

# Bakke case questions right of Asians as 'minority'

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### Ohio governor issues public apology

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Responding to complaints by the Japanese American Citizens League, Gov. James Rhodes this past week (Oct. 3) issued a public apology over his use of "Jap" during a press conference.

"We have worked diligently to build a firm and positive relationship with Japan and the Japanese people and if I inadvertently offended anyone by my remark, I sincerely apologize," Rhodes said.

In a statement issued by his office, the governor added, "Certainly there was no intention to offend anyone. In fact, I was complimenting Japanese businessmen for the highly ethical and forthright manner in which they conduct their business affairs. I have great respect for the Japanese people, having made more visits, as governor, to Japan than any other country outside the Western Hemisphere."

Asian American groups and the three JACL chapters in Ohio—Cleveland, Cincin-

nati and Dayton—and Washington Representative Wayne Horiuchi had protested and demanded an apology from the governor who used the offensive term about Japanese businessmen with whom he was negotiating for a Honda Motor Co. plant in Marysville (Union County).

Informed by the Plain Dealer Washington Bureau that the governor had apologized, Horiuchi said, "We accept the governor's apology and we're delighted to see that he recognizes that he made a mistake. The only thing that I was concerned about—I don't think you can use a racial slur such as 'Jap' to compliment a race as he does. So I hope he recognizes the discriminatory, epithetic nature of the word."

The governor was asked at a news conference by a reporter how he would lure Honda to the state. Rhodes complained, "You can't sell the Japs anything." Then asked, "Don't you think that calling them Japs could upset them?" To which the governor quipped: "Japs are Japanese. They can call us Yankees, whatever it is."

In Cleveland, past national representative Henry Tanaka commended the JACL chapters and the Washington JACL representative for

their prompt and decisive response. "That is precisely the way I think JACL, as a national organization should exercise its responsibility to serve as a vocal spokesman," Tanaka said in his letter to Horiuchi. "We can certainly stand more decisive actions."

The Cleveland Plain Dealer, Ohio's largest newspaper, had headlined the JACL demands for an apology in its Oct. 1 front page. Tanaka said it was a "real breakthrough for a conservative midwestern newspaper."

The Plain Dealer in its Oct. 2 Sunday editorial noted the governor has publicly referred to Japanese as "Japs" for the second time in as many years and did indeed owe JACL and all Japanese Americans an apology. The editorial went on to say:

Coming from a private citizen, this uncomplimentary racial epithet is unfortunate. But coming from a governor, a prominent public official, it is doubly unfortunate and in the worst possible taste.

Ironically, Rhodes' use of this slur comes at a time when he is making a sustained effort to attract Japanese industry to Ohio.

We don't want to belabor the point and surely Rhodes meant nothing malicious in his use of the word. But, governor, this country's fine citizens of Japanese extraction deserve better than careless use of a slur they rightly find repugnant.

Tanaka also learned, after discussing the story with Ju-

dith Haynes, a night editor at the Plain Dealer, that several editors wondered whether it was worth printing this kind of story because Japanese Americans aren't aroused when the racial epithet is printed.

(Judith Haynes had written a Sunday feature on the Japanese Americans in Cleveland, which was reprinted in the 1976 PC Holiday Issue.)

Tanaka acknowledged the efforts from the media to help eliminate the use of racial slurs.

Meantime, copies of the JACL protests to Gov. Rhodes were being sent to their congressmen. Rep. Charles Vanik (D-Ohio) is chairman of the House Ways & Means subcommittee on trade relations.

### Nisei designers spruce up Cleveland

CLEVELAND, O.—A master plan to make Public Square here more appealing to pedestrians was recently approved by the federal government. Downtown Cleveland Corp. had commissioned two Nisei designers who unveiled their project in June. They are Don M. Hisaka Associates of Cleveland and Sasaki & Associates of Watertown, Mass.

The city is receiving \$2.57-million from the Economic Development Administration to improve the square.

Among local architects being honored this month, Fred Toguchi Associates will be given Architects Society of Ohio certificate for design of the Kenneth C. Beck Center for the Cultural Arts at Lakewood, which includes a 500-seat theater, museum, art gallery, workshops, dance studios and large community room.

### 30,000 signed for JACL high

SAN FRANCISCO—National JACL membership topped 30,000 on Oct. 5 while accounting the latest batch of dues from Sequoia JACL, it was announced by Karl Nobuyuki, national executive director. It broke the previous all-time high of 29,704 as of Dec. 31, 1976.

"If each current member brings in one new member next year, JACL would have 60,000," Nobuyuki added as he envisioned even greater support.

SAN FRANCISCO—A public clarification of what constitutes the Asian American and retraction of shortcomings affecting Asian Americans in the Justice Dept. brief on the Bakke case were contained in a letter to President Carter, signed Oct. 5 by national executive director Karl Nobuyuki for the Japanese American Citizens League.

To assure the intent of the communication was conveyed in time before the scheduled hearing of the case, Oct. 12, JACL national legal counsel Frank Iwama of Sacramento, conferred with Justice Dept. officials in Washington last Friday.

JACL urged the clarification and retraction be made during the Department's oral presentation of its arguments.

The government brief, JACL contended, failed to clearly recognize that Asian Americans "have suffered and continue to suffer from the long history of invidious discrimination and the effects of this discrimination" in unmet health, education, economic and other community needs.

The brief's definition of Asian American is "not representative" since, JACL explained, the Asian American communities include other ethnic groups such as Korean, Vietnamese, Thai, Cambodian and Pacific people.

"This incomplete definition reinforces the all too commonly held myth that the Asian Americans are a homogenous ethnic population," the letter stated. "Reality confirms that each of the Asian American communities has a distinct culture, language, history and experience."

JACL warned that if the Court agreed with the government brief and it was not properly amended, it may exclude Asian Americans "from full participation in affirmative action programs designed to correct the effects of past and present discrimination."

The President was reminded JACL has fought to preserve "the integrity and welfare of Americans of Japanese ancestry" since its inception in 1929.

### Justice Dept. pointing way for court to delay final ruling

WASHINGTON — The Carter Administration brief filed Sept. 19 on the Bakke case may have pointed the way for the U.S. Supreme Court to avoid a definitive decision. The 74-page brief recommended that:

a) It reverse that part of the California Supreme Court decision forbidding the medical school from using race as a factor in its special admissions program because affirmative action programs using race as a criteria are constitutional.

b) It vacate the decision of the California Supreme Court order that Bakke be admitted ... for the record is unclear about whether Bakke was denied admission because the University operated an affirmative action program which is constitutional, or a quota system which is not constitutional.

c) It remand the case to the California Supreme Court so that further facts can be determined about the precise manner in which the University operated its special admissions program.

The administration, civil rights leaders, proponents and opponents, have agreed the "stakes" are high, the Justice Dept. brief pointed out. The court's disposition may affect:

1—Affirmative Action programs on the federal, state and local levels.

2—Minority business enterprise programs.

3—Mental health training grants, which include minority group projects.

4—The Public Works Employment Act of 1977, which provides that grant applicants must give assurances that at least 10% of each grant will be expended for minority business enterprises.

5—Emergency School Aid Act grant programs to eliminate, reduce or prevent isolation of minority group students; programs to develop multi-ethnic TV programs.

6—Ethnic Heritage Studies programs.

7—Special programs for the aging; science education improvement and minority access to research center programs.

The Justice Dept. position would leave Allan Bakke, a white applicant to the UC Davis medical school, in a legal limbo for an indefinite additional period of time.

The original suit was filed in June, 1974, by the ex-marine who served in Vietnam, who charged the medical school had denied him admission twice in 1973 and 1974 because of his race.

UC Davis medical school had a special admissions program, under which 16 places in each class of 100 were reserved for those considered disadvantaged. The chairman of a special admissions committee determines who is disadvantaged.

The California Courts found in Bakke's favor, the superior court declaring the special admissions program was not open to white applicants and that exclusion of whites for competition for 16 of the 100 places in the medical school violated the state constitution and the 14th Amendment of the U.S. constitution. But it did not order Bakke be admitted since Bakke did not prove, that for the race question, he would have been admitted. The California Supreme Court upheld the decision, relying only on the 14th Amendment.

The government's brief could be most influential, according to court observers, among 60 briefs representing both sides of the case, which was scheduled to be heard Oct. 12.

The brief was personally

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### Pocatello in pilgrimage to Minidoka

POCATELLO, Idaho — A group of Pocatello JACLers—Issei, Nisei and Sansei—made its first pilgrimage Sept. 11 to the former site of the wartime Minidoka WRA Center where some 10,000 persons of Japanese ancestry were detained during WW2.

Under the chairmanship of Masa Tsukamoto, the chapter is in the process of having some type of memorial identify the "Hunt Relocation Center". (Minidoka is about 15 miles north of Twin Falls.)

Along with tar-paper covered buildings used as farm sheds scattered among the farms that now cover the Minidoka tract, a guard house at the gate is all that remains to remind nearby residents of the wartime "city" of Hunt.

Alyce Sato, Pocatello JACL president, in her Newsletter message for October, said:

"For the Issei, it was a time of reawakening of some very sad memories; for the Nisei, it was a time to again marvel at the courage of the Japanese people; and for the Sansei, it was a time for an on-the-spot history lesson."

### Sen. Hatch to address Intermountain confab

By YUKI HARADA

BURLEY, Idaho—U.S. Senator Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) was announced as the keynote speaker for the forthcoming Intermountain District Council convention to be held over the Nov. 25-26 Thanksgiving weekend at the Holiday Inn, Ogden. Interim Gov. John Tamenos presided.

Convention co-chairmen Harry Suekawa and Tom Hori of the host Wasatch Front North JACL, in presenting their progress report at the fall quarterly district session here Sept. 24 at the Ponderosa Inn, revealed seminars are scheduled in areas of education, employment and economic opportunities. Each of the seven-member chapters is expected to handle some convention events.

After youth commissioner Frank Yoshimura reported on the Yellow Birdhouse, the Salt Lake community youth

center, he announced Alan Kaizumi had resigned as IDYC vice-chairman and Jeanne Hirai of Boise Valley is succeeding him. The youth were also requested to account for the revenue sharing funds they had received.

Pocatello-Blackfoot JACL requested \$740 in revenue sharing funds for its Minidoka project.

Shake Ushio, national JACL convention co-chairman, requested chapter cooperation in soliciting greetings for the convention booklet, now being designed as an educational and informational souvenir. He also added the top convention prizes include a new Toyota car and a pair of airline tickets to Japan.

Hid Hasegawa, district nominations chairman, distributed nomination forms to the chapters. Al Kubota of Salt Lake was appointed chairman of the IDC committee to select the National JACL student aid awardees.



## JACL forum explores impact of Bakke case

LOS ANGELES—Impact of the Allan Bakke case on the Asian-American community was roundly conveyed last week by Nisei and Sansei panelists at a JACL forum chaired by Phil Shigekuni in Little Tokyo Towers. About 125 persons were present.

The 2½-hour meeting, moderated by Warren Furutani, had panelists add their personal insights on the need for special admissions program within education, whether the equal protection clause of the U.S. 14th Amendment applied in case, and expectations of the case now before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Panelists included U.S. District Judge Bob Takasugi, Yori Wada of San Francisco and a Univ. of California regent, director Mike Ishikawa of the Los Angeles County affirmative action compliance office, director Alan Nishio of Cal State Long Beach student development programs and representatives from two anti-Bakke groups.

Only appointed last June by Gov. "Jerry" Brown as Univ. of California regent and therefore not on board

when it was decided to further appeal the California State supreme court decision, Wada said he would have voted not to appeal the Bakke case.

In the more recent case of Rita Clancy, the white immigrant from Russia, Wada said he was against her admission to the UC Davis medical school.

(U.S. District Court Judge Thomas McBride of Sacramento granted a temporary restraining order Sept. 23 that allowed Mrs. Clancy, 22, permission to register at UC Davis medical school. She had charged the minorities enrollment program barred her admission.)

(The judge said she probably would have been admitted if 16 of the 100 openings in the class had not been reserved for disadvantaged minority students. "As meritorious as the minorities program may be, nevertheless, it's this program that is depriving her of an opportunity to start her medical education this year." On Sept. 26, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals upheld McBride's decision.

Of the Medical School Ad-

mission Test, Wada felt it was culturally biased against minorities "except the Chinese and Japanese". He later said the University has been asked to provide statistics so that he could assess the Asian American situation.

Judge Takasugi, who presented the legal background of the Bakke case, hoped the U.S. Supreme Court would return the case back to California.

(Gov. Brown expressed similar sentiments at the Oct. 5 press conference in Sacramento, saying the state supreme court "made a mistake" when it sided with Bakke and added, "it certainly would be helpful" if the U.S. Supreme Court returned the case to California "for a greater factual showing". The U.S. Justice Dept. brief filed Sept. 26 also asks for a rehearing to determine the "precise manner in which the University operated its special admissions programs.")

Judge Takasugi dwelt on the majority Bakke decision written by Justice Stanley Mosk. The Nisei jurist noted the Mosk opinion had not considered the existence of

past racial discrimination in the community while apparently agreeing with the Univ. of California there was no past racial discrimination in its admissions. The decision should also have provided a reasonable alternative, Takasugi commented.

Alan Nishio commented on the need for expanding the medical school program, a suggestion made in the Mosk opinion. The U.S. government brief responds that "unless race is taken into account, there will be very few black and Chicano students in the class ... no matter how large."

Mike Ishikawa noted the Bakke case has changed the political attitude of legislators toward affirmative action. He felt affirmative action never had a good start because of poor administration and lack of commitment. A good plan requires a good board and staff as well as strong commitment from within and without, he added. A concerned citizenry for affirmative plan is a must, he stressed.

The anti-Bakke speakers predicted a favorable deci-

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## U.S. BRIEF

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reviewed by the President. It is also a possible landmark case involving minority rights in America. But Asian Americans, who have studied the brief, were shocked by footnotes and references suggesting exclusion of Asian Americans from minority programs.

In a memorandum prepared by attorney Francis L. Jung for the Asian American Council of Greater Philadelphia, Jung concluded the "government has questioned the right of Asian Americans to be classified as a minority in need of assistance."

The Justice Dept. feels (at pages 70-71):

It is not clear from the record why Asian-American persons are included in the special program. There is no doubt that many Asian-Americans have been subjected to discrimination. But although we do not know the application rates for Asian-Americans at Davis, the available evidence suggested that Asian-American applicants are admitted in substantial number even without taking special admissions into account.

In 1973, 13 of the 84 regular admission places were filled by Asian-American students, although no more than 6% of the young college graduates in California are Asian-Americans.

Other data also suggests that Asian-American applicants compete successfully for professional school admission without the assistance of special consideration. Although it may well be that disadvantaged Asian-American persons continue to be in need of the special program to overcome past discrimination, the record is silent on that question.

"Had the government dealt solely with the issue of medical school admissions, the potential for damage to Asian Americans may have been limited," Jung concluded. But there were other general statements on the condition of Asian Americans cited in the brief (at pages 41-42) to the effect that Asian Americans on the average are:

- 1—Better educated than whites.
- 2—Score better than whites on standardized tests and have higher grade point averages.
- 3—Have less unemployment than whites.
- 4—Hold more professional, managerial and administrative positions than whites by percent of population.

Jung pointed out the U.S.

brief ignores the fact that Asian Americans in the cities "face the same problems that face all other minority groups". Second-generation Asian Americans, he reminded, may have succeeded most in academics and business but at the cost of their parents who had struggled to provide educational opportunities for their children.

Despite an education, Asian Americans are still discriminated in job hiring. At the federal civil service level, a 1975 survey indicated only one Asian American above GS-17.

Should the Supreme Court note the accomplishments of Asian Americans in its decision and hold that "only those minorities showing need of special programs should be beneficiaries ... it is likely that all minority aid to Asian Americans will be cut off", Jung declared.

It appears the government would be penalizing Asian Americans for excellence. "Because of affirmative action, Asian Americans have been able in part to overcome past and present discrimination, and now because of that success, they may be eliminated from such programs," Jung said.

Since it was too late to submit a brief to rebut the Justice Dept. position, the Asian American community this past week was being made aware of these references and footnotes of the Justice Dept. brief and of its consequences.

## Court & Law

Among 17 members of Pacific Life Community found guilty of criminal trespass of the Trident nuclear submarine base at Banger, Wash., was Taeko Miwa of Vancouver, B.C. They were tempting to hold a protest rally. The U.S. District Court in Seattle held international law prohibiting use of nuclear weapons "is not relevant in this matter". They face a maximum 6-month sentence and a \$500 fine.

## Pacific Northwest scores reparation 'non-action'

SPOKANE, Wash.—Serious concern and disappointment over the "non-action" of the JACL reparations program were voiced at the fall quarterly session of the Pacific Northwest District Council hosted by the Spokane JACL Sept. 10-11.

The directions were passed on to Jim Tsujimura, national v.p., and Karl Nobuyuki, national executive director, who were present. (At the National JACL Executive Committee meeting the following weekend in San Francisco, Tsujimura repeatedly stressed the No. 1 priority mandated by National Council in 1976 at Sacramento.)

Nominees for the December election were announced as follows:

District Governor—Paul Isaki (Seattle), Hiram Hachiya (Gresham-Troutdale); Vice-governor—John Matsumoto (Seattle), Harold "Bones"

### Deaths

Kazu Obayashi, 58, of New York died after a lingering illness in a Fukuoka hospital, Sept. 13. The Seattle-born Nisei was a member of the New York City Commission on Human Rights from 1964-69, one of the Asian American community's most outspoken fighters for minority rights. Surviving are two daughters. Her husband Shin died of heart attack two years ago.

Onishi (Portland); Secretary-Treasurer—Paul Seto (Puyallup Valley); Historian—Peg Sargent (Portland).

It was also proposed to abolish the elective post of 1000 Club chairman and incorporate the position with an elected membership chairperson and to separate reparations committee from political education, giving each equal voting power as issue-oriented committees.

Seattle will host the next district meeting Dec. 10-11. Steps to raise the district treasury are to be discussed. The ad hoc budget-finance committee will submit its recommendations then.

### Inouye seeks tax relief for aging

WASHINGTON — Greater tax relief to older Americans who receive little or no social security is being sought by Sen. Daniel Inouye in a tax credit bill introduced Sept. 21, allowing as much as \$750.

Tax credit for the elderly was initiated in the 1976 Tax Reform Act but "it has structural deficiencies and inadequate credit levels", Inouye declared, making the "intended relief grossly inadequate".

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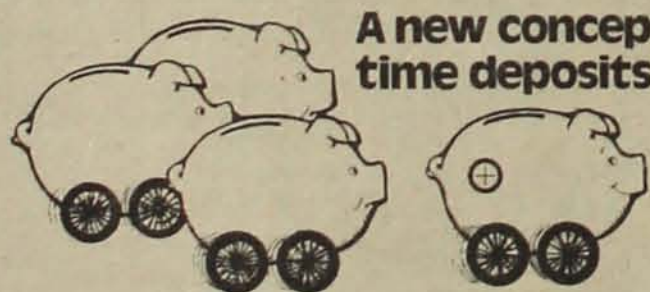
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sion would dismantle affirmative action programs generally and noted economic recession results in anti-minority activities.

Furutani believed special admissions program was instituted not for the individu-

al, but for the institution.

Many indicated their interest to have the JACL Ad Hoc Bakke Decision Forum call another meeting to delve into the Asian American aspects of the federal Dept. of Justice brief, which questioned the right of Asian Americans to be classified as a disadvantaged minority.

### Models for 'Ochiba' fashion show listed

BERKELEY, Calif. — Municipal Court Judge Ken Kawachi and the 1977 Cherry Blossom Festival princess Sue Shinagawa will be special guest models at the Ochiba fashion show Oct. 23, 1 p.m., at H's Lordship's. Proceeds go toward scholarship funds of both the Contra Costa and Berkeley JACL chapters. TV hostess Jan Yanehiro will be commentator

at the brunch affair.

Other fashion models include:

Contra Costa—Hiroko Higuchi, Hiroko Iida, Tee Ide, Janet Ninomiya, Gerry Uesugi, Erin Uesugi, Jacki Goto, Ben Takeshita, Tom Shimizu, Hyman Wong, Kimie Sato; Berkeley—Peggy Hiratzka, Brenda Roh, Lisa Inouye, Marie Gilchrist, Irene Takahashi, Akiko Ferguson, Gene Roh, Joe Kita, Eric Inouye.

Tickets at \$8 per person are available from chapter officers.

### Retirement topic at midday meeting

LOS ANGELES — The JACL ad hoc committee on Nisei pre-retirement & retirement to educate the Nikkei community on problems and issues of retirement will have its first public meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 19, 1 p.m. at the new Japanese Union Church. Additional information is available from JACL regional director Glen Isomoto (626-4471) or Paul Oda (629-3876).

## items per inch

### East Asia's tallest

TOKYO—Asia's tallest skyscraper was completed April 14. The 800-foot-high, 60 story "Sunshine 60" is made up of a new flexible construction material that is said to make buildings capable of withstanding major earthquakes, three times as strong as the 1923 quake.

### JACCC acknowledges

LOS ANGELES — Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc., gave an additional \$10,000 to the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center to the \$20,000 originally donated to spur the campaign in 1974. Toyota president Isao Makino presented the check to JACCC chairman of the board Katsuma Mukaeda and president George Doizaki.

### Okinawa traffic

TOKYO—The government's decision to convert the U.S. occupation traffic system (keep to the right) on Okinawa to Japan's "keep to the left" road policy will cost 12 billion yen because all road and traffic signs must be repositioned, doors on buses and taxis must be changed and even the angle of heads of 308,000 vehicles by July, 1979.

### Radio Li'l Tokyo

LOS ANGELES—Host Mateo Uwate celebrates his 25 years with Radio Li'l Tokyo "on the air" Sunday mornings with a gala dinner-dance Dec. 3 at the Palladium. A number of Southland civic, cultural and social groups have indicated support.

### Swiss embassy

TOKYO—The Swiss embassy in Minato-ku, built by the late Renpei Kondo, former president of Nippon Yusen Kaisha, in 1927 imitating the Katsura Detached Palace in Kyoto, may become a Japanese museum if there are takers. The Swiss established its embassy here in 1945 at the mansion but it will shortly be replaced by a three-story ferro-concrete structure.

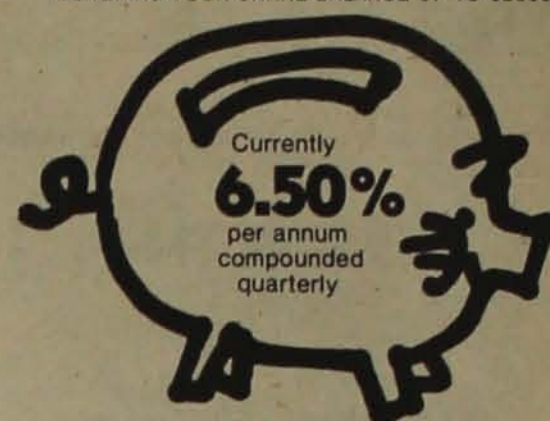
### Visual Communications

OAKLAND, Calif.—An exhibit of recent works by Visual Communications will be shown Oct. 15, 7:30 p.m. at the Asian Community Library, 1934 Park Blvd.

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## JACL Okubo-Yamada Fund

At the 1970 National Convention in Chicago, two JACL youth delegates were victims of a brutal and senseless crime. Evelyn Okubo (age 18) was murdered by an unknown assailant and Ranko Carol Yamada (age 17) was near death after being severely assaulted. It was a miracle that she survived.

JACL is committed to assist the two Stockton families with legal expenses in their lawsuit against Hilton Hotels, which owns and operates the Palmer House. No funds raised will be used for attorney's fees.

Seven years following the tragedy the legal battle continues. Will you join us in support of these families?

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# Comments, letters & features



Jim Murakami

## President Jim Says

### EXECOM AND OTHER MATTERS

Santa Rosa, Calif.

The JACL fiscal report presented by National Treasurer Ed Moriguchi indicated that as of Aug. 30, 1977, there was \$116,000 of income over expenses. This might suggest that JACL is in pretty good financial condition. However, what is not reflected is that four districts and some programs have not totally used their budgeted funding nor was the National Director on staff until half-way through the fiscal year. Couple this with the cash flow problem which occurs due to the non-coincidence of the membership and fiscal year still makes the JACL finances a tight ball game.

Inflation and postage increases have caused many general expenses to exceed the amounts budgeted and these can be predicted to rise further during fiscal year 1978.

Dr. Tom Taketa, Chairperson of the Ad-Hoc National JACL Committee on Employment Discrimination, whose charge is to initiate and gather preliminary data on employment discrimination, gave the report of his findings to the EXECOM at its last meeting. Demographics contained in the report documents very clearly supports the concept that Asian-Americans as a group are being denied decision-making management positions, are underpaid even though higher educational levels and longevity prevail.

We have directed the Committee to finalize the report and recommendations for the National Board meeting in March of 1978. The Board in turn will make its recommendations to the National Council in Salt Lake City in July of 1978.

The EXECOM's direction on the Reparations program is to direct each District to develop plans for legislation to be presented to the National Board by March 1978. Concurrently with this development of legislation, a new phase of the Reparations Program is being planned beginning with a series of task forces developing position papers and recommendations covering topics such as the legal aspects of Reparations for Nikkei, publicity for Reparations and planning for legislative action.

As we approach Convention time again, the issue of proxy votes which surfaced in Sacramento is being studied by Frank Iwama, Nat'l Legal Counsel and the Constitutional Revisions Committee. Their recommendations are to be acted upon by the National Board and presented to the National Council.

The National Convention plans are progressing vigorously and aggressively under the capable leadership of Judge Raymond Uno, past National JACL President, and Shake Ushio, past Intermountain District Governor. The Committee for the National Convention is focusing on the National JACL's 25th Silver Biennial Convention.

The Convention booklet is planned to be distributed to every JACL household nationally which is the first time to my knowledge that this has been attempted and to be successful, needs the backing of every JACLer to see to its fruition.

There is the long standing obligation from the JACL to the Salt Lake Chapter for the sustention of JACL during WW2 and to return the obligation by actively soliciting Convention Booklet ads, attending the Convention itself, and participating in other activities connected with this milestone event of JACL.

JACLers have always actively and enthusiastically supported the organizational activities because of the strength and dedication of its members. I recently saw this in action at the joint EDC-MDC Convention so capably co-chaired by Harry Takagi and Key Kobayashi of Washington, D.C. Chapter. It was a magnificent and impressive expression of the strength and dedication of the JACL membership which can be mustered and which now needs to be directed to the Salt Lake National Convention. □

### Reparations

Editor:

I'm willing to wager a small bet that Ken Hayashi who wrote about Reparations (PC Ltrs, Sept. 30) isn't a Nisei who suffered the traumas of Evacuation during the war. As one of those who did, I'm inclined to agree with Bill Hosokawa who Ken claims wrote "... the evacuation reparations push is a bum idea". I did not read the article, but I'm open enough to see that much good came to the Japanese as a group as a result of our sufferings.

It is not today's government that made the mistake. Why should it pay? And I do hate the word "meaningful". I hear it on every side from relationships, religion, to work and play. What happened to words like "issokenmei", "gaman", "majime na shigoto" etc., etc. Do people stop to think that "meaningful" is a very selfishly motivated word?

-MARIKO S. KOIDE

El Cerrito, Calif.

Ken Hayashi should feel flattered since he has been regarded as a post-war person because of his attitudes. He and his parents were evacuated from Tacoma, Wash., to Pinedale and then to Tule Lake. He left camp in April, 1943, and relocated with his wife to the East Coast for employment. —Editor.

### Rhodes/Honda

Editor:

The successful completion of JACL efforts to seek a public apology from Governor James A. Rhodes of Ohio is so clearly indicative of the need to alert our JACL national staff to be vigilant and responsive. They can speak with authority and backing of a national membership concern. The general public and the public media do listen to them.

This does not mean to minimize the importance of individual efforts at the "grassroots" and chapter levels. But it does point out the fact that without a total organizational effort, individual voices of protest may be unheard or disregarded.

This may be a "reactive" approach to carrying out JACL's overall purposes and goals. Nevertheless, it is by such means that the general public begins to know such a group exists, and we gain recognition and respect for our efforts. More importantly, we gain new friends and supporters who will become better informed as to the nature and purposes of the JACL. It is also a means toward educating the general public and to offer our assistance in ensuring better and more understanding human relationships among different ethnic and minority groups.

There are those among JACL who feel the national staff should serve in the background as resource persons, enablers and aids to our volunteer officers and leaders. Personally, I think we tend to stymie the enthusiasm, drive and creative thinking which many of our national staff bring to JACL. They should serve as part of a team to further the goals and objectives of JACL. We need their assertiveness and determination! In turn, they seek the active support and involvement of JACL volunteer leaders. We are in it together!

HENRY TANAKA

Cleveland, Ohio

### Detention Camps

Editor:

You continue to use the words, "detention, relocation and internment camps" instead of concentration camps. Because you have, there is the impression made, not only on white people but also upon Negroes, Chinese and Chicanos that during World War II the Japanese Americans were in paradise!

And there are Hong Kong gooks hoping there will be no reparations, no civil service credit, no retirement credit, no nothing. As far as they are concerned, the 442nd Infantry is all lies, all propaganda.

Here in San Francisco, you will discover Chinese Americans are very well organized. Not only do they know what to say but they even know the exact time to say it. We are Asians, not Chinese, but Asians. Of course, if Pearl Harbor was bombed today, we are Chinese, not Asians, but Chinese.

T.S. SHIRAKI

San Francisco, Calif.

### The Cost of Dying

Editor:

Retirement is just around the corner for us aging Nisei. Following retirement, hopefully many years later, comes that irreversible step into the unknown—death. With this step come rituals and these rituals can be expensive, as everyone knows.

I direct this letter to those who are interested in defeating the high cost of dying. (I write these words with some reluctance as one of my boyhood friends, a very good fellow, is a mortician.)

The least costly way of shuffling off this mortal coil is to donate one's body to a medical school. This is not a sure thing as apparently medical schools have high entrance standards for cadavers as well as for students.

The second way is to join a memorial society. For about \$125 your body will be placed in a cardboard casket, cremated, and your ashes will be scattered. Here in San Diego, at sea.

### U-no Bar: Raymond S. Uno

## 78 to 88—Visions

Alas—all too soon!! The 1978 Biennial National JACL Convention is just around the corner. Attempting to plan an exciting and meaningful format for any convention is a difficult enough task for any group, but for the JACL is an extraordinarily stupendous undertaking.

We have only one common meeting ground for most members. That is, we have some interest in the welfare and well being of persons of Japanese ancestry. Even this so-called common bond is tenuous because of the differing views and degrees of interest manifested to date. Otherwise, our members consist of city dwellers, farmers, suburbanites, businessmen and women, politicians, professionals, tradesmen, Democrats, Republicans, independents, men, women, old and young, *ad infinitum*. It is bad enough trying to satisfy any one group (and you never do), let alone trying to satisfy every one of the groups.

Considering the constituency, JACL has, by and large, maintained a relatively commendable record. Based upon my observations and experience, JACL has been able to accomplish many monumental achievements, but for its existence, would never have been accomplished by the Japanese American community. Through our network of chapters and its members and affiliates, we have been able to communicate with people throughout the United States and beyond in a way that, I am sure, we could not have done through any other organization.

JACL has made its mistakes. After all, it consists of primarily volunteers donating their time, money and talent who must make enormous sacrifices at the expense of criticism and humiliation for many things which are beyond their control. Yet, it has survived

No funeral, no fancy casket, no fuss. A simple memorial service if desired.

How quickly time flies! It seems only several years ago we Nisei were attending gakuen, accompanying our Issei parents to kenjinkai picnics, and in Los Angeles selling tickets to roller-skating parties at the Shrine.

NAOMI KASHIWABARA  
San Diego, Calif.

### Sensationalism

Editor:

I was walking down Cherry St. here in Berkeley, minding my own business, on the way to the bank when, suddenly, this great big man about four times my size, turned around and stuck his fingers (pointed like a gun) into my stomach. It didn't hurt.

I side stepped him and then kept on walking. The thought occurred to ask why he did that. Then I realized that he thought I was Chinese (after all, you Orientals all look alike) and he was making fun of me because of all the gang shootings and holdups in

San Francisco's Chinatown.

Apparently, the press's coverage about Chinatown "bristling with guns" had left an indelible impression on this man's mind, and I was reminded of Hearst's sensational news after Pearl Harbor about all the arsenal found in the Japanese American community, though unfounded charges.

JOE OYAMA

Berkeley, Calif.

### Short Notes

Editor:

Our chapter was highly amused to find itself featured in Pete Hironaka's cartoon (Sept. 2, PC) as new member #104. We feminists in the group will overlook the housewife depiction and simply say, "Thanks".

Also we were delighted with the article (Aug. 26 PC) on the Yokohama California group. The parents of Robert Kikuchi are chapter members so we took a personal interest in the article.

WILMA HAYASHI

Publicity Chairperson

Diablo Valley JACL

some bitter and trying lose it.

Politics has sometimes been defined as the art of the possible. We all have dreams and desires and wants. How to translate these into reality involves the political sophistication of one or more persons. The bigger the dreams, desires, and wants, the more involvement of the masses of people is necessary. Fortunately for us, with our volunteers as our vanguard, we have managed to fumble, tumble, make end arounds, accept some penalties for delay of game, off-sides, clipping, having illegal receivers downfield, illegal motion and so on, but our won-loss record is still enviable and one of which we can be immensely proud. Sure, we lost some tough games, lost some good players, and had our share of injuries, but we always tried to stay in the game and play our best. The important thing is, win or lose, we didn't quit! As amateur politicians, we have made the art of the possible, possible.

Perhaps using a metaphor is not the best way of getting the message across, but being one of those has-beens who has a deep commitment to JACL and its overall objectives, I feel compelled to use the little time I have to relay my thoughts to convey this simple and delicate message—JACL is important to us; yes, each and every one of us, whether we are members or not, whether we are active or not, whether we care or not. We have a good thing going for us, let's not

For our 1978 Convention, we are planning to hold several workshops in the area of politics, education, writers and business employment. Each of these workshops should be a subject matter demanding the attention of the entire convention. However, we are hoping to simultaneously convene these workshops in hopes we can plant the seed for future national workshops in each or more of these areas at varying places and times. Each is fertile soil for cultivation and harvest. Somewhere the seed must be planted and we have decided to plant the seed at our 1978 convention.

We need your help and assistance in making this format a reality with hopes of a productive and far-reaching workshop in each area. Hopefully the cross-fertilization that may take place will vitalize the creative thinking of the participants and provide material in every field for years to come and help us plan for at least 1978 to 1988. Visions, yes. Visions for you, your children and grandchildren. Let us start in 1978.

If you have some ideas on this or think you would like to help, drop me a line. Address to 1135 Second Ave., Salt Lake City, Utah 84103.

A regular conductor of the "U-No Bar" column while national JACL president, Judge Raymond Uno as convention co-chairman will be beating the drums in the coming weeks for the 25th biennial at Salt Lake City next July.



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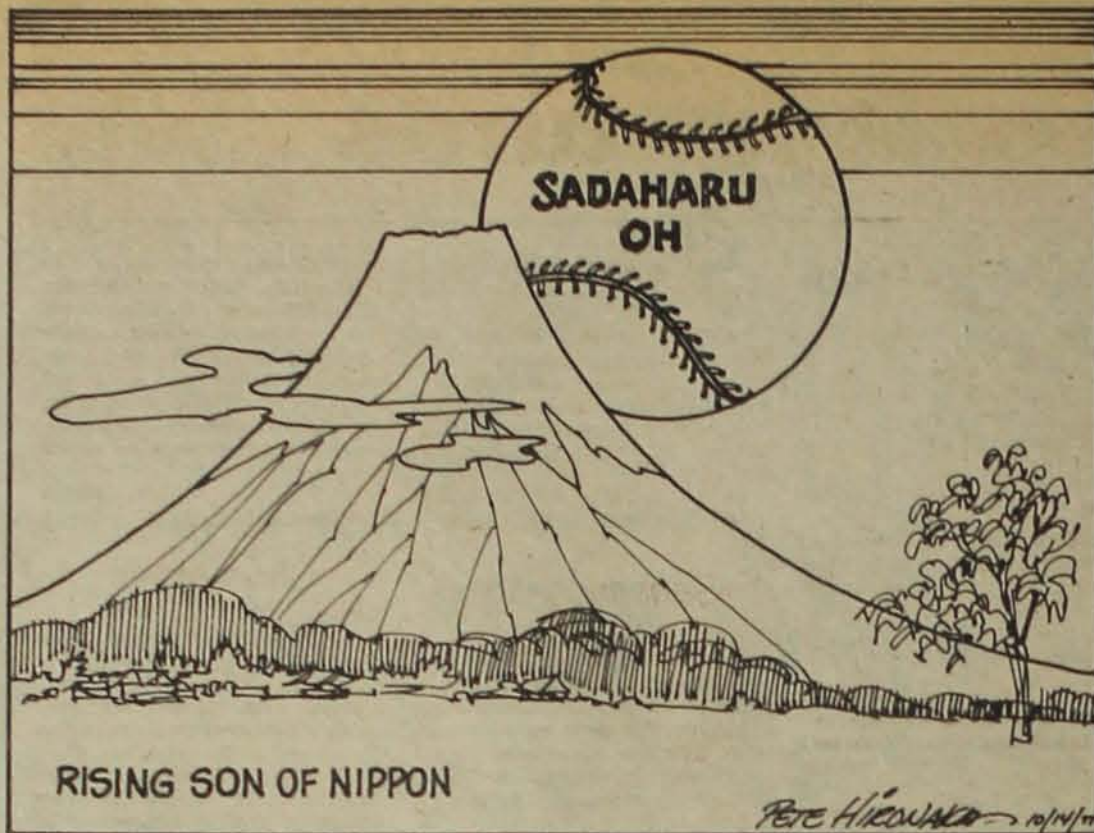
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Plain Speaking: Wayne Horiuchi

## Presidential Classroom

The Presidential Classroom for Young Americans (PCYA) has again complimented JACL by reserving space specifically for its representatives. The PCYA staff has remarked on several occasions on how impressed they were with the high caliber of JACL-sponsored high school junior and seniors.

The Presidential Classroom for Young Americans was founded to promote a better understanding of American democracy and a deeper feeling of citizen responsibility. During a rigorous seven days in the Nation's Capital, students are exposed to federal government—its organizational structure and the human substance that shapes the character of its operation. Formal seminars and on-site briefings are conducted by government leaders at the decision-making level and key observers of official Washington at an age when they are making decisions that will affect the course of their adult lives. JACLers can see that our government is "for the people" when we choose to be involved.

The Presidential Classroom for Young Americans is an excellent introductory course in participatory government. Our representatives—our future leaders—interact with top notch young people from all over the United States, learning that policy is made from diverse points of view.

As a minority group, Japanese Americans cannot

afford to neglect involvement in government—in planning, influencing and making policy decisions that affect how we live. We need to have people who are aware of what is going on in government, willing and able to be involved to make things happen rather than to let them happen. JACL's representatives leave a lasting impression on the people they meet and help to break down any stereotypes people carry of Japanese Americans. This in itself is bound to affect decisions made in our future.

We all need to be aware of what is happening in our communities, our states, and our country, and aware of how we affect what is happening. PCYA gives stud-

ents an intimate look at the process of government at the highest possible level in the United States of America. In a world growing more complex every day, the preparation of our young people in awareness and involvement in our government is a wise and sound investment.

This is an opportunity we cannot afford to miss. The first one-week session begins Jan. 21, 1978. Registration deadline for all sessions is Nov. 15, 1977.

Information regarding participation in PCYA either as a representative or as a sponsor can be obtained from your local chapter president or from:

Washington JACL Office, Suite 204, 1731 Rhode Island Ave. NW, Washington, D.C. 20006 (202-223-1240).

## From Happy Valley: Sachi Seko

### 'Honor Thy Mother'

Salt Lake City

I remember when the Issei mother moved in with her Nisei son. Although she was not quite sixty, being recently widowed, she could not bear to live alone. He and his wife had barely enough room for themselves and their three young daughters. An additional room was made by remodeling the garage.

They accustomed themselves to being a three generational family. Because she lived with them so long, the children could not remember a time when she did not.

All these years, not one word of complaint was publicly uttered by the son and

his wife. But we, who were friends, noticed the change in their pattern of living. When they came to visit they no longer lingered. They had to get home to prepare her dinner.

As years passed, almost twenty, our relationship with them assumed an abrupt air. They had to leave to pick her up from wherever she was, a funeral, a church function, a social event. We excused ourselves early from their home, aware that our voices would penetrate the thin walls and bother her sleep.

Sometimes, in recent years, the Nisei couple would go off for a weekend alone. They never failed to appreciate the fact that the mother's availability permitted them interludes without children. Not one word was said about the privacy they must have occasionally needed.

A few weeks ago, the Issei mother died. During the expression of condolences, I mentioned the fact that my



From the Frying Pan: Bill Hosokawa

## The Bakke Case

Denver, Colo.

No matter how the United States Supreme Court rules on the Bakke case there are going to be a lot of unhappy, outraged, despairing people among the millions of Americans sincerely and deeply concerned about human rights. For the liberal community, which has fought the good battle together in the effort to wipe out discrimination and bring about equal opportunity for all, is split right down the middle in the suit that Allan Bakke has brought against the University of California, Davis.

It is not likely you have escaped hearing about this matter. But just in case the controversy has passed you by, let us review briefly. Allan Bakke, a Caucasian, contends he was twice denied admission to the UC Davis medical school because of a preferential racial quota. He contends there were 100 openings for medical students, but 16 were set aside for minorities who could not meet the qualifications set for ordinary students. Bakke says that since his grades were better than those of minorities accepted by the school, he was a victim of reverse discrimination.

The California Supreme Court, in a 6-1 decision, essentially agreed with him that his constitutional guarantee of equal protection under the law had been violated. The University has appealed the decision to the U.S. Supreme Court, and a hearing was scheduled for this month.

More than 60 friends-of-the-court briefs have been filed with the Supreme Court to express the position of various interested organizations. Among them is JACL which has lined up on the side of the university, that is, in favor of a racial quota to help disadvantaged minorities get into the medical school in preference over whites considered to be better qualified.

The case is so complex, and so fraught with emotion, that it is difficult to discuss its merits in this brief space. There is great danger in trying to simplify the issues. It is likely that even the learned justices of the

Supreme Court may find the case too difficult to handle and come up with some relatively meaningless decision based on a technicality, leaving the heart of the matter to be decided by some other court at some other time.

However, in essence, the university's (and JACL's) position is that such grievous wrong has been done to racial minorities in the past that it now is necessary to adopt exceptional measures to assist these minorities.

And Bakke's position is that he, who had nothing to do with discriminating against minorities, is himself being victimized by a policy designed to eliminate past wrongs.

It would seem that most Americans are in favor of helping the disadvantaged. There are Americans who are disadvantaged for a large variety of reasons totally unrelated to race—age, cultural deprivation, health problems, emotional problems, broken families, inadequate schools, poverty. We have many programs for helping these people.

What bothers many Americans, including this one, is that the well-intentioned California policy for redressing inequality addresses itself only to one of the factors, namely race. And discriminating against a white-skinned student in the process of correcting discrimination against a dark-skinned student seems to be merely redirecting injustice. Perhaps it can be argued that whites can stand a little injustice for a change, but that is a difficult idea to sell to the victim.

The California Supreme Court's decision suggests that criteria other than race alone be taken into consideration in a program to help the disadvantaged, and there seems to be considerable merit in that thought. For JACL, it must have been a difficult decision to accept the concept of compulsory racial quotas while at the same time opposing racial discrimination in any form. One cannot help but wonder what JACL's position would have been had the appellant been named Suzuki.

### Health fair

LOS ANGELES — A community health fair will be held at Little Tokyo Towers on Saturday, Oct. 15, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., featuring flu shots and testing for diabetes, hearing and hypertension. It was announced by Japanese American Community Services. Dr. Mitsuo Inouye, president of the Japanese American Medical Assn., is coordinator; Mrs. Mitsu Sonoda is health fair chairperson.

### Latins No. 1 group in city schools

LOS ANGELES—A preliminary ethnic survey shows Mexican Americans (35.3%) are No. 1 in the Los Angeles Unified School District for the first time as the new semester began the week of Sept. 19.

As the number of Anglo students (35.2%) continues to dip, the blacks follow at 22.5% and then Asian Americans (6.4%—up from last year's 6%).

friend was now orphaned. I know the term is more appropriately applied to children or young animals.

Before I could rephrase what I said, my friend was quick to answer, "I've been an orphan for almost twenty years."

He is not a young man anymore. He is close to the age his mother was when she came to live with them. His remark about being parentless during that period of her life with them stuck like a burr in my mind.

Other images surfaced. It used to be the custom, and maybe it still is, when Issei had organizations based upon their mutual prefectural origin in Japan. These groups served to maintain a sense of continuity and community between people of a similar past. They were also responsible for making funeral arrangements for their members.

One of their important social activities was the annual picnic. I remember the attendance of my friend and his family, because we often

stretched adjoining blankets over the grass. His wife had spent the preceding evening and early morning preparing an elaborate lunch. The hours of labor were told by the contents of the hampers of food and by the fatigue on her face.

It was a memorable day for the children. Between the races and games, they wandered through the botanical gardens of the park. In paper cups they collected tadpoles from the pond.

But the Issei enjoyed it most. It was a time to visit friends whom one saw with increasing infrequency. The men indulged in beer and some boasting. For the women it was an opportunity to preen and compare their finery. As the shadows lengthened, families collected their children and possessions.

Driving off, our friends waved. The son and his wife in the front seat. In back were his mother and children. It was the same arrangement on Sunday drives and excursions. At the din-

ner table, we noticed that the mother and children were served first together.

I don't know when the transition happened, maybe no change took place. But even in our detachment, the mother assumed the role of another child. The daughters grew up, went to college, were married and moved away. She was the last to leave.

I have admired my friend and his wife for the quiet acceptance of intrusion in their lives. They have had so little time together. The time of aloneness with each other, with their children.

They said as they were leaving the other night, now they were free to come and go as they pleased, to travel leisurely. But I noticed that the wife gripped the rail as she descended the stairs, carefully taking them one at a time. There was a slowness to his pace; too. And I felt an ache for them, pursuing their summer dreams, when the first frost is already written into the weather. □



## calendar

**Oct. 14 (Friday)**  
 Seattle—Nikkei Retirement Seminar, Bannan Hall, Seattle Univ., 7 p.m.  
 San Jose—Gen Mtg, JACL Bldg, 7:30 p.m.  
 Oakland—Vis Communications exhibit, Asian Comm Library, 1924 Park Blvd, 7 p.m.  
 Los Angeles—JASC Health Fair, Little Tokyo Towers, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.  
**Oct. 15 (Saturday)**  
 EDC—Qtrly sess, New York JACL hosts: Japanese American United Church, 11 a.m.  
 New York—Annual supper mtg, JA United Church, 5:30 p.m.  
 Washington, D.C.—Aki-no-ichi Festival, National Presbyterian Church.  
 Houston—Wine tasting party & Mtg, Mercantile Bank Bldg.  
 San Jose—Election/potluck dnr, Wesley Methodist Church, 6 p.m.  
 El Cerrito—Sakura Kai mtg, Senior Center, 6510 Stockton Ave, 10 a.m.  
 Placer County—Goodwill Dinner, Placer Buddhist Church, 6 p.m.  
 EDC—Exec Bd Mtg, New York. Gardena—Nisei VFW dance, Japanese Cultural Institute, 9 p.m.  
**Oct. 16 (Sunday)**  
 Hollywood/Metro L.A.—Benefit fashion show luncheon, Beverly Hilton Hotel.  
 Las Vegas—Lulu, Paradise Park.  
 East Los Angeles—Issei Appreciation Day, Japanese Retirement Home, 1:30-4:30 p.m.

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## chapter pulse

### • East Los Angeles

The East Los Angeles JACL will hold its annual Issei Appreciation Day on Oct. 16, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Japanese Retirement Home, 325 So. Boyle Ave.

Entertainment will be furnished by the Akatsuki Band, Miyoko Komori Dancers, Yoshio Kajiura, Dai-goro Suehiro, Grace Chikui, Diane Oki, Shigeru Okumura, Seisui Matsushita and others.

The event is chaired by Mrs. Mable Yoshizaki (263-8469) with Ken Kato as emcee. Admission is free and refreshments will be served. All Issei and friends are invited, according to chapter president Dr. Robert Obi.

### • Eden Township

About 125 members and friends attended the Issei Appreciation Night pot luck supper held Oct. 1, sponsored by the Eden Township JACL with 51 Issei of the Eden Township area as special guests. Ich Nishida, chapter president, extended the welcome and introduced Mo Yanagi, master of ceremonies.

Atsushi Nakano and Mrs. Kito Kaneko opened the evening's festivities with an Utai. Door prizes were donated by Mission Market, Sumitomo Bank of Calif., the California First Bank. Table decorations were donated by Gish Endo and Okada Nursery; courtesies and boutonnières by Ben Tanisawa.

Rev. Arthur Tsuneishi and Rev. Hogen Fujimoto gave the benediction and invocation, respectively.

Mosaburo Shinoda spoke on behalf of the Issei attending, followed by two Japanese films. The pot-luck supper was prepared by the Nisei members.

### • New York

The New York JACL general meeting to elect officers will be held on Saturday, Oct. 15, at the Japanese American United Church after a potluck supper scheduled for 5:30 p.m.

The chapter is also hosting the Eastern District Council meeting, being chaired by new district governor, Seiko Wakabayashi, of Washington, D.C., starting at 11 a.m.

### • Riverside

Mark Takano, who attended the Junior Statesmen of America session this past summer at UC Davis, reported on his experiences at the Oct. 8 Riverside JACL meeting at UC Riverside International Lounge.

Kathy and Junji Kumamoto also related the trip they took with the Riverside Colt League champions, who finished No. 2 at their league world series at Lafayette, Ind., in August.

*Reflection is the path of immortality, thoughtlessness the path of death. Those who are thoughtless are as if dead already.*  
 —Dharmapada



"Six Pac" in action wins first annual NC-WNDC/Marin invitational volleyball tournament.

## San Mateo nabs volleyball title

SAN RAFAEL, Calif. — The first annual NCWN-DC/Marin Invitational Volleyball Tournament brought 10 teams together from Berkeley, Contra Costa, Marin, San Mateo, San Jose, San Francisco, National Headquarters, Sonoma and West Valley on Sunday, Sept. 11. Play started at noon in Terra Linda High School Gym, San Rafael. An "awards banquet" (hot dogs and soft drinks), followed the tournament.

San Mateo "Six Pac" took the 1st place and "Best Legs" trophies. Contra Costa JAY's team, "The Oshos", placed 2nd and was voted "Best Dressed". Third place winners were the Sonoma "Dinkers".

Berkeley "Kuma's" received the "Best Sportsmanship" award and San Jose "Netwits" went home with a trophy inscribed "Most Perseverance".

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### Sports

Oregon City High School freshman, Kirk Yoshio Hirota, 14, came home from the Pan American wrestling championships held Aug. 12-14 in Mexico City with a gold medal in the 108-lb (13-14 year) class. He had two pins (over a Mexican and a Honduras entry) and a 12-0 decision over a Puerto Rican grappler to earn the medal. Of the 26 Americans participating, 25 brought home gold medals. To make the USA team, the Oregon state champion placed in the western nationals held at Lincoln, Neb., and then trained for a week where Osamu Watanabe, freestyle wrestling champion at the Tokyo Olympics, was guest technician. The medalist is the son of the Stanley Hirotas.

Stan Nakahara has been named as the 1977 Berkeley High School varsity football coach, the first Japanese American to hold such a position at the school. A former player on the team he is now coaching, he is the son of Dr. and Mrs. John Y. Nakahara of Berkeley.

De Anza College grid coach Terry Kiyoi, whose team was 1-8-1 last year, has only 22 men on the varsity this season and indicated several players will play both offense and defense. De Anza is a two-year community college in Cupertino, Calif.



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## Sculptor Noguchi speaking at UCLA to initiate Art Council Lectures

LOS ANGELES—Isamu Noguchi, an internationally known sculptor and designer of sculpture gardens, will deliver the inaugural UCLA Art Council Lecture on Sunday, Oct. 23, 4 p.m., Dickson Auditorium on campus. Limited seating is available for the public.

Noguchi is represented in UCLA's Franklin D. Murphy Sculpture Garden by "Garden Elements", a work of bronze set in aggregate concrete, created in 1962, and presented to the Garden by the Class of 1967.

A native of Los Angeles, he was born here in 1904, the son of Japanese poet Yonejiro Noguchi and an American writer, Leonie Gilmour. Noguchi spent his early years in Japan, returning to the United States in 1918 to attend school in La Porte, Indiana.

He was apprenticed briefly to Gutzon Borglum, the sculptor of Mt. Rushmore, and studied at the Leonardo da Vinci Art School in New York. While studying pre-medicine at Columbia University, it was Dr. Hideyo Noguchi, the famous bacteriologist and friend of his father, who suggested art—not medicine—should be his field.

In 1927, he received a Guggenheim Fellowship and studied at the Académie Grande Chaumière in Paris while working afternoons in the studio of Brancusi.

In the latter 1920s and early 1930s Noguchi traveled a great deal and exhibited widely in New York. In 1935, he began a long collaboration with Martha Graham designing stage sets and costumes for her dance company.

He won the competition for stainless steel relief for the Associated Press Building in Rockefeller Center in 1939.

Here in 1942 Noguchi was among evacuees interned at Poston Relocation Center, Arizona. Four years later, he was included in the first important survey of American art at the Museum of Modern Art in New York entitled "14 Americans."

Noguchi has held more than 25 single-artist shows internationally and was the subject of an important retrospective at the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York in 1968. In November of this year, the Museum of Modern Art will exhibit a series of sculptural paper lamps, called "Akari lamps", designed by Noguchi during the 1950s.

Among the many gardens,



Isamu Noguchi (1976)

sculpture gardens and playgrounds designed by Noguchi since the 1930s are:

Billy Rose Sculpture Garden in Jerusalem; gardens of Keio University, Japan; two Peace Bridges for Hiroshima; Jardin Japonais for the UNESCO building in Paris, and the marble garden for the Beinecke Rare Book Library, Yale University; garden for the Chase Manhattan Bank Plaza, New York; the

Skygate at Honolulu, and the new Civic Center Plaza and Fountain for the City of Detroit.

Noguchi now lives and works on three continents, maintaining studios in Japan, Italy and New York City. His sculpture is included in many public and private collections, including the Franklin D. Murphy Sculpture Garden, the Los Angeles County Museum of Art and the Norton Simon Museum in Pasadena. □

### Works by Millet

KOFU, Yamanashi—Two art masterpieces by Millet, "The Sower" and "Shepherd on His Way Home", were purchased at a recent New York auction for the Yamanashi Prefectural Museum here. They had been owned by the Provident National Bank in Philadelphia.

### Dance concert

LOS ANGELES—Avante-garde Japanese dancers Eiko Otake and Koma Takashi will perform in a concert, "White Dance: Moth", Oct. 21-22 at the Pilot Theater, 6600 Santa Monica Blvd., in a Los Angeles premiere.



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## Nimitz-Togo Peace Garden draws tourists to central Texas

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The peace garden, designed by Taketora Saita of Tokyo, consists of two units—each with distinctive characteristics. First one has a waterfall, pond and trees arranged three-dimensionally in a small space, comparable to the garden of the official residence used by Admiral Heihachiro Togo at Maizuru.

Second unit is a stone garden, reminding one of the

expansive ocean. Along the walls are benches where visitors may sit and contemplate the careful placement of large rocks on a sea of white pebbles. The designer has selected stones from the fields near Fredericksburg.

Garden also features a replica of Adm. Togo's study, its gabled roof typical of the Japanese house of the Taisho era.

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By THELMA BURNSIDE  
Sacramento, Calif.

As Caucasians, my husband George and I were introduced to a new experience Sept. 29, entertaining Japanese visitors to the U.S. in the People-to-People Program.

Mrs. Molly Kimura, noted Ikebana instructor in Sacramento, is my teacher in flower arranging and Japanese culture. She asked me if we would like to entertain and provide dinner in our home that evening for two Japanese high school principals here with a tour group visiting U.S. schools. I agreed with some trepidation, fearing the language barrier would be so great that they would not benefit from the experience.

Our fears were allayed upon picking them up at their Holiday Inn. They were so enthusiastic and friendly. Masaharu Yasuda, vice principal of Wakayama Prefectural Seirin Senior High School spoke some English. (Molly Kimura's husband's family live in Wakayama.) Katsufumi Ikeda, principal of Yoshida Senior High School, understood English but spoke very little. (Molly's family live in Hiroshima.)

We found there were so many interests we all had in common. As members of JACL

we had recently flown with a JACL 21-day tour to Japan. We included some places I had studied about that are off-the-beaten-track for Occidentals, like riding the rapids of the Hozu River, Kagoshima, Miyazaki and Beppu on Kyushu, Okayama, Takamatsu on Shikoku and a cruise on the Inland Sea. We explained we had taken 1,400 slides that I am now making up into programs with narration and music to show to school children, garden clubs and various organizations. We compared cities, towns, home building costs, etc.

We have a collection of Oriental art objects, old and new. We talked about ceramics, painting and poetry.

I have 70 bonsai that I have created over the last 20 years. Of course, they were very knowledgeable and appreciated the appearance of great age on some. They were interested in my husband's device for their care during our absences, which I have written up for garden magazines.

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