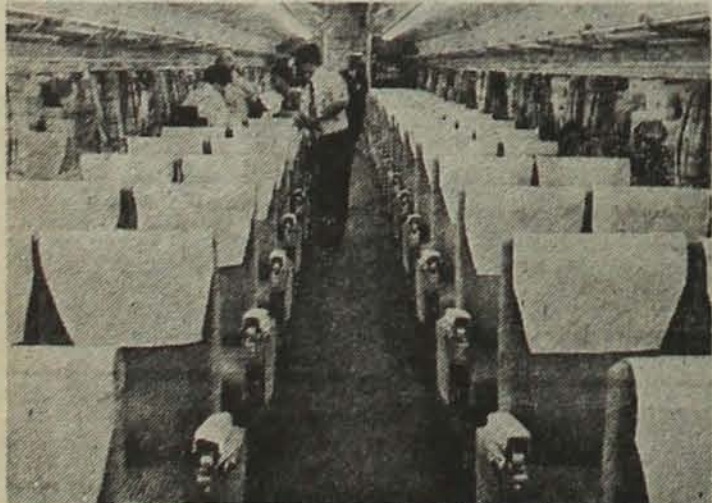
And now for the good news.

The Japanese National Railways is to lower ticket rates for Green Cars or first-class coaches and Class A sleeping berths around Sept. 20.

The rates for green cars of limited express trains will be slashed by an average of 34.1 per cent or between ¥1,000 and ¥3,000—to the level before November 1976.

JNR authorities got egg on their faces when they jacked up the ticket prices. The fare boost has caused passengers to shun the Green Cars and ride planes on long trips.

The Green Cars of the Shinkansen trains are sometimes completely without passengers, according to the JNR.



Shinkansen's "green car" passengers had the coach practically to themselves during the summer as shown in this photo taken in the green car of a Kodama train about to leave Tokyo in a midweek departure for Osaka. Less than 10 were aboard the 68-seat coach.

pc's people

Politics

San Francisco attorney Gordon Lau was to resign as city planning commissioner and campaign for the District 1 seat on the San Francisco board of supervisors. District 1 embraces the Richmond district, where many Asian Americans reside. He last ran for supervisor in 1969 and finished with 56,000 votes, placing out of the money in eighth place.

Government

Assemblyman Floyd Mori's legislation closing a tax loophole and saving Californians an estimated \$100,000-\$150,000 annually has been signed into law by Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. The measure, AB 1588, places a 90-day limit on a property tax exemption for private railway cars under repair.

Radio-TV

Jack Soo (nee Goro Suzuki of prewar Oakland) drew two letters of support in the tight space of TV Guide (Aug. 13-19) letterbox. Readers in New Jersey and in Texas both noted he never

Sadaharu Oh tops

Aaron's HR mark Sept. 3

TOKYO—Sadaharu Oh, Japan's "Babe Ruth", broke Henry Aaron's lifetime major league homerun record of 755 on Sept. 3, three days after tying the mark. Oh blasted his 40th homerun of the season before 50,000 fans at Korakuen Stadium for No. 756—his 7,878 AB at 2,428 games over a 19-year career.

Oh broke Ruth's lifetime record of 714 HR in October, 1976—30 months after Aaron broke the mark in Atlanta in April, 1974.

played the role of a domestic Japanese—surely not the stereotypical Japanese houseboy (to quote the TV Guide). The Texas reader noted "Asian Americans still face discrimination on TV, evidenced by one token actor per network (ABC: Jack Soo, "Barney Miller"; CBS: Kam Fong, "Hawaii Five-O"; NBC: Robert Ito, "Quincy"). When the talented Jack Soo who have refused to play stereotyped roles number more than three on network television, then TV will finally be an Equal Opportunity Employer for American actors of Asian descent."

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