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Margaret Takatori Fund gets its biggest boost



The Southern District Junior Young Buddhist League presents \$2,264.55 to the Margaret Takatori Fund. Pictured (from left) are Ben Honda, Buddhist Church of San Diego; Pam Kasubuchi, YBA pres.; Mrs. Etsuco Yamazaki; Margaret; Mrs. Kiyoko Ochi and Mas Hironaka, fund trustees.

SAN DIEGO, Calif.—Though she still may be too young to understand the need of money, little Margaret Takatori will have plenty to fall back on, thanks to the efforts of caring followers.

A fund in her name, started nearly two years ago, now totals \$3,547.25—the last largest contribution coming from the Southern District Junior Young Buddhist League, which presented a check for \$2,264.55.

Members of the San Diego Japanese Coordinating Council began the fund after Margaret suffered burns on 75% of her body in a fire at her home. Then just a few months old, the infant lost both her father, Kiyomi Takatori, 34, and mother Midori, 31, in the blaze. She now lives with Paul and Etsuco Yamasaki in San Diego.

Contributions to the Margaret Takatori Fund can be made c/o California First Bank, P.O. Box 2591, San Diego 92212. □

Spokane JACL rebuts WSU's responses

A lengthy rebuttal to the PC Special Article (Jan. 20) denying "anti-Asian bias" charges was issued by the Spokane JACL Ad Hoc Committee, Denny Yasuhara, chairperson. Because of its length, it will appear in three parts.

—Editor.

The following statement is being made in response to the PC article printed Jan. 20, 1978, "Washington State Denies Anti Bias Charge (sic)." The article presents the position taken by the Washington State University administration to allegations made by the Spokane Chapter JACL. Dr. Beasley generally concluded that all of the allegations made by the JACL were unfounded by stating, "So far, the charges outlined by the JACL are either false or have been distorted..." and "it (JACL) keeps charging discrimination, but the charges are not based on fact." It is the intention of the Spokane Chapter, JACL, hereinafter referred to as

Abraham Lincoln Wirin, 77

(See Editorial, Page 4)

LOS ANGELES—A. L. Wirin, 77, died here Feb. 4 of an illness. Associated with the ACLU as attorney since 1931, he is remembered by Japanese Americans for his opposition to the 1942 Evacuation and work after the war having the courts overturn anti-Japanese discriminatory laws.

JACL, to rebut these and other specific statements made by Dr. Beasley in the PC article.

Letters, memoranda and other documents pertaining to the quotes used in this article are in our possession and will be released at an appropriate time during the normal course of HEW's investigative process. If names and sources were released publicly and prematurely by the JACL, irreparable harm could result to those who have come forward to discuss these matters with us. There is no sure way to prevent retaliation, harassment or pressure, regardless of the laws enacted to prevent it.

Originally, the WSU problems were brought to the attention of the Executive Director, Washington State Commission on Asian American Affairs of the Governor's Office, by students sometime in early 1974 and a lengthy inquiry ensued prior to the JACL investigation initiated in September of 1977.

I. THE ASIAN AMERICAN PROPOSAL

A. It is an established fact

that WSU does not have an Asian American Studies Center, while all other minority groups have had similar programs for years. The JACL has learned from:

A letter dated March 17, 1976, to the Executive Director, Wash. State Commission on Asian American Affairs from Dr. Beasley.

"In response to questions about courses in Asian American Studies, we do not have a program like Black Studies or Chicano Studies."

B. PC statement by Beasley:

"... the school (WSU) has never received a formal request or proposal for an Asian American studies program." ... "We have never received petitions or requests for such a program."

JACL Response

A 15-page complete formal proposal with a detailed budget of \$32,300 was submitted through proper University channels and did reach higher administrative levels. It was not acted upon or submitted to the Academic Affairs Committee of the University Senate, because the proposal was blocked by the administration before it could be. The

JACL has learned from:

(1) A letter dated Oct. 26, 1973, written by Dr. William R. Brown, Coordinator of Student Services Research.

"The proposal arrived in Pullman on Oct. 19, 1973. I went into action the same day by taking copies to the Graduate School, Dr. Allen Smith, Vice President—Academics and Dr. J.C. Clevenger, Vice President—Student Services (italicized words added). The following Monday I took the budget to the comptroller's office."

(2) A letter dated Dec. 6, 1973, written by Dr. Allen H. Smith, Vice President of Academics. "I regret that the Asian American proposal did not make it through our University review process."

(3) A letter dated Nov. 10, 1975, written by the Executive Director, Wash. State Commission on Asian American Affairs to President Glen Terrell.

"... concerning the Asian American Studies Proposal ... the results of our evaluation refute Dr. Beasley's statement that the Asian American proposal was not blocked by the WSU administration and this proposal 'never came to their attention.'"

"1. Prior to the submission of the proposal, it was brought to the attention of Vice Presidents, Drs. Smith and Clevenger, that some difficulties were being encountered."

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U.S. dismisses charges against Narciso-Perez

DETROIT, Mich. — Asian American organizations — including the Midwest and Eastern JACL — were applauding last week, following the dismissal of poisoning and conspiracy charges against two nurses accused in connection with a series of mysterious deaths at Ann Arbor's Veterans Administration Hospital.

By dropping the charges against Filipina Narciso and Leonora Perez Feb. 1, U.S. District Judge Philip Pratt ended the longest and one of the most controversial trials in Michigan federal court history.

Pratt last December overturned the guilty verdicts against the two Filipina women, criticizing the conduct of federal prosecutors. His dismissal ruling came at the request of U.S. Attorney James K. Robinson.

The nurses had been convicted of conspiracy and poisoning last July after some 50 cases of respiratory failures hit the hospital's intensive care unit in 1975.

In a 20-page memorandum explaining his request for dismissal, Robinson said the prosecution's evidence was weak and entirely circumstantial. (He was not in his office when the case went to trial.)

According to Robinson, "There was no clear evidence of motive; the need to rely heavily on eyewitness testimony, much of which might be attacked on the

grounds of faulty perception and erroneous memory; and the problem of overcoming natural skepticism that two nurses with no prior criminal or antisocial background ... could have conspired together and carried out such a bizarre plan to poison helpless patients under their care."

At a news conference, Narciso and Perez said they didn't know whether they would return to nursing and said they planned to take long vacations, perhaps to their native Philippines. They had been free on bond since their convictions were overturned Dec. 19.

"From the very beginning, I said I was innocent and this proves it," Narciso said. "It's over and I'm happy," Perez added.

It is not known how many deaths were directly attributed to the injection of Pavulon, a powerful muscle relaxant. Several of the patients did die.

More than 6,000 pages of testimony were compiled from 100 witnesses during the nurses' three-week trial. The jury deliberated 94 hours over 15 days before convicting the nurses of poisoning five patients and conspiring in one case. They could have received life prison sentences.

Both spent several weeks at a federal penitentiary for women in West Virginia before the new trial was ordered. □

Young-Chin rehearing sought

NEW YORK — The Young-Chin legal aid commission plans to petition for a rehearing for Elizabeth Jane Young, whose conviction on a felony gun control charge was upheld last month by the Supreme Court.

The commission claims government attorneys had admitted errors in the case against Young. Signatures are being sought for the rehearing petition, which the commission plans to submit

next month.

Young was arrested initially on suspicion of attempted assassination during a visit of Japan's Emperor Hirohito in October 1975. Charges were later changed and she and her husband were convicted of conspiring to transport a gun across state lines.

(Chin was not acquitted as noted in the Jan. 27 PC but the Solicitor General in his brief recommended the case against Chin be remanded for reversal of conviction due to insufficient evidence to support conviction.)

Mental health of A-bomb survivors a major concern

By PAT TASHIMA
(A PC Special)

When the orders to drop the fateful atomic bomb on the unsuspecting cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki were officially issued by President Truman in 1945, there was little the victims of the decimating blasts could do.

The potent weapons, which Truman and much of the U.S. believed were necessary to spur the surrender of the Japanese, inflicted a pain and destruction too overpowering for the already demoralized people.

But those same weapons caused the demise of more than just the enemy.

Sparsely scattered throughout the confines of the two cities were other victims—victims who were American citizens.

Information recently released by Japanese researchers has confirmed that American POW soldiers, about 20 of them, died in the atomic blasts, rekindling the emotions of

relatives who could not retrieve the bodies of their sons.

There were yet other Americans who perished in the ordeal—the Hibakusha, those Americans of Japanese ancestry. Some, fortunately, survived. But today those survivors find themselves amidst a sorry, yet unconcerned, U.S. populace.

While their counterparts in Japan receive free medical check-ups, treatments and disability payments from Japan's Ministry of Health and Welfare, A-bomb survivors in the United States go without such aid. Many believe they are being ignored by the U.S. government.

Despite the apparent disregard, attempts are being waged to secure the necessary congressional legislation, budgets and medical assistance for the survivors. The efforts stem largely from a group known as the Committee of Atomic Bomb Survivors in the USA.

Kanji Kuramoto, president of the group, has written President Carter twice, telling of the hardships and obstacles A-bomb survivors experience. His first letter of Sept. 22, 1977 went unanswered. His last correspondence was dated Jan. 11, 1978.

Kuramoto and the group are most concerned about acquiring the necessary support for legislation now pending in Congress which would aid survivors. HR 5150 and HR 8440, sponsored by Congressman Edward R. Roybal and Norman Mineta and 25 others, would authorize the reimbursement of medical expenses to survivors who are citizens or lawful residents of the U.S.

The group also hopes to gain enough assistance to sponsor a medical mission from Japan, which studies the attitudes and physical problems of survivors. The first such mission was held last March and according to Kuramoto, was a "fulfillment of a long dream come true."

Whatever dreams the afflicted Nisei once

had began in Japan, while attending school. When the war broke out, they were doomed to stay until its end.

Other Nisei went to Japan with their immigrant parents before the war to avoid the internment camps. Of these Nisei, many lived in Hiroshima.

The healthiest survivors returned to the U.S. Today an estimated 1,000 survivors live in the country. Of these, only about 400 can be located, Kuramoto told Carter in his first letter.

"Many American victims have been unwilling to declare themselves, because of the 'stigma' attached to their conditions," he wrote. "Many have employment problems, difficulty in obtaining health or life insurance, unable to marry, face a shortened life expectancy or have to deal with genetic damage which varies with the dose of radiation received."

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Merit Savings Earnings up

LOS ANGELES—The operating results for Dec. 31, 1977 were \$426,149 after taxes as compared to \$364,315 for 1976 or \$3.36 per share for 1977 as compared to \$2.91 for 1976.

The savings gains amounted to \$11,422,284 bringing overall savings balances at year to \$48,551,215.

Due to strong growth in

savings deposits and mortgage loans, total assets at the end of the year amounted to \$54,971,782. "This was a new record year for Merit Savings in all categories," states Bruce T. Kaji, president of the Association, although interest rates may rise slightly during 1978.

Pipe smoking champ

Yukio Sato, 29, of Tokyo won the all-Japan pipe smoking contest, his three grams of tobacco lasting 2 hrs. 25 min. and 9 sec. Secret was "to blow rather than pull", he revealed.

Pacific Southwest JACL office open house set

LOS ANGELES—The JACL Pacific Southwest regional staff this Sunday will hold an open house to formally welcome the public to its new offices at 125 N. Central Ave.

PSWDC regional director Glen Isomoto said the event will give the public a chance to become familiar with the new surroundings and JACL staff and operations. Doors will be open from 1 to 5 p.m.

The JACL offices moved from the third floor of former Nishi Hongwanji last December, when it was dis-

covered the tedious climb up two flights of stairs was curtailing business. Inadequate space also hindered office production.

Since the move to the first-floor locale, enough office space has been acquired to permit the hiring of four CETA employees who, with Isomoto and secretary Kathy Chono, will be available for questions. There will be refreshments.

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Hayakawa lowering outside tie to up Senate voting rate

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Sen. S. I. Hayakawa (R-Calif.) is planning to reduce his lucrative but time-consuming speaking schedule because his low voting record in the Senate has come under fire recently.

Last year, the senator earned some \$20,000 through public speaking engagements. His voting record for the same period, however, was 82%, placing him among the bottom 17 senators.

During his 1976 campaign,

Hayakawa criticized incumbent John Tunney's frequent absences from the voting floor.

But Tunney had a better record—87% of the roll calls—during his first five years.

"Speaking before an audience clarifies my mind," Hayakawa said of his extensive schedule. He added that 15 trips to California also curtailed his Senate voting.

"I voted for everything I cared about and where my vote would make a difference," he said.

Editorial backs HR 9471 passage

SAN JOSE, Calif.—The San Jose Mercury Jan. 25 editorially applauded the House passage of HR 9471 by a 366-12 vote. Introduced by Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.) the bill provides credit toward retirement for federal employees who were 18 or older at the time of internment in a WW2 government camp.

"The internment of Japanese Americans during World War II in a complete disregard of their constitutional rights is one of this na-

tion's less inspiring performances. Recompense, however belated, is only per," the editorial said.

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Knowledge of the political process and how it relates to minority groups. Knowledge of fundraising and proposal writing.

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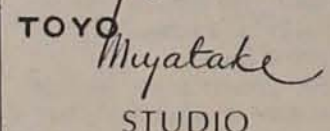
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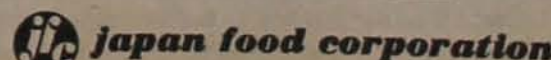
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Long Beach councilwoman Eunice Sato was elected secretary of the Permanent Governing Board of the Health System Agency of Los Angeles County. Sato chairs the Human-Cultural Affairs Commission and HSA-PGB criteria committee. She is also a past member of the Area Health Advisory Council and board officer of the Psychiatric Clinic for Youth. The Permanent Governing Board recommends to the state on Certificate of Need applications for capital expansion of health institutions and will have approval authority on federally funded programs in mental health, alcohol, drug abuse and family planning.

Honors

Gary Nishioka, formerly of Sanger, Calif., has received a Bendix Graduate Fellowship—one of four grants awarded to Bendix employees. An employee of American Forest Products Corp., he was selected from several hundred applicants wishing to pursue additional studies leading to a master's degree in business administration. Nishioka, currently enrolled at UCLA, expects to receive his graduate degree in June 1979. Marcia Yamada, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Noboru Yamada of Orosi, Calif., won the Daughters of the

American Revolution Good Citizenship Award, sponsored by the Keweenaw Chapter, for outstanding leadership qualities, dependability, service and patriotism. Yamada is a student at Orosi High School.

Law

Keiichi Nishimura, 48, became the first new Issei in Northern California to pass the bar exam and be admitted to the State Bar of California. Nishimura came from Japan in 1950 and is a naturalized citizen. He lives in Berkeley, Calif.

Media

Connie Chung, anchorwoman for KNXT in Los Angeles, received the first Chinese Media Award presented by the Los Angeles Chinese Chamber of Commerce. It was given in conjunction with the Chinese Heritage in Action. Helen Young, event coordinator, said Chung was honored for her "outstanding work as an anchorwoman, and for her contributions to broadcast journalism as a person of Asian ancestry."

Bill Hosokawa, editorial page editor of the Denver Post, has been named to the Board of Consulting Editors of The Asian Mail, publisher and editor Edward Neilan recently announced. Hosokawa, a regular contributor to the PC, is former president of the American Assn. of Sunday and Feature Editors and has received a Nisei of the Biennium Award from JACL.

Politics

Barton Shigemura, a student, is one of 11 candidates who have filed for three vacancies on the Fountain Valley (Calif.) City Council. Elections will be held March 7.



Congressional candidate Don Wilson and Gardena City Councilman Vince Okamoto meet at Tin Sing Restaurant. Wilson is seeking the seat of Rep. Charles Wilson, 31st District. Not related to the incumbent, candidate Don is director of teacher education and professor at the Univ. of Southern California, Torrance city councilman for ten years and chairman of the coastal commission.

Fukai: 'No better feeling than being elected by the people'

GARDENA, Calif. — Over 350 people turned out for a \$50-per-plate dinner Jan. 25 to boost the campaign funds of Gardena councilman Mas Fukai, up for reelection this year.

Fukai said that there was "no better feeling in the world than to be elected by the people."

"There is an overwhelming gratification," he continued, "in knowing the people believe in you. And I want to continue in decisionmaking roles—our work is not yet done in Gardena."

The councilman was first elected in 1974, garnering the most votes of any candidate, including the current mayor. His campaign was based on "bringing city government back to the people."

In May 1975, he was ap-

pointed deputy to Supervisor Kenneth Hahn and has since become involved in the supervisor's crusade against the "redlining" practices of automobile insurance firms.

Despite recent successes, Hahn warned the people against complacency in the March elections. "Don't take anything for granted; support him, work for him, walk precincts for him, vote for him," he said.

Valentine dance

WEST COVINA, Calif. — Tak Shindo's orchestra will play at a Valentine dance Feb. 11, 8 p.m., at East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center for its building fund benefit. Tickets are \$5 per person.

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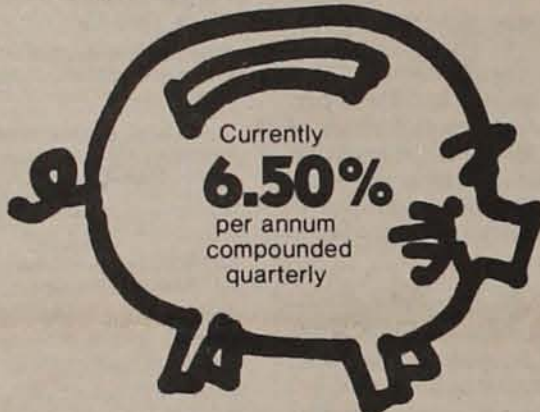
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EDITORIALS:

Justice for Narciso-Perez

Filipina Narciso and Leonora Perez are free today. Isn't everyone happy that justice has prevailed?

The two nurses had been accused in 1975 and found guilty last summer in the death poisoning of patients at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Ann Arbor, Mich. Their attorneys filed for directed acquittal or mistrial. The answer came just before Christmas when U.S. District Judge Philip Pratt found "numerous improprieties" and called for a retrial. On Feb. 1, the prosecution felt no jury would convict them now and dismissed the charges.

Not much had been reported in the west coast newspapers that we see during the course of the 13-week trial, but comments in various JACL newsletters in the Midwest from those who were able to follow the case wondered if the two nurses, who happened to be of Filipino ancestry, had received a fair trial. Cleveland JACL president George Nishimoto was moved to admit the jury's decision left him "queasy" and urged JACL support of the Narciso-Perez legal defense fund as it was doing for Wendy Yoshimura of Fresno. Others believed some of the testimony at the Michigan trial to be "racist and anti-Asian". (Clippings to substantiate this would be appreciated for our files.)

In explaining his decision against a retrial of Narciso - Perez, U.S. Attorney James Robinson at Detroit noted there was "no clear evidence of motive" and what had been presented was "entirely circumstantial".

Feminists and liberals at the Univ. of Michigan had felt the nurses were scapegoats of "an overzealous FBI" eager to redeem itself after its failure to crack the still unresolved kidnapping of former Teamster boss Jimmy Hoffa that same summer of 1975. This same type of thinking was raised in the recent Young-Chin case in New York where the Secret Service had been accused of trying to look good protecting the visiting imperial couple from Japan by arresting the young

couple on charges of transporting a hunting rifle after the Secret Service was under public criticism due to two attempts on the life of President Ford. The U.S. Supreme Court on Jan. 9 acquitted the husband, Kenneth Chin, but stayed the decision against Elizabeth Chin. A petition for retrial is underway.

In Chicago, another retrial has been mandated by the Illinois appellate court in the civil case of Ranko Yamada-Evelyn Okubo for damages against Hilton Hotel Corp. The hotel was not held liable, but the appellate court overturned the jury's decision because prejudicial evidence had been submitted. This tragic event appears headed toward a positive resolution.

While many tell you that justice can be poetic, let us not forget that justice must also be pursued.

Abraham Lincoln Wirin, 77

When the national ACLU refused to oppose the military in 1942 evacuating Japanese Americans from the West Coast, A. L. Wirin as legal counsel for the So. Calif. ACLU persuaded his branch to take the lead in opposition on constitutional and humanitarian principles. Because of this personal commitment, he underwent not only threats of violence to his person but actual economic sacrifices on behalf of fair play and justice for those of Japanese ancestry in the climate of hate and hysteria of 1942 Los Angeles.

Wirin continued to act in our defense, becoming the unpaid JACL legal counsel in testing the Yasui, Hirabayashi and Korematsu cases. After the war, he took the lead in representing JACL in the alien land law and other anti-Japanese discriminatory cases.

Probably Wirin contributed more than any single attorney in the U.S. to helping Japanese Americans during our period of great tragedy and travail. He was a man who fought for principles in order that all men might enjoy freedom and equal rights.

Are We Ready?

By CLIFFORD I. UYEDA
PART 12

Gordon Hirabayashi is a man of both principle and courage. He was a student at the Univ. of Washington when World War II broke out.

He defied both the curfew and evacuation orders. He was tried and sentenced to three months imprisonment on each charge, the sentences to run concurrently.

The Supreme Court upheld the curfew order, then said that there was no need to consider the violation of the evacuation order because the two sentences were concurrent. The Court, thus, in 1943, evaded the more important issue of the constitutionality of the Evacuation.

"We must be prepared to receive insults and abuse from both within and without our group," he recently stated in discussing the reparation campaign.

Professor Hirabayashi de-

fines a first class citizen as one who takes the risks and the responsibilities of his citizenship. The stance of the deprived, he states, is often by necessity and unfortunately that of a second class citizen.



We believe the Japanese Americans have now advanced to a point of becoming first class citizens. We must accept with it its responsibility and its risk.

To continue the submissive stance, says Professor Hirabayashi, is tantamount to saying: We prefer to remain second class. Let someone else take the risk and the responsibility of the first class citizenship.

We believe that seeking

reparation for Japanese Americans imprisoned during World War II by their own government without indictment or the proffer of charges is an important American issue. To act on it is the responsibility of a true first class citizen.

The reparation issue is not just a local Japanese American issue. It is an issue of vital concern for the civil and human rights of all Americans.

Critical views are essential to seeking truth. It is, however, often stated that among Japanese Americans there is excessive criticism of those within the group and an extreme pleasantness and lack of criticism of those on the outside, particularly the majority.

It was true in the Issei and Nisei world for a very good reason—as a severely oppressed minority. Does the same reason still exist? □

Junior Miss

Editor:

The decision rendered Phuong-Ngoc Davis, though perhaps technically correct, lacks the spirit of fairness. This country did not grow to greatness by adhering to technical conformity. Its greatness burgeoned from a spirit of goodwill and a sense of open-mindedness.

The decision to deny Phuong-Ngoc Davis the Junior Miss title subverts the very basic qualities of good will and open-mindedness.

I am appalled.

The individuals who withdrew her title have much about which to be ashamed.

MICHAEL G. DRIVER
San Francisco

Ballerinas

Editor:

Regarding Yoko Ichino (Jan. 20 PC) with the American Ballet Theater, my wife May who is in charge of the women's wardrobe for the ABT now performing in Los Angeles, thinks Ms. Ichino has a brilliant future in the ballet. I have watched her here in Washington and I thought she was extremely good.

There are three other Japanese Americans in the troupe: Janet Shibata, Elaine Kudo and Marianna Tschakovsky (father is a former Russian count and the mother is a Nisei, who lives in nearby Kensington, Md.).

PAUL ISHIMOTO
Silver Spring, Md.

Short Notes

Editor:

... What a bang-up job your staff and contributors did for the 1977 PC Holiday Issue. Move over Atlantic Monthly and Harpers. We've got a magazine that's ALIVE.

Nanto arigatai koto.
Atama ga sagarimasu.

BILL KISHI
Philadelphia, Pa.

Editor:

Bill Hosokawa's "Christmas Day" editorial (PC, Jan. 6-13) in the Denver Post was very good. However we didn't have Christmas surprises such as he describes at Tule Lake in 1942.

TERRY NISHIDA
Vilas, Colo.

SPOKANE'S REBUTTAL

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"2. There are numerous memoranda emanating at the vice presidential level concerning the Asian American proposal. Also the reasons given for blocking the proposal are, in many ways, quite different from those cited by Dr. Beasley."

"3. A preliminary proposal was submitted to the National Endowment of the Humanities and was processed through your University."

"4. Various personnel associated with this proposal have indicated that this matter has become an administratively sensitive issue."

C. PC statement by Beasley: "The dean (Dean White of the School of Pharmacy) did not approve the request, reasoning that with the Asian program, Way's teaching time would be split three ways, which would leave him 'virtually useless' in the College of Pharmacy."

JACL Response

The percentage effort bas for denying the proposal is open to serious doubt and it is the JACL's contention that the proposal was blocked administratively for other reasons. It is our view

that had WSU been sincere as it claims to be, every effort would have been made to implement approval and support for the proposal, including modifications to satisfy objections to the grant application. This was not done and reflects the lack of good faith on the part of the WSU administration.

The JACL has learned from:

(1) A letter dated Nov. 22, 1973, to the Vice President of Academics, Allen Smith.

"With regard to the 'Asian American' proposal ... the effort devoted to this type of project would have been in addition to my other duties rather than in lieu of them as is usually the case."

(2) A letter dated, Nov. 10, 1975, to President Terrell from the Executive Director, Wash. State Commission on Asian American Affairs.

"The minimal percent of effort required by the National Endowment of the Humanities is 8%.

Certainly this percentage of effort could have been adjusted and also could have been decreased to 3% or less, as there are two other faculty members who were associated with the Asian American group and/or this proposal."

(3) A letter dated March 23, 1976 from a WSU faculty member.

"Other proposals have been submitted ... where the percentage of effort and other budgetary changes were made or altered ... It would seem that if these changes could be made on a research proposal that similar changes could be conducted on proposals which involved minority studies."

(4) JACL comments - It has also been revealed that attempts and suggestions to reduce the percentage of effort were met by no response from the administration. Furthermore, in a letter dated February 22, 1974, a request was made for the objections to the proposal so that modifications could be made to satisfy these objections. This request was never answered (See Above Item 3).

To Be Continued

35 YEARS AGO

IN THE PACIFIC CITIZEN

Jan. 7, 1943

Jan. 2—A group of 443 persons of Japanese ancestry evacuated from Hawaii, arrive at a west coast port en route to the Jerome relocation center.

Jan. 11—Joe Masaoka, chief of the Associated Members division of National JACL, leaves for Denver to meet with interested groups and discuss the common problems shared by Japanese Americans.

—A Gallup Poll conducted in five western states shows 53% favor the return of evacuated citizens of Japanese ancestry to their former homes.

—Heart Mountain High School is voted into the Wyoming High School Athletic Assn.

—A Los Angeles County Grand Jury minority report condemns a majority report calling for the exemption of Japanese Americans from 14th Amendment protection and guarantees.

Jan. 14, 1943

Jan. 7—California State Sen. Clair Engle and Assemblyman Lloyd Lowrey join on two resolutions and two bills to "crack down" on Japanese American and alien Japanese evacuees.

Jan. 7—House Committee on un-American Activities, chaired by Martin Dies, takes credit for the evacuation of Japanese Americans from the west coast in its annual report.

Jan. 11—U.S. District Court in San Francisco announces it will review the cases of evacuees Fred T. Korematsu and Gordon K. Hirabayashi, testing the legality of evacuation and subsequent military orders.

Jan. 14—A four-day conference on resettlement problems concerning the relocation of loyal evacuees outside WRA camps opens in Chicago.

Jan. 21, 1943

Jan. 14—Utah Gov. Herbert B. Maw says Topaz evacuees "are not living the life of Riley" in answer to charges evacuees were "pampered".

Jan. 14—Bay Area Council Against Discrimination in San Francisco charges, in a protest to the Alameda

County board of supervisors, that five Japanese American county clerks and stenographers were released from their jobs because of their race.

Jan. 19—Sen. Wallgren (D-Wash.) asks Congress to transfer to the War Department all functions and personnel of the War Relocation Authority.

Jan. 20—Arkansas state senate passes, 30-1, an alien property restriction bill preventing more than 16,000 Pacific Coast and Hawaiian Japanese from owning land in the state.

Jan. 28, 1943

Jan. 21—Selective Service board of Ogden, Utah, appeals to industrial and business leaders to accept Nisei for work.

Jan. 21—A "segregation" camp for evacuees suspected of having been responsible for the Dec. 5 and 6 riots at Manzanar is established in southeastern Utah, according to Manzanar Free Press.

Jan. 21—A total of 870 Japanese American students, of whom 360 were relocated and attended fall terms, have been accepted by American colleges and universities, according to National Japanese American Student Relocation Council.

Jan. 26—Evacuees at Heart Mountain

invite Sen. Robert R. Reynolds (D-N.C.) to "spend a month with us behind barbed wire under the watchful eyes of sentries ..." after he called for a Senate investigation into reports evacuees "are getting everything and our people aren't getting anything."

Jan. 28—Plans for a nationwide voluntary induction of Japanese Americans who will form a special army battalion are completed by the War Department.

Feb. 4, 1943

Jan. 25—A.T. Shaw, 24, a U.S. sailor, and Chicagoan Miyeko Matsushita obtain a marriage license at Spokane; however, are warned Ms. Matsushita would not be permitted to accompany Shaw to his station in Seattle due to west coast restrictions regarding Japanese ancestry.

Jan. 27—The Colorado legislature votes down a bill which would bar aliens of Asiatic races from owning land in the state, so as not to offend Chinese and Filipinos who are United Nations allies of the U.S.

Jan. 31—Saburo Kido, JACL national president, is brutally attacked by eight evacuees who broke into his barracks at the Poston relocation center. Kido suffered bruises to his head, shoulder and arms; confined to Poston General Hospital several days.

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FROM HAPPY VALLEY: Sachi Seko

'Adam' Was Not His Name

It was winter when Adam (not his real name) committed suicide. The roads were bad the day of his funeral, the worst they had been in years. The roads are iced and dangerous this morning, after last night's snowfall. I guess that's what reminded me of Adam.

We left in dawn darkness, the day of his funeral, detouring to the west end of the valley to pick up two friends. They were natives of Adam's hometown. We decided to go with them because they knew a shorter route.

Although plows were working to clear the roads, travel was slow. Passing trucks slapped ice against the car windows and we stopped periodically to clean them. It seemed an interminable journey.

We reached Adam's home just before the casket was removed to the church for services. There is no local mortuary, the closest being in a town miles away. So his body was brought to the family home the day before.

His family had the nicest and largest house in that area. We had learned they were known and respected for being cultured and educated. Adam's parents had heard of us. They were old but grief had made them older.

I was touched by the cordiality of their welcome. It is the natural hospitality of those who have lived life-long in the intimacy of small towns. There is also a natural hostility to such places, but it was absent that morning.

Adam killed himself in his sister's garage in Salt Lake City. It was a case of carbon monoxide poisoning. Before performing the act, he had washed the car. It was a new car and he was inordinately proud of it, eager to demonstrate each luxurious feature.

He was discovered by a young nephew, who thinking his uncle had fallen ill, tried to revive him with newly learned boy scout skills. The next morning, we read of it in the paper, under the compact caption, "Utahn Found Dead."

I remember my reaction. I said, "They killed him."

And who were "they"? Somebody, nobody, it or nothing. Maybe us, Adam's friends.

He was a bachelor in his late 30s. Adam had two college degrees. He managed his money well. There was a growing collection of select art objects. Foreign places intrigued him because he spoke several languages. He planned his various vacations, researching facts and making marks on maps.

He was a frequent guest in our home, almost family. Our son was crazy about him. Adam liked children. It was easy to invite him for dinner. On formal occasions it was nice to have an available and debonair bachelor. He was a favorite with hostesses.

I don't know when Adam's troubles began. I think it was sometime after he was stricken in an airport with what later was diagnosed as infectious hepatitis. When he was well enough to travel, the hospital released him and he flew home. He warned us away, saying that when the danger of infection had passed, he would call.

There was something different about him. He admitted he was nervous, blamed it on the curative diet. The next time we heard from him, he was a patient in the mental ward of a local hospital. He invited us for a visit.

We were given a grand tour of the rather new facilities. The program was explained to us, recreation, rest and therapy. He participated in group sessions and had private consultations with his psychiatrist.

The company that employed him was sympathetic. When he was able to return to work on a part-time basis, they adjusted his hours, decreased his responsibilities. Co-workers, particularly those who were also in therapy, lent moral support. Family and friends moved in like a reinforcing fence.

And then came the day when his doctor decided he was relatively cured. Suffi-

ciently, he said, for Adam to assume the full responsibilities of his job. Adam didn't know whether he was capable of it.

My husband and I suggested that he leave the company if he worried about coping. No job is worth that kind of anguish, we advised him. With his background and abilities, there were plenty of jobs with less pressure.

But the company and his position were important to Adam's self-image. Maybe that's why he killed himself. The psychiatrist was sorry, the company sent regrets, his family was stunned, his friends grieved.

He left a letter, so typically Adam. There were no accusations or explanations. He was just sorry that there was no other way.

After the service, the mourners moved to the country cemetery. The ground was hard. Spiked scepters of dead, dried weeds lined the path. The grave had been dug by town volunteers the day before.

In blowing wind, a veteran of some recent war, removed his coat and lifted a bugle to his lips. Kinsman or townsman, I do not know. I remember only that he had the face of one who belonged to the place.

The sound of "Taps" split through the sullen sky. Adam was a navy man. And then the final prayer. God and country. Open land stretched flat and frozen in its yearly sleep. The snow disturbed only by yesterday's digging.

In parting, his old parents cautioned us about the roads. In their eyes, the silent, "Why?"

I said I thought that Adam had been too gentle for this world. I don't know what made me say it. Maybe because I wanted to believe it. Or was it simply easier to assign blame to something less identifiable like society or the system?

Driving toward the edge of town, we approached a hill. Our friends, who had accompanied us, asked us to stop. The small town spread

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FROM THE FRYING PAN: Bill Hosokawa

A Nisei Geologist

Denver, Colo.

Those few in our midst who scoff at the perseverance and diligence embodied in the Nisei work ethic would not appreciate the story of Kiguma Jack Murata. Nor would they understand the admiration and affection he commands among his peers even though soft speech and deferential manner epitomize the Quiet Americans.

In a way the story of Jack Murata's struggle and success in the story of so many other Nisei who by patience and hard work overcame seemingly overwhelming odds. But few have enjoyed the professional respect he commands, so let us relate the Murata epic.

Last Jan. 31 he retired as a research geochemist with the Geological Survey, U.S. Department of the Interior. His career had begun 47 years and three days earlier when he was hired with the title of "minor laboratory apprentice." His pay was \$1,020 per year.

With a scientist's characteristic orderliness, Murata has kept a detailed record of his life. He was born in Marysville, Calif., on Dec. 29, 1909, the second child of Kumazo and Ishi Murata, who had migrated to the United States five years earlier. It was while attending high school in Marysville and adjacent Yuba City that he became interested in science. He was graduated with honors in 1927 and promptly took a civil service examination for a job as laboratory apprentice. Among his records is a letter dated Feb. 25, 1928, notifying him that another person was selected for the position for which he had been certified.

This was only the first of his disappointments. There are many similar letters in his files. Then on Jan. 7, 1931, while Murata was a chemistry major at Sacramento Junior College, he received the first telegram of his life. It was a Western Union message saying he had a job with the Geological Survey and asking him to "report for duty in Washington earliest possible date." Three weeks later he was at work. A few months after that he went on his first field trip to North and South Dakota, Wyoming, Montana and Colorado.

SALT LAKE'S GREAT IN '78! by Shake Ushio

Format and Finances

Salt Lake City
Format for the 25th Biennial National JACL Convention is now jelling and it promises to be very interesting not only for the official delegates but for everyone who comes.

With approval of President Jim Murakami and Executive Director Karl Nobuyuki, the national council sessions will be confined to the morning hours except for the final Saturday when council sessions will be held all day as needed. This will leave the afternoon and evening hours, except for the time taken by formal dinner-luncheon functions, for a variety of activities that will be of widespread interest.

As of today, judging from the response that we have had from the series of arti-

cles by Judge Raymond Uno in the Pacific Citizen, the practical topic of Retirement for older JACLers and the excitement of Political Awareness and Involvement for younger Japanese Americans seems to have generated the most interest.

Accordingly, we plan to do an in-depth study with workshops, seminars, concrete planning, etc., for the Retirement programs and for the Political Awareness study.

As the average age of our Nisei population approaches or reaches the mythical time of retirement, the anxiety and the practical problems of the so-called Golden Age looms ever larger in our collective minds. How to provide an adequate income, what to do with leisure time, how to maintain health, the

do. His orders read:

"You are authorized to employ such assistants; to make and require your assistants to make such journeys by public or private conveyance; to subsist in hotels, farmhouses, or camp; to purchase such supplies and to incur such other expenses as may be necessary to enable you and your assistants to perform the official duties assigned to you." His per diem allowance was not to exceed \$4.

Since then he has done a lot of official traveling. In 1956 he was invited by the Brazilian National Research Council to speak on geochemistry and mineralogy and visit rare earth deposits. Between 1958 and 1960 he was scientist in charge of the Hawaiian Volcano Observatory on Mt. Kilauea. Representing the United States, he has conducted studies and presented papers in Denmark, England, Scotland, Finland, Japan, Costa Rica, Spain, Portugal, Italy and Germany.

When he first went to Washington, Murata enrolled parttime at George Washington University where he received his bachelor's degree. But his hope of completing work on his doctorate was shattered by a major cancer operation in 1942. He has had two additional operations but recovered fully each time.

Both his employer and his profession have honored Murata repeatedly for his work in developing methods for accurate spectrographic analysis of complex geological materials, rare earths in particular.

Murata was married in 1938 to a Sacramento JC classmate, Elizabeth Fumiko Kozono. They have one son, Stephen, who is managing editor of Medical World News, a news magazine of medicine.

Murata was stationed in Menlo Park, Calif., at the time of his retirement. Now, for a base in Sacramento, he plans to go back to his first love, paleobotany, and "have some fun" visiting fossil locations. Of Murata's contribution to the Nisei cause, his friend and colleague Tets Sumida says: "For the few Japanese Americans in the Geological Survey, Jack Murata is a person of whom we speak and point to with pride and appreciation for leading the way." □

children's responsibilities, the housing worries, the role of the family, group action for retirement complexes, how to make the Golden Age truly golden, complex estate planning for the affluent, and myriad other concerns will be the basis for an in-depth study and discussion during some of the convention days.

In the field of Political Awareness and Involvement, we know that power and influence is always wielded by the political and financial leaders of our nation. As the Japanese American society matures in abilities, know-how, and resources we naturally need to extend our activities into this vastly exciting and productive arena. With the help

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WEEKS TO GO!

Calendar, pulse & memos

From HQ

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

A JACL Staff workshop was held Jan. 17 thru 19. Staff from the Districts, Pacific Citizen and Headquarters discussed various issues concerning better communications, cooperation and administration of our organization. New staff members had an opportunity to meet face to face with each other and agreed in a joint effort to improve the JACL services. With the National Convention rapidly approaching, JACL staff will be placing more efforts in its behalf in the upcoming month.

PERSONNEL

JACL Washington Representative, Wayne Horiuchi, has resigned and obtained employment in Utah. Applications for the position are currently being accepted at Headquarters.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

This is the time of the year Chapters install new officers and Headquarters Staff has been out almost every weekend. Also during the month, Staff met with representatives of the Pacific Asian Coalition, Congressman Norman Mineta, Assemblyman Floyd Mori and Consul Hayashi of the San Francisco Japanese Consulate.

GENERAL SERVICES

The Travel Coordinator advises travelers to purchase an arrival and departure transportation package from Narita airport, which is 60 miles from Tokyo. Membership requests that Chapters submit application forms in ZIP and alphabetical order. It would save much processing time for PC and Headquarters. JACL health insurance subscribers who have not paid their January quarterly premiums should contact Headquarters immediately.

PROGRAM

Applications are being accepted for the JACL scholarships. The applications are due by April 1. Ask your Chapter President or contact Headquarters.

An idea to relocate the National Youth Director to the Los Angeles area is under review for the purpose of revitalizing our youth program.

Karl Nobuyuki was in Washington, D.C., the last week of January at the invitation of the White House to discuss implementation of the Japan-U.S. Friendship Act. He also conferred with interested legislators and related JACL concerns about the lack of Nikkei participation on the Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission. The Internment Credit Bill giving Civil Service Retirement Credit to many who were interned was passed by the House of Representatives on Jan. 24. The bill now moves on to the Senate and letters should be sent to your U.S. Senators urging a positive vote. —Miles Hamada

Oakland JACL rejuvenated

OAKLAND, Calif.—A nucleus of 20 Japanese Americans met Jan. 6 to rejuvenate the Oakland JACL "to where it can again contribute immeasurably to the concerns of Japanese Americans and the total community", it was announced by George Kondo, Northern California-Western Nevada JACL regional director, a longtime Oaklander himself.

Councilman Frank Ogawa said there was a need for a Japanese American group with members who will take interest in city government.

District Gov. Charles Kubokawa, neighboring chapter presidents Paul Takata of Berkeley, Hi Akagi of Alameda and Ich Nishida of Eden Township were also present at the meeting held at the Sumitomo Bank office here. Elections were scheduled Feb. 3.

Fresno

Over 200 persons attended the Fresno JACL Issei Recognition Night at the Fresno Buddhist Church Jan. 28. Featuring a potluck buffet dinner and entertainment, some 90 Issei residents were honored for planting the Nikkei legacy in this area.

A two-act play in Japanese, performed by the Sansei JAYs and directed by Japanese Language Instructor Mamoru Maseba, was one of the outstanding hits of the evening. Also entertaining were:

Hideo Kubota and Akemi Yoshimoto, Japanese songs; Adair Takikawa and Lori Takahashi, odori; "Tanko Bushi" (some Issei guests joined in the serpentine line of dancers).

Presentations were made to the oldest guest, Mrs. S. Yamamoto, age 97; oldest male, Yaichi Omachi, age 93; and the couple with the most grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Yaichi Omachi with 17 and 11, respectively.

General chairman and em-

cee was Mike Iwatsubo. Assisting him were: Mary Urushima, regis; Dr. George Suda.

New Mexico

New Mexico JACL celebrated New Year's Eve and also installed its 1978 officers headed by Ron Shibata, president, at the party. Founding member of the old Albuquerque chapter, Charles Matsubara, inducted the officers while Jeanne Yonemoto recited the Japanese American Creed.

San Mateo

Being touted as the "bargain of the year", the San Mateo JACL installation dinner-dance Feb. 25 at the Peninsula Social Club, 100 N. B St., features a sumptuous Italian dinner from 6:30 with entertainment and dancing to George Takahashi's Drifters following. Tickets are \$10 per person. Reservations are being handled by chapter officers and:

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

Committee has promised ceremonies will be short, the speeches abbreviated to allow for a full evening of socializing from 9 p.m.

Venice-Culver

Quinn Malkin, 16, of Venice High School, represented the Venice-Culver chapter at the one-week Presidential Classroom held in Washington, D.C. last month.

Quinn, whose mother is a chapter member, is a political science major with a special interest in international law. He has expressed hope of organizing another JAYs group in the area.

SEKO

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below us, safe and secret.

Yesterday, they said, as the hearse bearing Adam's body neared this hill from the opposite direction, it was met by a caravan of cars from the town. It was an old custom dating back to the time when pioneers in covered wagons came to meet their dead.

We must return in the spring, our friends said, when the landscape is changed. There is no place quite as beautiful, they told us. We have never returned. So I remember it only as being white and winter.

Japanese family

OAKLAND, Calif.—A symposium on Japanese values and the Japanese American family will be held Feb. 11, 12:30-4:30 p.m. at Laney College's Forum Auditorium. Dr. Henry Takahashi of Seattle will be keynote, followed by Nancy Araki's multi-media "Japanese American Inner Legacy" presentation.

Landowner protection bill SACRAMENTO — Assemblyman Paul Bannai (R-Gardena) has supported legislation expanding protection to landowners from liability when their property is used for recreational purposes. The measure, AB1241, cleared the Assembly and was sent to the Senate.

WAO meeting

LOS ANGELES—Elections will be held at the We Are One Club meeting Feb. 24 at California First Bank, Jefferson and Crenshaw, at 8 p.m. Guest speaker Jack Nomura will talk on estate planning.

The City of Culver City Festival will be held May 21, and the chapter again will sponsor a beef teriyaki

booth. Jimmy and Bessie Freiden, chapter board members, will handle details.

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- Japanese American of the Biennium—Nominations by Mar. 31, JACL HQ; presentation at Convention, July 22, Salt Lake City.
- Nat'l JACL Scholarship (Freshman-Graduate)—Forms, support papers by April 1, JACL HQ; announcement in June.
- JACLer of the Biennium—Nominations by May 1, JACL HQ; presentation at Convention, July 19, Salt Lake City.
- Nat'l Convention Agenda proposals—Chapter input by Feb. 28, JACL HQ.
- Amendments to JACL Constitution—Notify Nat'l Director 60 days prior (June 5). NC-WNDC chapter input by May 7, Regional Office.
- Nominations for Nat'l Officers—District nominations 90 days prior (April 23).
- Budget/Convention Agenda from HQ—30 days prior (June 19).

Calendar

- * A non-JACL event
- FEB. 10 (Friday)
Washington—APAFEC Asian New Yr dnr, Church of Pilgrim, 6 p.m.
- FEB. 11 (Saturday)
NC-WNDC—Qtrly session, Las Vegas JACL hosts, Aladdin Hotel, 9 a.m.
- Riverside—Inst dnr, Cal State Sn Bernardino Commons, 6:30 p.m.; Karl Nobuyuki, spkr.
- Union City—Japanese movie benefit, Sangha Hall, 7 p.m.

- * Los Angeles—JAMA Womens Auxy Casino Royale, Riviera Country Club, 7:30 p.m.
- * Los Angeles—New Year parade, Chinatown, 8 p.m.
- * Union City—Rummage sale, Sangha Hall, 1-4 p.m.
- * West Covina—Valentine's dance, ESGV Japanese Comm Ctr, 8 p.m.; Tak Shindo's orch.
- * Oakland—ACMHS/SFCJAS seminar: Japanese Values, Laney College aud, 12:30-4:30 p.m.
- * Los Angeles—City Empl As Amer Assn's Chinese New Year dnr, Golden Palace Restaurant, 6:30 p.m., honoring Mario Machado.
- FEB. 12 (Sunday)
Philadelphia—Gen mtg, Nationality Sv Ctr, 1300 Spruce St, 2-5 p.m.
- Alameda—Inst dnr, The Galleon, 7 p.m.
- * San Diego—UPAC Chinese New Year dnr, Jade Inn, 6 p.m.
- * Pasadena—Pronko & Co's Kabuki show, Pacificulture-Asia Museum, 2:30 p.m.
- FEB. 18 (Saturday)
San Diego—UPAC Conf on School Issues, Educ Cult Complx, 4343 Ocean View Blvd, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- * Union City—Hawaiian Festival dnr, Buddhist Church Annex, 6:30 p.m.
- FEB. 23 (Thursday)
NEW Solano County—Charter mtg, Civic Aud, Fairfield.
- FEB. 24 (Friday)
Los Angeles JAR Candidate night, Sir Michael's Restaurant, City of Commerce, 7:30 p.m. (RSVP 324-0755, 770-1673.)

- Sequoia—Inst dnr, Sakura Garden, Mtn View, 7 p.m.
- FEB. 25 (Saturday)
IDC—Qtrly sess, Salt Lake JACL hosts, Little America Motel, 1 p.m.
- * Fresno—NSC birthday party, Betuin Annex, 12:30 p.m.
- San Mateo—Inst dnr-dance, Peninsula Social Hall, 100 N "B" St, 6:30 p.m.; Karl Nobuyuki, spkr; George Takahashi's "Drifters", dance music.
- * Los Angeles—SCYPCC theater party, East West, 8 p.m., "O-Men".
- FEB. 26 (Sunday)
CCDC—Nisei Retirement Conf, Fresno Buddhist Church Annex, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; Prof. Harry Kitano, UCLA, spkr.

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"Survivors suffer combinations of serious diseases, including leukemia, cancer, genetic disorders and many other radiation-related diseases."

Through vigorous interviewing and extensive physical examinations, researchers from the Hiroshima Prefectural Medical Assn. and the Radiation Effects Research Foundation last year found the survivors' main difficulty was fatigue. Other major problems were of a "non-diagnostic, vague" nature or those relating to the aging process, according to the report of the first medical mission.

Researchers issued questionnaires to 123 participants. The three-man research team, supervised by the Ministry of Health and Welfare, engaged in the mission from March 29-April 8 in Los Angeles and April 9-15 in San Francisco and the outlying Bay Area.

While the examination uncovered no special abnormalities in the patients—except a few cases—researchers did observe that the survivors feared some possible development of illnesses due to exposure to the A-bomb blast.

The team found no abnormal tendency in pulse rate, urinalysis, or blood chemistries.

One striking statistic revealed that surgery for the uterus, breasts and ovaries was

high in frequency for women survivors. One researcher, Michihiro Miyaniishi, M.D., however, found the same tendency among Japanese women in Hawaii, leading him to believe the trait was probably common in the U.S. in general and not just to bomb survivors.

The mental health effects of the bombings have posed some of the biggest obstacles. Kuramoto, who himself witnessed the aftermath of Hiroshima, said in his letter "a catastrophe of this magnitude never fades."

"The survivors — traumatized by the bombing — were bitter for a long time. Some hated America for having caused the suffering, but after long years, this bitterness has changed to a fierce sense of dedication to work for peace."

Overlooking and forgetting the survivors' problems is detrimental to the progress they make. Kuramoto and the Committee of Atomic Bomb Survivors say they believe the second medical mission from Japan is necessary to ease the suffering. Financial help is currently being sought.

"Attached is my letter to obtain your humane support for these American HIBAKUSHAs, who are the forgotten, unfortunate, suffering stepchildren of war and politicians," his second letter to the President read. "As an American citizen, I am expecting your letter with great hope. Please do not ignore the poor Americans, doomed to pain and misfortune until they die."

San Jose preps for own Nikkei Matsuri

SAN JOSE, Calif. — The Japanese American Community here will sponsor "Nikkei Matsuri", Sunday, April 2 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Japantown area, 5th and Jackson Streets. Officials say the event is an offshoot of last year's successful Bi-

centennial arts, crafts and food fair.

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L.A. Chinatown greets New Year

LOS ANGELES — New Chinatown celebrates its New Year this weekend, starting with the colorful Golden Dragon parade tonight (Feb. 10, 8 p.m.) down Hill St. from Sunset Blvd. north to Bernard St. Judges Elwood Lui, Jack Tso and Delbert Wong are grand marshals. A carnival and special events run through Feb. 12.

Restaurants are featuring special dinners. Quon Bros' Grand Star announced a seven-course delight for two at \$9.95 per person.

Amache residents plan mini-reunions

LOS ANGELES — Mini-reunions by blocks, high school alumni and the camp newspaper staff will highlight the 1978 Amache Reunion to be held Oct. 21-22 at the Los Angeles Hilton Hotel. Representatives are being sought to coordinate mini-reunions for block managers, co-op, and hospital. Groups wishing to hold mini-reunions can call:

Mack Yamaguchi (797-7949 or 383-4809), John Tsuruta (532-2070) or Jack Yamashiro (846-1805).

Aid to refugees

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Legislation that would enable the Dept. of Health to continue the Indochinese Refugee Assistance Program was introduced by Assemblyman S. Floyd Mori (D-Pleasanton). Program provides refugees English language training, vocational skills, job placement and social services. The state monies used for the program will be repaid when federal appropriations are made available to the Department of Health. IRAP appropriations have been tied up in Congress.

Casino Royale II

LOS ANGELES — Casino Royale II, a fundraiser for the Japanese American Medical Assn., will be held at the Riviera Country Club, Feb. 11, 7:30 p.m. Proceeds will go toward the patient facilities of City View Japanese Community Hospital.

Moscone honored

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. — Mayor George Moscone, known as the Grandfather of Acupuncturists, was awarded an honorary Doctor of Philosophy of Oriental Medicine for his efforts in bringing the ancient healing art to attention. Moscone authored SB 86, which provided licensing of acupuncturists and legalized acupuncture in the state. The degree was presented by the Chakpori-Ling Foundation/Institute of Oriental Medicine, a non-profit organization.

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of Japanese American leaders who have attained a measure of success in the political and financial circles and with input from other experts we hope to explore this challenging field.

In the space of a few days, we may not be able to touch all the bases and come up with all of the answers, but if we can show how it might be done and motivate the chapter and district officers to try in their own communities the same in-depth studies of these and other important aspects of our lives, we will have accomplished much in making a National JACL Convention worthwhile.

As time permits and as interest is shown, we may delve into the subject of cultural attainments and its im-

portance in our lives. The devotees of fine arts, serious writings, the performing arts, the communication skills, and others certainly ought to be heard.

The mundane subjects of economic planning and employment opportunities as well as the peculiar phenomenon of large percentage of outmarriages among young Japanese Americans are also pertinent subject matters for convention deliberations.

Planned pilgrimages to nearby wartime concentration camps as well as reunions of former camp inmates will be scheduled as interest and responses continue to build up.

If interested please let us know.

Time will also be set aside for plain socializing and recreational activities such as outings in the nearby moun-

tains, golfing, tennis, bridge games, etc. The concurrently scheduled Days of '47 celebrations for the State of Utah will provide other extra-curricular attractions for some.

We not only are planning for a full week of varied programs for those attending the convention, but we want to bring the color, the flavor, the excitement, and results of the convention to every JACL member in the country.

To do this, we propose to send the convention booklet filled with facts and figures and stories about JACL and its leaders and its doings and all the exciting things that transpired at the Salt Lake Convention including the official action minutes of the National Council Meetings to every JACL household.

The booklet will also contain a unique thumb nail sketch of every responding chapter and its activities.

To help finance this ambitious project, we are asking each chapter to voluntarily pledge at least one dollar per member to be contributed through the sale of advertisement in the booklet and through the distribution of the "Project Takara" tickets. Each of these fund raising projects is designed to also put money in the chapter coffers to help finance chapter expense of sending delegates to the convention.

Since the booklet will be distributed nationwide to all JACLers, Members of Congress, State and local leaders, and other interested persons, the local advertisers in each chapter community will derive local as well as national recognition for helping this National effort. The packets to kick off this campaign are now in chapter presidents' hands. The deadline is March 15, 1978. Please, we ask everyone to help.

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