

Dr. Tom Yatabe, 80: 'Granddaddy of JACL'

CHICAGO, Ill.—Dr. Thomas T. Yatabe, the "Grand-daddy of JACL," who devoted a lifetime to the cause and tradition of Japanese Americans, died last week, leaving behind a legacy that will sustain the spirit of his JACL successors.

After battling illness for more than a month, the leader who symbolized the true nature of JACL succumbed Monday, Nov. 14, at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Evanston, Ill. He was 80. More than 200 people paid

their final respects Thursday at services, presided over by the Rev. Michael Yasutake at the Lain-Hursen Funeral Home.

Several JACL leaders — many of whom trace their JACL careers to Yatabe's inspiration—were present.

Mike Masaoka, former Washington representative, eulogized Yatabe as not only a "Japanese American leader, but also a true American leader who fought for things to make America better."

Kumeo Yoshinari, a past

national president, also eulogized the elder statesman and regarded him as a natural leader with a fiery voice that didn't match the "quiet American" syndrome of the Nisei a decade ago.

Other JACL members present included Lillian Kimura, governor of the Midwest District Council, representing the national board and Tom Hibino representing the JACL staff. Past national presidents were named as honorary pallbearers.

Surviving Yatabe are his wife Mary; 95-year-old mother Rui, of El Cerrito; son Dudley of Chicago; brothers Takeshi of Berkeley and Motoki of El Cerrito; sisters Chiyo Kasamoto and Toshi Takahashi of Hilo, Hawaii and two grandsons.

Affectionately called "Doc" by his closest friends, Yatabe won the respect of the Japanese community from his continuing efforts in combatting racial discrimination and in first securing, then preserving the

active role of Japanese Americans in politics and civil rights.

Born in San Francisco in 1897, Yatabe first experienced the growing malice toward Japanese Americans when Mayor Eugene Schmitz ordered all Oriental school children to attend a segregated school in Chinatown.

The incident, in part, later motivated him to found the American Loyalty League (ALL), a fore-



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NC-WNDC REPARATION SURVEY

Only 5% opposition

SAN JOSE, Calif.—An effort to seek reparation payments to victims of the 1942 Evacuation should be made, according to an overwhelming number of those answering a questionnaire on this issue.

This was the report made here Nov. 6 by Ben Takeshita of Richmond on the results to date on the Northern California-Western Nevada JACL District Council's current reparation survey.

Speaking at the district's fourth 1977 quarterly meeting held at the Hyatt House, the chairman of district reparations committee said that 18 of the 32 chapters had turned in more than 1,600 responses of the district's 22-part questionnaire on the subject.

Several other chapters brought their reports to the meeting, while some others reported that their local surveys were still going on.

Takeshita said 95 per cent responded with unqualified "yes" votes, while five per cent were opposed to any request for redress of the 1942 government action.

Of those favoring reparation payments Takeshita said 84 per cent favored payments to individuals who were evacuated. Another 16 per cent wanted to see any reparation money be turned over to a trust fund to be used for the benefit of Japanese Americans.

The district reparation committee drew up the questionnaire and sent copies to all chapters for distribution in their locality in order to obtain the grassroots opinion on the reparations question.

Results are to be tabulated to establish the district council's position during a discussion on the reparation question scheduled to be held at the 1978 JACL national convention in Salt Lake City next summer.

Takeshita, a state employee, is currently stationed in Gilroy.

Spark presented 'golden gavel'

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Sen. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) has received the coveted "Golden Gavel", awarded by Senate pages to the senators who serve for 100 hours within one session as presiding officer. He reached the 100-hour mark on Saturday, Oct. 29, while the Senate was considering the Energy Tax bill.

"It is a great honor, a rare privilege, to preside over the Senate, even for a minute," he said. "To have been granted that opportunity to preside for 100 hours in my freshman year is an event which will be cherished throughout the rest of my life."

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Nisei may be surprise pick for assessor

LOS ANGELES—Though county assessors statewide are relinquishing their jobs at a record rate, Carson City Clerk Helen Kawagoe is more than happy to be among the candidates for the L.A. spot vacated by Philip Watson.

She is, in fact, still quite startled and stunned by the whole thing.

Mrs. Kawagoe, the first Japanese American woman elected to any public position on the U.S. mainland, was nominated for the post last week by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn.

"It's almost unreal," she said. "He (Hahn) telephoned me Monday (Nov. 14) and we talked."

"I'm not exactly sure what my chances are, but I certainly would not be disappointed if I lost. I would just maintain the feeling of honor

that someone thought I could do the job."

Mrs. Kawagoe, a past nominee for U.S. treasurer, has been city clerk of Carson since 1974. She is also a past governor of the JACL Pacific Southwest District Council and current president of the Gardena Valley Chapter.

After interviewing several candidates for the \$49,500-a-year assessor's position, Hahn recommended Mrs. Kawagoe when former L.A. Postmaster Leslie Shaw withdrew from consideration.

Reports have indicated the supervisors are looking for a candidate from outside the list of 18 persons taking part in the public interviewing.

Hahn, in particular, has predicted the eventual winner would be a surprise candidate.

"Helen Kawagoe is one of the most distinguished elected officials in Los Angeles County and has all the qualifications to be an outstanding county assessor," the

supervisor said of his nominee, who is also his appointee to the County Consumer Affairs Commission.

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Bilingual ballot too costly

VISALIA, Calif.—State legislators should be asked to change the current law requiring bilingual ballots be printed, according to the Tulare County grand jury, because it is proving too costly.

Tom Shimasaki, grand jury chairman, is leading the move to have the county board of supervisors ask the Legislature to repeal the law after it was determined that printing the ballots in Spanish added 40% to election costs and found unjustified.

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in English and Spanish, but only three persons asked for the latter.

It was also noted printing costs in Ventura County raised theirs 50% and that Santa Barbara County spent an additional \$13,000 for bilingual ballots but only 17 requested them.

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Quarter of the population in Tulare County is Spanish-speaking.

By PAT TASHIMA

Los Angeles

THE hardest part is letting go.

"Every time they have to leave, it hurts. It's sad. They keep calling and writing letters ... but every time they leave, you just want to quit."

As a foster parent, Kay Savard can't help feeling depressed when parting with a child she's come to call her own.

But though she and her husband Jerry threaten to quit, they don't. After seven years, they've found the difficult parting is not enough to diminish the gratification of providing a homeless child with a family.

Nearly 10,000 children await foster placement in the county.

The Savards represent the rarest of cases. Today they share their comfortable home in Montebello with five foster children.

"We have no children of

our own," said Mrs. Savard, who was born and raised in Japan. "Then all of a sudden, I was an instant mother! We're like a family. My husband loves the kids. And so do I. I couldn't care for the children if I didn't."

Fortunately for coordinators of Community Assistance to Homeless Youngsters (CATHY), the Savards don't throw in the towel every time a child leaves. For more families, especially Asian families, like the Savards, are needed to ease the ever-increasing numbers of homeless children.

CATHY, a county office of the Dept. of Public Social Services, works through six outlying associations in recruiting foster families and educating the community of the need for foster care.

While the number of homeless children are great in every ethnic group, the Asian-Pacific community in particular has become one of

the organization's primary concerns.

Latest figures on the total of homeless Asian children are due to be released in an upcoming survey, "but with the influx of Asian people—the refugees—I'm sure the numbers haven't gotten any smaller," Patti Kamoto, CATHY Asian-Pacific consultant, said.

"Sometimes it's O.K. if Asians are put in a non-Asian home—if the child was born and raised here. But we want to preserve the cultural ties of the Asians—they're one of the areas we're really concentrating on."

At present, about 30 homes that are at least partly Asian operate under the CATHY program, however they are not enough to cope with emergency situations that may arise, Ms. Kamoto said.

"More Asian families and more Asian volunteers are needed. We're still in an edu-

cation process with the Asian-Pacific community. They just don't know about foster care," she said.

Having been on the job a year, Ms. Kamoto was hired as the Asian consultant after affiliated public service organizations stressed the need for more direct contact with the Asian communities on the subject of foster care.

CAROLYN Yano of the Asian Rehabilitation Services, was one of the position's most ardent supporters.

"In 1973, a group of people in the community involved in social services saw the need for placement of Asian children. Families were unable to care for children. We had runaways."

"We were finding more and more kids like this and not enough Asian families. There was never any attempt made to match backgrounds in the past," Ms. Yano said.

It wasn't easy persuading the county to hire an Asian-Pacific consultant, Ms. Yano said, however, after three years of haggling and a few concessions on both sides, the position was formed.

"The matching sequence is better now," Ms. Yano said. "We're identifying families and foster children by ethnic group. There's more awareness than there was in the past."

The questions surrounding foster care, though great in the Asian communities, are not unique to them. Most people are unaware of temporary family care.

"There are more people who are interested in adoption than in being foster parents," Ms. Kamoto said. "They feel they won't be able to give the child up if they're foster parents. That's the real hard part of foster care—it's temporary."

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"Some people do adopt their foster kids. But they can only do so when the legal parents put the child up for adoption. This happens, but it's rare. It's just not a regular thing."

ACCORDING to Ms. Yano, the absence of Asian foster families is rooted in cultural tendencies. "To say Asian families are apathetic is too simplistic. Asian families share a cohesiveness—that's important to them. Consequently, anything disruptive to the family is avoided."

"When you become a foster parent, a certain amount of stress is put on the family operation. That's why Asian communities have not tended to produce foster families," she said.

Foster families, once licensed by the county, may take children on a short-time, full-time or emergency basis.

Like the Savards, Hanako and Gordon Bradley of Baldwin Park, function as full-time foster parents.

"We first started on short care," Mrs. Bradley, also

from Japan, said. "We had a baby a month. Then it went home. It hurt so much to give the baby up, we started full time."

"I looked at the (CATHY) program and saw some children needed homes. I never think that they're not my own children," she said. The Bradleys have four foster children and an 18-year-old daughter of their own.

Both women said few problems arise when a child is adjusting to a new home and other children. "Sometimes there's a little trouble—maybe a broken window," Mrs. Bradley said, "but otherwise they all get along fine."

The circumstances prior to their arrival at a foster home are far from fine, however.

"There are a number of problems," Ms. Kamoto said. "The 'more pleasant' ones are when there's a sudden illness or death of the parents and there are no relatives for the children to stay with."

"Then, there's general neglect—the parents are not doing their job of feeding, clothing and keeping the child clean. Child abuse—we're getting more and more bruised children all the time."

"We take children from infancy to 17. When there are no suitable relatives to take the children in, they go to foster care," she said.

Ms. Kamoto is careful in analyzing her success thus far as the new Asian-Pacific consultant, yet is optimistic of the services that can eventually be provided.

The Savards and Bradleys, however, will fully attest to the success the program has been in their homes.

Both families have cared



PATTI KAMOTO

for children of various ethnic backgrounds. Both are also screened annually by county licensors who are required by law to inspect residences.

The rest is all caring, providing for, and of course, disciplining at times.

"When they do something wrong, I make them stay in their rooms and they hate that," Mrs. Savard said. "They would rather work it off. My youngest one (11) always writes on the walls, so I have to give him different punishments," she lamented. "He just won't quit."

And in those dire instances when the flu lays you up for a day, there's no beating all the extra hands so eager to pitch in.

"Oh the children were so worried," said Mrs. Bradley of her recent bout with the 24-hour bug. "They said, 'Can I help?' and 'Do you have enough medicine, Mother?' They fixed dinner and checked to make sure I had enough covers."

When they turn 18 or if the legal parents are ready to take them back, the children will leave the foster homes.

In these two households, however, that's something they don't care to think about.

40-year work in community cited

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — More than 500 well wishers filled the Grand Ballroom of the Red Lion Inn to pay tribute to Henry Taketa for his more than 40 years of service to the people of Sacramento. Among those participating in the impressive gathering were:

Hon. Frank Richardson, Associate Justice, State Supreme Court; Robert Matsui, vice mayor, City of Sacramento; Sheriff Duane Lowe, County of Sacramento; Supervisor Henry Kloss, James Murakami, National JACL president; and Gene DalPorto, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Sacramento Methodist Hospital.

Resolutions and special presentations were presented by:

California Senate, California Assembly, County of Sacramento, City of Sacramento, National JACL, and County Museum Assn.; Sacramento JACL, Sacramento Betsuin, Sacramento Gardeners Club, Gedatsu Church of America, Placer JACL, Placer Buddhist Church, Sumitomo Bank and California First Bank.

A beautiful walnut plaque, the official memento of the testimonial dinner, was read and presented by Justice Richardson, a long-time

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HENRY TAKETA

friend of the honoree.

Taketa is presently on the board of:

The Methodist Hospital of Sacramento, California Museum Society of the Crocker Art Gallery, Friends of City and County Museum, Sacramento Westerners Corral, El Rancho Ent. Inc., and Northern California Japanese Sword Club.

His study of the Japanese in America and the Wakamatsu Tea and Silk Colony of Gold Hill of 1869 gave birth to the Centennial Celebration for Japanese immigration to America in 1969. Among his more notable contributions included raising funds for Issei Story, Marysville Flood Relief and Methodist Hospital.

Dinner co-chairmen were Takashi Tsujita and Toko Fujii. Toastmaster was Judge Mamoru Sakuma. Entertainment was chaired by William Matsumoto.

FOR MORE 'CATHY' INFO

LOS ANGELES—Patti Kamoto, CATHY Asian-Pacific consultant, may be reached at 3856 W. Santa Barbara, or by calling 299-1300, ext. 87.

Members of the Asian community can obtain information about the CATHY program and other county social services from the following bilingual and bicultural outstations:

LITTLE TOKYO OUTSTATION—Japanese Chamber of Commerce, 355 E. First St., Los Angeles 90012, 626-5116; Fri—1 to 3 p.m.—David Unoura.

SOUTHWEST OUTSTATION—Southwest Gardeners Assn., 3228 Jefferson Blvd., Los Angeles 90018, 735-5729; Tue—1 to 4:30 p.m.—David Unoura.

LONG BEACH OUTSTATION—Harbor Area Japanese Community Center, 1766 Seabright Ave., Long Beach 90813; 437-1400; Tue—1 to 5 p.m.—Gladys Maetani.

WEST LOS ANGELES OUTSTATION—Municipal Bldg., 1650 Purdue Ave., Los Angeles 90025, 478-5511, ext. 265; Wed—1 to 4:30 p.m.—David Unoura.

GARDENA OUTSTATIONS—Gardena Cultural Institute, 16215 S. Gramercy Pl., Gardena 90247; 324-6611, Wed—10 a.m. to noon—Gladys Maetani.

Gardena Pioneer Center, 15350 So. Western Ave., Gardena 90248, 327-

2164, Wed/Fri—1 to 5 p.m.—Gladys Maetani.

VENICE OUTSTATION—Venice Japanese Community Center, 12448 Braddock Dr., Los Angeles 90066, 822-8607; Thur—1 to 4:30 p.m.—David Unoura.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY OUTSTATION—S.F.V. Japanese Community Center, 12953 Branford St., Pacoima 91331, 899-1989; Thur—9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.—Jan Shintani.

For additional outstation information or assistance, contact: George Noda, Asian Pacific Community Relations Consultant for Los Angeles County, 724-0100, ext. 1870 or 1871.

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High school dropout teacher of year

FREMONT, Calif.—Gilbert Yee didn't go back to school until he was 33—years after he dropped out of high school when an instructor told him a Chinese American couldn't get a tutor's job in the country.

Five years later, at 38, he proved the instructor wrong and got his first teaching job.

Now 51, Yee, a fifth-grade teacher at Niles Elementary School here, was chosen by state School Superintendent Wilson Riles as the state's top public school teacher.

Born in San Francisco's Chinatown community, Yee is the son of a Chinese father and American mother.

Reflecting on his desire to teach, Yee said he knew in high school he wanted to be a music teacher and asked one of his teachers if he could someday get a job.

Braths

YOU CHUNG HONG, 79, of Los Angeles died Nov. 8. Dean of attorneys of Chinese descent and the first Chinese American to be admitted to practice in California, he was a recognized authority on immigration law, a past grand president of the Chinese American Citizens Alliance and a founder of New Chinatown. He was also a longtime member of the Downtown L.A. JACL.

"He said, 'Yes, in Hawaii,'" Yee recalled. "Orientals were not hired here." Yee's fifth-grade classroom is an unusual one, filled with remains of animals, birds and plants. His students serve as guides in this mini natural museum.

Teaching has so filled his life, he refused to walk out on a recent teacher's strike

that lasted three weeks.

"I felt it's just not right for a teacher to strike; it's not professional," he said.

Mother Lode tour

LOS ANGELES—West Los Angeles JACL and Creative Living Class will bus tour the Mother Lode Country and Lake Tahoe over the Nov. 25-27 weekend. For reservations, call Toy Kane-gai (820-1133/820-3592).

Flowers and incense at Okei's



Visiting Okei's grave are (from left) Helen Young, Art Young and Johnny Yee of the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California on a recent pilgrimage of historic sites in the Mother Lode country where thousands of Chinese lived and worked during the second half of the 19th Century. Okei's grave, commemorating the first Japanese colony on the mainland founded in 1869, is near the Placerville Stone House, a magnificent building of hand-hewn stone constructed by Chinese laborers.

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runner of the JACL, in 1919.

His dedication to the Nisei cause was evenly alternated with his dental practice, from which he retired only last year.

His death touched many JACL leaders who have since succeeded him in breaking new territory in the civil rights field.

"We've lost a great leader," Masaoka said. "What JACL has accomplished is pretty much a dream come true for Dr. Yatabe and Saburo Kido, whom we also lost this year. We must have a renewed dedication to JACL and toward helping all people of Japanese ancestry."

In San Francisco, Karl Nobuyuki, JACL national executive director, said: "Prior to the inception of JACL and formulation of the American Loyalty League, Dr. Yatabe stood as a beacon of encouragement to all Japanese Americans. His courage in times of adversity will always remain as a symbol of strength and wisdom. His spirit will forever remain with us at JACL."

Shig Wakamatsu of Chicago, another past national president, said: "He was the type who was always there. He was the original. A resource person. He befriended me when I was president. I always could depend upon him. It's really an end of an era."

In Los Angeles, past national president K. Patrick Okura of Washington, D.C., (in town for several meetings) said: "No one person in JACL commanded more respect. His leadership and eloquence will always be in my mind and heart." Okura remembered as executive secretary of the Los Angeles JACL office he had first met Yatabe in 1937.

Yatabe's commitment to the Issei cause was one driving force behind his solid belief in JACL. "You have to give credit to our Issei parents," he once said in an interview. "They refused to send us to a segregated school. Even though they, themselves, were not citizens, they thought of their children's constitutional rights as Americans and they fought back on that basis."

In 1958 after Chicago Issei honored the Nisei at a testimonial, Yatabe responded:

"What we Nisei and the JACL have done for the Issei have been mostly in the legislative field, but even here if it were not for the Issei help and cooperation, it would not have been very easy. We have a lot to learn from our elders—the sense of cooperation, Giri, and their keen sense of Tsukiai."

Procuring naturalization privileges for the Issei was one of the four target areas Yatabe and JACL undertook in 1934. The others were an amendment to the Cable Act which abridged the U.S. citizenship of Nisei women who had married alien Issei; citizenship for Oriental veterans of World War I and establishment of a \$100,000 endowment fund.

All the goals were eventually realized, but none would have been possible were it not for his persistence in founding ALL.

The group's beginning actually came under unlikely circumstances. Just out of Univ. of California Dental College in 1918, Yatabe was one of the "older" Nisei in the Bay Area trying to overcome the prevailing discrimination and land a job. Of those years, he said:

"We realized that our biggest drawback was that it sort of created a mental block in the minds of a lot of fellow Americans. We needed something to counteract this, to 'educate' and to get across to the American public that we were loyal American citizens."

The result was ALL. By 1922, Yatabe has established a growing dental practice in Fresno, Calif., where he found the Issei community comprised of progressive men who operated large land-holdings despite the existing anti-Alien Land Law.

The law, coupled with a vicious "yellow press" reaffirmed to Yatabe the need for a united Japanese American effort in conquering the antagonism.

Eventually, a statewide meeting of Nisei groups was held in San Francisco in May, 1923. Yatabe urged the meeting's delegates to organize chapters and become active in community affairs. About 15 chapters with 300 members were formed throughout northern and central California. Yatabe was the first president of the Fresno ALL.

From 1924 to 1929, his main efforts were directed to keep the ALL chapters going. He conceded it wasn't an easy task.

Then in 1929 a conference in San Francisco met to form the National Japanese American Citizens League (JACL).

Most sensitive part of that conference was deciding on the group's name. Yatabe opposed the name because it carried a racial connotation. Others supported the name for just that reason.

Thus, the Fresno JACL chapter is said to have remained special to the doctor for its namesake—it is still known as the Fresno ALL chapter of the JACL.

While JACL held its first national convention in 1930, it did not have its first national president until 1934. Yatabe was elected.

JACL matured steadily, its growth only to be disrupted by the Evacuation order of 1942—an event that became the most bitter of all the doctor's long experiences.

Yatabe and his family were interned at the Jerome (Ark.) Relocation Center. After arriving there in November, he was summoned to Salt Lake City for an emergency national JACL meeting. Attending that meeting had severe consequences for Yatabe. Upon returning to camp, his life was threatened.

"My glasses flew off in one direction and the next thing I knew I was on the floor under a pile of bodies. A pair of shears was coming down and I remember gripping a wrist..."

His injuries laid him up for a month.

The family left the camp in April, 1943, to resettle in Chicago, where Yatabe was asked to head the JACL office on Madison St.

Then 46, he set aside hopes of starting a new dental practice and accepted the \$125-a-month JACL position. Again, the task of educating people of the Japanese American loyalty and breaking down employment and housing barriers was undertaken.

In 1943-44, he completed with Ruby Yoshino (Schaar) and Pvt. Tommy Higa of the 442nd two extended speaking tours outside

the Chicago area with a \$5,000 grant from the Carnegie Endowment Fund for Peace.

Touring the east coast, Yatabe spoke of the Japanese American plight in every major city between Boston and Washington. On the midwest tour, his family accompanied him.

With the Chicago chapter fully established, Yatabe resumed his dental profession in 1945, but he remained active in civic affairs and fund-raising projects.

In 1959, the Olivet Institute in Chicago recognized Yatabe for his work done in raising \$6,000. In 1973, his "home" chapter in Fresno welcomed him at its golden anniversary dinner.

The recipient of countless testimonials throughout his career, the "greatest tribute he had ever received" was in June, 1975, when the Chicago JACL began a scholarship fund in his name. The award is made annually to a graduating high school student.

Yatabe had married the former Mary Tsumaru of Santa Rosa in November, 1923, and together they continued the fight.

His memories of the earlier days were of hard times, yet fulfilling ones. Like the times he and Mary had to serve oodles of hot dogs to attract people to chapter meetings. Or the time he missed the first JACL Convention in 1930 because his son Dudley was about to be born.

The exasperating times were easy to laugh about. "What we didn't do to keep the chapters alive!" Mary once lamented.

"I can't recall how many times (Mary) had her bags packed and ready to go home because of JACL," Yatabe once said, smiling at his wife at the same time. "And she still may do just that yet!" he laughed.

For years JACL was his home. "We have accomplished much, far more than we had ever anticipated which is a credit to the fine leadership JACL has been able to mold," he said of JACL's 25th anniversary.

"These accomplishments must be kept permanent and unblemished, a responsibility that we have brought upon ourselves. Thus, the JACL's work has not finished but requires a wider vigilance to still protect and improve our future welfare."

"Yes, JACL has come a long ways." —Pat Tashima

Administering oath of office...



Dr. Tom Yatabe (left) administers oath of office to newly-elected National JACL officers at the 1952 San Francisco convention. Pictured at right are the late Harold Gordon (partially hidden by lampshade), Dr. Roy Nishikawa, Pat Okura, the late Tom Hayashi and George Inagaki.

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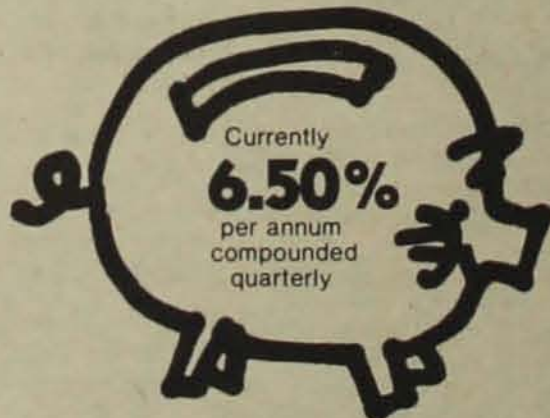
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Comments, letters & features

'Grand-daddy of JACL'

A group of Nisei in their early 20s gathered in the fall of 1919 at the San Francisco Japanese YMCA, then situated on Post St. between Webster and Buchanan, for a bull session. Discussion centered about how and why they should vote for certain candidates and propositions. Anti-Orientalism was quite the vogue at the time, much of it directed from labor groups. The Nisei were thus motivated to make it known to the public they were American citizens and cared about the communities in which they lived.

A stalwart titan of that group, Dr. Thomas T. Yatabe, passed away Nov. 14 and it was his recollection of how the Nisei Movement began that is summarized in the preceding paragraph. It is also pretty much the story of JACL, which is about to celebrate its golden jubilee in 1980.

More profound and inspiring is realizing that "Doc" possessed a life-long commitment of keeping faith in America, encouraging civic responsibility and dedicating his time and talent to democracy in action. He personified the true aspirations of the Nisei generation and wore well the gracious tag, "Grand-daddy of JACL", a title accorded him at JACL's first national convention east of The Mississippi in 1950 in Chicago, where he had resettled.

The "grand-daddy" name was apt because of his leadership with the American Loyalty League, which he helped found in the 1920s in San Francisco and for establishing in 1923 a chapter in Fresno, which has retained the historic affiliation to this day.

The American Loyalty League had flourished briefly in many California Japanese communities, but it became defunct because of a lack of leadership and the average age of its members (15)—a frustrating situation that the Jr. JACL and now the JAYS understand.

The Nisei Movement was to be revived

in 1929 when Nisei leaders from seven communities between Seattle and Imperial Valley convened in San Francisco.

At the 1934 national convention, when the JACL constitution was revised and called for a national president, Dr. Yatabe was elected to that office. In the preceding bienniums, the convention chairman served in the leadership role nationally—for the JACL at this time was a league of autonomous local chapters which gathered as a district each year and as a national group every two years.

While the structure of JACL has evolved to accommodate over 100 chapters and 30,000 dues-paying members, the underlying motivation and philosophy have endured unchanged from the outset of the Nisei movement. Dr. Yatabe pinpointed it well, when he said: "The motivating factor behind the strength of JACL has been the unselfish cooperation of the chapters and its membership to a principle—equality, justice, brotherhood and truth. These are the fundamentals, whether we have realized it or not, that gained for us the respect we now hold."

"Doc" Yatabe's pioneering accomplishments tempered the heartaches, disappointments and criticism that were part of the growing pains prior to the Evacuation. Through the traumatic Second World War, he helped pave the way for evacuees to resettle in the Midwest and East by preaching the Nisei message to a wider audience. And as JACL's elder statesman in the postwar years, promoting the welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry in America and contributing to the community were the simple truths by which he continued to live.

JACL's work is still unfinished as inimical forces continue to assault the principle upon which the Nisei Movement was founded: equality, justice, brotherhood and truth.

From Happy Valley: Sachi Seko

Funds for Your Dreams

Mark Tsuyuki couldn't possibly remember our first meeting. He was only two or three months old then. His grandmother had been carrying him at a benefit program in the old Buddhist Church basement. She wanted to return him to his mother because he was fussing. It was crowded in the church that night.

His grandmother decided the simplest method was to ask that he be passed along the row. We have often been asked to relay other articles like a dollar bill or a handkerchief down a row, but this was our first experience in helping pass a baby. I guess it was for most people, because there were a lot of smiles.

I was reminded of this the other night (Nov. 4), when we shared our dinner table at Salt Lake JACL's annual general meeting with Mark and Pat Tsuyuki among others. Mark is presently a member of the chapter board.

One of the concerns of the JACL elders has been the continuation of culture and tradition. I confess that being a low-brow of sorts, I don't always understand what this means. When everyone else is talking about aesthetic heritage, I feel a bit underprivileged.

But when it comes to something less ancient in origin, I can tune in. Endowment funds and scholarships are of this category. Although the programs have received Issei assistance, the concept and administration are clearly Nisei. What I like about this kind of tradition is that Mark and I, who are a generation apart, can talk about it. We are equally concerned with the preservation of the program.

Most chapters of JACL across the country distribute their share of scholarships. Various methods have been employed to raise money for such programs.

Beyond the monetary worth, Salt Lake JACL's scholarship money has a sentimental value. It is a genuine legacy. In 1958, almost twenty years ago, the 15th Biennial National JACL Convention was held in this city. The profits from that convention were used to establish the Salt Lake JACL Endowment Fund.

The men and women who served on the initial committee were Ichiro Doi, Rae Fujimoto, Rupert Hachiya, Sue Kaneko, Henry Kasai, Kay Terashima and Mas Yano.

Most of the interest from the fund was used for the distribution of scholarships. In an occasional year, the money was diverted to other uses. The fund started with a little over \$7,000 in 1959. By 1974 it was up to \$8,500.

In 1974, the endowment fund committee asked the JACL board to permit them to try to increase the amount. Various suggestions for investing the money for a higher ratio of profit were discussed.

One of the suggestions was investing in growth stocks. But in 1973 it was reported that the National JACL Endowment Fund had suffered a setback with its conversion to a 100% growth oriented stock portfolio. The market had fluctuated, raising the value as high as \$601,931 in 1968-69 and lowering it to \$385,000 in 1970-71.

As we make our own passage in time, we are sometimes forgetful that the young also reach their maturity. They often do it in ways which surpass us. Some rapidly exceed the small expectations we held for ourselves.

Part of it is because of the times they were born in, but most of it is because of their own determination. Like Mark, some who are relatively young already enjoy positions of power and prestige in the larger community. Mark is the manager of a branch of Valley Bank and Trust. He is the first Sansei or Nisei bank manager in Utah that we know of.

It has been said that JACL needs new, young blood. Over the years we have noticed the arrival and departure of a few new names. But JACL essentially remains a changeless group, at least in terms of leadership. If the common measure of middle age is 35 to 60, we may be dangling on the edge of being an aged organization.

JACL has failed to attract large numbers of Sansei. With the increasing availability of other social and recreational outlets, most Sansei prefer to devote their time and energy elsewhere.

Although the Salt Lake JACL Endowment Fund was minuscule in comparison, a lesson was learned about the responsibility for community money. So the money was invested conservatively in a bank savings certificate and the National JACL Credit Union. That fund today is \$10,000.

This is not a tremendous sum. But what is laudable is that the original \$7,000 and more are still intact. Other programs have come and gone, most have been for the night or year, but the endowment fund and scholarships continue.

Not one cent has been misspent. Not one committee member has asked to be reimbursed for postage, envelopes or mileage. All administrative work has been performed by volunteers. It has remained loyal to the concept that JACL is a voluntary organization.

The fund has been administered by various men and women over the years. They have shown a common spirit, a need to protect the fund. As its care has been transmitted from committee to committee, it has not been the mere transfer of responsibility, but the conveyance of a sacred trust.

The fund represents an unselfish vision of its seven originators. It was a gift to generations who were unborn when it was designed. Each person who has served on the committee has been a guardian of that vision. And each on has realized an obligation to convey the gift to its rightful heirs.

As time forces the yielding of Nisei power, we have wondered about the kind of men and women who will replace us as conservators of funds like these. Will they appreciate its history and vision? Will it remain traditional?

Eventually the administration of the endowment fund will rest in the hands of young men and women like Mark and Pat Tsuyuki. I think we can be assured of its preservation.

Beyond their personal integrity, they have a special reason. Her name is Lori Ann and she is nine years old. We also have an interest in her because we met Lori Ann in her first week of her life. Pat tells me she has decided to become a dancer.

I am certain the originators of the fund will be pleased to know that one day Lori Ann Tsuyuki will be eligible to compete for the JACL scholarships. I know they rely on present and future caretakers of their vision to guarantee that the money is there. That's what endowment funds are built for, to help push young dreams along.

JACL National Reparation Committee:

Comments on the Concept

PART FOUR

The first three presentations focused on the why and the why not of reparation for Japanese Americans incarcerated here in the United States during World War II. There is very little doubt today that the act was unnecessary and a racially inspired injustice.

Many Americans are not aware of the extent of the German reparations (restitutions, as the Germans prefer to call it) to the Jewish victims of the Third Reich. We are not implying that the conditions were the same in Germany and in the United States. We are not that naive.

Jews experienced the horrors of death camps. The Japanese Americans experienced the agonies and frustrations of innocent prisoners incarcerated for indeterminate time. Both were behind barb wired compounds with armed guards. Both were prisoners of their own country. Both were there without charges and only because of their ancestry.

Japanese Americans and others who are against reparation point to the horrendous casualties of the war due to enemy actions. Sufferings of the Jews in Germany and the Japanese Americans in the United States were at the hands of their own government, not enemy actions.

Would reparation place a price tag on freedom and justice? Does a damage suit awarded for homicide put a price tag on life? Hardly.

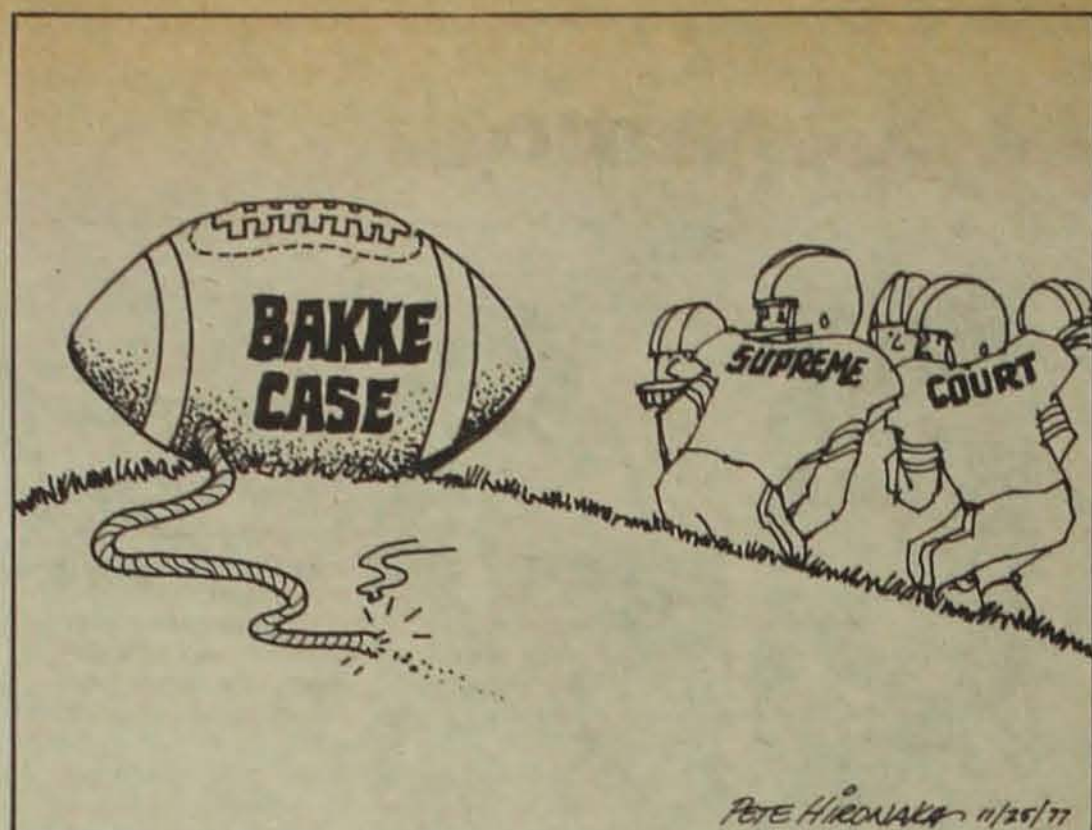
A monetary award is what the American judicial system uses to compensate the victim because it cannot bring a person back to life. Freedom and justice, once taken away, also cannot be fully restored. Reparation is not a handout.

To argue that many Nisei are not impoverished and therefore do not deserve monetary compensation is to argue that Japanese Americans can be denied their rights as American citizens with no repercussions. The wealth or poverty of Japanese Americans has nothing to do with their right to be free from imprisonment, their right to constitutional safeguard. In the legal arena, economic status is irrelevant to the damages given a deserving plaintiff.

The bottom line on the reluctance to ask for reparations is fear—fear of what their non-Japanese friends would say or think, fear of reawakening their own feelings which have been so long suppressed, fear of becoming the center of controversy again, fear of being thought of as an aggressor.

The Nisei's desire to be quiet and be infinitely patient in the face of unjust hostility had its place. This is 1977. We need not continue to unjustly punish ourselves in order to gain the respect of the American people. Both America and Nisei have grown and matured. The admiration of the American people will be greater as we become more responsible citizens, not only toward others but to ourselves as well.

The manner in which reparations are sought is important to many Nikkei. Individuals versus trust fund as recipients has generated intense discussions. These will be reviewed in our next presentation.



U-no Bar: Raymond S. Uno

Breakthrough

Salt Lake City

In all areas of human achievement, a plateau is reached when it appears that no progress is being made, things are at a standstill, and, perhaps, all that can be done has been done. Then, all of a sudden, there is a breakthrough which provides the ingredients for additional progress, sometimes in geometric progression.

We are looking for some breakthroughs at the 1978 National JACL Biennial Convention in Salt Lake City during the week of July 17-22. As plans are slowly being developed, many exciting and challenging ideas are being suggested and explored.

Dr. Min Masuda of Seattle has suggested a follow-up on the Nisei Retirement Project because of the interest generated by the various conferences to date. This suggestion is being incorporated into our Convention format. In order to properly secure the most up-to-date, accurate and reliable information relating to Nisei retirement, it will be necessary to secure the cooperation of all of the JACL Chapters throughout the United States, and also the various District Councils.

Mrs. Betty Kozasa, director, Asian American Voluntary Action Center in Los Angeles, has suggested inclusion of leadership training, volunteerism and advocacy. These are valuable and important suggestions which we will work into our planning.

At the last Convention Board meeting, it was approved to proceed with a plan to secure a limited number of homes to assist hard-

ship cases to defray expenses of lodging during the Convention. Tubber Okuda, our Chapter treasurer, suggested this idea based on experiences he has had with another organization to which he belongs and he relates it has proved very successful. Many of us have opened our homes to visiting Japanese students, tourists, businessmen, etc. Why not for our own group here in the United States?

Although a joint adult and youth convention is a thing of the past, the JAYs will be holding their convention in Salt Lake City the week before our convention. The youth that come to Salt Lake are invited to stay over and attend part or all of the JACL Convention. I think our program will be interesting, challenging and worthwhile for them.

Because of the scope and challenge of the coming Convention, it is hoped we can obtain funding from various sources to help defray the expenses of conducting the various workshops and programs we have planned.

If any of you can suggest sources from which funds can be obtained, please let

me know. We are confident that the uniqueness of the Convention and the potential for generating very positive results will be an extremely valuable contribution for all future JACL Conventions and programs as well as having a substantial impact on what the people of Japanese ancestry can and will do in the coming future of this country.

Yes, we need a breakthrough! We need your help and cooperation to do this. We want your ideas and suggestions. We want your participation. We want your attendance.

Start your thinking. Start your planning. Bring your family. Encourage your friends to do likewise.

We need you. We want you and we will promise to make this one of the most interesting, memorable and exciting Conventions you will ever attend; providing you help us.

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JACLers living outside the U.S. subscribing to the Pacific Citizen in the past have had to pay \$2 more for postage. As the renewal campaign for 1978 begins, they are hereby notified that the additional postage will be \$3 per year. Only exceptions are those who receive mail via APO or FPO.

By CHIZ SATOW

San Francisco

Year 1977 is fading away and 1978 is coming. It also means JACL chapters everywhere are changing guards. From here on for a while, National board and staff members will be making the banquet circuit to install new officers.

Which brings me back to the JACL Satow era. When we were informed of a new chapter president, he or she was promptly sent the JACL President's Notebook (now out-of-print). One copy was located recently among my many convention and bowling tournament booklets. It is dated "1965 Revised" and contains the following components (in this order):

- 1—JACL Policy Statements.
- 2—Installation of Officers.
- 3—Membership Assimilation.
- 4—Suggestions for General Chapter Meetings.
- 5—Suggestions for Leading a Discussion.
- 6—Why Do People Accept Responsibility?
- 7—Registration of Voters.
- 8—On Writing Letters to Congressmen.



From the Frying Pan: Bill Hosokawa

The Mailbag

Denver, Colo.

No matter how much some Japanese Americans may deplore stereotypes that depict them as diligent, persistent over-achievers, there are numbers of them around that fit the mold. Witness this sampling that has reached my desk recently through the mails:

Mary L. Miyakawa of Waldport, Ore., writes that her husband, Ed, has completed a novel about the evacuation experience after a dozen years, off and on, of effort. The manuscript is now being read by publishers. The story begins in Sacramento's Japan town and comes to a climax in the turmoil of the segregated Tule Lake camp.

"We took turns working through the years, various and sundry jobs," Mary Miyakawa writes, "and although Ed is a licensed architect he did not pursue a practice until the last year and a half because it would have taken him from this driving force to write this book." Meanwhile, they have been rearing a family of five adopted children of varying ethnic backgrounds.

It is impossible not to admire their faith and dedication. I wish them much success with their book. I use the plural form for even though Ed may have written it, his wife certainly had a major part in its creation.

The next note is from Florence Yoshikawa of San Mateo, Calif., reporting the Japanese American Curriculum Project, a non-profit organization staffed by Japanese American educators, has completed eight years of operations. It was founded in 1969 to meet a need for school material on Japanese Americans. Besides operating what is called "the largest Japanese American bookstore in the nation," the members have produced film strips and assembled documentary materials. You can write to JACP, Inc., Box 367, San Mateo, Calif. 94401 for a catalogue.

This project was launched with a \$4,000 grant from JACL. There has been no outside funding since, but they now would

welcome help so that services can be expanded. This, obviously, is no passing fancy.

From the other side of the continent, Teru Kanazawa of New York reports that a fledgling organization called Asian American Resource Center (199 Lafayette St., 7th fl., New York 10012) is finalizing plans for a publication. It will be called "The AARChives" and subtitled, "Asian American Expression." "There is a network of Asian Americans at work throughout the country busy collecting, organizing and disseminating Asian American history," she writes. "We will proceed, then, with our plans to have the AARChives serve the very timely function of coordinating this work." It will take a lot of hard work to publish a new magazine, and even more to keep it going, but these young people are willing to expend the effort.

Finally, a note from David C. Moore of Phoenix whose comments on the Bakke case, discussed in this space, are related in somewhat peripheral fashion to the subject of today's column. He writes:

"It seems to me that everyone concerned has overlooked an important facet of the case. It is this: If any distinguishable minority is not required to comply with the same standards (scholastic, behavioral, employment, etc.) that the non-minority segment of the population must measure up to, will not the 'favored' minority then be judged as being less capable than those who must contend with harsher standards? Would they then not be perpetrating a continuance of the discrimination against them—in a new area? I fear that the case has engendered so much more emotion than thought that it may be decided on that basis, which would be most destructive to all of us."

David Moore's point has not escaped many members of minority groups. They want it known they made good on their own merits without benefit of special concessions, but they also acknowledge the need for affirmative action. □

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I am delighted that JACL has made a real comeback by hitting an all-time high in membership in spite of the reverse image of the past biennium or so.

To the National JACL Board and Staff: Take a bow! You must be doing something right! Of course, much credit must go to individual chapters who are bringing in the new members ... As it always has been, the heart of the organization lies in the chapters and districts which make the difference of whether we attract new members or lose the old ones.

And credit is shared by all chapter presidents who must steer a positive course of action which can only lead to satisfying results and contributing to their good and the good of others.

We bow our heads in grateful Thanksgiving for what we have. □

Meeting postponed

SAN DIEGO, Calif.—The fifth in a series of Nisei retirement project meetings for Nov. 25 has been rescheduled for January, it was announced by Mas Hironaka, local JACL president, because of the traditional holidays.

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Calendar, pulse & memos

18 share \$5,000 in student aid from Hagiwara Fund

SAN FRANCISCO — The seventh annual Abe Hagiwara Student Aid grants have been awarded to 18 students from across the country. Thirteen females and five males from seven districts will share in the \$5,000 which is awarded on

the basis of financial need and motivation.

Forty-one applications were received and reviewed by the selection committee headed by Al Kubota of Salt Lake City. The Intermountain District committee took into consideration a written application, letters of reference and personal statements of the applicants.

The Hagiwara grants are made in the name of a Midwest JACler who was actively involved with youth both within JACL and in the greater community.

This year's awards were boosted by a generous donation of \$1,000 from Mr. and Mrs. Tak Moriguchi of Moorestown, N.J. The Moriguchis also sponsor a JACL National Scholarship.

The memorial fund received a donation from the Pacific Southwest District Scholarship Foundation. The PSW District initiated the Student Aid concept in the late '60s and then worked to have the program adopted at the National level.

Names of recipients are not being published due to the personal nature of the financial criteria. Any student attending high school, college, trade or technical school was eligible to apply. The individual grants ranged in amounts from \$200 to \$450.

Assisting Kubota on the selection committee were: Ron Aramaki, Alice Kasai, Karen Hashimoto, Betty Kubota, and Raymond Uno, all of Salt Lake City.

Las Vegas to host DC meet

SAN FRANCISCO — Date has been changed for the NC-WNDC first quarterly session at Las Vegas from Feb. 3 at the Sahara to Feb. 11 at the new Maxim Hotel on the strip, it was announced by George Kondo, regional director.

Change was due to lack of accommodations with a Lions Club convention the first weekend.

Chuck Kubokawa, district governor, had requested chapters in his 32-member district which had not hosted a quarterly session to consider dates in 1978.

Mrs. Ruby Eaves, who attended the last quarterly meeting Nov. 6 at San Jose, had taken offers from several hotels for the meeting and the Sahara Hotel had been selected. The Las Vegas delegate is an assistant to the city manager.

San Benito County, it was further noted, had indicated it will make arrangements for the May quarterly session while Florin JACL has invited delegates to the November, 1978, meeting.

'Ochiba' attracts 400



The recent Berkeley and Contra Costa JACL scholarship benefit luncheon and fashion show attracted 400 people at Hs Lordship's. Participants included (from left) models Irene Takahashi



and Ben Takeshita and commentator Jan Yanehiro, local TV newsprogram hostess. Grace Goto (CC) and Jean Kita (B) were in charge of the joint chapter activity.



Seattle to host next PNW meet

SEATTLE, Wash.—The Pacific Northwest JACL District Council will meet Dec. 10-11 at two locales, it was announced by Cherry Kinoshita, president of the Seattle JACL hosting the weekend session.

The delegates will meet Saturday night from 7:30 at Nisei Vets Committee Hall, 1215 King St., and continue Sunday morning at Greenwood Inn, 625-116th NE in Bellevue (Exit 13 off I-405). The chapter will have its annual potluck at the NVC Hall Saturday, 9:30 p.m., with all PNW delegates invited.

For overnight reservations, with Greenwood Inn, call (206-455-9444).

Contra Costa

Contra Costa JACL's annual New Year's Eve party will be held at El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane with buffet, drinks and dancing from 9:30 p.m. till 1:30.

Event is being co-sponsored with Alameda JACL, Berkeley JACL, and the Oakland Buddhist Church. Tickets at \$12.50 per person are obtainable from:

Dan Uesugi (524-2749), John Shinagawa (222-0141) and Ted Iida (234-0881).

The chapter board will meet Dec. 2 to elect new officers for the coming year. Board is comprised of 18 members, the two-year term staggered so that half is elected each year, it was announced by William Nakatani, chapter president.

Eden Township

On Dec. 17, the Eden Township JAYs are holding

their annual chicken teriyaki dinner fundraiser. The box dinners are prepared in the morning and sold between 3 and 5 p.m. at the Japanese Community Center in San Lorenzo.

The proceeds will fund the coming year's activities. The Eden Township JAYs hold an Easter Egg Hunt and other parties for the patients at Agnews State Hospital. The funds will also go toward sending members to the Biennial Convention this summer in Salt Lake City, a chapter retreat to the snow, and the JAYs Annual Scholarship.

Fremont

Fremont JACL's calendar in December starts with installation dinner and an Issei pioneer night combination on Saturday, Dec. 3, 6:30 p.m. at Sakura Gardens Restaurant, Mountain View.

The new chapter board have its first meeting on Dec. 7, 7:30 p.m. at the Northern California S&L Community Room in Fremont.

The annual Christmas party will be held on Saturday, Dec. 17, 7:30 p.m. at the Sangha Hall of the Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church in Union City.

Idaho Falls

Clarke Kido was re-elected Idaho Falls JACL president and installed with his 1978 cabinet officers at a recent dinner held at the JACL Hall on First St. Mayor Eddie Pedersen and his wife were special guests. Sud Morishita was emcee.

The mayor who has served for several terms will be stepping down into retirement in a few months. He is remembered by longtime JACLers here as a friend of the local Japanese American community and supporter of the local JACL.

New York

To replenish the Lucile Nakamura Memorial Scholarship Fund, general JACL scholarship fund and chapter treasury, the New York JACL will present its Holiday Feast

and white elephant sale Dec. 3, 2-8 p.m., at the Japanese American United Church.

Broiled flank steak will be featured at the dinner. Henry Iijima is Holiday Feast chairman.

Sacramento

Three past Sacramento JACL presidents, Kiyo Sato Viacrusis ('50), Bill Matsumoto ('51), and Ginji Mizutani ('52) will be honored for their contribution and support of JACL and the community at the installation dinner-dance Nov. 26 at the Red Lion Motor Inn.

Festivities begin at 6 p.m. with a no-host cocktail hour, followed by 7 p.m. dinner and program. Dancing to Joe Kline's orchestra concludes the evening at 12:30 a.m.

Don Ito will be installed as new chapter president. His wife Sandie will be the Sacramento women's auxiliary president.

West Los Angeles

West Los Angeles JACL Women's Auxiliary will have its annual Christmas party Dec. 4 at Latitude 20, a supper club in the South Bay. Mrs. Mitsu Sonoda was elected 1978 president at a recent dinner meeting held at Yamato Restaurant and installed with her cabinet officers at the chapter installation dinner.

Calendar

Nov. 25-26
IDC—Dist Conv, Wasatch Front North JACL hosts: Holiday Inn, Ogden; Sen Orrin Hatch, banq splr.
Chicago—Asian American Art Fair, Midwest Buddhist Temple.

Nov. 25-27
MDYC—Cleveland JAYs hosts: Fall Workshop, Hospitality Inn, Independence.

West Los Angeles—Mother Lode Tahoe tour, lv Mahood Ctr 8 a.m. Fri, ret 8 p.m. Sun.

Nov. 26 (Saturday)
Sacramento—Inst dnr-dance, Red Lion Inn, 6 p.m.
Washington, D.C.—Gen mtg, River Rd Unitarian Church, Bethesda, 7:30 p.m.; Panel: Nisei retirement.
San Diego—Inst dnr, Tom Ham's Lighthouse, Harbor Is, 7 p.m.; Harry Kubo, spkr.

Nov. 28 (Monday)
Fresno—Bd mtg, Cal 1st Bank, 1330 E Shaw, 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 2 (Friday)
Contra Costa—Bd mtg.

Dec. 3 (Saturday)
Chicago—Inst dnr-dance, Case & Cover, 666 N Lake Shore Dr; George Wakiji, spkr.

Contra Costa—Christmas party.
Houston—Christmas party, Mercantile Bank Bldg.

Fremont—Inst dnr, Sakura Restaurant, Mtn View, 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 4 (Sunday)
Cincinnati—Inst dnr, Congress Inn.
Washington, D.C.—Bd mtg, Irene Enokida's res.

Seabrook—Sr Cit Night, Buddhist Hall, 6 p.m.

West Los Angeles—Auxy Christmas party, Latitude 20.

Dec. 7 (Wednesday)
Orange County—Mtg, Cal 1st Bank, 7:30 p.m.

Fremont—Bd Mtg, No Calif S&L, 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 8 (Thursday)
Salt Lake—Bd Mtg, Jimi Mitsunaga res, 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 10 (Saturday)
Chicago—Christmas party.
Mid-Columbia—Christmas party.
St. Louis—Christmas party.

Dec. 10-11
PNWDC—Qtrly session, Seattle JACL hosts: Sat—NVC Hall, 7:30 p.m.; Sun—Greenwood Inn, Bellevue, 9 a.m.

Dec. 11 (Sunday)
Stockton—Christmas party.
Philadelphia—Christmas party.
Friends School, Moorestown, N.J., 2:30 p.m.

Dec. 12 (Monday)
Las Vegas—Mtg, Osaka Restaurant, 8 p.m.

Alameda—Mtg, Buena Vista Methodist Church, 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 13 (Tuesday)
Sequoia—Bd Mtg, Palo Alto Issei Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 14 (Wednesday)
Washington—Bd Mtg, Fumi Ike res, 8 p.m.

Dec. 16-18
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PSW regional office budget shows tight spending ways

LOS ANGELES—Glen Isomoto, PSWDC regional director, gave his annual report at the fall quarterly district council session Nov. 13 at Little Tokyo Towers verbally. Had it been written, surely it would not have been as time-consuming and the agenda would have flowed as scheduled.

But his oral review of the seven major programs this year were incisive and illuminating.

With respect to the office budget, he has kept spending to a minimum. The 1977 year opened with a \$2,100 balance and as of Nov. 11, it grew to a little over \$4,000. Income and various reimbursements came to \$9,200 while expenses were \$7,300. While an \$8.14 item for cockroach traps did not escape attention, a staff analysis was requested of the cost-effectiveness of all office equipment in view of \$3,200 (43% of all expenses) being expended on lease agreements and maintenance contracts.

Isomoto reported the proposal to have four CETA positions added to the office had been recommended for approval by the Los Angeles City Council. It would set up a health and social service information desk and a youth community involvement section.

While giving a report on the ad hoc committee on the Bakke Decision, Masamune Kojima said he preferred JACL got more involved with the Minnick case because it shows a Japanese American who made it to the top (Jerry Enomoto) was working for more minorities to be employed in his department. The lower court has sustained Minnick's charge that affirmative action was "reverse discrimination" to

tie up Enomoto's efforts.

Other programs involving the regional office were the Nisei pre-retirement project, involving Saturday morning sessions once a month at the new Japanese Union Church starting next February; establishing a one-stop service center to dispense social service help in Little Tokyo (preferably at the new Japanese American Cultural and Community Center about to be constructed); pending office move from the old Nishi Hongwanji third floor of 355 E. 1st St., in month or so to the ground-level quarters at 125 N. Central Ave., and an update on the JACL permanent home at the community center.

It was revealed the JACCC hopes that the rental structure would be in the 35 to 50 cent per square foot range for nonprofit, tax-exempt groups such as JACL; but that more concrete figures

on utilities, maintenance, etc., are needed before a final rental figure can be set.

Isomoto further noted that since the move in June to the third floor, the number of visitors to the regional office has dribbled to about a dozen per week whereas at the Sun Bldg. it was 10 times that. The difference, he felt, was due to a lack of an elevator in the 355 E. 1st St. building.

For lack of a meeting space, the district council executive meetings have been held away from the regional office. Isomoto was told the ground-level quarters would be ready by the end of November but he's not counting on it as he heard that song back in July that it would be by the end of August.

NC-WNDC elects new directors

SAN JOSE, Calif. — The Northern California-Western Nevada District Council meeting here Nov. 6 elected six new executive board members who will serve two years while Chuck Kubokawa of Sequoia will complete his biennium as district governor this coming year. The new board and holdover members are:

Floyd Shimomura (Sacramento), Ben Takeshita (Contra Costa), Donald Mayeda (West Valley), Walter Terui (Fremont), John Tateishi (Marin County) and Dr. Tom Takeda (San Jose).

Holdover: George Baba (Stockton), Ich Nishida (Eden Township), Ko Nishimura (West Valley), Stephen Nakashima (West Valley), Mats Murata (French Camp), Chris Noma (San Francisco JAYS) and Wesley Doi (San Francisco, imm past gov.

KAWAGOE

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Mrs. Kawagoe conceded she will have to do a lot of "homework" on the assessor's position, but doesn't mind.

"When my husband and I first went into the flower business, I had to read books from front to back. I did my homework, but when I got through, I knew all there was to know about flowers," she laughed.

"I look at the county assessor's position as more administrative than technical," she continued. "And my job as city clerk, as well, is administrative. Those kinds of skills are almost synonymous. I believe the things I have been able to incorporate as city clerk will help."

With Watson's disability retirement last Oct. 5, 19 of the state's 58 assessors since the 1974 elections have either left office or announced plans to quit after their terms expired, according to a recent Los Angeles Times survey.

Skyrocketing property taxes and the growing controversy surrounding the position have made assessors vulnerable to public attack and hostility from boards of supervisors.

Watson's retirement was such an instance. Though not indicted by the grand jury, the former assessor retired amidst accusations he misused the office during

PSWDC installs 10-member board

LOS ANGELES—Ten members were elected to the PSWDC executive board at the Nov. 13 quarterly session here at the Little Tokyo Towers. Vice governor Paul Tsuneishi was elevated to the governorship. Serving with him are:

Deni Uejima (San Gabriel Valley), vg; Joe Fletcher (Gardena Valley), treas; Masamune Kojima (West L.A.), sec; Wiley Higuchi (Hollywood), Mas Dobashi (East L.A.), Fred Hoshiyama (Venice-Culver), George Tsujimoto (Pasadena), Vernon Yoshio (San Diego) and Alice Nishikawa (Wilshire), bd membs.

Gardenans reject redevelopment idea

GARDENA, Calif.—No more than 2,600 of the 15,839 registered voters turned out for the special redevelopment agency election Nov. 15. A 70 pct. majority rejected the proposition. Mas Fukai was the lone city councilman who opposed the measure.



Helen Kawagoe

his last campaign.

Yet all this does not diminish Mrs. Kawagoe's hopes.

"It (the survey) doesn't discourage me, absolutely not," she said. "That's what life's all about. You make it what you want it to be."

"I know nobody loves the assessor. But how do you know where to look for reform until you get in there? You can't make any judgments until you're in office. And I'm not going to worry about the article," she said.

While waiting for her interview date, Mrs. Kawagoe will delve into the finer points of being an assessor—that, and settle down a little. "It happened so rapidly," she said. "Isn't it just incredible?"

—Pat Tashima

Pac/Asian Coalition directors meet

LOS ANGELES—The Pacific/Asian Coalition national board of directors met Nov. 18-20 at the Biltmore Hotel here to review its status as a NIMH-funded group and efforts to become self-sufficient through membership. Among those present were:

Dr. Mary Watanabe of Philadelphia, board president; Kenji Murase, San Francisco, principal investigator; Roy Hirabayashi, San Jose, nat'l coordinator; Royal Morales, Los Angeles, board member.

Radio Li'l Tokyo set for 25th gala

LOS ANGELES—Radio Li'l Tokyo will celebrate its 25th year of broadcasting Dec. 3 with a gala dinner-dance at the Palladium. Mas Hamasu will emcee; Shig Maeda's quintet will play at dinner, Manny Harmon's Orchestra will provide dance music, it was announced by Matsuo Uwate of Radio Li'l Tokyo.



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Sunflower struggle to survive may cut use of insecticides

COLLEGE PARK, Md.—The struggle for survival against a menacing species of flies has prompted certain sunflower plants to call on the aid of ants—through a little enticement, that is.

David W. Inouye of the Univ. of Maryland, has discovered that a variety of the Rocky Mountain Sunflower protects itself from the dreaded picture-wing fly with a sugar-laden excretion that attracts ants.

The ants then feed on the flies, which like to lay their eggs in the plants' flower.

Inouye, 27, and Dr. Orley R. Taylor of the Univ. of Kansas, speculate that the plant evolved the self-protective coating to counteract the flies' destructive habits.

Baby flies feed on the flower, destroying its reproductive capacities. The ants, while chasing off the flies, do not harm the plant.

To Inouye, the phenomenon is another example of the adaptability of plants to survive and he believes the discovery could be a boon to farmers.

As an example, if it can be found that plants do use various means to protect themselves from enemies, this information might be applied to commercial crops.

Anthills could be cultivated on farm land to be used by the plants in the fight against enemies, with farmers guarding the anthills just as keenly as they watch over their crops, Inouye said.

The use of natural life to provide such protection could eliminate the need for insecticides, some of which have proved harmful to both man and animal life, he said.

pc's people

Award

Oxnard (Calif.) Business and Professional Women's Club awarded Marilyn T. Fordney, Sansei instructor at Ventura College, its Women of Achievement honors. She has authored several textbooks including the Insurance Handbook for the Medical Office and is active with the Calif. Assn. of Medical Instructors.

Naohiro Sasaki, 72, longtime New York Issei restaurateur, was awarded the Japanese Order of the Sacred Treasure, 5th Class, on Culture Day. When he first came to New York in 1927, he took a job as a cook to the late Gov. Alfred E. Smith and in 1940 moved to Norwalk, Conn., to open the Owl Restaurant. He



Dr. David Inouye inspects sunflower specimen.

Photo courtesy: Washington Star

founded the Japanese American Mutual Aid Society.

Music

Named as one of two California representatives in the McDonalds All American High School Band was Mark Iwanaga, Reedley High senior who is a drummer. The unit appears in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade in New York and at the Tournament of Roses parade in Pasadena. Phillip Gotanda of San Francisco won the 1977 Radio Li'l Tokyo song-writing contest. A law student, his "Ballad of the Issei" was arranged in country western style and relates the saga of his grandparents from Hiroshima coming to California.

Religion

An English-speaking minister, the Rev. Ryo Imamura, was welcomed Nov. 20 at the Alameda Buddhist Church where he will be part-time.

Social Welfare

Masaru Nambu, executive director of Japanese American Service Center, 4427 N. Clark St., Chicago, was elected to the board of directors of the National Institute of Senior Centers, Washington, D.C. Dr. Young B. Lee was named director of the Asian-Pacific Mental Health Clinic, temporarily based at the County-USC Medical Center, Los Angeles.

Politics

Former national JACL treasurer Tomio Moriguchi directed a successful Seattle City Council campaign for Michael Hildt, who

downed Charles (Chip) Marshall with 56.58% of the votes cast. Hildt finished with 83,464 to Marshall's 64,029 (43.4%). Gardena Mayor Edmond Russ, 48, ended rumors that his political career was over by announcing his candidacy for another two-year term. The Gardena Valley JACLer was honored at a recent fund-raising dinner. Fully recuperated from a heart attack suffered Sept. 12, Russ will seek his third term as mayor. He was first elected in 1974.

Crime File

A 27-year-old man was shot and killed by Torrance police after he allegedly fired a handgun at officers when leaving a liquor store that had just been robbed. Rex Mits Yamada, when ordered to stop for questioning, reportedly drew a handgun from his waistband and fired a shot at one officer. The victim was stuffing large amounts of money in his pocket when stopped, officers reported. The same week at Cerritos, Calif., a man suspected of robbing 18 auto parts stores in Los Angeles and Orange Counties was nabbed by employees of Radio Shack. Eddie Higashi, 37, of Los Angeles, was booked on multiple robbery charges and held on \$100,000 bail. At Moffett Field, about \$300,000 to \$400,000 worth of electronic gear was recovered by the Navy and FBI following the suicide of a sailor under investigation. Raymond Izuno, 22, drew a revolver and shot himself in the chin after being taken into custody for investigation. Some electronics gear was found at Izuno's parent's home in Fremont.

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442nd activator McCloy honored

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