

Supreme court refuses appeal from Young-Chin

WASHINGTON—The Supreme Court Nov. 14 refused to order a U.S. Appeals Court to provide a couple, accused in 1975 of being a threat to Japan's Emperor Hirohito, with a copy of an opinion affirming their conviction on gun transportation charges.

Elizabeth Jane Young Chin and Kenneth R. Chin

say they were unjustifiably accused by the Secret Service in 1975 of being a threat to the Emperor during his visit to the United States, and later were convicted on what they called trumped-up charges of transporting a hunting rifle from California to New York.

They filed papers with Justice Thurgood Marshall,

who turned the matter over to the court itself. They told Marshall they had failed in all efforts to get a copy of the oral opinion read by Judge William Timbers in the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which they need in order to appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

They said numerous oral requests to the clerk of the

court in New York failed to produce the opinion, and it did not appear the original opinion ever was "filed with the clerk for preservation" as required by court rules.

The Chins said they were unfairly convicted on the weapon transportation charge after "prejudicial world-wide publicity ... followed their arrests on the

unjustified accusation" by the Secret Service that they were a threat to the lives of the Emperor and Empress.

Elizabeth Chin, in an affidavit filed with Marshall, suggested the Secret Service sought "to make a dramatic and highly publicized arrest of two Orientals and to claim that (it) had thereby averted a threat to the life of

the Emperor" at a time when the Secret Service was under public criticism due to two recent attempts on the life of President Ford.

She said the Secret Service dropped the case after their arrests, and the alcohol, tobacco and Firearms Bureau of the Treasury Department brought gun transportation charges.

The Chins were convicted by a jury of transporting a weapon from out of state into the state where they resided. □

Dismissed med student loses discrimination suit

SEATTLE, Wash. — A 27-year-old Filipino medical student who wanted to start private practice in the local Filipino community was not able to have the court intervene in his petition to have the Univ. of Washington readmit him to the senior class and be certified as well to practice medicine.

Nicanor Manangan was dismissed from school two months before he hoped to receive a degree. But Superior Court Judge George Revelle Nov. 16 dismissed the lawsuit for insufficient evidence.

Manangan contended he had been discriminated. The school said he was dropped because of poor academic performance, had been placed on probation in 1973 and told if he failed one more course he faced dismissal.

Manangan said he was told in an important course that

emphasis would be placed on clinical performance rather than the written examination but in fact he was primarily evaluated on the examination.

The court said it was not the business to decide whether a student was delinquent in his studies or unfit to practice but whether the faculty operated with malice, bad faith or in an arbitrary or illegal manner. If there was any unfairness, the judge added, perhaps it was that the University did not insist that he leave when he was doing poorly during the early stages of his medical studies.

Steven Milam, asst. state attorney general, representing UW, said Manangan received extensive tutoring to try to improve his ability and that he had been in school 5½ years. Normal time for graduation is four years. □

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Nisei growers/pickers in wage row

PHOENIX, Ariz.—Some growers say that, on an average day, green onion workers adept at the trade can pick anywhere from 150 to 200 bunches of onions.

Two hundred bunches at 26 cents gives the picker \$52 for a day's work.

To growers here in the heart of the state's farming community, that's a fair rate.

But to a large number of pickers, the rate is far too low to meet the rising cost of living. And an "average" pick of 200 bunches is unheard of.

About 3,000 green onion pickers work in the fields of the west Phoenix area. At least half are Mexican Americans. For the past month, these pickers, set on changing the pay structure in use on green onion farms, have been battling growers who are just as intent on keeping wages where they are.

The resulting stalemate has produced strikes at nine green onion farms, a near breakdown in communications between both sides and little or no hopes for negotiation.

More importantly, to strike organizers at least, the situation has presented a potential threat to the relationship of the two minorities primarily involved: the Chicano pickers and the growers, many of whom are Japanese Americans.

Though the main debate revolves around wage increases, officials at the Maricopa County Organizing Project (MCOP) say they are fearful racial overtones may cloud the issue—something they wish to avoid.

"We want the wage structure sufficiently high to put the people in the economic basement at least," Don Devereux, MCOP press liaison, said.

"We're trying to avoid an ethnic confrontation like the plague," he said, explaining that the growers' refusal to negotiate has only compounded the problem. "There is some 'Fat Jap' language on the line here, and we're not anxious to start a war—though we are on the threshold."

Devereux said pickers are asking a 40-cent rate for

dozen green onions picked, but "are negotiable" and will settle for a figure in the mid-thirties.

That is the basic and uppermost demand. There is no talk of unionization and "working conditions are not a problem," he said.

The strike, which began Oct. 28, started at two farms and has now spread to nine, including the Tanita, Matsu-mori and Okabayashi farms. The Nisei growers are all members of the local Arizona JACL chapter.

Other growers include Evercrest Vegetable Inc., B & T Farms, Phoenix Vegetable Distributors, David Packing Co. and Triple T. Farms Inc.

"That's the crux of it," John Sakata, president of the Central Arizona Vegetable Growers Assn. and a long-time JACLer, said.

Reports have indicated anywhere from 30% to virtually all of the pickers have walked off the fields since the strike began. But, according to Sakata, "there is no strike going on as far as we (growers) are concerned."

"The only reason people are not out is because of the coercion (exerted by strike coordinators)," he said.

"We've had crews out—it's been pretty good. Last week, we had a 50% turnout. If we give in to their demands, we might as well shut down. We can't live with those rate."

"All we're asking—and we want to emphasize this—is that they let the people who want to work, work. If they don't want to work, fine."

The growers have obtained a temporary restraining order against strikers, limiting picketers to 10 per ranch and prohibiting them from entering fields under any conditions.

The order is not easily enforced, however. When strikers exceed the allowable total, they are able to lure workers off the job.

Still the idea of any racial strife merely annoys Sakata, who immediately dismisses any such notion.

"You don't know how vile

and vicious they can be. It's a continuing battle and sure, you get tired of being called a 'dirty Jap'."

"But the Japanese community is a small thing here—just a drop in the bucket as far as I'm concerned. They're crazy as far as I'm concerned (to suggest a racial 'war')."

"Most of us have a good re-

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Asian Americans victims of socialization

BOWLING GREEN, Ohio—After generations of repression and discrimination, including the detention of thousands in concentration camps during World War II, Asian-Americans have become, to many, an example of a "model minority," according to Dr. Bob Suzuki, associate professor and director of the multicultural education program at the Univ. of Massachusetts, here recently to speak at Bowling Green State University.

However, Suzuki said that "the celebration of Asian-Americans as a model minority is premature."

The reason that many Americans believe Asian-Americans are the ideal minority is that after World War II, Asian-Americans went through an apparent change in image.

Compared to the unrest in the 1960s among other minorities, Asian-Americans seemed peaceful, prosperous and industrious, Suzuki said.

Asian-Americans did not join in the fight for civil rights until the late 1960s, Suzuki said.

The peaceful and industrious image many Asian-Americans developed after World War II was because of strong socialization in schools and the home. Many Asian-American families were anxious after World War II for their children to have good opportunities for success and thus emphasized such values as obedience, respect for elders, neatness, a value for educa-

tion and docility, Suzuki said.

These values were, and still are, highly valued by the employers of lower echelon white-collar workers, whose ranks are filled with Asian-Americans.

Suzuki said Asian-Americans have been the victims of subtle discrimination in America, such as socialization to Anglo behavior and being passed over at promotion time in favor of white males.

Schools built by evacuees at Poston I and II to be razed

PARKER, Ariz. — Evacuees who helped build the adobe buildings which served as a school at Poston Camps I and II are being asked to relate their experiences to persuade the Colorado River Indian Tribal Council (Rt. 1 Box 23-B, Parker, Ariz. 85344), against their demolition.

The school buildings are beginning to show wear and tear and becoming too expensive to maintain, according to Sue Kunitomi Embrey of

Manzanar Committee, who visited here in September. "Both the principal and curator indicated we solicit letters to go to the Tribal Council requesting that at least two buildings closest to Mojave Rd. be kept as historical landmarks," Embrey said.

The Camp I auditorium built by evacuees is being fixed and will be used as a youth center, she added. The Poston III school no longer stands. □

ALRB complaint filed against North San Diego Nisei farm

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — A complaint alleging 127 violations of the state Agriculture Labor Relations Act, including the alleged use of undocumented aliens to vote in union elections, has been filed against North San Diego County tomato growers.

The state ALRB action also alleges the Ukegawa Bros. fired persons for union activities, according to the San Diego Union.

Richard Paul, attorney for the company, termed the charges "unfounded and biased."

"The ALRB has a habit of bringing broad, blunderbuss sorts of complaints against growers which never get anywhere after the initial splash," Paul said.

The complaint covers

nearly two years in which Joe Ukegawa and his top employees are alleged to have denied access to United Farm Workers organizers, brandished weapons and at one time "fired shots in the direction of the union organizers," the Union reported.

The claim also alleges more than 50 persons were discharged for their union activities and that Ukegawa refused to rehire them and hired undocumented aliens to vote in the union elections, an ALRB official said.

Ukegawa declined comment on the allegations, but Paul said the growers appeared to be the target of UFW harassment. The ALRB has scheduled a Dec. 5 hearing, but Paul said he will seek a delay until after the first of the year. □



Raymond Okamura Photo
Cornerstone of Poston Camp I School

CRA conveys land to JACCC

LOS ANGELES—The city's Community Redevelopment Agency last week officially closed escrow on Parcel 7E-1, conveying land to the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, Inc. Construction of the Center building, first of a three-building complex to be located at 244 S. San Pedro, will begin immediately, George J. Doizaki, JACCC president announced.

Doizaki signed the grant deed, along with CRA Administrator Edward Helfeld at a press conference Tuesday, Nov. 22 at the Restaurant Horikawa. Doizaki also presented Helfeld with a check for \$116,218.91, covering cost of the land for the Center building, deposit for parking structure land, escrow and transfer fees.

The JACCC also signed a contract with Robert S. Tamae, president of RST Construction Co., general contractors for the Center building.

The 48,000 sq. ft., \$2,973,925 project is expected to take about 15 months.

CRA members and construction and architectural consultants attended the signing ceremony. Officials of seven local banks that

have committed a total credit of \$1,400,000 were also present, along with members of the JACCC Board of Directors.

Emceeding the proceedings was JACCC consultant Kanago Kunitugu.

In other action the same week, the CRA announced a developer is being sought for a land parcel, designated for tenants and firms that will be displaced when Little Tokyo projects are being constructed.

Known as Parcel 6-A, the site is located on E. Second

St. from Central Ave. to Alameda and encompasses one-third of the block bounded by E. Third St.

In Salt Lake City, the Salt Palace board of directors unanimously agreed Nov. 15 to a conditional release of 1.1 acres of county-owned land west of the Palace for a senior citizen housing complex sponsored by the Multi-Ethnic Center Project.

The project, which has JACCL support, is expected to include a shopping mall. The housing unit is scheduled for occupancy in early 1980. □

Asian-Pacific staff stationed at county medical health unit

LOS ANGELES—Free mental health care provided by a bilingual and bicultural staff is available to members of the Asian community at the Asian-Pacific Mental Health Clinic, temporarily located at County-USC Medical Center.

Case problems such as depression, suicidal and homicidal behavior, child abuse and marital difficulties are handled at the clinic. About 40% of the cases involve recently arrived immigrants. The county-funded clinic,

which now handles more than 85 patients, expects a substantial increase after moving to its permanent location at 3047 W. 6th St. Nearer to the Asian-Pacific community, this office is expected to be complete by January 1978.

The temporary clinic at the USC center, 1237 N. State St., Room 305A, is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday (226-4953) and Wednesday evening by appointment. □

Nakamura survives open heart surgery without transfusion

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Masayoshi Nakamura, 62, had open heart surgery in early November at San Jose Hospital.

That alone would hardly be newsworthy because the coronary bypass operation he underwent has become almost routine. In fact, there was an open-heart operation performed every day that week at the hospital.

What makes Nakamura's surgery so remarkable is that he received not one drop of life-sustaining blood during the three-hour operation.

A Jehovah's Witness, Nakamura requested that no blood even be on hand in the operating room. If ever the slightest complication arose, the operating staff would have had to stand by and watch Nakamura die.

"I depend on my Creator," Nakamura said as he waited for his release from the hospital Nov. 11. "It didn't scare me what would happen as long as the doctor did the best he could without giving me blood."

Nakamura needed the operation as he had two of

three major blood vessels from the heart blocked.

For Dr. K.G. Romine, the operation was more than a routine bypass. A veteran heart surgeon, he knew the answer lay in taking a vein from Nakamura's leg and implanting it in the chest in such a way to bypass the obstructions in the two blood vessels.

In a normal heart operation of this type, Dr. Romine explained, the doctor has six to eight pints of blood on hand to deal with a patient's blood loss. The doctor usually winds up using four pints.

Without the insurance provided by blood transfusion, "the operation became a risky one," Dr. Romine said.

Before the operation Nakamura signed a waiver absolving the hospital of any responsibility should he die of blood loss during the operation.

Without the benefit of a back up blood supply, Dr. Romine compensated by operating more slowly than

normal. He sawed through Nakamura's chest bone and tied the aorta, stopping the natural beat of the heart.

"At several points during the operation we became concerned when the blood count dropped low," Dr. Romine said. "He could have used two units of blood ... maybe three."

But he made it through the surgery, into the recovery room with intravenous feeding designed to provide growth of more blood. Once out of the isolation room, Nakamura's seen a steady diet of iron pills in the second week.

"The recovery has been very smooth," said Dr. Romine.

"I'm so glad that things work out so well," Nakamura said. □

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Univ. of Cincinnati lipid research center renamed

By LIDA FUKUMURA

CINCINNATI, Ohio — Dr. Charles J. Glueck, Director of the Lipid Research Center and General Clinical Research Center, Dept. of Internal Medicine, Univ. of Cincinnati, announced that the Lipid Research Center has been renamed the T.T. Ishikawa Lipid Research Center to honor the memory of Terry T. Ishikawa who passed away on Aug. 25, 1977.

According to Dr. Glueck, this was done, "... in recognition of (Terry's) extraordinary input and valuable leadership."

Dr. Glueck described Terry as, "... a brilliant young investigator, perhaps the most productive, most innovative young researcher in our group."

Terry was a junior research associate involved in the study of cholesterol, fatty acids (and similar compounds) and ties to heart disease. He contributed to the development of micro methods for the analysis of lipid levels in blood and tissue.

The Sansei scientist was instrumental in creating a

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gas chromatography method of analysis which can be used where other methods fail.

According to his research assistant, Susan Mc Neely, a recent project involved fatty acids and phytosterols (which are similar to cholesterol in structure). One of his last projects was the study of lipid levels in human milk related to the lipid levels of baby plasma.

A member of the Cincinnati JACL, Terry was also an enthusiastic member of the Japanese American History Committee. He was the son of Mrs. Mary Ishikawa and grandson of Mrs. Kin Hashimoto. □

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When Sachio left town, even the cows were blue

By CHARLES LEROUX
(Chicago Tribune)

NELIGH, Neb. — A few hours after sunrise, it seemed the whole town had drifted into Bernita's Cafe to eat eggs and hash browns and talk about rain and cattle and the corn market, the sort of conversation you'd expect in a town of 1,800 as surrounded by farmland as an island fishing village is by the sea.

A new element had been added to conversations at Bernita's and conversations all over Neligh. Sachio Yamashita, the artist, the muralist who gave Chicago rainbow-colored stripes on lower Michigan Avenue and waves breaking over a building a block west of North and Wells had come to do a wall of the old auditorium building.

Sachio and Neligh made an odd couple. Most every morning for a month this summer, the folks at Bernita's were jolted anew by the

coln, jazz bands, dance troupes, even a black musical, "Lay My Burden Down", which was received enthusiastically in a town with no blacks. But never before anything quite like Sachio. Never before a live-in objet d'art, a man who could raise both the cultural aspirations of the community and the liquor sales thereabouts; who could be, as long-term guests often are, both beloved and a bit of a pain in the neck.

"You're not all painty, are you, Sachio?" Jody Asmussen asked. It was her day to be Sachio's hostess, to see that he was fed and happy and brought from place to place. She had learned by experience to ask about paint before letting the artist in her husband's new silver Continental with its silver-gray leather upholstery. The arts council ladies were learning a lot about Sachio. Mrs. Asmussen filled in the women who would be in charge of

farmer, with townspeople, listened to the talk in Bernita's. He toured the Neligh Museum and was fascinated by the antique farm implements. He visited farms and was proudly shown cattle. When he went back to Chicago, he carried a photo of the wall with him and looked at it for long stretches of time while thoughtfully pulling at his beard.

When Sachio returned in June, he had decided that the mural would include a cow, corn, an old plow, a rainbow. He also had decided to paint the east face of the building. The arts council didn't know about these decisions. They thought he was coming out to get approval for the job.

"I say, 'If Sachio not do east side, Sachio not come,'" Sachio said. He was kidding, but Neligh had no experience with inscrutability, and the extra wall and his designs were approved — not without trepidation. Council members began sentences about the mural by saying, "Of course, we've never done anything like this before." And Sachio told friends in Chicago, "They never do wall before, that is nothing, they never see Ja-

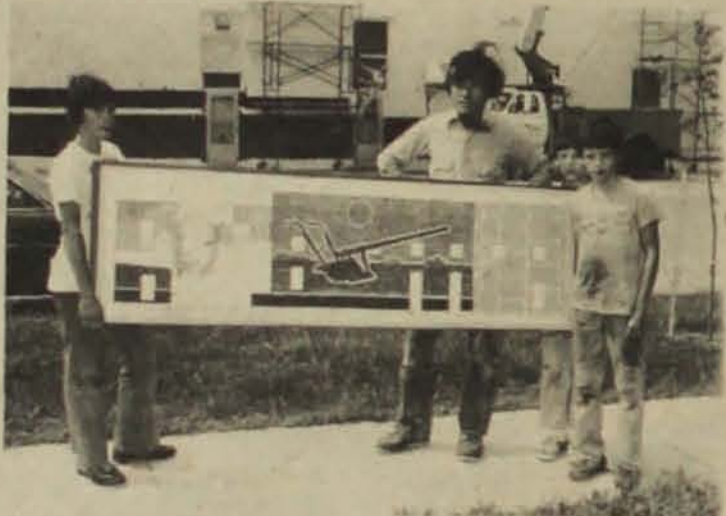
panese before." (Not quite true. Roxanne McNally, wife of attorney Jim McNally who did legal work for the project, can trace back via Hawaii to ancestors in Japan four generations ago.)

The money to do the job — \$2,400 (\$1,000 to Sachio, the rest for paint, supplies, labor, insurance) — was raised with surprising ease and speed. A lumberyard and a building supply company gave some paint. The Neligh electrical department lent a cherry picker (much easier and more flexible to work from than scaffolding). Judy Eubank, owner of the building, had given permission for the walls to be painted. And just about everyone in Neligh donated some time to painting.

Sachio was asked why he hadn't used rollers instead of brushes. Wouldn't the work have gone faster? "Sure," he said, "but if it goes fast, not everyone has to work. This was their project, not my project. I wanted them to be proud of themselves."

That, not the paint on the wall, was the art that Sachio had practiced for a month in Neligh.

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Chicago artist Sachio Yamashita has young friends in Neligh, Neb., hold sketch of mural he had townsfolk donating time, effort and funds to apply.

sight of the long-haired Oriental dressed in paint splattered black clothing — a stringy six-inch goatee and tangled accent almost trademarks. Each morning they watched with renewed wonder as Sachio centered his bowl of oatmeal before him and splashed it with soy sauce.

From 1881 to 1914, Neligh was the home of Gates Academy, where music, languages and the arts were fostered. But a fund-raiser for the school left town with the funds ("absconded" is the word used locally); and the Congregational Church, which ran the academy, moved the staff to another college 100 miles away. From that time on, the corn and wheat and soybeans grew in increasingly improved yields. Irrigation equipment and fertilizers nurtured the soil, but the fields of culture remained arid.

The Neligh Arts Council (20 members, all but two of them women) was formed three years ago to apply a polish to the town, which, though clean and friendly sporting a spruced-up main street any community its size would be proud of, had remained isolated from the higher forms of human expression.

The council brought in plays featuring dramatic groups from Omaha and Lin-

coln the next day.

"He'll eat anything as long as it's homemade, but he doesn't like lasagne."

"No lasagne?"

"Right. No lasagne."

One of the things for which Sachio expressed great fondness was beer. A Styrofoam cooler still sat in the back seat of an arts council member's car, a reminder of a recent chauffeuring of the artist to Norfolk 40 miles away. Lying atop the cooler was a bottle of soy sauce. "In case we must stop for eating at a drive-in," Sachio explained.

The wall to be painted was the north face of the old auditorium, built shortly after the turn of the century of bricks made right here in town. Over the years, the building has housed a cafe, a doctor's office, an electric shop, a Ford dealership. Dances were held there during the Depression. Lawrence Welk played there. Now, the upper floor has apartments and a Masonic lodge room; a dentist, Dr. George Strassler, is below.

The wall faces the Antelope County Courthouse across the street. Sachio had come out to Neligh in May for a few days to discuss the project. He spent a lot of time then sitting on a bench on the courthouse lawn staring at the wall. He sketched it. He photographed it. He spoke with a 90-year-old



The blue cow on the east wall and the red plow on north wall of the old auditorium probably comprise the greatest murals inside the state of Nebraska.

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DOWN TO EARTH

Karl Nobuyuki

Y.C. Hong

Anti-Minority Backlash

Perhaps one of the greatest issues facing minorities is the fate

of Affirmative Action Programs vis-a-vis the Bakke case. While it is true that the issues are complex and emotionally charged, it is also vital that we personally examine some of these issues.

"Reverse Discrimination"

What bothers me most about the Bakke Case (and there are several other reasons) is that it is assumed that race alone was the cause of this so-called "reverse discrimination". Bakke contends that he was a victim of "reverse discrimination" from minorities because he had higher test scores than the sixteen minorities who were admitted under the special admission program. Logically extended then, one could assume that Bakke contends that he would have been admitted into medical school if a special admission program had not been in existence. The latter is doubtful.

Other Factors

There were obviously other factors which resulted in Bakke's rejection from medical school. It is important for us to recognize that Bakke was denied admission from fourteen (14) medical schools not just one. Interestingly enough there was no charge of "reverse discrimination" when he was rejected from medical school in San Francisco, where the special admission goal was 22% as opposed to the 16% goal at UC Davis. In Los Angeles, the percentage was 12; Georgetown 4%; Mayo 5%; Wayne State 7%; Cincinnati 8% and South Dakota 0. Was his rejection from the above due to "reverse discrimination"?

Not Enough Slots

It's no secret that medical schools are overcrowded and that there just aren't enough slots for all qualified individuals who wish to enter medical school. In fact, in 1973, Bakke's critical year, there was a total of some 26,367 individuals who were denied admission. Could Bakke guarantee that had special admission programs not been in existence, that he still would not be among the 26,367?

Serving the Community

Taking this analysis a bit further, one will note that Mr. Bakke was born in 1940. This meant that at the time he applied to medical school he was 10 or 11 years older than the regular first-year medical school student. This suggests that the total years of medical service that he could give to society as a doctor would be some 10 or 11 years less than a 23-year-old medical candidate. Society must pay for qualified doctors. It is estimated that we (society) pay over \$100,000 per medical school graduate. Is it in our best interest to select an individual that possibly would give less service than his peers?

Tests

Regarding his test scores, it is interesting that Bakke's test scores were used as proof of his "qualifications" and that he was subject to "reverse discrimination". Yet, the validity of test scores as proof for an individual's "qualifications" was disputed in the minority opinion of the California Supreme Court and in a prior article on the Bakke case by Hon. R. Takasugi, (Pacific Citizen, Dec. 10, 1976, pp 2) so I won't pursue it further here. However, one finds it most interesting that the arguments were absent in the California court's explanation as to if test scores were so important that eight whites with lower ratings and 36 individuals who had lower undergraduate scores were admitted before Bakke. The only major objections were raised against the admission of the two Asian Americans, six blacks and eight Chicanos.

A Facade

In the final analysis, I believe the so-called term of "reverse discrimination" is a facade. It is, in my opinion, a clever guise to conceal an anti-minority backlash that is again permeating American society. It is characteristic of the growing interests in groups like the American Nazi Party and the KKK; a clear signal for those of us dedicated to civil and human rights that the worst is yet to come under the banner of a catchy phrase. □

Editor:

Oriental Americans have lost in quick succession the founding fathers of their respective community organizations.

We learned with extreme distress the passing on Nov. 14 of one of the great Nisei of this century, Dr. Tom Yatabe, "grandfather of the JACL" who was fittingly eulogized in the Pacific Citizen last week.

Few know that his counterpart among Chinese Americans, You Chung Hong, passed away on Nov. 8 in Los Angeles. Small in stature because of a physical handicap, but a giant in his profession, Y.C., as he was affectionately known, was past Grand President of the Chinese American Citizens Alliance, the JACL equivalent of the Chinese American community.

Born in San Francisco in 1898, Y.C. was a graduate of the USC law school and dean of attorneys of Chinese ancestry in California. He became a recognized authority on Chinese immigration law.

We warmly recall during the early '50s our friendly visits to his office in Los Angeles' New China Town, of which he was a founder, when we enlisted his support and the backing of the CACA in JACL's effort to seek enactment of the Walter-McCarran Bill that would remove race as a barrier to naturalization and immigration. At that time, alien Chinese were already enjoying citizenship privileges and quota immigration.

Those who knew Y.C. loved and respected him as one of the great Chi-

nese Americans of this century, and much like Tom Yatabe, did much to enhance the status of his fellow men. TATS KUSHIDA

Los Angeles

'Know Your Enemy'

Editor:

The war between the United States and Japan ended over a third of a century ago. Therefore, it was most inappropriate for Channel 13 (NYC) to have lowered its standards to the basement level in the showing of the World War II propaganda film "Know Your Enemy - Japan". This was compounded by a follow-up showing of "Japanese Relocation", on that terrible blot on American history. I personally feel that both were blows below the belt; one to our staunchest of allies, Japan, now a country pledged to pacifism and a world leader in technology; second a blow to our extraordinary loyal group of Americans—the Japanese Americans.

Perhaps Channel 13 never heard of the 442nd which out-fought any and all other American regiments. The 442nd was an All-American Combat Team made up almost entirely of Japanese Americans, many of whom had loved ones languishing in American concentration camps, complete with barbed-wire and armed American soldiers and guard towers. Their only crime was that they looked Japanese. Yes, let's be honest—I repeat American Concentration Camps. A rose is a rose is a rose. So is a concentration camp. Milton Eisenhower,

the commentator, was one of the chief perpetrators of this hideous crime, and his comments regarding the "Relocation Centers" for the J-A's "own protection" cannot bury the stench of America's inhumanity to its own citizens.

How many have read Michi Weglyn's *Years of Infamy*? The book bares all—State Department and other government records, many fully reproduced. Any doubting Thomas can finally learn the hair-raising truth of WHY it only happened to Japanese Americans—and not to German-Americans and Italian-Americans.

I firmly believe the show was in very poor taste, and I hereby register my protest as an ex-POW of the Japanese (survivor of Burma/Thai death railway and River Kwai Bridge) and a veteran of the Korean War.

DENNIS A. ROLAND

Astoria, N.Y.

Short Notes

Editor:

In my haste to meet the deadline on my review of Frank Chin's "Lady is Dying", I failed to catch the merry mixup of names (not so merry for those involved). "Sachiko Nakamura (not Charlene Chew) plays the wife with sufficient probity," etc. "Naomi (not Meiko) wants to go to a retirement home when her husband dies", etc. "Jerry (not Jack) has no 'enryo', he immediately rummages through the boxes", etc.

JOE OYAMA

Berkeley

East Wind: Bill Marutani

Yes: It Can Work!



Philadelphia

IN THE AFTERMATH of the successful general election in Philadelphia which this Asian American's candidacy was the beneficiary of the highest vote on the judicial slate, I should like to focus on the local campaign committee comprised of Asian Americans from various segments of the local community: Asian Indian, Chinese, Korean, Filipino and of course the Nisei.* It was a phenomenon beautiful to see, to experience and now to contemplate. At the very outset, let it be said and known that they functioned smoothly, unselfishly and effectively.

BEGINNING BACK IN early spring of this year, a cohesive group under the leadership of Dr. Priscilla Ching-Chung was called together and from there matters moved ahead under her dedicated and unstinting guidance. Nothing was left unturned, no opportunities were overlooked, follow-ups were diligently made. The conglomeration of committee members met regularly, and the turnouts for meetings were unflagging: to this candidate, it was heart-

*Aside from the many Nisei, and Issei, who contributed to the campaign fund, Nisei who were part of the operating campaign committee included: Sim & Betty Endo; Herb & Miiko Horikawa; Martha Fujimoto; Sumi Kobayashi; Louise Maehara; June Arima Schuman; Tom & Marion Tamaki; Hiro & Grayce Uyebara; Warren & Mary Watanabe. Outside of Philadelphia, campaign workers included: Mike Masaoka & Kaz Oshiki; Yosh "Joe" Imai; Ron Inouye; Dr. Ray Murakami; Ellen Nakamura; Chiye Tomihiro.

warming and morale-boosting. And so it was that we successfully survived the primary, indeed coming in at the top of the judicial ticket—to the pleasant surprise and joy of all of us.

THEN WITHOUT STOPPING for as much as a breath, the committee then immediately focused its efforts toward the fall general election: its work was cut out for them. In the face of puzzled amazement among the politicians, the committee now faced the challenge of a possible movement underfoot to undercut the primary outcome; that the Asian American candidate was the "one to beat".

AS EVENTS WOULD have it, the indefatigable Priscilla moved to Hawaii in late summer when her doctor husband returned to his home islands to continue his practice. The mantle of leadership then fell to another Chinese American, Anna Ku. Anna, a graduate licensed architect who had been working (and continues to work) in the community, in her self-effacing, quiet manner assumed the responsibility

of now pressing ahead with the campaign. This she, too, executed with dedication and efficiency, keeping close tabs on all phases of the operation, personally following up every avenue and every need, scheduling meetings—all that go into running a well-organized campaign. "The rest," as they say, "is history" with a repeat of the primary result previously forged with the dedicated implementation by this Asian American committee.

FOR US NISEI, some—particularly those who are "older"—may wonder how we managed to put together a seemingly polyglot group of Asian Americans, and then have the combination operate so efficiently and effectively. Indeed, one reader of this column posed just such a question. In a subsequent column perhaps we shall attempt to respond to this query.

IN THE MEANTIME, as an Asian American who is a Nisei, I pay unreserved tribute to my fellow Asian Americans. A job well done. Indeed. □

JACL National Reparation Committee:

Individuals or Trust Fund

PART FIVE

To many Japanese Americans this crucial point determines whether they accept or reject the reparation idea.

Individuals as Recipients

A direct payment to each individual evacuee is the only equitable concept because reparations are damages paid to persons who suffered injustice. Since individuals were mistreated and humiliated, and since individuals lost property and economic opportunities, reparations should be paid to individual victims.

There is no proof that individual payments would be any more difficult to get passed by Congress than block payment to a group or trust.

Payment to a third party would be equivalent to unauthorized misappropriation of fund. Endless and costly lawsuits over how the money would be spent would be the result of a payment to a group.

If the trust foundation elected to spend the fund primarily for community old age homes and community recreation centers, those living remote from large Japanese American population centers would receive no benefits whatsoever.

If individual wishes to give his claim to an organization, it should be that person's prerogative.

Questionnaire returns on Evacuation reparations indicate that overwhelming majority favor payments to in-

dividuals. Rejecting or ignoring the principle of direct compensation to the individual victims of Evacuation will again alienate a large portion of the supporters of JACL.

Trust Fund as Recipient

A lump sum award can be placed in a trust foundation; and benefits to individuals and organizations can be administered by a corporation operated by Nikkei personnel in the top echelon.

In any individual payment program, Congress would consider the high cost of administration and settlement of each claim. Individual statistics that would have to be gathered and reviewed would be long and tedious.

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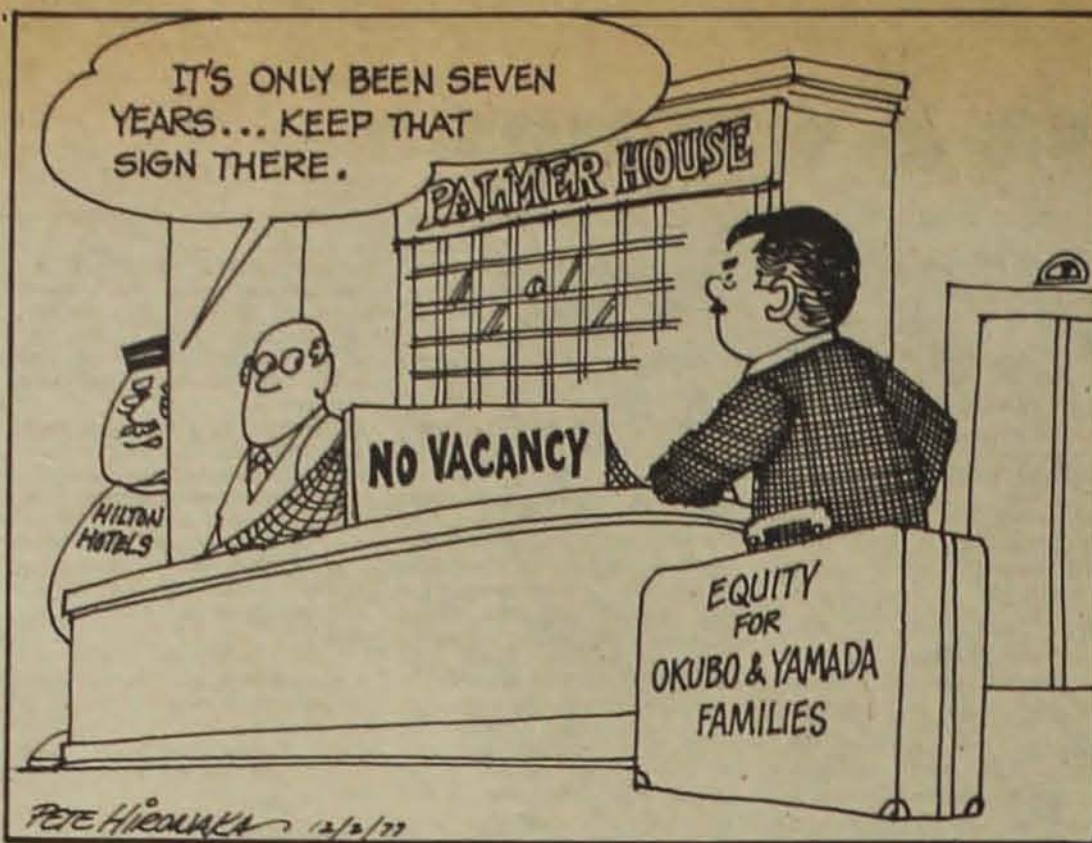
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Nisei growers/pickers

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relationship with the Mexican Americans — and there are Caucasian growers involved, too. To say it is a racial thing is way out of bounds."

MCOP workers, nevertheless, have sought JACL intervention in the matter — first at the Arizona chapter level and then with a call to JACL National Director Karl Nobuyuki in San Francisco.

Devereux said he contacted Jim Shiota, president of the Arizona JACL, and was told the chapter preferred not to get involved. The group did agree to check out the issue, but was not quick to answer, he said.

"So we called Nobuyuki and he said it would take time — that there are different stages of protocol to go through," Devereux added. "He said National Headquarters can't just jump into the matter. I was quite impressed with his sincerity, but was not impressed with Shiota's."

Earlier in the week, Nobuyuki said because it is a

"touchy issue" and involved, JACL "would have to take a good hard look at it" before making any commitment.

"As we did with Prop. 14 here in California, we want to learn the growers' side as well as the workers'. Since there is no union involvement, maybe they can come to terms easier on their own," Nobuyuki said.

The local Arizona chapter has remained adamant in its position.

"We do not plan to intervene because we consider it a management/labor dispute," Shiota said. "We don't feel it's anything to do with JACL or JACL members at all."

"It is unfortunate that it's Japanese Americans who are on the management end of it, but even if it were blacks and whites, yellow and pinks or purples and greens, we'd stay out of it. It's just not an ethnic matter — just a management/labor dispute."

Shiota added he sees no threat of confrontation between the two races and said strikers were totally "off base" in assuming the JACL chapter was not intervening because many growers are members.

MCOP sees it differently, though.

"Let's face it," Devereux said, "Japanese Americans dominate the vegetable growing industry here. Their absolute refusal to converse is infuriating. It's a handful of Japanese Americans who are just the right of Ronald Reagan who are against negotiations."

Most growers have preferred to remain silent on the issue, letting Sakata express their views instead.

The growers insist issues are being exaggerated, which immediately draws the media to the strikers' side. They also contend the media have pounced all too unfairly on MCOP's claim growers are abusing child labor laws.

That allegation, along with the threat of ethnic reprisals, has provided another emotional platform to complicate the basic issues, according to growers.

"Child labor is common because the wages are so low," Jesus Romo, MCOP spokes-

man said. "They work long hours. They start at 2 a.m. The parents finish around 10 or 11 a.m., but the children stop around 7:30 to go to school."

"And by then, they're dead. We have a big problem with Mexican American education here. The kids also work long and late into the night."

In answer, the growers maintain MCOP is distorting the actual circumstances.

"This claim that children go out from midnight to dawn is idiotic on the surface—you can't even see at night," said Les Hubbard, of the Western Growers Assn., who is handling press relations for the Arizona growers.

And the claim is not a new one. "Despite the fact you have day care centers, the workers take the kids" to the fields, Hubbard said. "We don't encourage this. But I'd be less than honest if I said it didn't happen. But the fact is, growers don't hire juveniles, except on weekends and holidays, and then, yes, they are considered part of the work force."

Now into its second month, the strike has exhausted patience and taxed nerve. With negotiation out of the question for one side and yet demanded by the other no end is in sight.

Each has claimed small victories in reopening communication channels, however.

"I've talked to workers in the field — they accuse me of giving conditioned responses," Hubbard said. "But if you talk to them long enough, you can work around it. I'm firmly convinced the pickers want to be there. If they're protected from fear or retaliation, 90% would be working."

"That idea that workers are being accosted is something the growers association has continuously expressed to the press," Romo countered. "It's just an idea that the organization developed."

"I see the growers softening a little, though. At first, they would not even talk to us. There's still not any sort of negotiation, but at least we can communicate a little now..." —Pat Tashima



From the Frying Pan: Bill Hosokawa

Hectic But Happy

Denver, Colo. The hectic season is upon us. The ladies of clan are scurrying about as only women can (and if that is sexist, make the most of it) in their hurry to complete their Christmas shopping before the stores exhaust their merchandise. The menfolk have become totally immersed, as usual, in the frantic windup of the football season.

But this year there is a difference. As this is written the Denver Broncos, for the first time in 17 frustrating years, have a chance at going all the way. What years of agony they were we have been through. So many the seasons that started with promise and collapsed in demoralizing defeat. If there was a way to lose, the Denver Broncos would exploit it. They had an affinity for self-destruction. But this year, this year, it may be different.

The imminence of Thanksgiving was made known to us the other day when Matthew presented us with a poster. It was something he learned to make in kindergarten. There was a pilgrim father, with a head shaped suspiciously like that of Charlie Brown, pasted on a sheet of blue poster paper. The pilgrim wore a satisfied smirk, as though he had just consumed his fill of turkey and pumpkin pie. Alongside the pilgrim's face are printed the words "To Grandpa and Grandma." Never mind that Matt ran out of space and had to put the second "a" in Grandpa right up above the "p". It is enough to know that Matt is taking the first uncertain steps, successfully, into the promising realm of written communications, and for his continued and development after a shaky start in life, we can be thankful.

We are planning another Thanksgiving this year. Susan and her husband, Warren,

will be with us. So will Chris and Lloyd, and their boys Matt and Jon. The other offspring are too far away to come, but we have hopes Mike and Pete will be here sometime during Christmas week. The house will be jumping with activity if they all show up, but it's been a long time since we've all been together. When next we can get together again, if ever, is anybody's guess so we want to make the best of the opportunity.

We are no different from many another Nisei or Sansei family in having so much to be thankful for. Good health. A nation at peace. A greater measure of economic security than seemed would ever be possible a generation ago. Freedom of conscience and the right to dissent. Leaders of the nation and city, and private organizations like JACL, dedicated to service and willing to accept responsibility despite intemperate and often unjustified criticism.

We can be thankful for friends who we cherish despite their faults, and who extend us their friendship despite our own shortcomings which, of course, must be minor compared to their flaws of personality and character. To be sure, we are thankful for the sense of tolerance that makes us acceptable to each other; what a frightful place the world would be without it.

It is almost time to ask once again where the year has gone. My folks used to say that time fled more swiftly as they grew older. I was not sure then what they meant, but now the meaning is clearer. Time cannot be arrested in its flight. But it can be savored, each minute and hour of it, by the enjoyment of winning football seasons and family gatherings, feasting and friendship, grandchildren and remembering.

It is the hectic season, but a good time of year.

Book Fair collects books in Nihongo

LOS ANGELES — Children's books, best sellers and particularly Japanese language publications are being sought for sale at a fundraising Book Fair scheduled Dec. 4 in Little Tokyo.

Proceeds from the fair, sponsored by the Little Tokyo Bookmobile Committee, will be

used to purchase more books for the Los Angeles Public Library Bookmobile, which stops regularly in Little Tokyo.

Donors should include names and addresses when submitting books, Iwaoka said.

The book fair will run from noon to 5 p.m. in the Higashi Hongwanji parking lot.

CHIAROSCURO:

Asian Influence Still Weak

By FRANK SHIMOMURA
Sacramento JACL

The Bakke case—presently before the U.S. Supreme Court—is of great importance to all minorities, including persons of Japanese ancestry. This case raises the so-called "reverse discrimination" issue and involves the validity of the "special admissions" program of the UC Davis medical school. Asians as well as Blacks, Chicanos, and Native Americans are included in this program.

The U.S. Justice Department—while generally supporting the "special admissions" program—has questioned the inclusion of "Asians" in it. Citing various statistics, the Justice Department brief argues that Asians are adequately represented in the medical profession.

The Justice Department's brief, while seemingly rea-

sonable, is misleading and potentially damaging to Asian Americans in the following respects:

1—It lumps all Asians together. It assumes that all "Asians"—whether Japanese, Filipino, Korean, Chinese, Vietnamese, etc.—are the same. As we know, certain segments of the Asian community have adequate representation in the medical profession. But others are still grossly under-represented. The Justice Department's position would end special consideration for all Asian groups.

2—The medical profession is not representative of the progress of Asian Americans in other areas. Unfortunately, the Bakke case will be read and applied to all occupations and professions. If the U.S. Supreme Court adopts this position, it may spell the end of "affirmative action" for Asian Americans in areas of present under-

representation, i.e. management positions in large private and public institutions.

3—Finally, the most disturbing aspect of the Justice Department's position was the fact that it took the position in the first place. It did not have to come out against the inclusion of Asians. It could have remained neutral. It generally supported the other groups included in the special admissions program. This indicates, at least to me, the relatively weak influence which Asians have in Washington, despite recent election victories.

The JACL has sent Frank Iwama, National legal counsel, to Washington, D.C. to confer with Justice Department officials after publication of its brief.

All we can do now is await the court's decision.

"Chiaroscuro" is reserved for commentaries by JACL chapter presidents as gleaned from newsletters, minutes and reports.

REPARATION

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The bureaucratic operations would probably take so long that few surviving Issei would ever benefit.

The experiences of the Evacuation Claims Act of 1948 must not be forgotten. Many families could not file claims because they could not document their losses. It took 13 years to process 23,689 claims at exorbitant administrative costs.

A Nikkei corporation formed to specifically handle claims can be more expeditious than a federal agency.

A meaningful scholarship fund established exclusively from interests is possible. Advantage over the one-shot individual payment is that the program affords a continuous and a constant reminder of the injustice suffered by Japanese Americans.

Six proposals for method of reparation have been submitted to JACL for consideration. These will be presented next.

Calendar, pulse & memos

Eden Township

Children of the community will entertain at Eden Township JACL's 29th annual Christmas party to be held on Saturday, Dec. 10, 7:30 p.m., at Eden Japanese Community Center, 710 Elgin St., San Lorenzo.

Mrs. George Minami, program chairperson, is being assisted by:

Mrs. Sam Kawahara, gifts; Mrs. Masao Yokota and Mrs. Susan Takagi, dec; Mrs. Glen Deardoff, dance instructor; George Nomura and Ich Nishida.

Houston

The Houston JACL's Japanese cookbook (\$2.25 post-paid) was expected to be delivered by Nov. 21 to fulfill orders. In order to use bulk rate for which a minimum of 200 pieces is needed, local members were urged to buy copies for their friends and relatives and send the order to:

Dr. Tosh Yamauchi, 7233 Staffordshire #3, Houston, Tex 77030.

The chapter Christmas party will be held on Saturday, Dec. 3, 6 p.m. at the Mercantile Bank, 4010 S. Braeswood. Program will include potluck dinner, entertainment and gifts for the kiddies.

Las Vegas

Las Vegas JACL will have its mochiutsuki, tentatively set for Dec. 18, as a member-only function. Those who join or renew now will be getting free mochi at the mochiutsuki, according to Lilian Morizono, chapter secretary.

Mid-Columbia

The year-end for Mid-Columbia JACL promises two fun-filled affairs: the Christmas party Dec. 9 at Mid-Valley School and the New Year's Eve party at the Country Club.

The Christmas party will be a potluck affair from 5:30

p.m., with gifts of candy to the children. Reservations for the New Year's Eve dinner are being accepted by Pat Lee (386-4985).

San Gabriel Valley

Mrs. Toshiko Ito was installed as San Gabriel Valley JACL president at a dinner held Nov. 12 at a West Covina restaurant.

Clarence Nishizu, who helped to reactivate the chapter in 1967, was the installing officer. He had flown in from Nogales, Mexico, to participate in the program and also contributed \$100 to the chapter's David Ito Memorial Scholarship.

Dr. Ted Tsukahara of Claremont, guest speaker, spoke on the part that Issei played in the current wide acceptance of Japanese Americans in society "al-

though the road is still not well paved yet".

Proceeds of the installation dinner were earmarked for the chapter scholarship fund. Ted Hamachi was dinner chairman.

West Los Angeles

Toy Kanegai has been installed for the fourth time as president of the West Los Angeles JACL, accepting the gavel from her husband George who had completed two terms. The gala event took place Nov. 19 at the Airport Marina Hotel where some 200 people heard George Knox Roth speak on the need to emulate the ecological attitude the people of Japan have adopted as well as their ecumenical approach which has made Japan a leading nation.

PSWDC Gov. Paul Tsune-

shi was installing officer. Mitsuo Sonoda of the Auxiliary and her officers were also sworn into office.

Richard Kampmann, track and cross-country coach at University High, was accorded for the JACL Community Service Award.

Audrey Hokoda, WLA delegate this year at the Presidential Classroom for Young Americans, responded for the nine scholarship winners. Sid Yamazaki was emcee; Rev. Akira Hata of the W.L.A. Buddhist Church gave the invocation and benediction.

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JACL-Blue Shield dues being increased 25%

SAN FRANCISCO — Members in the Mountain Plains District Council, the sixth District Council to join the plan, are now in the process of enrolling in the California Blue Shield Health Plan. It is expected that over 60 members will become new subscribers, according to Frances Morioka, administrator.

After recent negotiations with California Blue Shield, John Yasumoto, chairman of the JACL-CBS Administrative Committee, announced that with continuing higher hospital and medical costs, plus higher than usual claim payments to subscribers and their dependents during the past months, the JACL-CBS group will require a 24.9%

increase in its present monthly dues. The new quarterly dues structure including administrative fees is as follows:

SUBSCRIBER: \$80.45
2-PARTY: \$155.75
3-MORE: \$201.30

It is to be noted that for the first time, the JACL-CBS plan will have only one rate for single subscribers in lieu of a male and female category. This decision was based on current federal policies on non-discrimination as to a person's sex.

Administrative Committee Representatives have been meeting with Chapter Commissioners in various District Councils during November and December.

Calendar

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. 9 (Friday)
Mid-Columbia—Christmas party, Mid-Valley School.
Dec. 10 (Saturday)
Chicago—Christmas party.
Eden Township—Christmas party, Eden Japanese Comm Ctr, 7:30 p.m.
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
West Los Angeles—Las Vegas trip.
Dec. 17 (Saturday)
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Government

Sen. Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hawaii) will step down at the end of the year as chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, formed in 1976 when abuses by the nation's intelligence community came to light. Inouye was chosen by his fellow Democrats to head the committee.

Roy Shimizu, who resigned as executive director of Orange County Housing Authority, is returning to a position with the Federal Dept. of Housing and Urban Development. The authority was responsible for much

of the country's tax-subsidized housing program.

The proposed \$11-million Fresno City-County Government Center will be designed by a team of architects named last month with Kenneth Fujii as leader with his wife-architect Elaine Parsons Fujii. It will stand at the north end of Mariposa Mall on redevelopment property bounded by Fresno, P and Tulare Sts. and the Santa Fe tracks. Los Angeles Mayor Bradley appointed two Asians to a new Veterans Advisory Committee: Bob Leong, administrative assistant to the California Council for Veterans Affairs, and Mote Nakasako, 44th veterans and chief of the County Veterans Service Division.

Attorney Jun Mori was appointed by Los Angeles Mayor Bradley to the Harbor Commis-

sion, succeeding George Izumi who resigned last Sept. 23, though he had insisted at one time he would complete his full term ending June, 1980. Venice-Culver JACL life member Victor M. Carter resigned Nov. 4 as harbor commissioner because his business interests took him out of the city and country too frequently.

Minister Tamio Amau with the Japan delegation to the international organizations in Geneva and concurrent consul general at the Swiss city was named Japanese consul general at San Francisco, succeeding Hidenori Sueoka who will be Japan's minister to Ecuador.

Elections

Gordon J. Lau, San Francisco county supervisor, was elected to the 1st District seat with 35% (5,791) majority in the 10-field bid for the seat in the recent election. He is the first Chinese American to win election though they have been appointed as Lau was to fill a vacancy. It was also San Francisco's first election by geographic district.

Media

Tritia Toyota, newscaster on KNBC (4), Los Angeles, since 1972 and anchoring the station's Saturday night news since 1975, will join Jess Marlow as co-anchor on the Emmy-winning 5 p.m. daily "Newscenter 4" news broadcasts from Dec. 5. She is a native of Oregon with degrees from Oregon State and UCLA.

Health

Dr. Rodger Kame, Little Tokyo optometrist and assistant professor at the Southern California College of Optometry, spoke on and demonstrated the latest contact lens technique at the International Intraocular and Contact Lens Conference at Nagoya Nov. 3-5.

Business

Former assistant national JACL director Donald Hayashi of San Francisco is presently with Human Resources Corp., as

a community liaison with the San Francisco Wastewater Management Program. Linda Oshiro, Arizona-born administrator, was promoted assistant v.p., California First Bank's San Francisco regional office. She had been at CFB's San Jose office. She also teaches classical Japanese dance in the Bay Area.

Charles T. Takyoshi, proprietor of Rafu Shoten, was re-elected president of the Little Tokyo Businessmen's Assn. Koshiro Torii of Marukyo was elected secretary.

Music



AKIRA ENDO

A program devoted to ballet music will be presented by the Glendale Symphony under guest conductor Akira Endo at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion at the Los Angeles Music Center on Jan. 7, 8:30 p.m. He is music director and principal conductor of the American Ballet Theater and music director-conductor of the Austin, Tex. Symphony. A one-time resident of Long Beach, Calif., he graduated in music from USC.

Soprano Shigemi Matsumoto opened the 1977-78 season of the Harbor Area Community Concert Assn. with a program at Santa Ana High School. She has sung with the San Francisco Opera and with companies in the Portland, Augusta, Toledo and Tucson.

Seattle criminalist heads crime lab for western Washington

SEATTLE, Wash.—George Ishii, 49, director of the Western Washington State Crime Laboratory, supervises a staff of 22 persons and a large, modern facility in Seattle's Public Safety Bldg. But, he said, "When I joined the Seattle Police Department (in 1963) as a criminalist, there was only one other person working for the lab and the space was one large room serving as storeroom, office, lab and lunchroom."

Ishii was director of the department's crime lab until 1975 when the Western

Washington State Crime Laboratory was formed by a consolidation of crime lab facilities and personnel of the Seattle Police Department, the King County Department of Public Safety and the Washington State Drug Lab.

As director, Ishii's job is completely administrative and he said he really misses lab work. But the directorship requires someone with a criminalist's background and he manages to keep tabs on the daily operations of the lab.

He said he loves his work and calls his office his "pride and joy." He also stays active in various professional groups. Recently, the Northwest Association of Forensic Scientists, of which he is the founder, awarded him the group's distinguished service award.

Ishii said the pressure on the lab's workers is steady, but not in mobilizing. "Everyone is constantly aware that because of their contributions a person may be denied his or her freedom," he said.

Paul Shinoda Jr. loses Senate bid

SNOHOMISH, Wash.—Paul Shinoda, Jr. of Snohomish, who in 1974 was the first Republican here and first Nisei to win a Washington state race in 46 years, was defeated by Mrs. Dianne Woody in a recent state election. Mrs. Woody, a Democrat, was the sentimental favorite in running for the office left vacant by the death of her husband Frank, who died of leukemia last July.

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Monterey Peninsula JACLer Frank Tanaka was appointed city park superintendent on Nov. 11, culminating a 19-year stint with the department of parks and recreation. Active in the community, he is a national board member of the Buddhist Churches of America, treasurer of the Monterey Buddhist Church and edits the Monterey Peninsula JACL newsletter.

Chiz Satow hospitalized

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. — Chiz Satow, PC contributor, was hospitalized Nov. 19 at the Kaiser Permanente Hospital here for cerebral complications. Exploratory surgery was scheduled last Monday. She was found by her neighbors in a dazed condition at the garage of her home in San Francisco.



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Takamiyama: best known American in Japan today

TOKYO—The year 1977 has proved to be a fine one for Hawaiian Jesse Kuhaulua, the best known American in Japan.

At 33 the oldest active sumoist, Jesse, or Takamiyama as he is known on the banzuke, was believed to be heading toward retirement in 1977, his 14th year in the game.

Jesse fooled the experts, however, by rising to Sekiwake, the third highest rank in sumo, for the final tournament of the year in Kyushu in November. He won promotion to Sekiwake for the fifth time by turning in a fine 9-6 record in the 15-day autumn meet in Tokyo.

Not only has the durable Takamiyama performed well on the dohyo in 1977 but the hefty 400-pounder has also blossomed as a song and dance man.

As for warbling, the pride

of Maui Island's first disco album, called "Super Jesse", is due for release in December by Toshiba English Music Industry, according to the Pacific Stars and Stripes, the U.S. military newspapers.

Jesse talks with a rasping, near-whisper because of damage done to his vocal chords in sumo. However, the Stripes said, his singing is not bad.

"Jesse carries a good tune—even though his voice sounds something between a landslide and a gravel truck in low gear," the Stripes article said.

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Jesse goes disco.

spent on test marketing and promotion in Kyushu and Hokkaido, however, the name is being changed and the package redesigned, according to an article in the

Mainichi Daily News.

As it happened, the PR boys had not been aware at the outset that the name they picked has several other meanings besides "snack".

There are candy bars being sold in this country with such a name as "Krunky" so they no doubt thought "Snatch" would be pretty good.

What with the vagaries of the English language, the name that had been chosen was one that could have caused a lot of embarrassment for the Meiji company. In the U.S., the product would have been laughed off the market.

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