SPOKANE JACL rebuts WSU’s responses

The Spokane Chapter, JACL, charges outlined by the Washington State Academic Affairs Committee of 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 Win, 77

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LOS ANGELES—A-1, Win, 77, died here Feb. 4 of an illness. Associated with the A-1 Club, any story Win, 77, is remembered by Japanese American war veterans for his appendix in the 1942 Evacuation and work after the war handling the veterans’ overturned and anti-Japanese discriminatory laws.

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 Glen Honda, Buddhist Church of Seattle; Patrick Kanubuchi, YBA pres.; Mrs. Eriluca Yamazaki; Margaret, Mrs. Kyoko Ochi and Mas Hironaka, fund trustees.

by PAT TASHIMA (A PC Special)

When the orders to drop the 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.

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Information recently released by Japa­nese researchers has confirmed that Amer­ican POW soldiers, about 20,000 of them, died in the atomic blasts, rekindling the emotions of relatives who could not recover the bodies of their sons.

There were yet other Americans who perished in the ordeal—the Hibakusha, those affected by the atomic bombs of Japan. Some, for­tunately, survived. But today those surviv­ors find themselves amidst a sorry, yet un­deniable, pain.

While their counterparts in Japan receive free medical check-ups, treatments and dis­ability payments from the Japan Atomic Energy Commission’s Office of Health and Welfare, A-bomb survivors in the U.S. do not have a pro­gram to care for the survivors or to assist them as required by the law.

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Dr. Robert Beasley, President of the Asian American Studies Center, in his article “Atomic Bombs: A Social Justice Issue,” states that the A-bomb survivors are not receiving the same level of attention and care as those in Japan.

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Pipe smoking champ

Yukio Sato, 29, of Tokyo won the all-Japan pipe smoking contest, his third straight win, with a total of 2 hours, 29 min. and 9 sec. Secret is "to blow rather than puff," he revealed.

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Keichii Nishimura, 46, became the first non-Japanese in Northern California to pass the bar exam and be admitted to the State Bar of California. Nishimura came from Japan in 1963 and is a naturalized citizen. He lives in Berkeley, Calif.

Honors
Gary Nikishi, formerly of San Jose, Calif., has received a Bendix Graduate Fellowship—of $3,000 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. Nikishi, currently enrolled at UCLA, expects to receive his graduate degree in June 1979.

Fukai: ‘No better feeling than being elected by the people’

GARDENA, Calif. - Over 300 people turned out for a $50-per-plate dinner Jan. 25 to boost the campaign funds of Gardena councilman Mas Fukai. Fukai was 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 decision-making 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 "holding city government back to the people."

In May 1975, he was appointed 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, work for his victory for him," he said.

Valentine dance
WEST COVINA, Calif.—Tak Shindo's Valentine dance Feb. 11, 11 p.m., at Earl Sen Gabriel Valley Japanese American Community Center for its building fund benefit. Tickets are $3 per person.

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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.

In the month of February, our bank will celebrate its first 25 years of service. This very special occasion marks a quarter century of extraordinary growth from Sumitomo’s San Francisco and Los Angeles offices in 1953, to its present 43 offices throughout California. But most important, it serves to spotlight the bank’s growing number of friends and customers, without whom this 25th Anniversary would not be taking place. To all of you, Sumitomo expresses its sincerest gratitude... and the promise of continuing service built on centuries of tradition.
EDITORIALS

Justice for Narciso-Perez

Filipina Narcisco and Leonora Perez are free today. Isn’t everyone happy that justice has been done? The two nurses had been accused in 1975 and found guilty last summer in the death poisoning of patients at the Veteran Administration Hospital in Ann Arbor, Mich. Their attorneys filed for directed acquittal or appeal. The appeal 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 happen to be Filipina ancestry, had received a fair trial. Clevelad JACL president George Nishimoto was moved to admit the jury’s decision left him “speechless.” And the few Filipinos who happened to be in Cleveland legal defense fund as it was doing in famous case. The reparation issue is not an issue of granting payment for wrongs done. It is our view that reparation should be done in a manner that will be beneficial to those who are hurt and that will allow the injured to continue to participate in the society in which they live.

Jan. 20, 1975—Hiram E. Uyeda, 34 years old, a Japanese American from Los Angeles, is sentenced to 10 years imprisonment in the custody of the Bureau of Prisons for perjury.

REPARATION COMMISSION

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Jan. 7, 1943—Jan. 28—Plans for a nationwide JACL drive in Nisei for the anti-war movement are announced.

Jan. 10, 1943—March 1 of the war in order to get rid of the evacuees from the concentration camps who have been held in the detention centers.

Jan. 14, 1943—Jan. 20, 1943—California State Senate, with the introduction of a bill by Senator T. H. L. Shaw, 24, a U.S. Senator, and Senator M. H. Matsuura, a State Senator, who have introduced a bill which provides for the payment of reparations to Japanese Americans.
A Nisei Geologist

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Chairman Chik Ogaoka said there was a need for a Japanese American group with people who will take interest in city government.

District Gov. Charles Kubo, and JACL presiden­ters Paul Takata of Berkeley, Hi Akagi of Alama­na, and Edan Township were also present at the meeting held at the Sumitomo Bank office here. Elections were scheduled immediately.

Fresno

Over 200 persons attended the Fresno JACL Isei Recognition Night at the Fresno Buddhist Church on Jan. 28. Featuring a potluck buffet dinner and entertainment, some Isei later decided to honor for planting the Nippon Gakko this luncheon.

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"Survivors suffer combinations of serious diseases, including leukemia, cancer, genetic disorders and many other radiation-related diseases." Through rigorous 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-locatable, 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 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 Miyashita, M.D., however, found the same tendency among Japanese women in Hiroshima, 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 Hibakusha, who are the forgotten, unfortunate, suffering stepchildren of war and politics,” 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.”

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:

Jack Yamaguchi (707-7949 or 383-4869)
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Aid to refugees

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

Casino Royale II

LOS ANGELES—Casino Royale II, a fundraiser for the Japanese American Civic Medical Assn., will be held at the Riviera Country Club Feb. 21, 7:30 p.m. Proceeds will go toward the patient facilities of City View Japanese Community Hospital.

Moscone honored

SAN FRANCISCO—Mayor George Moscone, known as the Grandfather of Acupuncturists, was awarded an honorary Doctor of Philosophy degree for his efforts in bringing the ancient healing art to America. Moscone authored the Acupuncture and Traditional Medicine Act of 1975, which provided licensing of acupuncturists and legal recognition for this ancient art form in the state. The degree was presented by the California Acupuncture Foundation/Institute of Oriental Medicine, a non-profit organization.
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