



Mt. Olympus-Salt Lake JAYs and advisers toured the southern part of Utah, visiting two historical "ghost towns", Eureka City and Topaz. TOP photo: At the Topaz site, where the damaged plaque was removed for repair. LOWER photo: Restraining the barbed wire fence around the Topaz historical marker.

JACL called to help cut down home burglaries in San Mateo

SAN MATEO, Calif.—Burglar-besieged homeowners in the North Central district carried their complaint for better police protection to the city council on Oct. 3 and held a protest meeting at the Buddhist Church two nights later.

The San Mateo JACL has been involved in this community problem because a majority of the victims are Japanese and Chinese along with some whites and blacks who reside in the area.

This past month, thirty burglaries were reported, most of them committed during the day when no one is at home.

At the protest meeting co-sponsored by the San Mateo JACL and the North Central San Mateo District Assn., Police Chief Vern Coppock stressed the role that neighbors must pursue to quell

the number of break-ins by assisting police and the courts in identifying suspects.

Two years ago, the JACL chapter responded to a series of "blanket robberies" perpetrated against the Asian elderly through a public education program on home security in conjunction with the police. The chapter also assisted by having identification numbers engraved onto furniture, appliances, cameras, etc.

One irate homeowner at the city council meeting, who said he was burglarized three times despite taking every burglar-proofing step recommended by police after the first loss, felt police manpower could be better used to protect citizens instead of expending time on traffic citations.

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Ray appoints Tuai to bench

SEATTLE, Wash. — Liem Eng Tuai, 51, south-end attorney, was appointed Sept. 30 by Gov. Dixie Lee Ray to assume one of five King County superior court positions Nov. 1.

The Chinese American Republican had been a candidate for a new superior court position in the Sept. 20 primaries here but the tally was not taken after the state supreme court held the governor had prior authority to fill the new position.

Tuai was a contender for Mayor Wes Uhlman's job and a state supreme court position after serving several years on the city council, including one term as council president. He is a Seattle JACL board member, currently the legal-legislative

committee chairman.

In Olympia, it was announced Gov. Ray will head a state trade mission to Japan next week accompanied by Kazuo Watanabe, director of the State Dept. of Commerce and Economic Development, onetime attorney with the Los Angeles County public defender's office and in private practice before being tapped to the state post.

Gov. Ray is also scheduled to have an audience with Emperor Hirohito on Oct. 26 and is expected to discuss fish life. The governor studied ichthyology and was Asst. Secretary of State for oceans and international environment and scientific affairs in the President Ford administration.

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Bakke argument takes two hours, Asian American question raised

WASHINGTON—A two-hour debate focusing on a classic conflict between minority needs and majority rights prevailed at the U.S. Supreme Court when it heard the Allan Bakke case Oct. 12 before a jam-packed audience.

At issue is the constitutionality of the UC Davis special admissions program reserving 16 of 100 openings in the medical school for minorities. The California Supreme Court last year held the program was unconstitutional.

Harvard law professor, Archibald Cox, representing the Univ. of California argued that special admissions were the only workable method of increasing minority group enrollment in professional schools to overcome past injustices. Colleges and universities have the right to select students by race, he argued.

Solicitor General Wade McCree, representing the Justice Dept. as *amicus curiae*, urged the justices to uphold race-conscious affirmative action programs as a means of fulfilling the prom-

ise of the court's historic school desegregation decision of 1954. "Race is very relevant ... To be blind to race today is to be blind to reality."

Bakke's attorney, Reynolds Colvin of San Francisco, said Bakke was denied permission to attend the school "because of his race" and "that race as a classification is an unjust basis on which to judge people". While Bakke has no constitutional right to be in medical school, "he has a right not to be discriminated against by reason of his race".

The JACL concern on the status of Asian Americans with respect to special admissions was also noted during the proceedings when Chief Justice Burger, Justices Rehnquist, Powell and Stevens asked questions in this area. Response was that data was insufficient.

Frank Iwama, national JACL legal counsel, had met with government officials in Washington on Oct. 7 to correct the Justice Dept. contention that Asian Americans are

no longer a minority in need of assistance.

Iwama met with White House staff, a Justice Dept. special assistant to the Attorney General and the general counsel to the Congressional Committee on the Judiciary, Alan Parker (who was Iwama's law professor at Santa Clara University.) Mike Ito, San Francisco JACL president, and Penny Nakatsu, both Asian American Bar Assn. members, and Washington JACL representative Wayne Horiuchi participated in the one-day whirlwind meeting here. Others in the west coast contingent were:

Harold Yee, Asian Inc.; Henry Der, Chinese for Affirmative Action; Ernie Lobetti, Asian American Bar Assn.; Dick Cervatos, Filipino Democratic Club; Ling Chi Wang, UC Berkeley coordinator of Asian American Studies.

In Fresno, Calif., Sen. S. I. Hayakawa at the Calif. Federation of Republic Women

Honda may build autos in Ohio

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Honda Motor Co. will build its first U.S. motorcycle assembly plant near Marysville (Union County) and may expand it to include automobiles, it was announced at a press conference here last week (Oct. 11).

Kihachiro Kawashima, exec. v.p. of Honda Motor Co. and chairman of its U.S. subsidiary, American Honda Motor Co., Gardena, Calif., said the \$25-million facility will employ about 500 workers on a single-shift basis to build 60,000 motorcycles per year. If this first operation meets expectations, "it is our present intention to start manufacturing automobiles by expanding the plant site," he added.

Gov. James Rhodes disclosed that Ohio is putting up about \$2.5 million for public improvements in the plant area. But he stressed Honda didn't request it. Rhodes said, "we would do the same for any industry."

cal chairman for this drive. Names and addresses are to be submitted to National JACL Headquarters as soon as possible.

Governor Chuck Kubokawa of NCWN District announced that at the last meeting of the group in Salinas, the delegates unanimously endorsed this critical fund drive as well as vote a \$100 contribution.

In the Stockton area, the local chapter chaired by Dr. Kengo Terashita and George Baba has already begun their own local drive.

The Sonoma County Chapter not only donated \$100 from its treasury but by unanimous agreement, the chapter board voted to conduct its own drive. Their campaign for funds was to have commenced on Oct. 15.

Many leaders head national drive for Okubo-Yamada fund

SAN FRANCISCO—A group of prominent JACL and civic leaders was named to the National Okubo-Yamada Honorary Committee Fund Drive. Among the 26-member committee are the former National JACL presidents, according to George Baba, fund drive co-chairman. Honorary committee-

men are: Jerry Enomoto*, Ross Harano, Dr. Harry Hatasaka, Dr. Terry Hayashi*, Mas Hironaka, Kaz Horita, Dr. John Kanda, Helen Kawagoe, Takeshi Kubota, Mike Masaoka, Bill Matsumoto, Em Nakadoi, Dr. Roy Nishikawa*, Patrick Okura*, Shirley Matsumura Ota, Dr. Frank Sakamoto, Yone Satoda, Tom Shimazaki, Shigeki Sugiyama*, Judge Robert Takasugi, Henry Tanaka*, Dr. Tom Taketa, Dr. Kengo Terashita, Judge Raymond Uno*, Shig Wakamatsu*, Dr. Tom T. Yatabe*.

(*—Nat'l JACL President)

Baba officially announced that this nation-wide fund drive was officially underway Oct. 14.

Meanwhile, James Murakami, National President, declared that none of the monies raised from this drive will be used for attorney fees. The funds raised will be used strictly to assist the two families for legal expenses that will be incurred to appeal this civil suit. The appeal in higher court is scheduled to be heard next year.

District governors and chapter presidents have been asked to designate a lo-

meeting Oct. 12, said he supported Bakke's constitutional rights and believed in affirmative action "insofar as it doesn't diminish the quality of work there is to be done". Hayakawa said it was "too late" to fall back on minority quotas at the graduate school level "because if you get to the age of 21 or 22 without having caught up, then you have to start with a newer generation".

Amy Doi suing JACL for \$62,000

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. — An amended complaint for \$62,000 in damages was filed by Amy Doi of Palo Alto in San Francisco superior court Oct. 11 against the Japanese American Citizens League through her attorney Shirley Yawitz.

Controversy stems from alleged conflict of interest in the administration of a \$75,000 grant from the Campaign for Human Development of the U.S. Catholic Conference to make foundations responsive to Asian American needs.

The issue had been aired during the 1976 national convention with assurances that she would continue as project coordinator but within the month, she was fired. The grant was held in abeyance.

For alleged loss of her reputation and for libelous statements, Ms. Doi is suing JACL \$25,000 for general damages; \$12,000 for injury to her profession and occupation; \$25,000 for punitive damages, plus attorney and court costs.

Also named as co-defendants were David Ushio, Don Hayashi, 19 National JACL board members and Masato Inaba, identified in the suit as a consultant to the project.

Internment credit bill advances

WASHINGTON — Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.) said Oct. 12 the House Post Office and Civil Service committee unanimously approved his bill, HR 9471, granting retirement credit to federal Nisei civil servants forced to leave their homes during World War II.

"I am happy that the Post Office and Civil Service

committee was willing to lend such strong support. The legislation is long overdue. It will provide some redress for the deplorable actions of 30 years ago—taken in the name of 'national security'—which deprived 110,000 individuals of their constitutional and human rights."

The Mineta bill, co-sponsored by 77 House members,

would grant federal civil service retirement credit to Japanese Americans, 18 years of age and older who were forced into relocation camps during WW2 because of their ancestry.

Mineta hoped the House would take action on the bill before the end of this session.

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Senate committee favors Hawaii reparations bill

WASHINGTON—The Inouye-Matsunaga bill to find out how much Uncle Sam owes Hawaiian natives for taking over their kingdom 84 years ago was approved this past week (Oct. 10) by the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. Date for consideration of SJR 4 by the full Senate is under consideration.

Sens. Daniel Inouye and Spark Matsunaga sponsored the bill to establish a Hawaiian claims settlement study commission, which would have a year to check the validity of claims against the United States by aboriginal Hawaiians and then report to Congress for a decision on

what money to pay and to whom.

Hawaiians lost their land in the U.S. annexation of the islands and thus "were dispossessed of their birthright", Matsunaga said. Marines and a destroyer with guns trained on the Palace of Queen Liliuokalani overthrew Hawaii's government in 1893 without prior authority or permission from the U.S. President or the Congress. President Cleveland called it an "act of war" but nothing was done about it, despite a claim for reparation filed by the Queen, Matsunaga said.

Government

Frank Takano of Seattle was appointed as an advisory committee member to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. Over 1,200 were nominated to the 18-member advisory committee. He is president of the West Seattle Professional Pharmacists Assn., and active with the South Seattle Community College citizens advisory board, West Seattle YMCA and Lions.

Phil Hayasaka, former director of the Seattle Human Rights

Dept., was appointed chief of minority affairs and affirmative action of the Seattle Dept. of Social and Health Services. Appointment is effective Nov. 1 for the onetime Seattle JACL president. As director of the Seattle human rights commission since its inception in 1963, he implemented the city's affirmative action program.

Yukio Takamatsu, 59, Japanese consul general at Los Angeles since January, 1976, was appointed as the next Japanese ambassador to Kuwait, the Foreign Office announced Oct. 7.

U.S. Interior Dept. opposes whale ban

WASHINGTON—The need of Alaskan Eskimos to hunt the giant bowhead whale prompted the U.S. Interior Department last week to oppose a ban by the International Whaling Commission on killing the species.

The Commerce Department has supported the ban, and resolution of the conflicting views will be up to the State Department and President Carter.

IWC declared last June that the giant bowhead was nearing extinction and all hunting must be banned, but Eskimos claim the bowhead is essential to their diet and culture.

S.F. prefer Chinese-speaking cops

SAN FRANCISCO — Police Chief Charles Gain, after being assured by the city attorney it would be legal to give bilingual skills preference over other qualifications in screening eligible job applicants, announced a number of Chinese-speaking persons would be hired by the police department in time to begin recruit training in January.

In telling the police commission Oct. 5 of the new recruitment plans, Gain stressed he had been trying to hire additional bilingual officers before the recent outbreaks of Chinatown gang homicides. He noted

last year the city attorney said it would be illegal to hire on the basis of language over other qualifications because bilingual skills were not one of the requirements of eligibility.

But the city attorney changed its opinion after the Civil Service Commission administrator argued that such hiring would be proper because it involves special needed skills.

There are nearly 300 applicants on the police eligibility list with about 28 able to speak Cantonese, Gain added.

Meantime, a month follow-

ing the Sept. 4 massacre, the \$100,000 reward, largest ever from the city, is still being offered. A Chinatown elder suggested 100 armed auxiliary police (50 by day and 50 by night) be trained to combat the Chinatown crime problems.

In Alhambra, Calif., police officer George LaPoid (282-3141, ext 46) is coordinating a volunteer list of interpreter-translators in the various Asian/Pacific Island languages on a 24-hour basis in the San Gabriel Valley. Work will be done over telephone as much as possible, LaPoid assured.

Civil rights commission backs affirmative action

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights has urged the use of numerical goals for racial minority admissions to professional schools and deplored the "semantic" discussion of quotas aroused by the Bakke reverse discrimination case.

In a 12-page statement defending "affirmative action" programs on the eve of Supreme Court arguments in the Bakke case (Oct. 11), the commission said the goals and achievement timetables used in private sector affirmative action programs should be adopted also in the admission programs of medical and law schools.

The commission has been on record since May as opposing the position of Allan Bakke, a white student who contended that he was denied admission to a University of California medical school only because of a special admissions program for minorities.

Commission Chairman Arthur Flemming said the Justice Department's brief in the case, defending the principle of affirmative action without resorting to rigid quotas, was "consistent" with the commission's position.

The commission, in discussing the distinction between "quotas" and "goals", said "goals are not properly considered fixed quotas since determinations of compliance are not made solely on the question of whether the goals are actually reached, but on the contractor's good faith effort to implement and fulfill the total affirmative action plan."

Flemming said the commission was "ready to crusade for affirmative action."

"We think it is unfortunate for affirmative action to be

slowed down by the semantic discussion over quotas, timetables and numbers," he said.

The commission endorsed the use of "race conscious" factors in admissions programs at professional schools, and said it was not accurate to conclude that all racial distinctions were unconstitutional.

"Whether or not university officials choose to articulate it," the report said, "the fundamental justification

for affirmative action admissions programs in professional schools is identical to that which has led courts to uphold affirmative action, including numerically based remedies, in employment."

Such programs are designed to provide redress, however belated, for past practices of racial exclusion of the professional schools themselves.

"In their impact on nonminorities, the programs of professional schools are similar to the affirmative redress that has been provided in employment cases involving new hiring, in that the effect is not on benefits already accrued by non-minorities but on their expectations."

Court & Law

The Hawaii Supreme Court's disciplinary board, which rules on complaints against attorneys practicing in Hawaii, has 18 members. Three of its first laypersons include Dorothy Yamamoto Ching, Bank of Hawaii, v.p., and Henry T. Miyamoto, projects engineer with Hawaii Telephone.

Acquittal urged for Filipino nurses

SAN DIEGO, Calif.—Union of Pan Asian Communities of San Diego County (UPAC) last week called for acquittal of the two Veterans Administration nurses, Filipina Narciso and Leonora Perez, at Ann Arbor, Mich., who were convicted of poisoning patients (see Aug. 12 PC).

UPAC strongly felt Narciso and Perez were convicted on circumstantial evidence and feared the case might become "another atrocity in America's history of legal discrimination against Asian Americans".



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Nisei heads Tacoma Transit System

TACOMA, Wash. — Yoshio Kosai, who has been city traffic engineer for the past 24 years, was named to head the Tacoma Transit System. He is the first Nisei to head a major department in Tacoma city government.

Kosai was Puyallup Valley JACL president for 1968-69.



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SAN MATEO

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Councilman John Murray told the city council the number of police per 1,000 population in San Mateo is above the national standard and suggested better distribution of manpower. Acting Mayor Floyd Welch said the home burglary problem was city-wide and added, "I don't believe we can clean this up until neighbors and neighborhoods begin to work closely together and with the police department."

Santa Monicans plan reunion

SANTA MONICA, Calif. — Prewar residents and former students of the Santa Monica Gakuen are holding their fifth annual reunion on Sunday, Nov. 13, 2 to 5 p.m. at the Santa Monica Nikkei Hall, 1413 Michigan Ave., Santa Monica 90404. Former Santa Monicans may contact the following persons during evening hours for more information:

Kazuko Ikenaga Asao (399-8892), Kazumi Kishi Tatsumi (262-9969), Kaoru Sakata (395-5968), Koko Tsutsumiuchi Matsui (324-6872), Arnold Maeda (398-5157).

Japan scholarship

SAN FRANCISCO—The U.S.-Japan Institute scholarship for all students in the San Francisco Consortium for the 1978 spring semester is part of the student exchange arrangement between Osaka City University and San Francisco State University. Those interested in applying should see Dr. Harrison Holland, institute director (469-2055) or Prof. Edith Y. Hobbs, SFSU (469-1131). Award includes round-trip airfare, room & board for one month with a Japanese family and educational expenses related to the academic program at Osaka City University.

Who's Who

LOS ANGELES—Little Tokyo Merchants Assn. will compile its "Who's Who" under a CETA grant providing for two employees, according to Charles Taiyoshi, association president.

Old Hokubei Bldg.

SAN FRANCISCO—The old Hokubei Mainichi Bldg., 1737 Sutter St., will be demolished soon to make way for an entrance to a Nihonmachi parking lot. The newspaper moved to its new building at 1746 Post St. in September.

NC-WNDC chapters to elect officers at San Jose meeting

SAN JOSE, Calif.—The 32-chapter Northern California-Western Nevada JACL District Council will elect members to its executive board at the fourth quarterly session being hosted by San Jose JACL Nov. 6 at the Hyatt House here.

The board, in turn, elects its cabinet officers, now headed by Charles Kubokawa of Sequoia JACL as governor.

A preliminary tally of questionnaires on reparation will be presented by Ben Takeshita, committee chairman, who indicated that as a result of the same questions being reprinted in the Pacific Citizen favorable responses from other areas have been received. Only one was against reparation, he added. All in favor indicated preference for individual payments.

Rep. Norman Mineta (D-

Calif.) will be the guest speaker at the luncheon.

Registration is \$9.50 for delegate, \$7 for boosters. Meeting will be called to order at 10 a.m. and is scheduled to adjourn by 4:30 p.m.

CCDC donates to two scholarships

FRESNO, Calif.—The Central California District Council voted to donate \$100 each to two scholarships for students attending Calif. State University-Fresno: the Mary C. Baker Memorial and Hubert Phillips Fund.

The Baker scholarship was established in 1968 with Japanese Americans as preferred awardees. The Phillips award is reserved for women of recent ethnic backgrounds of Asia, Africa, Latin America as well as American Indians.

Mountain-Plains meet set on Nisei retirement, reparations

DENVER, Colo. — The Mountain-Plains JACL District Council will convene over the Nov. 11-13 weekend here at the Executive Tower for its fall conference, it was announced by Mits Kawamoto, district governor, of Omaha.

An informational session on Nisei retirement planning will be led by Dr. Sharon Fujii, who helped plan the initial conference on the same topic at San Francisco last year.

Kawamoto will chair the discussion on reparations to

ascertain the consensus of members on the question of what it is that Japanese Americans really wish to present for legislation or whether other courses of direction are desired, such as: judicial redress on the constitutionality of Evacuation, conscience retributions, conscience awareness, memorial developments or other expressions.

Executive Tower motor hotel is near Sakura Square. The seven chapters comprising the district were expected to indicate the number of delegates and boosters planning to be present with:

Dr. Tak Mayeda, conference chmn; 1132 Cherokee St, Denver, Colo 80204 (303-825-0511 off, 333-3584 res).

JACL legal counsel leaves state AG

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Frank A. Iwama, 36, resigned as deputy attorney general last month to enter into private practice. The National JACL legal counsel since 1975, his office is in the California First Bank Bldg., 700 L St. Sacramento 95814 (441-6255).

A San Jose State graduate who finished law school at Santa Clara University in 1969, Iwama represented such state agencies as the Dept. of Motor Vehicles, Highway Patrol and Consumer Affairs.

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Air crash victim

VANCOUVER, Wash.—A light plane crashed Oct. 8 into a home, killing Takeko Haggren, 28, who was in the house preparing a family celebration for the next day. Immigration authorities had given approval to have her mother, brother, sister and niece remain in the U.S. indefinitely. Pilot and two passengers were also killed by the accident.

Auto shop burns

SAN JOSE, Calif.—A solvent barrel exploded, touching off a two-alarm fire Oct. 4 at a Nisei-owned auto transmission shop, 463 Blossom Hills Rd. Owner Malcolm Sakaguchi, 34, sustained first degree burns after tackling Vincent d'Amico, 37, afire from "head to toe" and dousing the flames with a dry chemical extinguisher.

Chinese Historical Society

LOS ANGELES—Three Chinese American pioneers in the film-making industry, Keye Luke, Victor Sen Yung and Benson Fong will be honored by the Chinese Historical Society Nov. 5, 6:30 p.m., at the Golden Palace Restaurant. Panel discussion with Beulah Quo will be recorded for the society's oral history program. For further information, call 222-4375.

No. Cal Singles

SAN JOSE, Calif.—The No. Calif. Singles Club celebrates its first anniversary at a Halloween costume party potluck supper Oct. 29, 6 p.m. at Summit Bank of Calif. social hall, 515 N. 1st St. The November event will be a theater party, according to Walt Furusho (253-1180).

DON HAYASHI

Farewell dinner set

SAN FRANCISCO—An appreciation dinner honoring Donald L. Hayashi, who leaves his position as JACL assistant national director at the end of this month, will be held on Saturday, Oct. 29, 6:30 p.m. at the Miyako Hotel's Osaka Room.

Hayashi, who joined the JACL staff five years ago as Northwest - Intermountain regional director, is leaving

for a position in private industry.

Dinner will be in recognition of his superior service to JACL, especially during the interim when the organization was without a national executive director.

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Sen. Hayakawa to keynote Central Cal district convention

FRESNO, Calif.—The annual Central California JACL District Council convention will be held on Nov. 12-13 at the Sheraton Inn with district governor Robert Kanagawa of Sanger presiding.

Convention chairman Stan Nagata of Dinuba announced activities start Saturday evening with a no-host dinner. Highlight will be the Sunday

banquet which will feature Sen. S. I. Hayakawa (R-Calif.) as guest speaker.

CCDC is comprised of nine chapters:

Clovis, Delano, Fowler, Fresno, Parlier, Reedley, Sanger, Selma, Tulare County, District Youth Council.

CCDC officers have another year to complete. Convention is open to the public. For further information, call:

JACL Regional Office (237-4006) or Yo Takikawa (439-9309 r, 441-3049).

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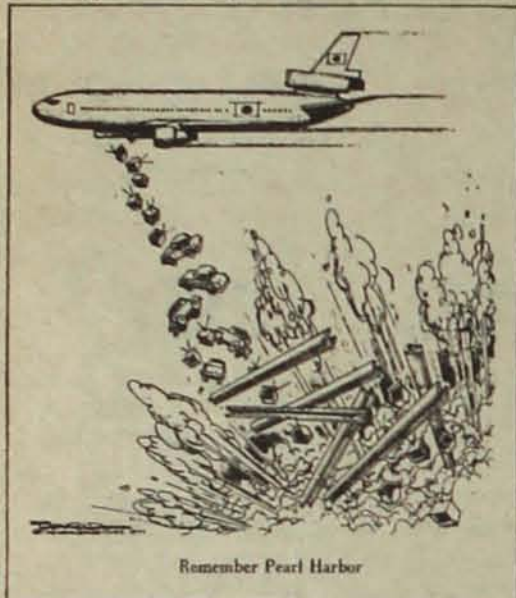
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International Relations

A pair of editorial cartoons in recent weeks with a similar twist—Japanese planes bombing America with little cars, TV sets and steel girders—has understandably raised the hackles of many Nisei.

Charles Conrad (Los Angeles Times) was astute in making the plane look like the Lockheed Tri-Star but his caption, "Remember Pearl Harbor" was an overkill. Bob Engelhart (Dayton Journal Herald) fell



for the unnecessary detail of depicting one pilot with buck teeth, slanted eyes and horned-rimmed goggles but added no caption. Forbes Magazine also featured a similar cartoon on its front cover recently.

Become irate is justifiable, yet we cannot be oblivious to the problem being fingered at—the economic issues confronting Japan and the United States. Perhaps the time has come to reactivate the JACL international relations committee. JACL policy on U.S.-Japan affairs has been a "touch & go" situation over the past 25 years.

JACL's first policy, drawn in 1954, was too restrictive and negative, particularly that portion which stated: "As an organization, the JACL will refrain from participating or intervening in any matters relating to the international relations of this Government including those with Japan except and unless the welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry in the U.S. is directly involved."

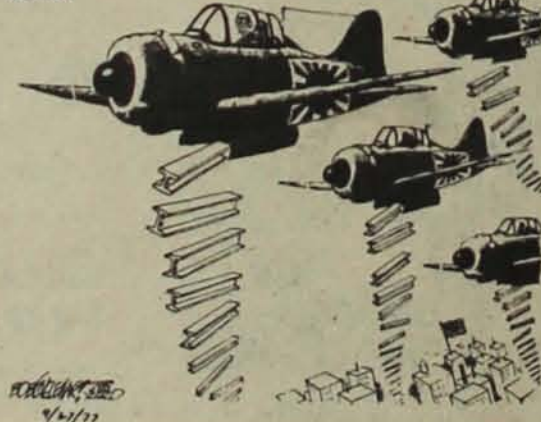
In 1958, the policy was broadened to permit JACL leadership to speak on non-controversial matters in the field of international relations but where considerable differences of opinion existed, the direction was to be ascertained by a standing committee with final decision made by the National JACL

Board or Council. Further, "JACL will not and cannot ever become what has been feared by a few persons—a spokesman for the Japanese government or a representative of certain economic interests either in the U.S. or in Japan ... JACL has never maintained a 'hands-off' or 'isolationist' view". JACL was concurring with U.S. foreign policy in desiring that Japan remain an important democratic ally in Asia but reiterated JACL would state its position when "the direct interest and welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry in the U.S. are affected".

By 1968, when the committee recommended and the National Council urged gradual withdrawal of American forces from Japan and a rapid end to U.S. military participation in Southeast Asia, JACL's international outlook scaled beyond U.S.-Japan affairs. The committee was also aware of the economic issues with respect to U.S.-Japan relations and had asked the next committee to weigh the implications of JACL involvement.

The traditional way of establishing JACL policy had shifted by the 1972 convention but an international affairs committee considered and the National Council voted to condemn the Vietnam war. The number of standing committees had been reduced as single-issue oriented ad hoc and study groups increased.

A thesis was expressed in 1960 that held official U.S. and public acceptance of Japan as a nation determines to a major extent the degree of acceptance accorded to Americans of Japanese ancestry as a group. If this is acceptable as a general guideline by which a JACL international relations committee can consider issues referred by the National Board or Council, its study and recommendations can have impact in these times when the United States and Japan together are striving to meet their special obligation working for solutions to world problems.



Nisei in Japan: Barry T. Saiki

The Japanese Middle Class

Tokyo
"What is the Japanese concept of the Middle Class? And how does it compare with that of the United States?"

This question is raised by a recent survey conducted by the Prime Minister's Office to check public opinion which held more than 90% of the Japanese asked think they belong to the middle class. By extrapolation, that leaves 2 or 3% of the 34-million households in Japan in the upper class and from 7 to 8% in the lower.

The survey went to 10,000 over age 20 with an 82.3% response. On the specific question of their current

standing in society:
Upper middle class8%
Middle Class.....59
Lower middle class.....23

If a comparable survey were made in the U.S., the likelihood is that about 75% would feel they are part of the middle class, leaving between 15-17% in the lower and from 8-10% in the upper bracket.

As one who has lived in both societies, it may be easier for me to compare what constitutes middle class in both countries.

In the U.S., middle class will be evaluated on the annual income basis. Until a decade ago, \$5,000 was at the poverty level. Today,

\$10,000 separates the middle class from the lower level.

The Stateside middle class concept means a four or five room home in the city or suburbs; or it could be comfortable apartment for singles and couples in the city with internal heating and air-conditioning, a one or two-car garage. The parents are generally able to save some funds so that their kids can go to college, with their children sometimes contributing part of the educational costs. One major advantage to the American families is the availability of numerous State-supported schools,

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Bakke Case

Editor:

This is in reply to "A Landmark Decision" (PC, Sept. 30 "By the Board") plus the many letters and news articles on the Allan Bakke case.

Regardless of the term, "reverse discrimination", it would seem that more importantly we should be interested in the most qualified student being admitted to the various professional schools of higher learning, whether it be medicine, law, engineering, etc. To do otherwise would definitely mean a lowering of standards and a flight of qualified American students to Europe and elsewhere.

It is a proven fact that the Caucasians do not have a handle on education when one considers that millions of us do not have the ability to pursue higher education.

In my opinion the administrators, professors and politicians have performed a disservice to the country by advising that we are a failure in life if we do not attend the university when

the fact of the matter is that despite our race or facial color we do not all have the ability to attain what the schools of higher learning should be teaching to students with a reasonably high grade point average.

It is myth to assume that we are all equal regardless of our race. All of us have seen outstanding children of various colors who are destined to success. Needless to say these children should be provided the wherewithal to attain their educational growth. But in the final analysis—motivation and ability is a requisite.

If numbers and affirmative action prevails, then if we are honest with ourselves we should be willing to use the yellow pages of the telephone directory in seeking an engineer, lawyer, or a doctor for complicated surgery.

How many of the ethnic students are actually seeking the aforementioned training to help their own kind or are they seeking these prestigious positions for the money involved and generally paid for by the middle class and the rich?

My mother and father were also of a poor ethnic group that helped build America. One always hears of the successes but not too much is written about the failures such as the early death of my father. At a time when I was less than fourteen years of age, the oldest of four boys, my mother was widowed and a much hoped for university education was (out the window) unattainable. Although I was motivated and I do believe I had the ability to do more than just walk through the doors, nevertheless economic conditions dictated otherwise and I went to work in a seagoing capacity to assist myself and to bring a small measure of support to my family.

If we are genuinely interested in educational standards for all, including the worldwide Caucasian minority, then let us in the United States see to it that anyone of scholastic ability and motivation are educated to their fullest reasonable potential.

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JACL Principles in Practice

Salt Lake City
In my first article for our 1978 National JACL biennial convention, I suggested our contemplated format: workshops on politics, education, writers and business and employment. It is intended participants not be confined to JACL.

We want all segments of the total Japanese American community taking part.

One reason for this is that we have never been able to congregate a group consisting of this magnitude from all areas of the United States. With all divergent experiences, interests and conflicts, we have never been able to have a common meeting with all involved on a common meeting ground.

Many may object because our services should be limited to JACL members. This would be fine if we were a professional organization catering only to the economic and social well-being of a specific interest group. Hopefully, we are not.

We are a special interest group trying to better our total life interests for all people of Japanese ancestry as well as all others whom we may be able to help.

But one thing we must do is to know where persons of Japanese ancestry have been and are at and want to go or may be going. As often said, we cannot help others effectively if we don't have own act put together first.

I submit—we don't know what our act is as a group, and maybe we don't need to. But it seems for some it may be helpful personally, and for others an educational experience for themselves and their families which will not ever be available—if we do not start now!

Most of us are going happily on our own way. We pay little, if any, attention to what, if anything, is happening to others of Japanese ancestry. Because of our racial and cultural background, our common, and sometimes un-

common, experiences among other things, we share many intrinsic values which we should expose and examine for mutual benefit.

Regardless of what has happened, we all have some obligation to help each other to understand our, your and their lifestyles.

Perhaps this may be the time to unglue whatever has adhered us to this point or, on the contrary, we may need a focal point and a joining together to perpetuate some of our values. Whichever we choose, we should have the opportunity to discuss, dissect, analyze and decide what we wish to do, alone or together, to meet the future and its challenges for this and coming generations.

The United States is a big country. We are but a part of the Western Hemisphere and the Western Hemisphere is but a part of this world.

The course of our political future as a nation is dubious. Can we not help shape that future from among our ranks not only internationally but nationally, regionally and locally? Alone, we may be but one small voice, but collectively we can throughout this nation have a very definite and beneficial impact.

Our workshops, as they may take place, should focus on the shared experiences of all and develop ways and means to use the pooled information to assist us and our progeny to contribute in ways we have never thought possible.

Too often, our perspective

is narrowed by local and geographical provincialism and we fail to take into account the problems of other areas and needs of other people—even in our back backyard.

Can't we attempt to expand our horizons by collecting and disseminating information about our ourselves for our individual and collective use?

We would like to have this a learning and teaching experience for all. We should bring in a variety of experiences and ideas. The exchange may provide abundant material for further get-togethers and possibly research and publication by people "in the field". It may be a novel, fruitful workshop with much potential in many different areas of interest.

Start thinking about yourself, your family, your relatives and friends who may be interested in attending this Convention.

Suggestions are solicited at this time, particularly the names of people for the workshop who can contribute because of their expertise, experience and training. The feasibility of this project depends on your response.

We feel it can be done and are planning to expend whatever effort is necessary to make it succeed. But, we do need the help of as many people as possible.

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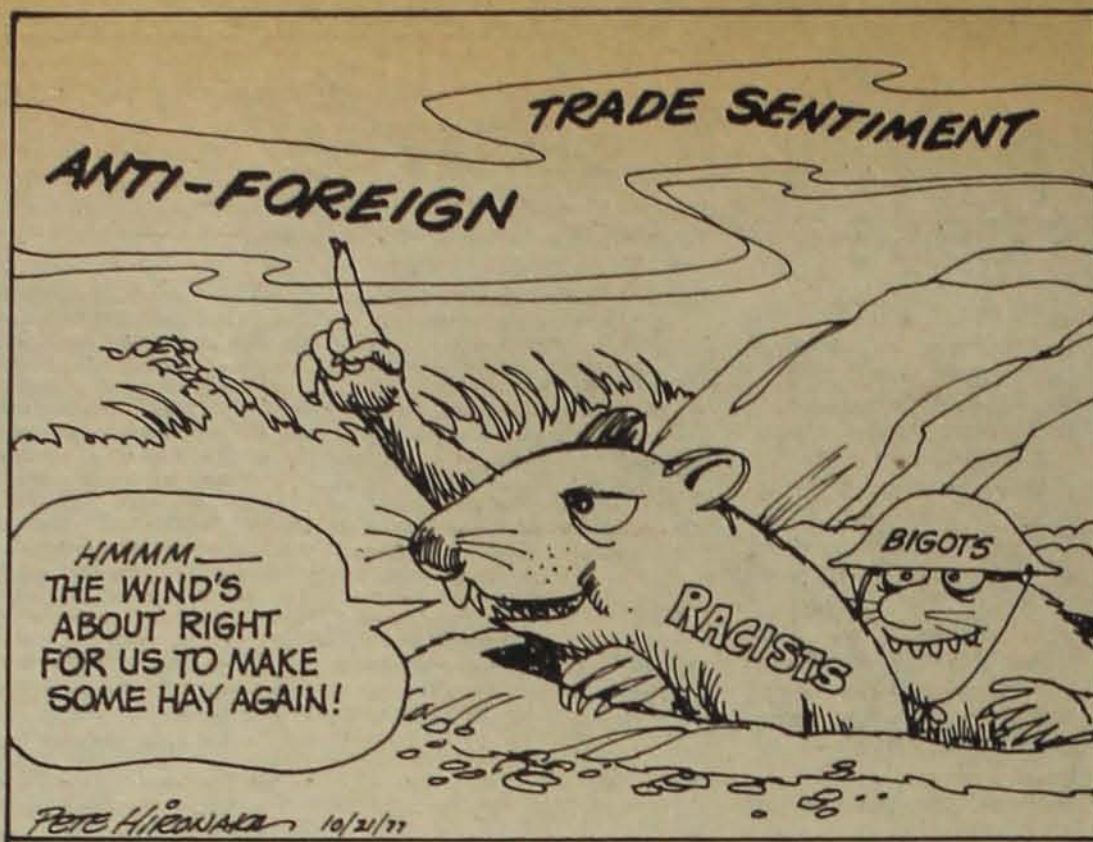


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Road out of the Tule Lake

Here is the second in-depth article whetted by the NBC-TV reshooting last year of "Farewell to Manzanar" by another contributor, Frank Okusako, now of Albuquerque, N.M., where he is an industrial engineer with the U.S. Air Force contract management division.—Ed.

By FRANK OKUSAKO

The relocation of Americans of Japanese ancestry during World War II started at concentration camps like Manzanar (1942) and ended at Tule Lake, California (1946). This episode of dastardly government and citizen reactions against the innocent, incarcerated American minority population did receive some attention and coverage by the news and TV media ("Farewell to Manzanar") during the Bicentennial Year. However, the socio-economic plight of the participants was dramatized rather than recognizing that the institution of relocation or concentration camps was an act of racism and reflected the chauvinistic mentality of European traditions.

Yet in the dark layers of fear and mistrust, there were Americans who believed in each citizen's human rights and responded to relieve the injustices and humiliations inflicted on the minority Americans of Japanese ancestry.

Mr. James Purcell fought the case of evacuation to the Supreme Court and won (Dec. 1944). As Justice Douglas said, "Loyalty is a matter of the heart and mind, not of race, creed, or color . . . whatever power War Relocation Authority may have to detain other classes of citizens, it has no authority to its leave procedure" (*Ex Parte, Mitsuye Endo*). President Roosevelt had earlier stated these familiar words, "The principle on which this country was founded and by which it has always been governed is that Americanism is a matter of mind and heart. Americanism is not, and never was, a matter of race or ancestry. (Feb. 1943, on the formation of the 442nd RCT.—Ed.)

Yet by 1945, 45,000 evacuees of an estimated 150,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry were still detained in

camps. Among them were my parents, brothers and sisters who desperately wanted to find the road out of the Tule Lake Concentration Camp. But thanks to Americans like Colonels Sherwood Dixon (Illinois) and Lawton (Oklahoma), they arranged an October 1945 meeting with the Attorney General of the United States, Tom Clark, to plead my case for early release of my parents and relatives out of the camp.

How was I thrust into this position of seeing the chief law enforcement authority, outside the realm of my narrow experience and environment and so far from home? After nearly two years of combat duty in Italy and France with the Japanese American 442nd Infantry Regimental Combat Team, I was home on leave to see my parents, brothers, sisters, and relatives. The G.I.'s permitted me to enter the concentration camp.

Communication during the war was very limited as I really couldn't read or write Japanese that well and it was vice versa with my parents' English. In their letters, they just wanted me to hear the good news and not of their desperate situation. As we updated our wartime experiences, the tragic nightmare of my parents' plight was unravelled. They had signed renunciation papers to expatriate to Japan while I was fighting Germans in Italy and France. What a foolish thing, but I understood when the facts were told.

The peaceful camp had become explosive when all undesirable agitators, who were urging for their return to Japan, were "shanghaied" from other concentration camps to the Tule Lake Camp. My parents and relatives became the pawns and victims of a power struggle between those evacuees desiring to expatriate and those wishing to remain. Renunciation came easy for some as an expression of anger for their loss of inalienable rights as American-born. As for others of less militant

posture, they were influenced by pressure groups and conditions beyond their control.

Like the U.S. Civil War, husbands and wives, and parents and children were on opposite sides. With my parents, it was different as another older son had moved to Japan in 1939 for better opportunities. Racists would say defected. What irony! He was Dick of Tom, Dick and Harry—names given by a landowner to my parents' three oldest sons. He was a Phi Beta Kappa graduate from the Univ. of California. Our white friends around Placer County thought or hoped he would be the future Attorney General of California. Of course, this couldn't be when overt racism against Japanese Americans was being perpetuated by jingoistic papers and politicians. With his academic background, he opted for a career in Japan. My parents were proud when he completed Meiji University in 1940, but his fortunes declined in Japan as the nation faced impending disaster and military reverses during late 1945. He died of diphtheria without the advantage of available drugs.

My parents now were at the mercy of events beyond their control. While immigrants from the poor backwoods country of Hiroshima to California, their desire was to own a piece of America and raise their California born sons and daughters to become well educated and accepted as Americans. Only as Japanese aliens they were not allowed to become American citizens until after WW2. Legislative racism had deprived them of citizenship and land ownership.

During the '20s and through the Depression, they struggled and scrimped to clothe and feed five boys and two girls. They had achieved their objectives of a farm for the oldest son and university education for some children before Japan's infamous attack on Pearl Harbor. In a period of six months, their

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From the Frying Pan: Bill Hosokawa

Of Authors and Books

Denver, Colo.

Each year somewhere between 35,000 and 40,000 different books are published in the United States. Most of them fail to sell enough copies to meet the expenses of publication. And since the publisher makes pretty darned sure he's going to keep his losses at a minimum, the authors wind up with very little for the sweat and anguish they put into writing the book.

The books cover an astonishing variety of subjects, ranging all the way from sex and money to carving totem poles. Until a decade or so ago there weren't many books about or by Japanese Americans; now there are plenty of them, some of considerable merit.

What brings up this subject is that recently we've heard of at least three book ideas which should be of considerable interest to Japanese Americans, and possibly of much more widespread interest.

One was mentioned here briefly some weeks ago. The Northern California chapter of the MIS Association has commissioned Joe Harrington of Hollywood, Fla., to write a book about Nisei language specialists who served in World War II. This is a little known chapter of the war, and judging from some of the personal stories I've heard—told late of an evening when memories were warmed by beer or stronger potions—these are the makings for a fascinating book.

The second idea is somewhat related. It was suggested by Karl Yoneda of San Francisco in *Pacific Citizen* a few weeks ago; he urged telling of the story of Japanese expatriates, Nisei and Kibei who were involved in cloak-and-dagger missions with the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) and Office of War Information (OWI) in China, Burma and elsewhere in World War II. There were nearly 100 men and women involved. Yoneda wrote, many being prominent writers and artists who had fled militarism in Japan to seek political asylum in

the U.S. When war broke out they did not hesitate to volunteer to fight the militarists of their mother country.

The third is a book of an altogether different type. It is the idea of Mei Nakano, whose immigrant parents in the 1920s wrote for the *Colorado Times*, a Japanese language newspaper published in Denver. Mrs. Nakano tracked down the bound files of the newspaper and looked up the poetry, fiction and essays her mother and father had contributed. She would like to have this material translated and convert the rough translations into idiomatic English that would communicate the spirit and feelings of Issei immigrants trying to cope with their everyday problems.

"The fiction," she writes, "were romantic stories and tales of fantasy written mostly for entertainment, while the essays serve the usual purposes of instruction, analysis and argument. But what seems significant about these essays is that they deal, for the most part, with the lives of the Issei. Those of a dialectic type in which such issues as that of the Japanese farmer's attitude toward the Mexican worker, or the pros and cons of Prohibition were argued, apparently fostered much public debate and, on occasion, the debate was carried by the newspaper for weeks.

"My mother contributed the poems and though scant in number they are uniquely affecting. One hears the voice of a proud, literate woman—lately descended from a samurai—as she experiences great joy and quiet despair raising eight children and being wife to a venturesome, virile, somewhat unreliable writer-farmer."

All three of these books—if and when they materialize—would provide fascinating insights into the history of Japanese Americans. Mrs. Nakano, of Walnut Creek, Calif., is searching for foundation support, which is just about the only way anyone can afford to invest the time necessary to write a book. □



Plain Speaking: Wayne Horiuchi

Mineta's CIC Bill

Washington

The full House Post Office and Civil Service Committee has just met and reported out without objection Congressman Norman Mineta's bill to provide civil service credit to the Japanese Americans who were evacuated and interned during World War II.

This action follows on the heels of the subcommittee's favorable recommendation that the Mineta bill be reported out to the full committee.

The next step, and this is exciting, is to have the full House of Representatives vote and pass the bill to the Senate. This may occur before members of Congress adjourn for the remainder of the year.

I have to add one thing. Congressman Mineta is really committed to see this pass bill pass and enacted into law during this 95th Congress. His leadership and effectiveness is very much a credit and benefit to the Japanese American community.

I was present during the deliberation of the full Post Office and Civil Service Committee meeting and was proud of some of the remarks made by members of Congress. For example, Congressman Steve Solarz of

New York spoke to the horrors of evacuation of Japanese Americans during World War II and said it was one of the darkest pages in American history. Congressman Jim Leach of Iowa defended the bill by answering questions which were raised by members of his own party. This bipartisan support has given the legislation the impetus to pass without major obstacles. And, of course, Congresswoman Gladys Spellman of Maryland presented the legislation before the full committee and gave the blessing for this legislation from the subcommittee's viewpoint.

In addition, the *Federal Times*, weekly newspaper that is distributed to most of the federal employees throughout the U.S., carried an article about the Mineta bill. The article, to say the least, is very favorable, extensive, and supportive of Norm's legislation.

If legislation is passed before Congress goes home this month, then we can look forward next year to working the Senate for JACL is fortunate to have good rapport with some very influential and supportive senators.

I'll keep you posted on this activity in future columns. □

JOHN YOSHINO

Gains 'partial victory' in job bias case

By BILL ANDRONICOS
(Federal Times)

Washington
After eight years of administration hassling, a discrimination case filed by a Japanese American against two black bosses in the Transportation Department's Federal Highway Administration has ended in a partial victory for the complainant.

The plaintiff in the suit, John Y. Yoshino, a GS-14 equal employment opportunity specialist at FHWA, maintained that his bosses had shown favoritism toward blacks in appointments and promotions.

The partial victory for Yoshino came when Judge Charles R. Rickey, U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, ruled that Yoshino was to receive a cash payment of \$5,800 from FHWA and that the agency would reimburse him for attorney fees and costs of litigation—an amount totaling some \$7,500.

The \$5,800 received by Yoshino was described by the court as "front pay" rather than "back pay" because it represents the difference in cash between the eighth step of GS-14 and the tenth step, which he would be earning three years from now at the time of retirement.

In an interview with Federal Times, Yoshino said he was not particularly enthusiastic about the settlement—which constituted no admis-

sion of liability—saying that he felt he had "to pay a price for the settlement."

The "price" referred to by Yoshino involved his agreeing to withdraw his pending application for promotion to a GS-15 position as deputy director of the agency's civil rights. He also agreed not to file for another GS-15 position.

"I reluctantly agreed to the settlement, which I found repugnant and punitive," Yoshino said, adding that his attorney had advised him it might be better to accept the court decision "rather than lose everything," particularly in view of Yoshino's retirement in three years.

Moreover, Yoshino, who is 66, was informed by the agency that the Internal Revenue Service had deducted \$1,200 from the \$5,800 as federal tax. He was advised that the \$5,800 would not be counted by FHWA towards his high-three retirement compensation.

"I feel there is an inconsistency in this transaction," Yoshino said. "The tax deduction means the money was earned income. As such, it should be included in the high-three compensation."

Despite such setbacks, and despite acknowledging that a judgment entirely on his behalf would have been "the greatest victory," Yoshino said he is satisfied in

the thought that "this settlement as well as the trial served to sensitize FHWA officials to the needs of the Asian Americans as a minority group in the federal government, now and for the future."

He added that since his case burst into the public limelight, FHWA had opened doors to him for various training opportunities.

"Until recently, I had been denied all kinds of training—and now, I've got training coming out of my ears," Yoshino said.

'I've done everything my nation has ever asked of me.'

He was particularly happy that perhaps his case would open opportunities for the younger generation of Asian Americans seeking federal employment.

"If my own case didn't end in total victory for me, at least it has made FHWA and other federal agencies aware of the minority status of Asian Americans," Yoshino said.

Yoshino explained that one of the problems facing the Asian Americans is not so much getting into the government but rather that, once in, this particular minority employee becomes "deadlocked in dead-end positions."

He expressed concern that the discriminated-against Asian American "won't stand up and fight."

Oddly enough, the partial decision on behalf of Yoshino comes at a time when neither of the two supervisors who had been mentioned as defendants in the suit are with the agency—both of them having died.

Ironically too, one of Yoshino's key witnesses was a

black woman, a former FHWA employee now living in Los Angeles, whose deposition was delayed in reaching Washington, D.C.

Yoshino noted that his present supervisor, who also is black, has been understanding about publicity given the suit and had agreed that the story should be told.

The court complaint, filed on Dec. 29, 1976, was based on a "pattern of practice of employment discrimination" against Yoshino because of his race.

Before filing in court, Yo-

shino carried his bias complaint to the Civil Service Commission, which ultimately decided that there was no discrimination as alleged.

The Dept. of Transportation concurred with the CSC finding and recommended no action. Yoshino then filed his complaint with CSC's Board of Appeals but that board never handed down a decision.

The Yoshino "discrimination in reverse" case was believed to be unusual in government EEO because pitted against each other were members of two minority groups—a Japanese American accused his black superiors of unfair treatment.

Yoshino charged in his suit that he had been passed over eight times for promotion to GS-15 between 1969 and 1975, while black workers from outside the agency had been recruited to take the positions.

The Yoshino issue also prompted Shigeki Sugiyama, immediate past president of the Japanese Ameri-

can Citizens League (JACL), to object strongly to Transportation over the treatment of Yoshino "in spite of his demonstrated record of accomplishment in the field of equal employment opportunities and civil rights."

Yoshino's first involvement in civil rights work dates back to the early 1950s in Chicago, when he worked for the American Friends Service Committee, a Quaker organization—but his emotional commitment to that cause goes further back, to the early days of World War II.

Yoshino was one of about 110,000 Japanese Americans who had been uprooted from their homes on the West Coast and transported by the War Relocation Authority to detention camps in the desert. Yoshino, then 31, was interned along with his parents and other members of his family at the Tanforan Assembly Center, Calif., and at Topaz, Utah. Several of his nine younger brothers and sisters were confined in camps elsewhere.

Yoshino won his release

from the camp after volunteering to serve in the U.S. Army. From 1943 through 1945, he served as a military intelligence specialist in the Pacific.

It was while he was working for the American Friends Service Committee that the Eisenhower administration became familiar with his civil rights activities and beckoned him to join the President's Committee on Government Contracts, a panel whose goal was to persuade private employers to adopt fair hiring practices.

Under Presidents Kennedy and Johnson, the committee was renamed the President's Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity. Yoshino remained there until 1966, at which time he left to help organize the EEO

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dreams for a bountiful, successful American life were shattered forever by the War Relocation Authority Act that required my family to relocate to Tule Lake. They had to dispose of everything in the heavily favored buyer's market. You can only wonder what the "white folks" would have done—commit harikari. Fortunately old traditions die especially when one lives in an adopted homeland for over 50 years.

Before leaving Tule Lake, my parents asked if I could go to Washington, D.C. and plead their case directly to the War Relocation Authority. Without knowledge of what lay ahead of me at the Capital, I assured my parents that I would do my best. The same words were said in October 1941 before I was drafted into the Army and transported to Junction City, Kansas, for Cavalry replacement training. I volunteered for the Japanese language school in Minnesota, but could not make that philological group of thousands of Japanese Americans who served as interpreters for the Armed Services in such places as Australia, Okinawa, Philippines, Burma, etc. The Army struck me out in language, but commissioned me as a second-lieutenant with the 442nd Infantry.

There I was in Washington, D.C., without contacts and committed to a task that I knew not where to start. However, as a platoon leader, I knew what the mission



A snapshot of the author (second from left) and fellow officers of Co. H, 442nd, was taken at Lake Lecco in Italy in the early summer of 1945. They are (from left) Lt. Willie Kiyota (Colo.), Lt. Frank Okusako (Calif.), Lt. Maurice Williams (Minn.), Lt. Takao Hedani (Hawaii) and Lt. H. Donald Okumura (Calif.)

was and had to use all the available resources to attain my objective. My first stop was to see Dillon Myer, director of the War Relocation Authority. He was most cooperative, but he didn't have authority to release my parents. He suggested I see a Mr. Ennis of the Attorney General's Immigration Office, but the authority to act was also not there.

I was at a deadend with no suggestions for further action. Maybe a political approach might be the answer. As a constituent of California, how about seeing the Representative of my District in Northern California (Clair Engle)?

I got an appointment, but the interview was a professional runaround. He suggested that I talk to other Representatives and see if

they would be willing to support me. If I was successful, then he would lend his support. Thanks for nothing!

If you don't succeed at the lower level, try the next higher level, say a Senator. Again, this Senator (William Knowland), who failed later to win the gubernatorial nomination for governor, gave me the same "song and dance" routine as the Representatives. I was getting desperate. To whom could I turn?

As a last desperate chance, there was a Colonel Dixon with the War Department who had commanded the 3rd Battalion of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team in Camp Shelby, and had recognized me often enough to wave his hand at me. Maybe he could do something for me. Sure enough, this wonderful gentleman, veteran of WWs I and II, asked me to visit him at the Pentagon.

What a pleasant reception and my confidence and spirits were lifted by this veteran who took the positive view. "Frank, what can I do to help?"

After telling him of my experiences with the political representatives of California, he said, "I have a friend who is a Democratic Illinois Senator. Maybe he can help. Frank, give me your phone number and I'll call you back as to what we can do." It was so easy to regain your confidence around such a man. About three days later, Col. Dixon called and told me that the Senator had arranged a meeting with Tom Clark, Attorney General of the United States. I went to Col. Dixon's office and he introduced me to a Colonel Lawton from Oklahoma, who would accompany us. He wanted to provide his moral support, too.

We went to see the Hon. Clark and he was granting this interview as a nice gesture for a political friend. The A.G. rambled on about his experiences with the conditions and the heart beat of the concentration camps. For his short trip to the West Coast, he understood the situation and didn't believe I had anything worthwhile to contribute to the eventual solution.

(To Be Concluded)

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JUDGE BILL MARUTANI

Now, a member of the State Advisory Committee to the United States Commission on Civil Rights and of the National Advisory Committee on Minority Rights of the American Civil Liberties Union, among many others, he exemplifies in his life and actions the kind of human being most of us would like to be.

This November 8, Bill Marutani must be elected to a 12-year term in his own right, in a partisan election unlike the *pro forma* approval ballots in most other jurisdictions. Though endorsed by the city and state bars, and though he led all 11 candidates in the primaries earlier in the summer, he expects and anticipates a rough, tough contest for public service that pays far less than he used to earn as a senior partner in one of Philadelphia's most prestigious law firms, one—incidentally—whose Quaker partner argued the earliest test cases (Hirabayashi and Yasui) against the curfew and travel restrictions that led to the 1942 Evacuation and detention in America's concentration camps.

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calendar

Oct. 22 (Saturday)
Sequoia—Keiro-kai dnr, Palo Alto Buddhist Church, 6 p.m.
Oct. 22-23
Chicago—Benefit movies.
Oct. 23 (Sunday)
Berkeley/Contra Costa—Ochi-ba Fashion Show, H's Lordships, Berkeley Marina, 1 p.m.
Oct. 29 (Saturday)
Selenoco—Gen Mtg, Cal 1st Bank, Artesia-Cerritos br, 7:30 p.m.; Clarence Nishizu, Susan Kamei, spkrs. Nat'l JACL—Don Hayashi dnr, Miyako Hotel, San Francisco, 6:30 p.m. San Jose—Singles Club 1st anniversary party, Sumitomo Bank social hall, 6 p.m.
Nov. 2 (Wednesday)
Chicago—Bd Mtg.
Nov. 4 (Friday)
Salt Lake—Gen Mtg, Ramada Inn, 6 p.m.
Nov. 5 (Saturday)
West Valley—Box lunch sale.
Nov. 6 (Sunday)
NC-WNDC—Fall qtrly sess, San Jose JACL hosts: Hyatt House, 9:30 a.m.; Rep. Norman Mineta, lunch spkr. Alameda—Fishing derby.
Sacramento—Henry Taketa testimonial, Sacramento Inn.
Nov. 8 (Tuesday)
Alameda—Mtg, Buena Vista Methodist Church, 7:30 p.m. Stockton—Bd Mtg, Calif. 1st Bank, 8 p.m.
Sequoia—Bd Mtg, Palo Alto Issei Hall, 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 9 (Wednesday)
Washington, D.C.—Bd Mtg, M. Yoshikami res, 7:30 p.m.
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Nov. 10 (Thursday)
Salt Lake—Bd Mtg, Jimi Mitsunaga res, 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 11-13
MPDC—Fall Mtg, Executive Tower, 14th & Curtis, Denver.
Nov. 12 (Saturday)
Riverside—Thanksgiving dnr, First Christian Church.
San Gabriel Valley—Inst Dnr, Great Wall Restaurant, West Covina.
Nov. 12-13
CCDC—Dist Convention, Sheraton Inn, Fresno; Sen S I Hayakawa, Sun banq spkr.
Nov. 13 (Sunday)
PSWDC—Fall qtrly sess, East Los Angeles JACL hosts: Little Tokyo Towers, Los Angeles, 9:30 a.m. Pocatello—Chow mein dnr, JACL Hall, noon-6 p.m.
Nov. 14 (Monday)
Las Vegas—Mtg, Osaka Restaurant 8 p.m.
Nov. 18 (Friday)
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Fremont JACLers dispense beef teriyaki at their Charity Mall Bazaar Sept. 17 at the Fremont Hub Shopping Center. Proceeds go to replenish the chapter scholarship fund. At the counter (from left) are Jan Kaneko, Sachiko Miller, Yoko Young, Carole Yamaguchi and Kay Chun. Men in background are Harry Tanouye and Bill Sakakura.

chapter pulse

Florin

Paul Takahara, local insurance executive for Sherwood & Roberts, Inc., was elected president for 1978 at a recent board of directors meeting at Florin Center Mall. The chapter announced it will host one of the 1978 Northern California-Western Nevada district meetings as Tosh Fukushima and Bill Kashiwagi were appointed to co-chair the arrangements.

Fresno

Fresno JACL postponed its Issei potluck dinner from October to early Shogatsu

1978 Officers

FLORIN JACL
Paul Takahara, pres; George Furukawa, vp; Amy Sekiguchi, treas; Catherine Taketa, memb; Bill Kashiwagi, PR; Dr David Asahara, Tosh Fukushima, del; Alfred Tsukamoto, Historical Society; Mary Tsukamoto, schol; Woodrow Ishikawa, prog; Furukawa, ins; Kern Kono, reparation; Amy Sekiguchi, Tule Lake Proj.

time in January. Explained dinner chairman Mike Iwatsubo, mid-October was too busy with many Issei on Japan tours or engaged in church activities.

Meantime, the chapters will elect nine new board members for a two-year term at its Oct. 24 board meeting at Calif. First Bank. The chapter board is comprised of 18 members, of which four shall be women. Holdover members are:

Jack Harada, Tony Ishii, Jin Ishikawa, Tak Morita, Jeanne Nagao, Frank Ng, Sumi Suda, Bob Tsubota and Mary Urushima.

Pocatello

Pocatello JACL's chow mein benefit dinner will be held on Sunday, Nov. 13, at the JACL Bldg. between noon and 6 p.m. Miki Mori and Lilly Kawamura are in charge.

Other events on the chapter calendar are the IDC convention at the Holiday Inn, Ogden, Nov. 25-26; the mochitsuki in early December and the New Year's eve party.

Portland

A comprehensive report on nutritional needs for the elderly was presented at the September Portland JACL board meeting by Bill Sugahiro, vice-president.

Of the 437 interviewed, the survey showed 228 were Issei (average age was 78) with a count of those who would need help in transportation and in handling daily needs. A meeting with Loaves and Fishes was scheduled to determine the feasibility of establishing a hot lunch program.

Sequoia

Sequoia JACL's fifth annual Keiro-kai dinner for area pioneers 70 years and older will be held Saturday, Oct. 22, 6 p.m. at the Palo Alto Buddhist Church. The event is co-sponsored by: Aldersgate Methodist Church, Free Methodist Church of Redwood City, Mid-Peninsula Landscape Gardeners Assn., Palo Alto Buddhist Temple, Palo Alto Nichibei Kyokai.

If there are enough interested, a dance class will be formed, according to program chairman David Takamoto (941-6120).

Stockton

A good turnout of 65 participants in the sixth annual Stockton JACL golf tournament at Van Buskirk golf course Oct. 2. Don Inamasu won low gross with a 75 to win for the third time in three years and the chapter trophy. Bob Nii had 65 for low net honors, while Mary Kusama won the women's flight three years in a row with a net 70. Other top scores were:

CHAMPIONSHIP: 66—Mike Oshiro, 68—Jim Tanaka, Bob Ito. **FIRST FLIGHT:** 67—Sam Kamibayashi, 69—Noby Oshidari, 70—Tad Oto. **SECOND FLIGHT:** 67—Harold Nitta, 68—Gunji Watanabe, Scott Takahashi.

Hole-in-one winners were: 5th HOLE—Randy Takahashi, Tosh Masaoka, Ken Oshidari. 8th HOLE: Bob Nii.

Selanoco

Clarence Nishizu and Susan Kamei will discuss their summer trips to the Soviet Union at the Selanoco JACL general meeting Oct. 29, 7:30 p.m., at the Calif. First Bank's Artesia-Cerritos branch, it was announced by Hiroshi Kamei, chapter president.

Susan studied for eight weeks at the state university in Leningrad under a United Nations scholarship while Clarence visited the country as a tourist.

In the meantime, the Selanoco JACL corn-melon concession at the recent Orange International Food Fair, co-chaired by Henry Yamaga and Henry Nisizu, was a success with the chapter expected to net about the same amount as last year—\$1,800, according to Kamei.

The chapter's own "Years of Infamy" project to have Michi Weglyn's book in Orange County schools continues to spread. The Orange Unified School District instructional media committee, comprised of school librarians, were to meet this month with Selanoco members.

JACL co-sponsors fall fete in Hayward

HAYWARD, Calif. — Eden Township and Fremont JACL co-sponsored the Japanese Autumn Festival Oct. 13-16 at Southland Shopping Center here. Cultural and martial arts were demonstrated by:

Miyoko Inouye, dance; Ayako Hashimoto, Dorothy Kishiyama, koto; Tamako Manning, samisen; Linda & Vicky Mihara, origami; Masako Hayashi, doll making; Suiyo Fujimoto and Tomoko Hayashida, ikebana; Yukiko, songs; Benjamin Hazzard, naginata-iaijitsu-yumi (spear, sword, archery); San Jose Taiko Dojo; Matsutoyo Minyo Society, folk dancing; Yoshiaki Ajari, UC Wado-kai, karate; Hiroshi Sakai, brush painting; Wayne Horiuchi, pottery; Kenneth Inouye, oils; Kikuyo Sekino, cut paper art.

Yamato Bonsai Club and Golden Gate Akita (Dog) Club also added to the festive weekend. The shopping mall was festooned with pictures, lanterns and posters depicting Japan.

Canadian Nisei form '29ers club

VANCOUVER, B.C.—The Japanese in Canada are celebrating their centennial this year but the Nisei who were born in 1929, sometimes referred to as the "lost generation", are organizing a "'29er" club. Statistics also indicate more Japanese were born in Canada in 1929—the year of the great stock market crash.

Sunstar women golf classic slated in L.A.

LOS ANGELES—The \$100,000 Sunstar Classic will be the first major women's pro golf tournament inside the city at Rancho Park, it was jointly announced by tournament chairman Yasuyoshi Kaneda and Mayor Tom Bradley. The 72-hole test will be played Mar. 9-12, 1978.

Kaneda, v.p. of the Osaka-headquartered Sunstar, Inc., recalled Sunstar promoted U.S.-Japan men's pro matches in Japan the past three years. Bradley recalled Rancho was the home of the L.A. Open from 1956-72 and said the women's classic further enhances the city as the sports capital of the world.

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An Ethnic Exception

By ALICE ANNE CONNER
(Milwaukee Journal)

Victor Heinemeyer is more Japanese than the Japanese, I had been told by more than one person since covering ethnic Milwaukee. He's not particularly involved in his own ethnic heritage, but several years ago met some Japanese through his membership in the Milwaukee Bonsai Society.

From there Heinemeyer got involved with the Japanese American Citizens League and has dabbled in everything from Japanese poetry to Japanese kite flying.

"We go to school and learn about Shakespeare, Shelley, those people, and we get the idea that's all there is," Heinemeyer told me. "Well, that's not true. On the other side of the world you have these wonderful people who are different from us, but so giving, so caring."

Heinemeyer has attended

national conventions of the Japanese American Citizens League.

He's the kind of person, one Japanese friend of his told me, "who does not ask me if I need help with anything."

"He knows I will say no. He just does what has to be done. I did not know Americans could be so generous with their lives till I met him."

Unfortunately for his friends and neighbors, Heinemeyer recently moved to Staunton, Ill., where he and his wife (Lorraine) will live with and care for Heinemeyer's aging mother.

Heinemeyer's attitude, it seems, brings out the truth about the melting pot theory: Instead of forming a melting pot, we seem to be tossed together like one gigantic salad.

(Conner, reporter on the Milwaukee Journal, conducts the "Accent on Ethnic Milwaukee" column.)

SAIKI

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greatly reducing educational costs for the middle class.

The middle class in Japan does not expect a three-bedroom home although they would like to have about a 1,000 square feet of living space. Nor is the car considered a necessity. Annual income of from \$4,000 to \$8,000 will be considered sufficient to maintain a Japanese standard of the middle class, in spite of the fact that the cost of living is much higher than in the U.S.

The main reason for this thinking is the environment. It is not abnormal for a family of four or five to live in a two-bedroom apartment. Living space in Japan is at a premium and expensive. This is understood. But the families have all the other conveniences such as TVs, refrigerators, electrical appliances, bathrooms, possibly internal heating and cooling, and sometimes automobiles. While complaining about the high cost of food, the families manage to have well balanced and nourishing foods. Once a year, they may take an excursion or some may travel overseas.

Japanese family pride may also be partially responsible for the belief that they belong in the middle class. With good maintenance and upkeep, their abodes are kept clean, minimizing the development of slums. Slums are largely created by the attitudes of people living in the area as well as the landlords.

The high level of education in Japan may in turn be responsible for this. Japanese, as a whole, strongly believe that their children will have good opportunities by gaining higher education so most of the children are sent to senior high schools after completing their compulsory junior high school education. Moreover, about 40% continue on to colleges and universities.

Another survey revealed that the average family

spends out-of-pocket about \$350 per child annually while in the elementary school. Those going to private schools naturally also have to pay tuition. The per child cost to the family for senior high school is about \$400. The costs for colleges and universities, which are concentrated in major cities, will be about one third the costs in the States for living expenses. Hence, an increasing number of housewives work parttime to maintain the middle class standing.

A UN survey showed that Tokyo with an index of 144 was the most expensive city in the world. New York was used as the basis with 100. The Union bank of Switzerland also reported that, based on GNP at market prices, the U.S. ranked fifth with \$7,865 per capita, while Japan was 18th with \$4,920. Thus, the replies professing that the Japanese belong in the middle class reflect the hope and optimism of the respondents. The wealth is less material, but more the desire and the will, with which one can build a better status in life.

Japan Scene

Bunraku interest

TOKYO—Number of foreign fans of Bunraku puppet plays has surpassed that of foreign Kabuki enthusiasts, reports the National Theater, according to ticket sales for its current fall season here.

Dollar keeps sagging

TOKYO—The U.S. dollar continued to drop on the Tokyo foreign exchange to a postwar low of ¥ 253 per \$1 on Oct. 14.

Facsimile newspaper

KOKURA—The Asahi Evening News—Kyushu Edition on Sept. 1 began printing its Tokyo front page transmitted the same day by microwave facsimile. (Tokyo papers reach Kyushu a day late.)

Heijo Palace

NARA—The 1,200-year-old council hall and its Heijo Palace compound will be reconstructed during a 3-year stretch starting in 1980, the Nara-ken governor Ryoza Okuda announced. Nara will mark its 1,300th anniversary

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MEET RICHARD OKABE:

JAY member, adviser, now director

CHICAGO—Richard Okabe, newly appointed JACL National Youth Director, has spent the past 13 years participating in various JAY activities.

Born and raised in Chicago, Okabe, 30, became active in the JAYs in 1964. He participated as a member for four or five years until college graduation.

Then, in 1971 Okabe was made adviser to the Chicago JAY Chapter. He served in this capacity until December 1976 when he was appointed National Interim Youth Director.

Okabe's perceptions of Japanese American youth are understandably influenced by his experiences within the JAY organization and by meeting JA's in the San Francisco Bay area during the past 10 months.

Identity, of course, is the major issue confronting most JA's today, not just identity as an American, but identity within society as a member of a minority of color and an Asian American.

"JA youth today, at least in California, are much more inclined to view themselves

United Way—Ch'go allocates \$39,000

CHICAGO—The Japanese American Service Committee was informed it would be allocated \$39,228 for 1978 by United Way of Metropolitan Chicago. It represents a 15.7% increase above the current allocation for anticipated needs in individual family and group counseling, the JASC explained.

The fund drive for JASC-sponsored Heiwa Terrace housing project for the Japanese elderly passed the \$163,000 mark as of Aug. 31. Original goal was \$100,000.

sary in 2010 as onetime capital of Japan.

Largest cherry tree

KAGOSHIMA—A cherry tree, estimated to be 600 years old with a trunk circumference of 10.9 meters was found by a woodsman in the Juso National Forest near Okuchi. Previously, a tree with a trunk size of 10.6 meter circumference in Yamanashi-ken was the largest.

New site for zoo

TOKYO—For lack of space, Tokyo's Sumida River may be converted as the site of another zoo. The bold plan calls for three levels—bottom for sewage, middle for subways, power lines, gas & water mains, and the top for artificial islands to accommodate the zoo and shallow waters for swimming purposes.

Tidal energy

TSURUOKA, Yamagata — The world's first floating generating plant will be moored off Yura, near here, by the Oceanographic Research Institute, using waves to generate electricity. Tidal action will compress air in a pressure chamber to power the turbines. The ship-shaped facility is expected to generate 2,000 kilowatts.



RICHARD OKABE

Interim youth director since December, 1976, the Chicago Sansei was appointed effective Oct. 1 to be permanent national youth director by Karl Nobuyuki, national executive director. Okabe succeeds Gail Nishioka of San Francisco.

as Asian Americans than Japanese Americans," said Okabe. "The senior JACL will have to confront and deal with this issue if it hopes to recruit membership from this younger generation," he added.

A great concern to Okabe is that the National Youth

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Program currently reaches so few young adults each year.

"Through scholarships, the Presidential Classroom Program, the JAL-JACL Cultural Program, and the JAY organization, we reach about 1,000 youth a year," estimated Okabe. "By using 1970 census figures, I'd guess that there are at least 50,000 Sansei on the mainland between the ages of 16 and 21," he added.

One opportunity to reach the JA youth is to revitalize the JAY program at the local levels. According to Okabe, this will require a commitment of senior chapters in addition to existing JAY chapters.

"The JAY program has suffered since the JACL has always been ready to make a verbal and cash commit-

ment to the program, yet many times fails to offer guidance and resources when needed," stated Okabe. "Many senior JACLers' children have already passed through the JAY program, and it's now difficult for some JAY Chapters to locate sufficient support persons to act as advisers and resource persons."

Yet, Okabe remains optimistic about the JAY program and its future. "JAYs is the only national youth program for Asian Americans, and the program can contribute significantly toward the JA's leadership development and the building of the JA's self-confidence," said Okabe. "But, the program needs help, and I need help, since the national youth director can't possibly do everything himself." □

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Hayakawa asks halt to gov't prying into book publishing biz

WASHINGTON — Sen. S.I. Hayakawa (R-Calif) in what he termed a "statement of conscience", this past week (Oct. 11) charged the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights with "intrusion into the private business of book publishing". Joining him as co-signers were Republican senators Jesse Helms (NC), James McClure (Idaho), Orrin Hatch (Utah), Carl Curtis (Neb) and William Roth (Del).

The senators cited an Aug. 17 letter sent by the Commission to a number of text-

book publishers throughout the country. It said the Commission is "investigating the nature, extent and impact of textbook biases". The result of the study, according to the letter, will be a report with recommendations "aimed at ameliorating the problem of textbook biases as well as counteracting the negative impact of previous biases".

According to Hayakawa, the Commission is asking textbook publishers to submit the "guidelines" they give to authors to ensure

that their texts are not racist or sexist. In other words, Hayakawa said, this means "to ensure that they portray women and racial minorities in a positive light. This may be an admirable goal, depending upon how one defines 'positive', but it has nothing to do with the business of government".

The Commission is asking for these guidelines so that it may print a "resource list" containing the information for distribution. Hayakawa said, "The publishers of America are meekly submitting to the Commission their guidelines for producing officially approved books."

"It is disconcerting that any agency of the Federal government should pry into the private business of book publishing," he said. "That is what the Civil Rights Commission is beginning to do, and its intrusion should be halted."

Hayakawa said not many want to criticize the Civil Rights Commission "lest they appear to be against civil rights". He explained, "We want to emphasize our challenge does not involve any past defense of civil liberties but rather its present activi-

Utah Sansei's prize play about Evacuation

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah — "Glittering of Spring", written by A. Lowell Morishita, was presented as Univ. of Utah's playwriting competition winner Sept. 20-Oct. 1 at the Babcock Memorial Theater. It is the university's entry in the American College Theater Festival, which could lead to its being performed at the Kennedy Center in Washington.

A talented dramatic performer, Morishita started to study playwriting a year ago and has three other plays. "Glittering of Spring" is his first full-length play dealing with the Japanese Evacuation and of the relationship of people within the camps. "They were really Americans and had been here so long they didn't know what hit them when they were interned," remarked Robert

H. Wilson, playwriting instructor at the University, of the Morishita play.

The Japanese Americans remembered "the old country" as a faraway place, Wilson added. "They were made to feel guilty. It was an imposing guilt, and this play tells how this affected their lives."

The play was based on incidents his parents, the Mits Morishitas of Mt. Olympus JACL, had related. The young playwright first appeared on stage in a junior high school production of "The King and I" and has been in numerous productions at the Lagoon Opera House.

Bookshelf

'E Pluribus Unum'

A collection of ethnic American stories, aimed at instill pride and understanding, parade through Joan Follendore's FROM OUR IMMIGRANTS WITH LOVE (Racz Publishing Co., Oxnard, Calif., \$14.75 post-paid).

Crammed inside 313 pages are personalities and their contributions from 37 groups, including the Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Filipino, and Hong Kong. Lending the anthology a homey touch are the passing references of well-known people in America who were born outside the U.S., such as Joan Fontaine and Olivia de Havilland in Tokyo, Yul Brynner in Sakhalin, for instance in the chapter on Japan.

The writers cover people rather than their cultural history in an entertaining style. They succeed in showing the multi-cultural and ethnic composition that personifies the U.S. slogan, "E Pluribus Unum".—H.H.

'Jan Ken Po' coming out paperback in '78

HONOLULU—Dennis Ogawa's "Jan Ken Po", an introduction to life of the Japanese in Hawaii, will come out in August, 1978, as a paperback, it was announced this week by its publisher, Japanese American Research Center. The stock of hardback edition is now depleted.

Restaurant Writers issue '76-77 list

LOS ANGELES—The Restaurant Writers Assn., 5636 E. Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles 90022, issued its 1976-77 brochure of award winning restaurants in the greater L.A. area, available for \$1 plus self-addressed stamped envelope. Thirteen are listed under Japanese category, five with two-stars and eight with one-star recommendations. (Miyako/Pasadena is rated with two-stars; Miyako/Del Amo with a single star.) There are 19 under Chinese category with Grand Star the only restaurant in New Chinatown listed.

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program for the Commerce Department's Bureau of Public Roads, which later became the Federal Highway Administration and was transferred into the newly created Department of Transportation.

During his years in civil rights work, Yoshino was determined to open EEO opportunities for blacks, turning aside arguments that hiring blacks "is not in the cards" or "it's too soon"—or, "our white employees aren't ready yet for such a move."

During his 1961 tenure under President Kennedy, Yoshino undertook a quiet effort to convince restaurant operators on U.S. 40, near Washington, D.C., to change their policy of not serving blacks.

This came about because both African and Asian diplomats had suffered what the State Department described as "embarrassing incidents" while seeking food in American restaurants.

Despite his own suffering and past indignities, the soft-spoken Yoshino harbors no grudge or bitterness.

In fact, he speaks only with pride of his work for the federal government — past and present.

"I've done everything my nation has ever asked of me," he said. □

Oldest Japanese alive born in 1865

TOKYO—Shigechiyo Izumi of Kagoshima is 112 years old, according to the Health-Welfare Ministry, the oldest of the 697 centenarians in Japan. Born in 1865, he is the lone person of the Edo (pre-Meiji) era as Isa Nakayama, also of the Edo period, died this year. In 1967, there were 253 centenarians in Japan.

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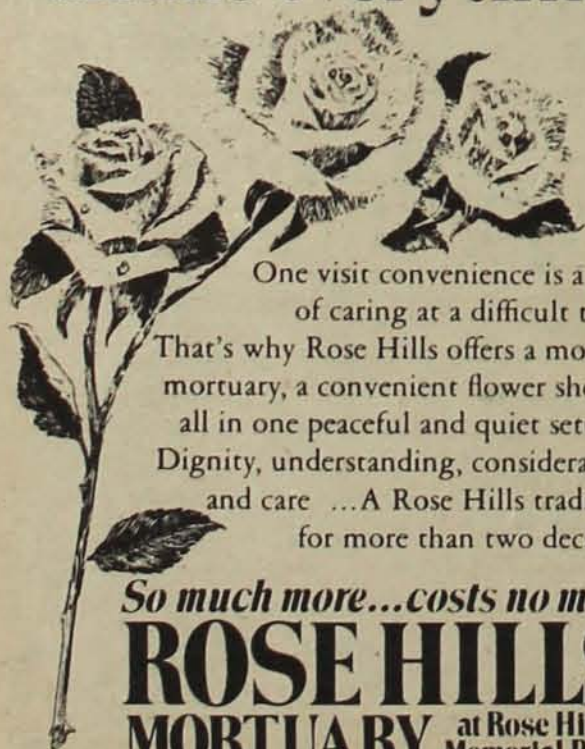
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Fulfilling a community need

SAN MATEO, Calif. — The Japanese American Curriculum Project (JACP) is observing its eighth year as a non-profit corporation developing and distributing educational material on Japanese Americans.

A year ago, it moved into new quarters at 414 E. 3rd Ave., San Mateo. This past weekend, there was an open house celebration with writers, educators and media personnel as guests, including:

Jan Yanehiro, KPIX Evening Magazine; Marlene Tanioka, Japanese Bilingual Program, San Francisco Unified School District; Mitsu Yashima, artist-writer of children's books; Yoshiko Uchida, author of children's books; and Kay Shimizu, author of Asian cookbooks.

Work of the JACP is being coordinated by Florence M. Yoshiwara, president of the JACP board of directors, and formerly with the San Mateo City School District's Title VI (Civil Rights Act) project as an advisory specialist to explore existing elementary K-8 curriculum material on Japanese Americans. Appalled by the lack of material in 1969, she initiated research to create material for the school district.

Other Bay Area Nisei and Sansei teachers and educators, equally concerned over the dearth of curriculum material on Japanese Americans, joined Yoshiwara and spent the entire summer of 1969 to produce a Japanese American history outline and a graded reading list of existing material for students and teachers. It was this group who now serve as JACP board members. They are:

Sid Kinoshita, v.p., 4th grade class-

room, San Jose; Shizue Yoshina, treas. and managing director, of Sunnyvale; Rosie Shimonishi, sec. and present teacher-on-leave, San Jose; Miyoko Kirita-Burton, counselor, San Francisco Community College; Astor Mizuhara, principal, Longfellow School, Berkeley; Katherine Morooka Reyes, Bilingual Department, San Francisco Unified School District; Donald Sekimura, 5th grade classroom, Redwood City Elementary School District; Shirley Shimada, Student Services, Univ. of Washington, Seattle; Stella Takahashi, 2nd grade classroom, Redwood City Elementary School District; Sharyn Yoshida, Far West Laboratory, San Francisco; Jerrold Hiura, DDS, San Jose.

The group has remained essentially intact since its organization in 1969 with the exception of Hisako Kawasaki Yamauchi, Japanese language translator who returned to Japan to teach English, and the late Edison Uno, who passed away late last year.

Among the material developed by JACP, after its initial eight-page San Francisco Bay Area newsletter, "Bay Leaf", for the third-grade level in 1970 were:

LITTLE CITIZENS SPEAK — a collection of essays written by 7th graders in Topaz, Utah;

CONCENTRATION CAMP U.S.A.: REGULATIONS—a reproduction of actual concentration camp regulations;

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Educator-teachers who comprise the board of directors of Japanese American Research Project, Inc., of San Mateo are (from left): front—Sid Kinoshita, Don Sekimura, Astor Mizuhara; rear—Sharyn Yoshida, Stella Takahashi, Kathy Reyes, Shizue Yoshina, Miyo Kurita-Burton, Jerry Hiura, Florence M. Yoshiwara.

PREJUDICE IN AMERICA: THE JAPANESE AMERICANS — filmstrips in four parts for the secondary level, 1971;

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—comprehensive and innovative," JACP coordinator Florence Yoshiwara said.

Prejudice in America won an award for excellence from the American Library Association Preview in 1972. Japanese Americans: an Inside Look won acclaim as excellent from the Bay Area Media Evaluation Guild in 1974.

JACP efforts were expanded by requests for articles and material on Japanese Americans from other

teachers and school districts. Besides sales and distribution of books, JACP offers in-service workshops for teachers, a resource library, exhibits at educational conferences and community activities. (JACP had a display at both the Portland and Sacramento national JACL conventions.)

Work of the JACP is carried on by volunteers and has not received any outside funding or grants since the \$4,000 seed money from the Japanese American Citizens League in 1970.

Its services are becoming known nationwide as only this year JACP coordinator Yoshiwara has traveled to Anchorage, Des Moines (Iowa), Milwaukee (Wis.), Chicago, in addition to universities and community organizations.

Florence Yoshiwara is active with the San Mateo JACL, serving on the JACL Committee to initiate a library at National Headquar-

ters; an elder of the Sturge Presbyterian Church, and affiliated with:

National Council for Social Studies, San Francisco Center for Japanese American Studies, American Civil Liberties Union, Assn. for Supervision and Curriculum Development—Multi-Cultural Education Commission.

HAYAKAWA

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ties which imperil those freedoms."

He predicted, if the publishers do not defend their own civil rights, it will be for the HEW to pressure schools to use only Federally sanctioned textbooks; otherwise, school districts will lose Federal funds. "It is only a matter of time," Hayakawa concluded. "If that happens, it will happen because publishers allowed it to happen because they cooperated with the Federal bureaucracy in its initial intrusions into the writing and marketing of books ... all in the name of civil rights." □

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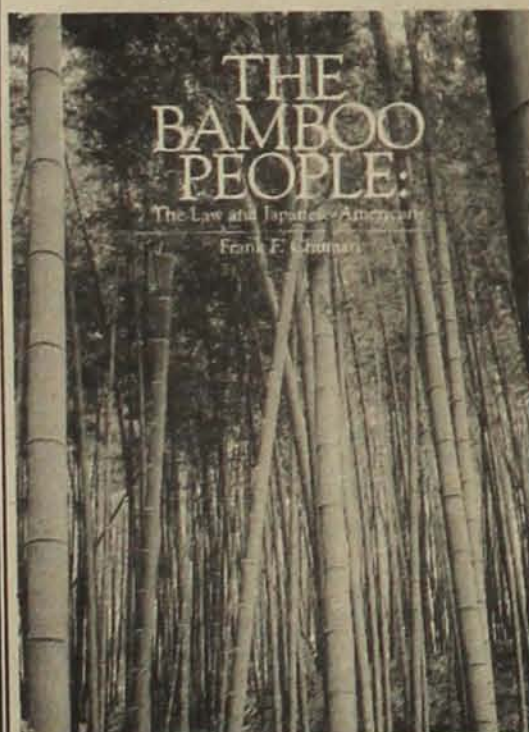
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Education

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Health

Paul M. Honda, regional HEW administrator based in Denver, was awarded the U.S. Public Health Service commendation medal in a special ceremony Sept. 12 for superior performance as a pharmacy consultant and administrator for Communi-

Japan-Texas air route most urgent

TOKYO—Japan-Texas Assn. meeting here urged the U.S. government to give "highest priority" to Japan Air Lines to serve Texas. Texas was touted as a natural gateway to the South American market.

ty Health Programs and outstanding service in working with the Indian Service. The San Francisco-born Nisei has advanced degrees in pharmacy from Purdue and in public health from the Univ. of Michigan. HEW region VII covers Colorado, Montana, Wyoming, Utah, North and South Dakota.

Three fourth or fifth year students at UCLA School of Medicine are concurrently enrolled at UC Riverside's new Biomedical Sciences Program, which enables highly qualified students an opportunity to earn the MD degree in seven years instead of the traditional eight. They are **Peter Igarashi**, 21, son of the Yoshiya Igarashis of La

Mesa, Calif.; **Teresa Nakashima**, daughter of the Tosh Nakashimas (Eden Township JACLers) of San Leandro; and **Tom Okamoto**, 22, of Upland. The new program emphasizes education of primary care physicians who can deal with disease diagnosis and treatment. They will work at San Bernardino County General Hospital, known for its training of family practice physicians. The three Sansei are among 16 students selected for the first group.

The bill introduced by Calif. State Sen. **Alfred Song** (D-Monterey Park) to train more family practice doctors in California was signed by Gov. Brown, appropriating \$2.4-million for

medical schools to increase the number of resident students funded by the Song-Brown Family Physical Training Act from the current 75 to 110 in the next cycle through 1982. Most residents are working in county hospitals in areas where medical needs often go unmet, according to the Korean American legislator.

Business

Katsumi Tokunaga of San Francisco's Golden Gate Agency of Franklin Life Insurance Co., about to complete 25 years with the firm in February, qualified for the \$100 Million Club this year and ranks as its top salesman in the state and No. 10 nationally.

JACL travel program for '78 revealed

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. — The National JACL travel committee announced its 1978 program of 25 group flights but only two, as of Oct. 15, have been confirmed, according to Steve Doi, chairman.

In response to numerous requests, there will be a pair of two-week tours. Portland JACL is planning a Sansei tour for next June that will be low-cost by using facilities such as youth hostels in Japan. Geared for the 21-30 age bracket, this flight will

have a Honolulu gateway where the group will assemble and hop to Tokyo.

Since the 1977 Europe tour was a tremendous success, Sacramento JACL has offered to administer another in May, 1978. Sacramento is also planning a Caribbean tour next spring. All interested should contact:

Sacramento JACL, Tom Okubo, 1121 Lake Glen Way, Sacramento, Ca 95822 (916-422-9749).

The travel committee is also planning a South American excursion for fall, 1978; and to Mexico for May or

June, 1978.

JACL members wishing to join any of the 1978 flights should be certain their membership is up-to-date. Federal regulations requiring six-month prior membership in the chartering organization will still be in effect for 1978 group flights, Doi said. Applications for flights are accepted first come, first serve. Schedules and applications will be available as requested flights are confirmed through JACL offices and chapters.

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