

# Friendship Act interest mounting

By TED MATSUSHIMA

OGDEN, Utah—The call for greater citizen participation in promoting improved relations between Japan and the United States won wide support at the biennial conference of the Intermountain District Council held here last month.

JACL leaders in attendance said they are encouraging Japanese American input in government actions, namely in promoting the U.S.-Japan Friendship Act.

Among the leaders present were National President James Murakami, National Director Karl Nobuyuki and his assistant Miles Hamada, Past National Director Dave Ushio and former IDC Governor Gerry Mukai.

Sponsored by the Wasatch Front North Chapter, the conference dealt with the theme "Government and the JACL."

Nobuyuki, describing the meeting as an "opportunity for the cross-breeding of ideas" among leaders, said

JACL is an instrumental vehicle for improving U.S.-Japan relations.

He said the Carter Administration has largely disregarded the intent of the Friendship Act — mainly due to its failure in using more Japanese Americans in government policymaking.

A late change in schedule prevented Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), convention main speaker, from coming. He expressed his regrets in a telegram. The two-day event was

put together by Tom Hori and Harry Suekawa.

In other convention business, officers discussed retirement, small business development and plans for the upcoming national convention to be held in Salt Lake City next year.

The following people were elected to the IDC board:

John Tameno, Snake River, gov.; Al Kubota, SLC, 1st vg; Hid Hasegawa, Idaho Falls, 2nd vg and Saige Aramaki, Mt. Olympus, treas.



James Sakoda, winner of this year's J. Edgar Hoover Gold Medal Award, accepts token from VFW State Commander John Beesaw at recent testimonial dinner. Sakoda's wife, Penny, looks on.

## Sansei police officer cited nation's best

By PAT TASHIMA

LOS ANGELES—When the idea to submit his name for the J. Edgar Hoover Gold Medal Award first came up, it was just a "sort of conversation-over-coffee type of situation," James Sakoda remembered.

Modestly, the Los Angeles police lieutenant revealed how he had never entertained any thoughts of emerging as the eventual winner of the national award.

Then, last May, he found he had won the regional honor. In June, the state honor.

And, as Mote Nakasako, chief of L.A. County Veterans Services Division said at a recent testimonial dinner, "the rest is all history."

In August, Sakoda and his wife, Penny, flew to Minneapolis to accept the national award — the highest bestowed by the Veterans of Foreign War for outstanding service in law enforcement.

"Mote had asked me to submit some things I had done," Sakoda told the 150 people in attendance at the World Trade Center. "It was just a casual conversation. Who would have thought it would ever get this far? I'm overwhelmed."

Though he accepted the honor nearly four months ago, Sakoda and his family are still experiencing the excitement that accompanies J. Edgar Hoover award winners.

Comrades from VFW Nisei Posts 1961 (Gardena), 4140 (San Fernando Valley), 9902 (East Los Angeles) and 9938 (Los Angeles) found the time to arrange the testimonial dinner at WTC's International Club Nov. 26.

The accolades, too, were still flowing.

"I overheard Jim say in Sacramento that this award really goes to Japanese Americans, that it raises the prestige of all Japanese Americans," Nakasako said. "He feels strongly that he is representing the Japanese community."

State Assemblyman Paul Bannai, a longtime friend of Sakoda's, said, "This award is something Jimmy is well deserving of. He is a modest person in a field other Asians are not too involved in. There is a future in it—I think it is a very honorable profession. And I'm happy the posts have found the time and opportunity to honor him."

The J. Edgar Hoover Award was adopted in 1966 by the National VFW Council and goes annually to the law enforcement officer whose services best exemplify the profession.

Sakoda's winning the award puts him in an elite class that includes L.A. County Sheriff Peter Pitchess, who won the honor in 1972.

But it's the significance the award has to aspiring Asian law officers that is most important to Sakoda.

"My being a part of law enforcement could be something younger Asians can look to and say, 'Police officers are not such a bad lot after all,'" he said. "When going into law, kids—especially kids in the Asian community—think they can't be a part of it and won't be able to relate to it."

"I think I can say now that many will go into law. It's important to bring up a profession of law enforcement."

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## Coverage of Chinatown shooting rated

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. — Local newspaper coverage of shootings that occurred in a Chinatown restaurant over Labor Day was sensational and "sometimes hysterical," according to Asians in Mass Media (AMM), an organization that scrutinizes media coverage of Asians.

After extensive analysis, the group found the San Francisco Examiner and San Francisco Chronicle, the

city's two major newspapers, "hopped on the story in typically blood-thirsty fashion."

The Examiner's coverage, the group said, was more informed and sensitive than the Chronicle's, which seemed to be uninterested in anything but a "blood-and-gore crime story."

Media across the nation were drawn to the Chinatown violence that was ap-

parently prompted by youth gangs in the troubled Chinese community. Five people were killed in the melee at the Golden Dragon Restaurant.

"As to be expected, there has been some good coverage and some bad coverage," AMM reported. "Unfortunately, in our estimation, the bad has outweighed the good."

Both the Examiner and

Chronicle failed to follow up on stories about city policemen moonlighting at such establishments as the Golden Dragon, AMM said. Neither paper, with any speed, sought the views of Chinatown leaders after Police Chief Charles Gain's criticism of Chinese Americans for remaining silent about the crime.

In both cases, the papers were beaten by the Los Angeles Times and its reporter David Johnston, who provided the best overall coverage of the violence, according to the group.

The Times, five days before the San Francisco papers, managed to counter Gain by reprinting editorials published in the bilingual Chinatown weekly, East-West. The Times also ran an extensive story probing the Tong youth gangs two weeks before the Examiner, the group said.

AMM attributed the news distortions to a lack of understanding about the Chinese community.

"Historically, Chinatown, existing as a part of San Francisco, has never been well covered by the press or TV," the group reported. "There are two prevailing images: Chinatown is mysterious, an enigma; Chinatown is a tourist area. A third image has emerged over the past decade: Chinatown is a gilded ghetto—rich and poor at the same time."

National coverage of the violence was little better than local reportage and local television coverage was sporadic, the group said. Newsweek magazine's Sept. 26 article was "cheap, simplistic and racist" while New West's story Nov. 7 "scoffs at the idea that gang members come from poverty."

Letters were sent to local television stations, the Chronicle and Newsweek complaining about the "instances of bad reporting."

## Carter choice for U.S. appellate court sits as its 2nd Asian American

PHOENIX, Ariz.—Phoenix lawyer Thomas Tang, former president of the State Bar of Arizona, was sworn in Nov. 25 to a seat on the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. (He joins Herbert Y.C. Choy of Hawaii, first Korean American lawyer in the U.S., who was appointed in 1971.)

Tang, 56, took the oath from U.S. Circuit Judge Ozell M. Trask of Phoenix. Presiding at the ceremony was James R. Browning,

chief justice of the 9th Circuit.

Tang, the son of a Chinese immigrant, told an overflow courtroom crowd that his step to the federal bench marks a modification in the old adage "a Chinaman's chance." He called his nomination by President Carter and Senate confirmation on Oct. 7 a step for progress in the fields of human rights, human liberty and equal treatment for all.

Among those present were Tang's wife, Pearl, a Phoenix physician, and other members of his family, including his 82-year-old mother, Lucy Sing Tang of Phoenix, and 85-year-old mother-in-law, Mabel Mow, an American citizen residing in Hong Kong.

Dignitaries included Gov. Wesley Bolin, officials of the state bar and judges of Maricopa County Superior Court, the Arizona Court of Appeals and the Arizona Supreme Court.

Tang served as a Maricopa County Superior Court judge from 1963 to 1970 before losing in a close election. For the past seven years he has been in private practice.

His nomination to the appeals court was based on the recommendation of a special presidential merit panel. The post carries a salary of \$57,500 a year.

Federal judges are appointed for a lifetime at a fixed salary. When they are eligible for retirement, they take senior status, meaning that they still hear cases, but not necessarily on a full-time basis.

The 9th Circuit, which has 13 active judges and seven senior judges, hears appeals from the U.S. district courts in Arizona, Alaska, California, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Idaho, Washington, Hawaii and Guam.

The 9th Circuit has its headquarters in San Francisco and holds court in both that city and Los Angeles. Tang said he will join Trask in keeping his home in Phoenix and commuting when court is in session. □



Photo courtesy: Arizona Republic

Pearl Tang prepares her husband, attorney Thomas Tang, for swearing-in ceremonies to the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

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# SAKODA

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The Asian community should start to get involved with it. Whenever any of us gets any type of an award, hopefully, these kids will look to law enforcement as a career."

Sakoda's extensive background qualified him as the outstanding candidate among the wide field of nominees.

A graduate of Cerritos College, Sakoda, 42, entered the Los Angeles Police

Academy in February, 1958 and was in the top 10% of his class.

His career began the following May as an undercover narcotics investigator. He then was assigned to the Central Division vice unit and later, the Metropolitan area patrol.

In November 1960, he joined the Wilshire Division patrol bureau before becoming a juvenile investigator in January 1962.

From here, he worked in burglary and narcotics divisions. In 1971, he was promoted to Investigator III

(top grade investigator) and worked with local, state and federal narcotics agencies. Sakoda is responsible for the largest seizure of dangerous drugs in LAPD history and also investigated one of the first marijuana smuggling cases involving the confiscation of more than three tons of the drug from L.A. Harbor.

In September 1975, he was appointed to the Asian Task Force to assist in crime prevention programs and in 1976 visited police departments in Japan to exchange and discuss information on Japanese criminal organizations in the L.A. area.

His highest honor by far came in November 1976, when he became the first Japanese American in the force's 108-year history to be promoted to the rank of lieutenant.

Upon his appointment to lieutenant, Sakoda was cited by:

Japanese American Optimist Club of Los Angeles, Mayor Bradley, Councilman David Cunningham, Assemblyman Paul Bannai, State Senator William Campbell, Westside and Uptown Optimist Clubs of Los Angeles and the California Oriental Peace Officers.

A native of Seattle, he is a member of:

VFW Post 9938, Norwalk Youth Activities Group, California Narcotic Officers Assn. and the Downtown Los Angeles JACL.

State and local dignitaries

were on hand to honor Sakoda, including:

State Commander John Beesaw; Fifth District Commander Al Hertz; Fifth District Auxiliary President Pat Villanueva; VFW State Auxiliary President Inez Morris; Nisei Commanders Daniel Lyum from post 1961, John Ogimachi from 4140, Steve Nakama from 9902 and Jim Sugita from 9938; former Gardena Mayor Ken Nakaoka, Rev. Paul Nakamura and dinner chairman David Monji.

The dinner was one in a series of events still being held in Sakoda's honor—a sequence not likely to be broken too soon.

"Tonight when Jim saw me, he said, 'Here we are again,'" said Joe Borello, Fifth District publicist, who accompanied the Sakodas around Minneapolis.

"They are the kindest and most friendly people I've ever met. They allowed us to penetrate their personal lives and become their friends," he added.

"But, it will never end. When you become a VFW commander, you're always a VFW commander. Jimmy Sakoda is a J. Edgar Hoover award winner, and will always be a J. Edgar Hoover award winner."

## WRA camp papers in CFB History Rm.

SAN FRANCISCO—In the collection at the Calif. First Bank Japanese American History Room are some 600 books, magazines and pictures relating to U.S.-Nikkei history including complete sets of the WRA camp newspapers published at Heart Mountain, Wyo., and Topaz, Utah, according to Seizo Oka, bank v.p. in charge.

Bulk of the material has been donated by organizations and individuals. Items are welcome in either Japanese or English. The History Room occupies the 9th floor of the new CFB headquarters, 350 California St.

## Sumitomo merges 19 from Bancal

SAN FRANCISCO—Nineteen statewide branches purchased from Bank of California officially merged last week with the Sumitomo Bank of California.

With the acquisition, Sumitomo now has 42 branches and more than \$1 billion in assets, officials said.

The formal acquisition was approved by the U.S. Department of Justice, California Banking Department and Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. (FDIC).

The offices purchased by Sumitomo are located at:

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Southern California (Los Angeles County): Wilshire Center (3250 Wilshire Blvd.); Miracle Mile (5451 Wilshire Blvd.); West Hollywood (310 N. San Vicente); Hollywood/LaBrea (7072 Hollywood Blvd.); Santa Monica (100 Wilshire Blvd.); San Fernando Valley (15250 Ventura Blvd., Sherman Oaks); Long Beach Main (444 West Ocean Blvd.); East Long Beach (600 Redondo Ave.); Pomona (255 W. Mission Blvd.); and Claremont (102 N. Yale Ave.).

## Japan investments overseas climbing

TOKYO—Japanese companies have overseas investments in 3,275 local corporations, 561 in North America, according to the latest government figures reported in Japan Banking Briefs, published by The Fuji Bank, Ltd. The Ministry of International Trade and Industry figures show an overseas investment increase of 2.8% over figures reported in March 1971.

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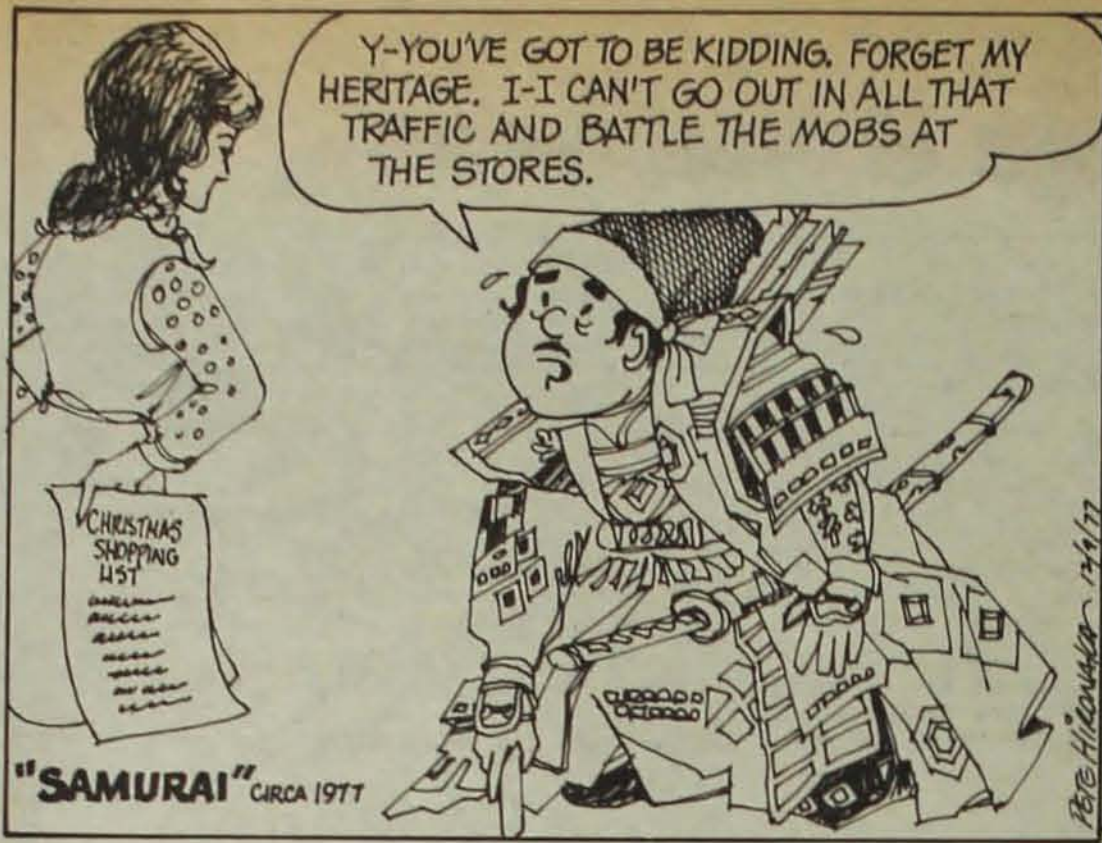
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From Happy Valley: Sachi Seko

## In Search of a New Goal

My husband said I was inventing an excuse to go looking for the ghost of Brandy. The neighbor's Alsatian German shepherd moved away with his family five months ago. The house is still vacant, unsold.

One Sunday there were signs indicating the house was open for public showing. I wanted to see how Brandy always managed to escape when his family thought he was safely inside. The salesman was sympathetic to our reason for coming to see the house.

Brandy had apparently escaped through the kitchen door. It is similar to the one in our study. From the time he was a pup, he was an observant student of doors, an avocation more suited to burglars.

He was intrigued with the way doors operated. Standing up to his full height, he tinkered with the latch. It took him months to master the method, but he finally learned how to trip the lock and get out.

A leisurely tour of his former home showed that Brandy preferred to damage our house. Some doors in his home had no scratch marks. There were no footprints on the walls either. At our house, he liked to sleep with his feet propped up against the walls.

There were no ghosts of Brandy. Just a large, empty house and a yard that needs to be worked on. We fell into a lazy conversation with the salesman. It was the kind of warm autumn afternoon that invited friendly exchanges.

Together we examined the faults and advantages of the house. We agreed it would be

appropriate for a large family. There are five bedrooms and four baths. It would take almost an entire day to maintain a modicum of cleanliness and order.

The salesman said he would never buy the house. He had three children, but they were reaching an age where within five years only one would be home. He said that was the trouble with most people. When buying houses, they neglect to look five years into the future.

He asked how many children we had and how long we had lived in our house. We bought this second home when we were in our 30s. Our son was ten and we did not plan to have any more children.

We bought the house partly for him. The location and quality of schools were important. He needed space in which to entertain friends and at other times to seek his solitude. It is the house he grew up in. He is 23 and the prospects of his leaving are discouragingly dim.

It has been a good investment when its use is measured. Contemporary and functional, each area is occupied every day. It accommodated the formal entertaining which was prevalent until a few years ago. The kind of parties at which place cards and business suits were expected. Today it is suitable to the serve yourself and seat yourself buffets which have become our style.

The salesman told us that we had bought sensibly. He said our purchase exceeded the five year planning which he recommends. And it is likely that we will still be comfortable in this house for

another five years, when we will be reaching our middle 50s.

But five years have a way of slipping past so quickly. It would be convenient to believe that life will take care of itself. The Issei appear to have managed to do this. They worked until they were too old or weak, or until they were forced to retire.

Many assumed they could depend on children to care for them in their old age. It is an interesting assumption considering the Issei were not responsible for their own parents.

I shudder to think of how a life of dependency on our son would be. The idea must be equally repugnant to him. There are some who will quickly say it is easy to assert one's independence from a child. Before you reach that time.

They point to cases of illness and economic inadequacy. But then again, these are extreme expectations. I recoil against self-prophecies of this nature. I fear they may be fulfilling.

I once asked a successfully retired friend what kept him going. He said the secret was to keep wanting things, new adventures, new treasures. When goals are achieved, he said, replace them with other wants.

He said you die inside when your desires are lost. I haven't quite decided what I want to be doing five years from now. But I have an idea of the kind of house I want to live in. I like dogs, especially large ones.

But I don't appreciate the dirt they track into a house. It would be nice if we could live in a mud hut, someplace out in the open. Dogs could wander in and out, without a fuss being made over their dirty feet. They don't like to wear shoes or socks. I've tried that. But with mud floors, who would care?

And they could all sleep with their feet propped up against the mud walls. I am already checking the classified sections of the local paper for such a place. There is a shortage presently, but in five years the market should loosen up. □



From the *Frying Pan*: Bill Hosokawa

## Dilemma of Race

Denver, Colo. The folly of any national policy based on racism—discriminating for or against solely on the basis of skin color—is underscored in a story published recently in the Los Angeles Times, filed from Pretoria, South Africa, by Jack Foisie.

If you've been reading the newspapers you know that South Africa under its prime minister, John Vorster, made the Afrikaner word *apartheid* a part of the English language. It means "apartness", or racial segregation. Vorster has people of various skin tones nicely assigned to private pigeonholes, Foisie says, except for the Chinese. There are 8,500 of them in South Africa, the descendants of 50,000 coolies imported soon after the turn of the century to work in the mines. These South African Chinese now are mostly city dwellers, quiet and law-abiding retail merchants and restaurant operators. In this respect they are not drastically different from Chinese-Americans. However, in other respects, there is a yawning gap.

"Every other race has at least theoretical political rights under the latest constitutional plans," Foisie writes. "There are tribal homelands in which blacks can exercise their vote. Vorster wants to allow 'coloreds' (people of mixed race) and 'Asians' (from India) separate parliaments with a degree of self-rule within their segregated communities.

"But the 'yellow-skinned' are a twilight group that fits into no *apartheid* scheme. The Chinese are not accepted as fellow Asians by the Indians, and local Chinese do not rate the 'honorary white' status accorded to Japanese visitors.

The Chinese are allowed to live in white areas if no one complains. If some white person takes exception to having a Chinese neighbor, the Chinese is ordered to move on.

"Chinese have a few privileges that other non-whites are not given," Foisie writes, "such as the right to drink in the same bar as whites. They can operate bus-

inesses with fewer restrictions. But they have no voting rights, and compared with whites, do not always get equal pay for equal work."

What complicates the tangled mess for Vorster is that the government of South Africa has much in common with Taiwan. Neither is a member of the United Nations. Taiwan was kicked out when Red China was voted in. South Africa quit in a huff after economic sanctions were voted. Misery loves company. Trade and cultural exchanges are growing.

The honorary white status accorded Japanese, primarily visiting businessmen, is a curious status reminiscent of the recognition Nazi Germany cynically extended the Japanese as honorary Aryans when the Berlin-Tokyo Axis became essential to Hitler's warped plans. How South Africans can distinguish between Chinese and Japanese is not explained.

Which brings up the point that race can be a very difficult thing to determine. The United States is and has been, caught up in this dilemma. By custom in the South, anyone with a drop of Negro blood in his heritage was constituted a black. But now the Census Bureau accepts the declaration of the person being registered. For example, a white man married to a black woman may declare his children to be white and the Census Bureau must accept that. Presumably, by the same token the white can declare his children by a black woman to be black in order to take advantage of affirmative action programs such as are involved in the Bakke case at the University of California, Davis.

And then there is the criteria the United States government used in evacuating "Japanese" of mixed blood from the West Coast and Alaska during the late unpleasantness. But that is another story for another time.

For now, it is sufficient to say we open up a tangled can of worms when we make race the basis for any discriminatory action, affirmative or negative. □

### Guest Editorial: The Advertiser

## Hawaii's Hiro Higuchi

Honolulu A community is desirable to live in depending on various conditions.

They include the presence of moderate climate; geographic beauty; vibrant, upright businesses; wise, honest political leaders; and private individuals who contribute in their own good ways.

One such individual Hawaii has been fortunate to have is the Reverend Hiro Higuchi. We think of him now because at age 70, he just started another do-it-yourself church building project.

Ground breaking took place at the Waipahu United Church of Christ last Sunday (Oct. 16). On weekday mornings, Higuchi is likely to be working on the premises alone — moving rocks here, nailing boards there. On weekends, church members pitch in, sometimes with others in the community helping as well.

Higuchi—and his wife, Hisako—has been through it before. He led in putting up the Pearl City Community

Church and the Manoa Valley Church the same way. He also was instrumental in renovating a church in Waialua and one in Lanai City.

On Kauai, he organized a citizens' volunteer effort to build a community swimming pool in Waimea in the mid-'50s. Back on Oahu, he headed a Lions Club effort to build the visitors' pavilion at the Waimano Training School and Hospital in the late-'50s.

He started in Waipahu, where he is once again. He led in putting up a do-it-yourself church building in 1950. That was meant to be a social/education center. Plans called for constructing a separate chapel. But when Higuchi moved on, no one finished the job. So, though officially retired and at times seriously ill in recent years, he's returned to do it.

Higuchi served as chaplain of the famed 442nd Regimental Combat Team in World War II. He was a pacifist but signed up after 135 members of his YMCA group enlisted.

In Europe, some 442nd

soldiers promised that after the fighting they would help him build a church back home. Many of them have, time and again.

Among his activities, he once served on the State Board of Pardons and Pardon. He resigned in 1960, protesting what he considered "gestapo tactics" used to malign then-prison warden Joe Harper. The issue was "human dignity and fundamental rights," he declared at the time.

In 1962, while on then-Governor John A. Burns' Prison Site Advisory Committee, he alone among five members voted to build the new prison on Oahu instead of Maui. He knew that family visits would be easier and that professional services would be more available on Oahu than Maui. He gave those considerations priority. That view now prevails.

Hiro Higuchi has long stood effectively for conscience and humane values. Our community owes him a great deal.

Now, pass him the hammer again.

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# Calendar, pulse & memos

## ● Eden Township

A highly successful joint installation dinner was held by the Eden Township JACL and the Eden Asian American Youths (AAJs) with 100 members and guests attending. Mrs. Tomi Miyamoto is the new chapter president and Dean Okano is AAY president.

Jerry Enomoto, director, Calif. Dept. of Corrections, was the main speaker. Other dignitaries present were:

Assemblyman & Mrs. S. Floyd Mori; Hayward Mayor Ilene and Dr. Marvin Weinreb; Union City Mayor and Mrs. Tom Kitayama; Karl Nobuyuki, national JACL exec dir; Fremont JACL Pres. and Mrs. Bill Sakakura; Tri-Valley JACL Pres. and Mrs. Sam Cohen.

Ich Nishida was the chairman and Harry Tanabe was the master of ceremonies. Entertainment was furnished by the popular singing star Yukiko Sakakura, accompanied on the piano by Eleanor Cohen.

## ● Fresno

Two Fresno JACLers were presented National JACL recognition pins during the recent CCDC convention for outstanding service of a decade or more. Yo Takikawa received the Silver Pin for service at the chapter level while Robert Tsubota was given the Sapphire Pin for service at the district/national level.

## ● Gardena Valley

Returning to their roots, as it were, the Gardena Valley JACL officers for 1978 led by Chester Sugimoto, will be installed at a gala Ochazuke party on Saturday, Dec. 17, 6 p.m., at the new Japanese Cultural Institute, 162nd and Gramercy.

Committee co-chaired by Mayko Tarumoto (324-6611), Wayne Sugita (329-9247) and Helen Kawagoe (775-3950) is coordinating the Japanese potluck supper, program,

entertainment plus Santa Claus for the kiddies.

Sugimoto, a wholesale nurseryman, succeeds Helen Kawagoe, city clerk of Carson who was recently recommended for county assessor.

## ● Marin County

The Marin County JACL installation dinner is planned for Dec. 10, 6:30 p.m., at Dominic's Harbor Restaurant in San Rafael. Assemblyman Floyd Mori will be guest speaker. George Kondo, NCWNDC Regional Director, will install the new board.

## ● San Mateo

The San Mateo JACL has selected Saturday, Feb. 25, as the date for its annual installation dinner-dance.

With the anticipated participation by many Bay Area dance groups, the committee contracted use of the spacious Peninsula Social Club, 100 No. B St. as the locale.

Music is to be provided by the "Drifters", a popular Nikkei band in San Jose. The aggregation generally opens with Japanese songs featuring a number of talented singers and then proceeds into fox trots, rumbas and

## New Mexico wins museum prizes

ALBUQUERQUE — New Mexico JACL won two cash prizes for their participation in the recent Museum of Albuquerque international arts and crafts festival, taking 2nd prize for best costume and 3rd prize for the best booth.

Longtime member Ruth Hashimoto is president of the Museum of Albuquerque Assn., which had sponsored the festival Nov. 16.

other favorites.

Tickets for the dinner-dance or dance only are being sold by members. Reservations are being accepted by:

Grayce Kato (345-5167) or Yosh Kojimoto (341-3740).

## ● San Jose

San Jose JACL will host a New Year's Eve dinner-dance at Rickey's Hyatt House in Palo Alto with tickets now available at \$35 per couple by calling on:

Rose Kinaga (266-9727), Jan Kurahara (res: 732-9940, office: 292-2434), Aiko Nakahara (258-7874), or Karen Shiraki (244-6355).

Prime rib dinner is being offered. Tickets for dance only are \$15 per couple. Johnny Vaughn's band will play.

## ● Selanoco

Over 40 Selanoco JACL members and guests heard Susie Kamei and Clarence Nishizu share their experiences on their visit to Russia last summer at the Oct. 29 chapter meeting.

Susie, a UC Irvine student who spent eight weeks studying in Russia, added her comments to Clarence's beautiful slides giving a student's perspective of the country and its people. The Nishizus spent two weeks as tourists.

To conclude the chapter book project, the remaining copies of "Years of Infamy" were distributed to members with the suggestion that a copy be given to high school libraries and history department chairmen. Through efforts of chapter president Hiroshi Kamei, many high school administrators have learned that the Michi Weglyn book is probably the best current reference book on the Evacuation.

The 1978 installation banquet will be held on Jan. 28 at

the Twin Dragon Restaurant, Anaheim.

## ● Stockton

Stockton JACL's annual Christmas party will be held on Sunday, Dec. 11, at the local Buddhist Church social hall starting at 4 p.m. with a potluck dinner. There will be games, treats and door prizes.

The chapter board voted to donate \$200 to the Yamada-Okubo Defense Fund and nominated 20 members to 10 board of director vacancies as follows:

Frank Shinoda, Richard Yoshikawa, Bingo Kitagawa, May Saiki, George Matsumoto, Tets Kato, James Tanaka, Kengo Terashita, Jim

Tanji, Bob Yamada, Mabel Okubo, Dave Matsuo, Tad Akaba, Calvin Matsumoto, Hito Nishi, Cary Shimada, Bill Shima, Ted Saiki, George Baba, Henry Saiki.

## Seattle JACL office to move

SEATTLE, Wash. — From Jan. 1, 1978, the Seattle JACL Office will share space with the Seattle Goh Club at 316 S. Maynard (98104). A chapter committee is also considering the feasibility of expanding it as a district council office, currently in Portland. JACL occupied its present office at 526 S. Jackson for many years.

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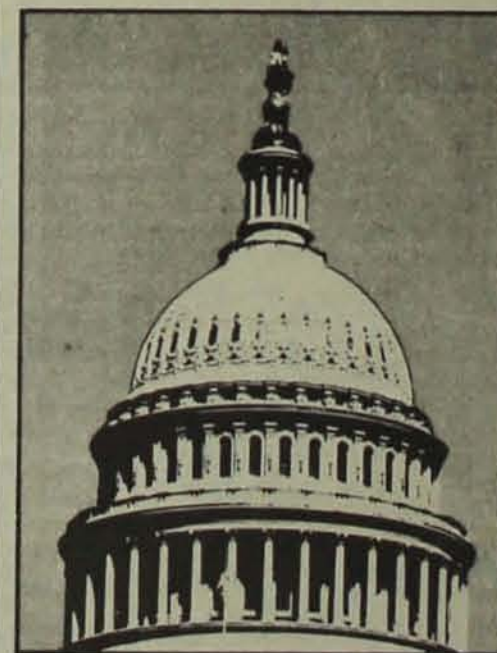
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- Dec. 10 (Saturday)**  
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Eden Township—Christmas party, Eden Japanese Comm Ctr, 7:30 p.m.  
St. Louis—Christmas party.  
Watsonville—YBA spaghetti feast, Buddhist Church, 4-7 p.m.  
Marin County—Inst dnr, Dominic's Harbor Restaurant, San Rafael, 6:30 p.m.
- 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.  
Sequoia—Golf tournament.
- 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.

## Christmas party

LOS ANGELES—Friends of the Japanese Retirement Home will stage a Christmas party Dec. 11, 1:30 p.m. at the Home for residents and friends. Jerry Terashita will emcee the program featuring a tree trimming, entertainment and Santa Claus.

## 1978 Officers

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### Courtroom

Because it appears current procedures for investigating police shootings of citizens are inadequate, **Dr. Thomas Noguchi**, Los Angeles County coroner and chief medical officer, is requesting expansion of a state law providing coroners with subpoena powers. Superior Court Judge Edward Hinz Jr. recently ruled the coroner could not subpoena documents. Noguchi said, "We cannot adequately investigate police shooting incidents without access to police documents." The coroner could not complete

his inquiry into the Aug. 4 police shooting of a naked unarmed man.

### Fashions

Japan's front-runner couture designer **Hanae Mori** introduced her latest collection in Washington, D.C., at the new Japanese Embassy on Nebraska Ave. on Nov. 11 which was regarded as "a rather splendid housewarming" for the official unveiling of sprawling residence by the Washington Post in commenting on the double debut. The new embassy, completed last March, was tough competition for the Mori fashions that bore price tags from \$500 up. Handblocked wallpaper, huge paintings, giant shoji screens, spectacular crystal chandeliers, dramatic foyer and teahouse will make it one of the embassies most in demand for benefits in the Nation's Capital.

### Fine Arts

Art works of **Secundio** and **Josephine Mizuho Bucol** are being exhibited through December at Diablo Valley College library, Pleasant Hill, Calif. They had participated in the Filipino Arts Festival in San Francisco, where their talents attracted the attention of the college official in charge of special programs. Secundio, a WW2 veteran, recently retired after 20 years with the state highway dept. He and his San Diego-born Nisei wife and

school teacher at Delhi (Merced County) are active with the Livingston-Merced JACL, Merced Art League and Sumie Society of America.

### Government

Calif. Assemblyman **Paul Bernal** of Gardena, a member of the U.S. National Commission for UNESCO, will represent the state and local governments at its next meeting Dec. 7-9 in Detroit, Mich. The agenda focuses on international human rights.

### Business

The Gardena board of realtors is headed by its first Japanese American woman, **Mrs. Hisaye Nakajima**. Import Salon, which features exquisite Japanese handcraft and stoneware, opened its second outlet inside the New Otani Hotel, Little Tokyo, it was announced by **Reiko Kawasaki**, president of Kawasaki Trading Co., Torrance.



MIKE MINEISHI

**Mike Mineishi**, a charter member of the staff when California First Bank opened its San Jose office in 1962, has returned to the office as vice president and manager. He succeeds **Nobuhiko Neo**, who has been assigned to the bank's Japan affiliate, the Bank of Tokyo, Ltd. After serving as a public relations officer at San Jose for more than 10 years, Mineishi became the first manager of the Salinas office in 1973. He held that post until last July, when he was briefly transferred to the bank's San Francisco regional staff.

**Sumitomo Bank of California**, which is opening its first Fresno office in January, named **Hiroshi Kawai**, 46, as general manager. He is currently head of the

bank's San Mateo branch. Succeeding him will be **Takashi Okamoto**, 45, now at the head office, San Francisco. **Wayne Y. Takeuchi** was promoted to president of **Chaix & Johnson Associates**, an architectural and interior design firm at Los Angeles/Hong Kong. An honor graduate from Los Angeles Art Center, Takeuchi joined the firm 20 years ago and had been its executive v.p., supervising projects that found him out of the U.S. at least four months a year.

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