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## Funding for Eastbay Issei housing asked

BERKELEY, Calif. — The East Bay Issei Housing Committee, actively seeking sponsorship by Nikkei church and civic groups, is endeavoring to raise \$60,000 to further its plans to construct a housing project for the aging Issei-Nisei.

Sum is needed to complete work on an application for a project loan to gain final government approval for federal aid.

At its September meeting, the EBH announced that firm commitments of sponsorship and donations had been received from Eden Community Center and Eden Township JACL, \$1,000 each and \$3,500 from Land Park United Methodist church.

The committee also announced unsolicited donations from:

Aoki Realty, East Bay Japanese for Action, Himawari-kai, Hiroshima Jogakuin choir, Dale Minami and Sycamore Congregational church.

Although donations from organizations are welcome, the EBH regretfully announced that donations are not being solicited from individuals as the EBH has not yet obtained tax deductible status. □

## Bilingual schooling plan for Chicago approved

Special to The Pacific Citizen  
CHICAGO—A bilingual education program for Chicago public schools described by HEW Secretary Joseph Califano as "the most extensive in the country" has been approved by the Chicago Board of Education. The program is part of an agreement between the Board and HEW which brings to an end over 12 years of negotiation and litigation concerning equal education services for minority and national origin children in Chicago.

In February an HEW administrative law judge had ordered the cutoff of 80 to 90 million dollars in federal aid to Chicago in part for failing to provide services to non- and limited-English speaking children. The order had been stayed pending negotiations between HEW and the Board of Education, resulting in the present agreement.

JACL Midwest Director, Tom Hibino, who coordinated testimony from the Asian American community in the administrative law hearing, stated,

"We are immensely pleased with the negotiated

plan which we believe to be particularly significant for the Asian American community. Previously, Chicago operated under State guidelines which required bilingual education programs only for schools that had 20 or more students from the same language background. Since Asian Americans represent a relatively small, widely dispersed group with students from a number of different language backgrounds, they were often excluded by the '20 or more' rule.

"In the new plan," Hibino explained, "every non- or limited English speaking child in every school will be provided with bilingual education."

Peter Libassi, general counsel for the Dept. of HEW called the plan "unprecedented" and expressed his opinion that it would have "national implications." He said that Secretary Califano himself had been closely involved with the negotiations and expected the agreement to be used as an example for other cities.

Similarly, Hibino said,

"We hope that the active participation of the Asian American community in the litigation and negotiations, as well as the final agreement itself, will be beneficial to groups in other cities working for bilingual education. In Los Angeles, for example, where there is a much larger Asian population, the same kind of

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## Microwave ovens raise concern

AMANA, Iowa—The Japanese share of the U.S. microwave oven market was about 20% at the beginning of the year, according to an Amana official here, but from September, the influx was tremendous and it was estimated Japan's current share at 35%.

Companies that make color TV make microwave ovens and CB radios. "And with the lid on color TV, they began shifting their exports," the Amana official added. Home appliance makers have asked President Carter to seek a voluntary agreement with Japan to limit microwave oven exports. □

## Nikkei approval of multi-ethnic complex on tap

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah — With a multi-ethnic senior citizens center being proposed here, the local chapter expects a heavier-than-usual turnout at its annual general meeting Nov. 4 at Ramada Inn as this agenda will be on the main agenda.

Dave Bigda, executive director of the Multi-ethnic Development Corp., will explain the status of the senior citizens housing and business complex in which JACL has been asked to donate \$2,500 toward administrative costs—separate from the \$2-million construction loan from HUD.

Tab Uno is the general meeting chairman.

Contact is being made with all members, especially the Issei, to ascertain the attitudes of the diverse Japanese American community here concerning the multi-ethnic senior citizens center and commercial center. The multi-ethnic concept has been supported by the Japanese Community Improvement Program.

With the tearing down of what comprised the prewar "J-town" and initiation of Issei Center activities in 1970, supported by local JACL chapters and the churches, the multi-ethnic concept found roots when other ethnic groups — the blacks, Spanish-speaking, Greek, Basque and Chinese—felt the time had come to rebuild their respective ethnic communities. A feasibility study

was prepared in 1976 through the city planning commission.

Salt Lake City Judge Raymond S. Uno, co-chairman of the National JACL Convention, will begin to unfold his "visions" for next year's convention as another topic at the Annual Meeting. Considered potentially to be the best and most creative National Convention in JACL history, Judge Uno begins the difficult task of gathering community and national momentum to create a proposed national Japanese American event to be held here July 17-23, 1978 at Little America Hotel.

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## Hong Kong man buys up Locke

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Hong Kong investor Tor-tai Ng has purchased the historic town of Locke, located about 20 miles south along the Sacramento River, which consists of splendid houses, sagging wooden sidewalks and old walls covered with peeling paint and the adjacent 480 acres.

Now home for about 75 Chinese and 50 Caucasians, Locke was in the 1920s the center of Chinese cultural life in the Delta and home for about 1,000 Chinese, who had worked on the railroad and farms. Ng is reportedly interested in keeping Locke as is. □

## Anti-Nisei smear activated Pauling's social crusades

MENLO PARK, Calif.—Nobel Prize laureate Linus Pauling and his wife of 54 years, Ava Helen, were sharing their experiences and insights with San Francisco Examiner writer Mildred Hamilton recently and said their "social and political work" started in earnest after their garage of their home in Altadena was smeared in early 1945 with "Americans die but the Paulings hire a Jap".

They hired a prewar Gar-

dena Nisei evacuee, George Mimaki, who had returned, as their gardener.

The Paulings were active in the ACLU, against the war and against putting Japanese Americans in camp. But "the authorities wouldn't do anything about (the vandalism), although my husband was doing war work at the time," Mrs. Pauling recalled.

"That made a big impression on both of us," the scientist added. "I hadn't done

much up to that time, but (she) had." He joined the crusade with his usual vigor. His lectures on the dangers of nuclear testing and radio-

active fallout set off an enormous amount of anti-Pauling fallout after the war. He was attacked by Sen. Joseph McCarthy and

on "Meet the Press" by Lawrence Spivak.



Dr. Linus Pauling, in a recent interview, revealed his "social and political work" started in earnest after their garage in Altadena was smeared with an anti-Nisei message (at left) because George Mimaki (right) had been hired as a gardener. The incident occurred March 8, 1945.

BING CROSBY, 74:

## A 'Tokyo Rose' Favorite

LOS ANGELES—Bing Crosby died in Spain Oct. 14 after playing a round of golf with friends. There were many published anecdotes recalling his career.

L.A. Times radio-TV editor Cecil Smith paused to recall:

"But it was during the war that Crosby was the very essence of America. Tokyo Rose must have had every Crosby record ever made up to that time. She played them endlessly. We sat in Quonset huts on coral islands while the tropical rain hammered against the tin roof listening

to Tokyo Rose talk of home in that soft voice of hers and playing Crosby records that transported you back to the corner malt shop and the juke box as nothing else on earth could.

"Later, flying against Iwo Jima, we discovered we could 'home' on Tokyo radio, the beam ran across Iwo and through the silent nights we flew over the dark ocean listening through headsets to Bing singing 'Stardust', flying toward the enemy island with bomb bays loaded dreaming of nightingales."

## Watsonville JACL buys hall

WATSONVILLE, Calif. — Across the street from the Watsonville High School tennis courts stands the newly acquired Watsonville JACL Hall, 150 Blackburn St., which was formerly the Assembly of God church.

First official use of the hall came Sunday, Oct. 16, when JACLers and JACL sponsored senior citizens club members gathered to inspect

the facilities. It was purchased for \$55,000, has about 4,000 sq. ft. with kitchen, according to Paul Hiura, chapter president who was re-elected for 1978.

"Building still needs some work and a sign before there is anything like a grand opening," Hiura added. "We are also starting our building fund drive." Handling the pledges is:

Ben Umeda, 20 Meadow Way, Watsonville, Calif. 95076. □

JCS, Inc., disbands  
SAN FRANCISCO—Japanese Community Services, Inc., established in 1971 to serve as a Nihonmachi referral and advocacy group, has disbanded since many existing community organizations have assumed their type of activity. Among the groups encouraged in the past include the Bilingual/Bicultural Program, Committee of Atomic Bomb Survivors and Nobiru-kai, a group for newly-arrived Japanese.

## U.S. to urge whale study

WASHINGTON—The Carter Administration last week (Oct. 20) said it will not defy the international ban on hunting the bowhead whales in the Arctic but it would also ask the International Whaling Commission at its next meeting in December to rescind the ban and allow for a limited hunt by Alaskan Eskimos of 10 to 15 an-

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# Senate passes Hawaiian native claims measure

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Senate last week (Oct. 20) gave its unanimous approval to SJR 4, legislation which would create an Aboriginal Hawaiian Claims Settlement Study Commission, according to Sen. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii).

JACL interest in the bill focuses on the format for the claims program as JACL is seeking a method to expedite the reparations program for evacuees.

The bill will set up a 15-member commission to investigate the historic claims

of native Hawaiians arising from the 1893 overthrow of the Hawaiian monarchy. Nine of the commissioners must be of native Hawaiian ancestry. Commission would be mandated to report its findings, together with recommendations for remedial legislation, back to Congress within 1½ years of final passage of the resolution.

Resolution goes to the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, where a companion measure by Hawaii's Reps. Cecil Heftel and Daniel Akaka is pending.

# Dr. Uyeda named chairman of reparations committee

SAN FRANCISCO—Dr. Clifford Uyeda, who successfully chaired the JACL Iva Toguri Committee to have her citizenship restored by Presidential pardon earlier this year, has accepted chair-

manship of the JACL National Reparations Committee.

He said the immediate task was to clarify the issue of reparations to Japanese Americans and then submit concrete alternative plans for review and comment. Without understanding and support of the basic issues, the project cannot go into the next phase of educating and gathering support of the American public.

Dr. Uyeda told national president Jim Murakami he hoped the educational phase for Japanese Americans would be completed by the Salt Lake convention next summer, when another person could carry on the next phase.

## Hijackers thwarted

BONN—While Japan knuckled under to demands of terrorists who hijacked a JAL plane in Dacca Sept. 28, the German commando rescue of Oct. 19 at the Somali capital of hostages aboard a hijacked Lufthansa plane was endorsed by Japanese Justice Minister Mitsuo Setoyama. The Japanese are now training anti-guerrilla forces.

# PCYA deadline for JACL to reserve space Nov. 15

Special to The Pacific Citizen Washington

Each year since 1969, student leaders from high schools across the nation and overseas have travelled to Washington, D.C. to attend an exciting study program on the Federal government—A Presidential Classroom for Young Americans. During the past four years, more than 100 students sponsored by JACL Chapters nationwide have benefited from and contributed to the Classroom experience.

The 1978 senior high school program will welcome approximately 2,500 high school juniors and seniors. The city of Washington, D.C. becomes the "classroom"; national decision-makers and newsmakers become the "teachers"; outstanding high school students from all-over become "classmates". The dynamic combination of these three elements creates a week of excitement, discovery and growth.

Each day during the intensive one-week curriculum, students meet with government leaders and policymakers who explain their role in the complex network of national power, and then respond to the students' questions. Often, these seminars are onsite briefings conducted at Federal agencies throughout the city. Imagine visiting the CIA to meet with the Senior Briefing Officer, or attending a seminar at the State Department to discuss foreign policy-making. Presidential Classroom provides students with a week of such experiences.

In addition to learning about the Federal government, students also learn about themselves—a nation-

ally group of highly motivated, concerned, involved student leaders. Approximately 400 students attend the Classroom each week during the six-week Program. Having an interest in government as their common bond, they represent the lively and varied spectrum of American high school students — yearbook editors from Vermont and Idaho; class presidents from Alabama and Michigan; student council members from Arizona and New York; school newspaper staff from Nebraska and California.

Audrey Hokoda, a JACL-sponsored student from University High School in Los

Angeles felt this way about the interaction among students at the Program, "Probably one of the most exciting features of the Program was meeting all the different students with varying backgrounds and lifestyles. Coming from a huge city, I enjoyed exchanging views with fellow classmates who, perhaps, live on a farm and have a smaller population in their county than I have in my senior class at high school."

Registration is now underway for the 1978 Classroom. Tuition is \$275, covering the full expense of accommodations in the Classroom's headquarters hotel, all

meals and transportation during the week, as well as curriculum materials and special Classroom activities. Deadline for reserving space in the Program is Nov. 15. For further information on the Classroom, contact:

Ms. Kathryn Dunn, Registrar, Presidential Classroom, P.O. Box 19084, Washington, D.C. 20036, or your local JACL Chapter President.

Sponsorship at the chapter level varies. Some provide tuition and travel, travel only or a grant of a specified sum. Reedley and Livingston-Merced chapters, for instance, solicited Holiday Issue advertising, reserving their commission for the PCYA chapter fund.

# HEW Fellows program announced

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Dept. of Health, Education, and Welfare has announced applications are being accepted for the 1978-1979 HEW Fellows program.

Now in its eighth year, the program provides an excellent opportunity for men and women with strong personal resources and accomplishments to demonstrate their ability in addressing social and administrative problems at the national and regional levels.

Twenty qualified individuals will be selected for next year's program to serve for twelve months in key roles with major officials where they can gain unique experience in governmental policymaking and management. The Fellows will be assigned to Washington, D.C. and the regions on the basis of background, experience, needs of HEW offices, and mutual interest and benefits.

The program is not one of recruitment. Fellows are expected to maintain ties with

their agencies or institutions by leaves of absences, or other arrangements, so that employment may be assured following the year with HEW.

All interested Asian Americans are encouraged to apply. Deadline is Jan. 20, 1978. Candidates must be U.S. citizens, have a record of demonstrated interest in community service and the nation's social problems, and qualify for the GS 11-15 range as determined by the U.S. Civil Service Commission.

This year's class of HEW Fellows includes one Asian American, John Yuasa, former Director of the East Bay Asian Local Development Corporation in Oakland. Mr. Yuasa has received an assignment in Washington, D.C., in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation.

Asian Americans who have participated in the past with their present affiliations where known, include:

Dr. Joseph Yang, center representative, Center for Naval Analysis, Arlington, Va.; Emory M. Lee, regional executive secretary, HEW, Region IX, San Francisco; Paul Yamashita, Honolulu, Hawaii; Mary Jane Mikuriya, budget and finance officer, San Francisco Unified School District,

San Francisco; Yasuko Nainan, National Child Day Care Assn., Washington, D.C.; and Stephen Thom, director, Office of Asian American Concerns, U.S. Office of Education, Washington, D.C.

All interested individuals should immediately write for application forms to:

Director, HEW Fellows Program, 330 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20201.

# White House Fellowship

WASHINGTON — Applications are now available for the White House Fellowship program for 1978-79 with an increase to the number of applicants from women, minority groups, union and business careerists.

Program is open to all U.S. citizens at least 23 years old, except those in civilian federal positions. Each Fellow is assigned to a Cabinet officer or senior member of the White House for a unique firsthand experience in administration.

Additional information and forms can be obtained by writing to the President's Commission on White House Fellowships, Washington, D.C. 20415.

# WHALES

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nally as part of a study.

An aide in the State Dept. Office of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, headed by Assistant Secretary Patsy Mink, explained the decision not to oppose the ban was out of fears that such an action would destroy the effectiveness of the long-standing U.S. efforts to limit hunting of other whales by the Soviet Union and Japan.

Eskimo whalers said it would sue the government in court, claiming their hunt has been conducted for thousands of years without depleting the herd and had created the Alaskan Whaling Commission as an approach to self-regulation.

# Apple harvest

BEAUMONT, Calif. — Japanese American families in the Southland are discovering the Oak Glen apple harvest now underway till January in the orchards 10 miles north of here in picturesque mountain country. Ranchers raise nearly a dozen varieties but Rome Beauty is the main crop, marketed directly to the consumers and tourists.

# Deaths

Carl B. Balcomb, honorary Dayton JACLer, died Sept. 26. He was president of the OMI Brotherhood Foundation of America, helping Japanese and Japanese American students. He was in charge of the photography department at Wright Patterson AFB.

# East West Players open season

LOS ANGELES—East West Players kicked off their first season in repertory with the local premiere of two one-act plays under the direction of artistic director Mako.

"Point of Departure" by Paul Stephen Lim, of Lawrence, Kan., is a new and wry look at an old problem—how does one get into this land of milk and honey known as the USA? Sumi Haru, KTLA producer/moderator of "70's Woman" and co-host with Johnny Grant on "The Gallery" makes a guest artist

appearance with the ensemble composed of Alberto Isaac, J. Maseras Pepito and Gene Bryson.

Lim's first play, "Conpersonas", was judged best original script in the 1976 American College Theatre Festival and subsequently was performed at the Univ. of Kansas and at Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. A second play, "Homerica" received its initial production last March at the Univ. of Kansas where it was the subject of much discussion.

Sharing the bill is "Bunnyhop" by Jeffrey Paul Chan, adapted from his own short story "Jackrabbit", which first appeared in "The Yardbird Reader". "Bunnyhop", a look at the immigrant's problems from a different vantage point, is laced with hard hitting humor and "on target" observations. Starring are Yuki Shimoda, Soon Tek Oh, and guest artist Rick Hansen.

A professor at San Francisco State, Chan is founding director of the Combined Asian American Resources Project, Inc. and is among the best known Asian American authors, having been

published in "Aiiiee", West Magazine, Asian American Authors and Seeing Thru Shuck.

Show will run on weekends Friday, Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 7:30 p.m. until Dec. 1 when it will be joined in repertory by "Once Upon in America". Special group rates, senior citizen and student discounts are available on Friday and Sunday. For information call 660-0366.

# AATW premieres Kaneko-Sambo play

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. — Lonny Kaneko and Amy Sambo's *Lady Is Dying* was premiered Oct. 21 by the Asian American Theater Workshop, California St. and 6th Ave. Play takes place in a present-day upper middle class Japanese American home. It is directed by playwright Frank Chin, assisted by Rodney Kageyama.

AATW produces original works to encourage and develop Asian American writers under foundation grants. *Lady Is Dying* runs through Dec. 11, 8:30 on Friday-Saturday, 7:30 on Sunday.

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# Bank of Calif.-Sumitomo merger closer

SAN FRANCISCO—Sumitomo Bank of California's acquisition of 19 branches of the Bank of California (see PC, July 15) has been approved by shareholders of both institutions and the State Supt. of Banks Carl J. Schmitt.

State approval was based on the understanding that Sumitomo would live up to its commitment made to Schmitt in a letter dated Oct. 17 from president Yoshio Tada, that it would "respond to all the needs of the communities it serves".

Schmitt noted his department had commenced a review of Sumitomo's employment practices after Public Advocates, Inc., had filed a protest (PC, Aug. 19).

Schmitt added that the "bank's continued commitment of equal employment opportunities will also be facilitated by eliminating the perception that it is a bank owned and run by Japanese for Japanese".

Effective date of acquisition will be announced after approval from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.

In Miami, Fla., the Republic National Bank was told by the federal government last week (Oct. 6) to hire more whites and American blacks to offset its overwhelming majority of Latin employees. Bank president Aristides Sastre conceded that all but 7 of its 173 employees were of Latin extraction because 99½% of its business was with Spanish-speaking people. Efforts were stepped up to hire more whites and blacks who can speak Spanish.

Bank was founded 10 years ago by Cuban exiles. It

tution in the country to be accused of reverse discrimination by the federal government, according to Inez Lee, deputy director of the Treasury Dept.'s equal opportunity division.

## Business

First National Bank of Oregon promoted **Chiyo Oga**, of its international banking division, to vice president. She had been area administrator for Asia-Australia.

Because communities receiving Economic Development Administration grants must spend 10% for purchases from minority-owned businesses, a lifelong Chinese American Vermont resident, **John Wu**, said he plans to start a construction company to take advantage of the federal regulation. Architects and town officials have been informed of his services. Wu is a middle school principal in Weathersfield and was a former executive director of the Vermont Republican party.

The U.S. Office of Education and UNESCO honored **Togo W. Tanaka**, chairman of the education committee of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce for "outstanding contribution to literacy in America". The prewar editor of the *Rafu Shimpo* and Ignacio Lozano, former U.S. Ambassador to El Salvador and publisher of *La Opinion*, spearheaded programs to reduce functional illiteracy.

**Randy S. Horiuchi**, a speech-debate teacher at Kearns High School, Salt Lake City, resigned his teaching position and joined the Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce staff Oct. 1 as director of government affairs. A Univ. of Utah graduate, Randy was a candidate for the city board of education while a Utah freshman and was appointed by Gov. Rampton to the Council of Children and youth and advisory committee on the 18-year-old vote.

# Club backs both candidates representing S.F. Nihonmachi

SAN FRANCISCO—Japanese American Democratic Club have endorsed both Ella Hutch and Arnold Townsend for supervisor in Dis-

trict 4, which includes Nihonmachi, in the Nov. 8 run-offs—even though club rules specify candidates seeking club endorsement must win approval of two-thirds of the members present.

The candidates were not able to acquire the necessary two-thirds but since the club felt some statement in District 4 was required, Yori Wada urged a compromise proposal to have both finalists endorsed.

Supervisor Gordon Lau was endorsed for District 1. Recommendations for all positions were presented by research committee chairman Amy Doi.

Only action on the propositions was an endorsement in principle that the city buy International Hotel and allow its former tenants to move back. Vote was taken

## SCHOOL

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HEW review will probably be undertaken in the near future."

Previously, an HEW attorney had described the involvement of the Asian American community in the Chicago case by stating, "Not since *Lau vs. Nichols* has the Asian community been so prominent in a national origin discrimination case."

Officials said Spanish is the second language of about 85% of the bilingual students, but that there are about 20 other languages involved, including Greek, Polish, Italian and Korean.

The settlement announced Oct. 12 sets a goal of achieving a racial-ethnic composition of the facility in each Chicago school that will vary no more than 10% above or below the racial-ethnic composition of the faculty across all schools.

Overall the Chicago faculty is 54% white and 46% minority, including blacks and Hispanics.

# Church women ask retrial for nurses

CHICAGO—The National Asian/Pacific Island Women's Caucus of the United Methodist Church, officially constituted here recently, called for a retrial of the two nurses, Filipina Narciso and Leonora Perez, convicted of poisoning patients at the Veterans Administration hospital in Ann Arbor, Mich.

They were "victims of a gross miscarriage of justice" and asked the United Methodist Church to use its "collective power" to free them, the women's caucus resolution declared.

## Religion

Sage United Methodist Church moved Oct. 1 from its El Monte (Calif.) site to 333 S. Garfield Ave., in Monterey Park. The Rev. Hidemi Ito, pastor since 1975, explained the move was prompted by the desire to service a greater number of Japanese Americans. Church was founded in 1930 by the Rev. **Jutaro Yokoi**... The Rev. **Kenneth Iha** resigned as pastor of Plymouth Congregational Church, Montebello, to become western region associate with the Office for Church Life and Leadership of the United Church of Christ.

## SALT LAKE

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Also to be resolved is the culmination of a two-year controversy resulting from the existing \$10,000 Endowment Fund obtained from the 1958 JACL National Convention in Salt Lake City. The members will be asked to commit this money solely for education set up outside of JACL control or to use the money for special or emergency projects within JACL control for such things as the Multi-ethnic center or the upcoming National Convention.

Also proposed is the creation of a Japanese umbrella organization in Utah, the Japanese Community Program.

The only non-controversial issue will be the talent of Master Chef Dressen as JACL members will be served a Chinese walnut Chicken banquet dinner (\$5 per person) and the audience of Salt Lake City's mayor, Ted Wilson. For reservations, call:

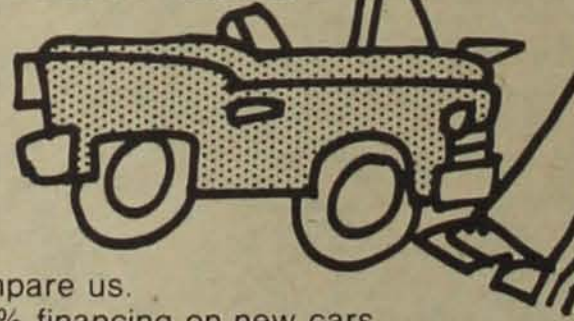
Tab Uno, 1135 Second Avenue, SLC, (801-355-0284).

Oct. 14 at the meeting chaired by Nob Fukuda, club president.

### Propaganda films

LOS ANGELES—Two U.S. government-made propaganda films produced during World War II were televised Oct. 24 on KCET—the community TV station. Part of the "Films of Persuasion" series produced by WNET, New York, first was "Know Your Enemy—Japan" produced as a military training film. Second was "Japanese Relocation", narrated by Milton Eisenhower and an attempt to rationalize the Evacuation and detention of Japanese Americans.

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# Nikkei attorneys to honor jurists

LOS ANGELES—Five Nikkei will be honored at the Japanese American Bar Assn. of Southern California Judges Dinner Nov. 5 at the New Otani Hotel. Judges being honored are:

Associate Justice John F. Aiso (ret.), Associate Justice Stephen Tamura, U.S. District Court Judge Robert Takasugi, Municipal Court Judge Morio Fukuto of South Bay District, and L.A. Municipal Court Judge Hiroshi Fukisaki.

Dinner is open to the public. Tickets at \$15 per person are obtainable from Ed Kakita (485-1080) or Kathryn Doi Todd (626-4419).

# Nishizu Bros. open hotel in Las Vegas

LAS VEGAS, Nev.—Rainbow Vegas Hotel, 401 S. Casino Center Blvd., will have its grand opening ceremonies Nov. 5, it was announced by the Great Western Hotel Corp. and the Nishizu Bros. of Buena Park, Calif. (The eldest, Clarence Nishizu, is a longtime Orange County JACler and a charter member of the Selanoco JACL.)

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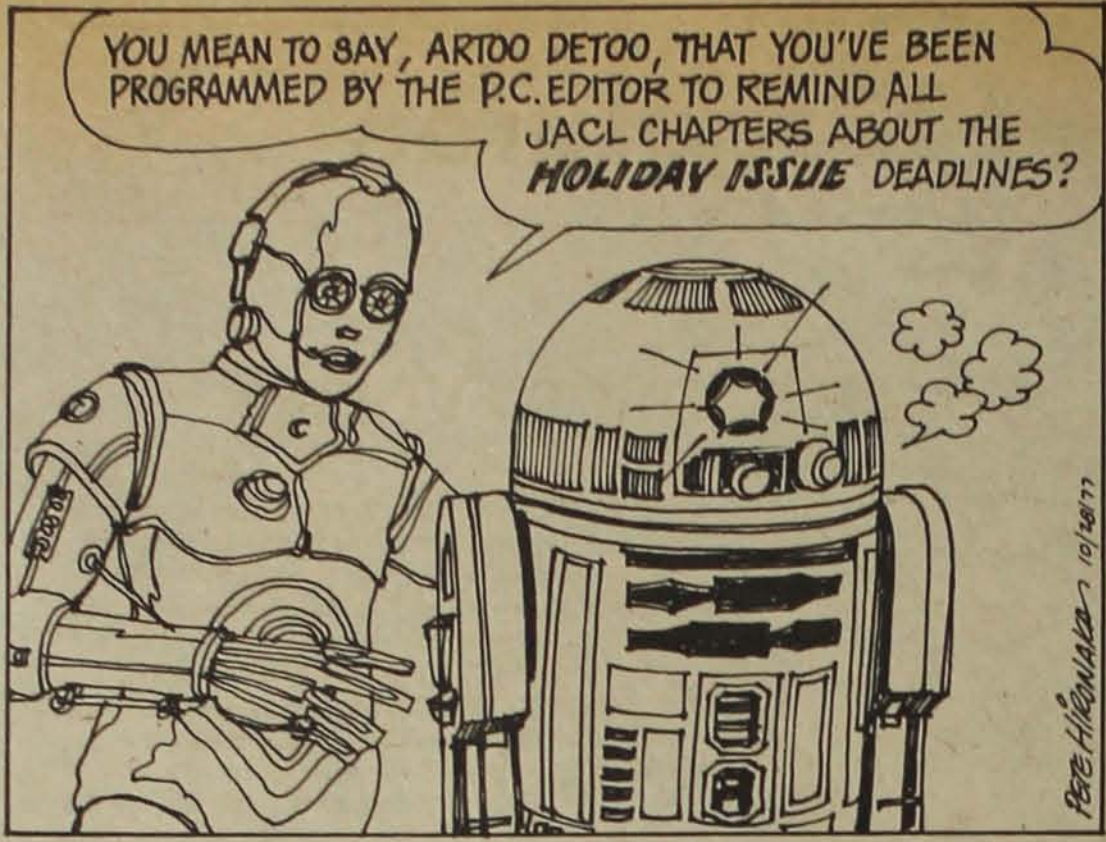
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From Happy Valley: Sachi Seko

## 'Glittering of Spring'

Salt Lake City  
In the autumn sky, a new star shines. It is of fragile light. It heralds not the dark approach of night, but speaks against it. Aaron Morishita at the tender age of twenty is that morning star.

Last night (Sept. 29), the University of Utah theatre department presented his play, "Glittering of Spring". It was a special production because Aaron's play had won the university's play-writing competition. The play is the school's entry in the American College Theatre Festival, new plays division, and the David Library of The American Revolution Competition for Playwrights.

More than 400 colleges

and universities will participate in thirteen regional festivals. As many as ten plays which survive this competition will appear at Kennedy Center next year in the national festival.

"Glittering of Spring" is a two act play set in a barrack quarter at Minidoka. The cast is composed of an Issei father and mother, their Nisei daughter and an Issei widow friend.

The play tells of the Americanization of two Issei women who learn to read and write English through lessons in a camp school. They are particularly proud of having learned to sing, "America the Beautiful". Their off-key rendition of

the song brings a moment of lightness.

It takes the edge off the bleakness of the barrack room. The daughter tells the two women she has heard rumors that all evacuees may be permitted to leave the camps.

Soon the Issei widow brings news of her imminent departure. As a parting gift, the Issei couple present her with the last reminder they have of Japan. It is a vase which they brought on their journey across the Pacific. The daughter gives her an English grammar book. The Issei women promise they will write each other.

After her friend's departure, the mother expresses increasing hope that they will be permitted to return home. She is unaware the West Coast restrictions have been eased and that her friend has returned home instead of a destination in the midwest.

The father has known about the removal of coastal restrictions but has kept this information from his wife. He confides to his daughter that he does not believe the mother is ready for such a return. Further, he confesses, they no longer have a home. It has been sold.

Then comes official notice that Tom, the son, has been killed in combat with the 442nd Regimental Combat Team. Mention of the 442nd in this play is historically symbolic.

Minidoka was the camp which led in the number of volunteers for military service. This was due in large part to the sensitive handling of the loyalty question by Minidoka's project director, Harry Stafford.

Eventually gifts arrive from their widow friend. A package of food and a vase. The vase is one that she and her deceased husband brought from Japan.

The daughter graduates from high school and unable to find employment camp becomes so unbearable that she threatens to leave for Detroit with a friend. The



From the Frying Pan: Bill Hosokawa

## Airline Hijackers

Denver, Colo.

It probably has escaped the notice of no one that, faced recently with similar dilemmas, West Germany and Japan reacted in diametrical-opposed fashion.

Some weeks ago a Japan Airlines plane was hijacked by a band of Japanese radicals. They demanded \$6 million and freedom for some of their comrades held in Japanese prisons. The Japanese government meekly complied with the demands.

A short while later another band of terrorists seized a German Lufthansa jetliner. They demanded \$15 million, like their Japanese counterparts, also sought freedom for others of their gang. The West German response was to launch a surprise attack with specially trained troops who killed three of the four hijackers, wounded the other, and freed all the hostages.

The German terrorists are smashed. The Japanese band, now largely reunited, has a \$6 million cushion. Where, when, and how it will resurface, no one knows.

What caused the German government to react one way and the Japanese government another? Many persons, including the Japanese themselves, are asking this question.

Has the Japanese national character, if there is such a thing, changed since the cruel days of World War II? Perhaps.

It was said in those times, with a certain amount of truth, that the Japanese preferred death to dishonor, that to be taken prisoner in battle was a dishonor and Japanese soldiers would die by their own hand than be captured, that commanders did not hesitate to commit their troops to situations certain to result in a heavy death toll if honor were at stake.

Now, in the hijacking, the Japanese government put the value of life above all else. Faced with the choice of meeting intolerable terms or risking an intolerable loss of life,

the government chose dishonor rather than risk the death of many innocent pawns.

The German government chose to gamble and won and is being widely applauded. Careful preparation and skillful execution, plus a strong element of luck tipped the balance in favor of the German commandoes. But it was a close, close shave. According to press reports the terrorists had wired explosives in the captured plane, ordered the hostages strapped into their seats, and spread gasoline on the floor. The plane, passengers, terrorists and attackers could have been blown up and incinerated in one hideous blast.

If the German rescue attempt had failed, the government would have come under merciless criticism. No doubt it was the possibility of failure, and the fear of the resulting censure from the world, that influenced the Japanese decision. It is not difficult to imagine newspaper editorials thundering against a foolhardy, heartless and blundering Japanese rescue attempt that resulted from placing a greater value on \$6 million than on the lives of scores of innocent hostages.

Most persons applauded the quick, decisive action of the Germans, and of the Israelis at Entebbe and the Dutch in their encounter with the Moluccan train hijackers. The United States in the Mayaguez case, in which marines from Thailand were sent to liberate a ship seized by Cambodia, has established that it, too, will strike swiftly to meet piracy with force.

The Japanese, on the other hand, chose to be pragmatic, to seek compromise rather than confrontation, which is so unlike their hair-trigger prewar character, and so typical of their conciliatory postwar attitudes.

Were the Japanese right and the Germans wrong? Well, it's hard to knock success, and as a result of the raid on Mogadishu, international travelers will breathe a little easier.

## § Midwest Comments

### Bakke and Affirmative Action

Chicago

It is a matter of stated JACL policy that the national organization supports equal opportunity and affirmative action to overcome the effects of past discrimination. Consistent with this position the JACL, in the Bakke case, sided with the University of California medical school at Davis and their minority admissions program, which used "race" as one criteria in the selection process.

While we are in total agreement with this policy in principle, we believe that National JACL has yet come to grips with many of the underlying questions raised in the Bakke case. The basic rationale for maintaining minority admissions programs in state university professional schools is to overcome the severe underrepresentation of minority students in these schools and, consequently, the shortage of minority professionals in the state.

At what point do we decide that the problem has been eliminated and, thus, the need for special admissions as well? This question is particularly relevant for Japanese Americans, who are often excluded from minority admissions programs because of the numbers already accepted through the traditional selection process.

Should the JACL initiate litigation to ensure that Japanese and other Asian American are included in minority admissions programs in those schools where they presently are not? Or, on the other hand, would the JACL support a suit against one of these schools brought by a Sansei who claimed that the minority admissions program prevented him from being accepted?

It is indisputable that Japanese Americans have suffered from a long history of discrimination in this country. It is also clear that there are differences in deprivation today between Japanese Americans and other minority groups. In terms of affirmative action, where do we make our stand?

—MDC Editorial Committee

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Plain Speaking: Wayne Horiuchi

## Nitro + Glycerin

Washington

In this column, I want to discuss efforts by some local JACL chapters that can't go unrecognized.

During the celebrated goof of Ohio's Governor James Rhodes in his usage of the word "Jap" to describe Japanese corporate officials, the local chapters in Ohio (Dayton, Cleveland and Cincinnati) were very instrumental in getting Governor Rhodes to apologize.

Daryll Sakada of the Dayton JACL Chapter, Judy Ibarra of the Cincinnati JACL, and Hank Tanaka and George Nishimoto of the Cleveland JACL, jumped into action when they heard of Governor Rhodes' racial reference. They bombarded Governor Rhodes with telegrams, letters, and telephone calls that made the difference. However, even more importantly they got the media to raise the issue so that the broader public knew of Governor Rhodes' slip of the lip.

For example, Hank Tanaka was directly responsible for our Washington Office JACL telegram to Governor Rhodes being published on the front page of Ohio's largest newspaper, the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*. In addition, the *Plain Dealer* also wrote a criti-

cal editorial of Governor Rhodes' remark, at Hank's insistence. With this kind of two-track pressure, the media and grassroots indignation from the local chapters, Ohio's governor caved in to the pressure and issued a public apology. Kind of sound like David and Goliath? Precisely!

All of this brings me to a bigger and more significant point. The strength of the JACL is in the local chapters. The local chapters are the glue of JACL and can often be experimental laboratories for the larger national organization.

We've seen their creative energy and leadership develop in such examples as the Contra Costa JACL taking on the Indo-Chinese Refugee issue, the Seattle JACL on reparations, and the San Benito County JACL on the racial slur/history teacher issue.

But what's really exciting is when the Washington Office of JACL can work in conjunction with the local chapters—such as Cincinnati, Dayton, and Cleveland—to get the kind of results that we wanted, namely a public apology from the Governor of Ohio. When both the national organization and the local chapters of JACL can work in concert then the combination is like nitro and glycerin. □





# Road out of the Tule Lake

Here is the second in-depth article whetted by the NBC-TV re-showing 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  
(Continued from Last Week)

This got my dander up because here was a white man telling an Oriental how much he understood us. I forgot I was before a Cabinet Member, because words blurted out to the effect that there is no man who can be an expert in such an emotional and complex issue involving the Americans of Japanese ancestry who were unjustly placed in con-

centration camps. Well, this woke him up from his condescending attitude, as he stated that he was totally informed of the situation and knew what to do about it.

Colonels Dixon and Lawton immediately sensed that we were in an untenable situation. "Mr. Clark, I represent the democratic people of Dixon, Illinois, where I am the party chairman." Also, Col. Lawton stated he was a party chairman of the democratic group in Oklahoma. These wonderful people came to my assistance and softened the tension of the meeting by their remarks. We were able to leave amicably.

When we were outside the office, Col. Dixon said he had told a half-truth because his section in Illinois had not elected a Democratic official for a long time. (However, he later became Lt. Governor of Illinois under Adlai Stevenson.) Both Colonels had given of themselves and renewed my faith that there were men of integrity and honesty.

My mission had been completed. I had given the best possible that I knew how. Nobody suggested my going to see President Truman so I left for Chicago.

Though Cols. Dixon's and Lawton's and my efforts may not have struck a sensitive chord in the bureaucracy, at least we participated in a democratic process. Col. Dixon never had any feedback information from the Attorney General's Office, so I assume our efforts didn't impact on the final decision process. This was in October 1945. By 20 Mar 46, Tule Lake, the last concentration camp, was officially closed and my parents and relatives did find the road out after nearly four years in camp.

People still relate best to other people in human terms. Our stories are passed from generation to generation. Aaron's story was based in part on the experiences of the Evacuation learned from his mother, Betty Hasegawa Morishita. His father, Mits, a native Utahn, was not incarcerated.

Perhaps the plot of "Glittering of Spring", may appear too simplistic. Its characters portray the desolation and fears of a people without a past to return to, who have an uncertain future before them. They are attached to this country whether native or alien. There is a quiet dignity to them.

So the play does not deliver a social message with the force that has become accepted form. The approach is of much subtler tone. Rather than pronouncing the differences among men, it appeals to the shared aspirations of common people.

To further emphasize the universality of certain human values and desires, the play's characters were all portrayed by whites. The excellent directing was by Robert Hyde Wilson, a respected and recognized theatrical professional. He was assisted by Maxine Margaritas.

Some messages are better received when they are softly spoken. I am certain that Aaron Morishita will use other voices in other plays. He is a young man with a gift and a future. I will be watching for his star to glow with deepening light. □

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father and mother are forced to decide whether they want to remain a family.

The father has to tell his wife they no longer have a home on the coast. The wife reveals she discovered the letter informing him of the sale of the house. Her English teacher read it for her.

The dropping of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima confirms their worst fears about the closure of the camps. The family prepares to leave for Chicago. The mother asks for a new name, an American one. Emiko becomes Emily.

As father and daughter remove their baggage, the mother continues to complete a flower arrangement in the vase sent by her friend. The vase remains in the emptied barrack. It is incongruously beautiful against the starkness of the surroundings.

Its fragility is a powerful reprimand. And this is the secret of Aaron Morishita's mastery of an American tragedy. In recent years the Evacuation has become an enormous episode, historically and constitutionally, that the river is like an ocean.

Thrashing in that stormy sea of retrospection and introspection, of latent guilt and late demand, even we who are survivors, find our story escaping telling. As the Evacuation has become increasingly institutionalized, it has been at the peril of losing its human aspect.

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## Yonamine quits as Dragons mgr.

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A former star for the Yomiuri Giants, Yonamine took over the reigns as manager of the Dragons in 1972 and led the Nagoya club to the Central League pennant in 1974.

Yonamine said he wanted to devote more time to his family after 26 years in professional baseball.

## Sports

The Univ. of Hawaii women's volleyball team, under coach Dave Shoji, has compiled a 35-9 record the past two seasons and is currently ranked third nationally by the Volleyball magazine as the 1977 season opened this week. Shoji, a 30-year-old native of Upland, Calif., was volleyball All-American in 1968-69 while at UC-Santa Barbara.

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