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## Mink: Everybody 'counts' in politics

VAN NUYS, Calif.—Assistant secretary of state Patsy Mink laughed and joked about her beginnings in politics this past week, but wound up on a serious note, encouraging San Fernando Valley JACL members to "seize every opportunity" to make their voices heard in national politics.

Speaking before about 150 members at an installation dinner held Feb. 4 at the Holiday Inn here, the former Hawaii congresswoman continually emphasized the importance of the individual in making the political process work. Nancy Gohata is the new chapter president.

"The reality is, if people become involved, it makes it real. It is so imperative we join in this activity. There are so many issues around. Every individual counts—the obscure person may be-



Patsy Mink

come the center of focus.

"I would hope that you will find creative ways to find important activities and will communicate the spirit of vitality to the national level," she said. "Make yourself

heard in Washington. Send people who are competent and get them spaces on commissions and boards—that's politics."

Her own career has been dotted with more highs than lows and Mink now finds herself under the Carter Administration's Oceans International Environmental and Scientific Affairs bureau—a post she admits sounds like a "staid, esoteric place," but is one that has provided new challenges and interests.

Getting there is another story in itself, as she told the chapter.

"When I look back, I've convinced myself I became a politician because I couldn't find another job," she laughed. "It's a terrible thing to say."

"But here I had this marvelous degree and nobody would have anything to do with me. I couldn't throw my marvelous sheepskin away, so I opened up my own, small, dingy law office. My dad paid the rent."

After realizing the clients were not flocking to her business, Mink said she "had to find a useful way" to utilize her college background.

She turned to politics—and at a time Hawaii was experiencing drastic changes in areas from taxation to health to social reform.

Mink threw herself into the causes, became involved with the Young Democrats of Hawaii, worked her way to Congress and after suffering a loss in a Senate race, was appointed by Carter to her present position.

"It has been an interesting experience," she said, "but I don't want to relate the feeling of its being unique. Anyone in Hawaii at the time could've done it. It continues to be the same challenge for young people."

The duties she now assumes as assistant secretary of state might have seemed monumental to

Mink when she was still growing up among sugar plantations in a small village on Maui.

But today, fully acclimated to the routine of political life, she maintains that a remote background has nothing to do with the contributions a person can make. "It's how you feel and what things that inspire you that count."

Her largest responsibilities fall under scientific affairs, where technological issues must be smoothed out among foreign countries. Carter's policy on non-proliferation in the nuclear arena, also is one of the major concerns. For the policy to succeed, Mink said she believes the U.S. must set the example in curtailing nuclear weaponry and try to find alternate energy sources.

The whole concept of international environment, another concern, has been redefined under the Carter Administration. Rather than presenting a "negative kind of concept of just preventing pollution," environment has been described as the total condition people find themselves in.

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## Changes to citizenship law proposed

An American woman living in Tokyo has taken up a vigorous letter writing campaign to draw support for Sen. Edward Kennedy's proposed revisions to the American Immigration and Nationality Act.

Beverly Nakamura, married to a Japanese citizen, has called parts of the act "harsh and discriminatory", and wrote Kennedy to express her support for Senate Bill 2314, which may remedy some of the restrictions when transferring American nationality and citizenship to certain children born outside the U.S., in cases where one parent is an alien and the other a U.S. citizen.

"If it hadn't been for a friend who spotted an article about the bill in her local English language newspaper in Germany, I would never have known about the bill," Nakamura said. "Americans overseas are so uninformed."

"When I contacted the American Embassy to get some information on the bill nobody had heard of it. In fact, one lady told me very nicely that if the bill became law they would let me know."

Current law states that an American citizen living overseas and married to an alien spouse, in order to transmit citizenship to his children, must have lived in the U.S. at least 10 years, with at least five of those years after reaching the age of 14.

Kennedy's proposal would reduce the "physically pre-

sent" requirement to a simple two years prior to the birth of the child overseas.

The senator's bill is a companion to a bill sponsored by Rep. Joshua Eilberg (D-Pa.), who proposed on Oct. 20 that parts of the current law be eliminated. The proposal would eliminate two sections that:

—Require that children born overseas of one American parent, in order to retain their U.S. citizenship, must live continually in the U.S. two years between the ages of 14 and 28 or the alien parent must be naturalized before the child turns 18;

—Provide that children of American parents who are born outside the U.S. and acquire dual nationality at birth can be automatically and involuntarily stripped of

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## Convention booklet ad deadline near

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah — Tom Sutow, ad sales chairman for the national convention booklet, has issued the big push for advertising, warning that the March 15 deadline is only a month away.

Sutow said he hopes to reach over 80,000 readers—a first in JACL history—but this can only be accomplished if enough revenue is raised through booklet ads, either nationally, at the chapter level, or locally, and from other fund-raisers.

## Hike Yego seeks another term as constable in Loomis

LOOMIS, Calif.—Coming as no surprise to voters here, Constable Hike M. Yego for the Loomis Judicial District this past week announced his decision to seek re-election in the June primaries.

In a rare achievement for a first bid to public office, Yego with a 52% plurality outpolled four other candidates in the June 1972 primaries to win. The Placer County board of supervisors, following the election, appointed the first Nisei con-

stable in the U.S. to complete the unexpired term of the late Percy Lanouette.

A founding member of the Placer County JACL, Yego is also serving his fourth term on the county alcoholism advisory board, a member of the State Judges, Marshals and Constables Assn., and completed the police officers training course as mandated by the State penal code.

Citing ever growing population of his district, particularly in the Loomis Basin, which has added greatly to the diversity of its residence in recent years, Yego is of the opinion the post of constable requires a person with a good working knowledge of the area's constituency. Also, a compassionate understanding of their hopes and aspirations, including the variables in their life style, adds Kay Miyamura, his campaign manager.

In this respect, the Nisei constable expressed confidence that the valuable experience he gained during

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## Judge Tak Takei faces election

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Attorney David Lull, 54, announced his candidacy last week for the Santa Clara County superior court seat currently held by Judge Taketsugu Takei, who was appointed by Gov. Brown in July, 1976, to the bench.

Lull said his opponent "has not lived up to the level of judicial competency that our community deserves." The non-partisan election for the seat is to be on the June primary ballot.

## Beware: Check Your Label

All PC subscribers now can notice their expiration date on the address label (on back page). Dates are either typewritten or hand-written. Effective 1978, our address lister will be instructed "to kill" readers whose subscriptions have expired. For example: address cards marked 1/78 were dropped on Feb. 3; those marked 2/78 will be around from March 3.

(79 indicates subscription has been extended to same month in 1979.)

Realizing the time involved in JACL membership renewal process, the PC will honor phone calls, postcards or letters of "intent to renew" from subscribers or chapters to assure against any disruption of subscription service.—2-10-77

## PC PROFILE:

### Appointed in August, Iseri seeks full term in city council



Businessman George Iseri so far has liked learning about city government since his appointment to the Ontario (Ore.) City Council last August.

Now, he's hoping that local residents let him continue his political education when he runs for city council election in May.

"I hope the voters will give me a chance to do really something for the community," he said. "I've only had a year to serve. That's not really enough to learn everything. I'm hoping for another chance, and," he added

optimistically, "I think the people will give it to me."

Iseri, an authorized JACL travel agent, was appointed to the council when the body's lone councilwoman, Ramona Swan, resigned.

Since then, he's enjoyed his brief stay in office and has encountered and dealt with substantial issues.

"One of our biggest problems was the domestic water problem. There was not enough storage for our side of town and we had a drought."

"We used a lot of water, so that meant less water supply. That's our biggest project now. Fortunately, we're having a nice wet winter."

Things are not so dire elsewhere in Treasure Valley—as far as Iseri's concerned. Ontario, the home of 8,000 people, is growing and rapidly becoming the hub of the valley's shopping area.

"We're primarily a farming area—a desert with water. And I think we have the most beautiful, most productive farming area in the world. And I've traveled all over," he said.

About 2,000 Japanese American families live in the Treasure Valley area, with 80-90% of them being successful farmers, Iseri said.

He, however, has successfully entered the business world, running two travel agencies, a fire and casualty insurance company, real estate office and Hertz rental car company.

Iseri and his wife, Dixie, have two sons and a daughter who all help out in the family businesses.

—Pat Tashima



## Inagaki Prize deadline set for chapter of biennium

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. — Deadline for applying for the George J. Inagaki Chapter Citizenship Award, presented biennially to the chapter with the best citizenship programs, is June 1, 1978, National JACL Headquarters announced.

A \$500 prize will be awarded to the winning chapter at the 25th Biennial Convention in Salt Lake City, with an additional \$100 going to the chapter's district council. Two honorable mentions will also be presented.

Chapters wishing to compete should submit one copy of the Inagaki Award Application form and Citizenship Activity Reports form describing up to five programs or activities during 1976-77. Applications are obtainable from national headquarters.

The Citizenship Activity Reports should be concise and in summary form. News clippings, scrap books and photographs should not be submitted. Selection will be

based on program objectives, the degree of participation (within the context of chapter's situation) and program effectiveness.

The Inagaki Prize was established to acknowledge his many years of dedicated service and outstanding JACL leadership. In keeping with the longtime JACLer's personal commitment to the betterment of society, the award is intended to stimulate chapter participation on the social, civic and educational issues of the day at the community, city, state and national levels.

Some of the areas recognized in the past include: health care education, drug abuse prevention, voter registration, fair housing and employment enforcement, environmental protection and human relations development.

The top honor in 1976 went to the Salt Lake JACL.

This year's participants should submit applications to National Headquarters.



Fresno JAYS pose with Sen. S.I. Hayakawa before he addressed the annual JACL district convention Nov. 13 in Fresno. They are (from left) Neal Taniguchi, district rep.; Adair Takikawa, pres.; Senator Hayakawa; Stan Morita, sec.; Janel Urushima, publicity; and Victor Hsu, vice pres.

## 'EO 9066' photo display donated to Nat'l JACL

SAN FRANCISCO—The California Historical Society has presented its traveling exhibit "Executive Order 9066" to the Japanese American Citizens League.

The nationally renowned exhibit depicts the Evacuation and incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II with stunning photographs and helped to make public the courage, suffering and mistreatment of Japanese Americans and the denial of their constitutional rights.

The exhibition first opened in Washington, D.C., in 1972 at the Concoran Gallery on the occasion of the National JACL convention.

In presenting the exhibit, Dr. J.S. Holliday, executive director of the California Historical Society, commented,

"We are giving you this complete set of our nationally renowned exhibition because we want to support

your work and we know that the exhibit will reach a continuing and large audience through your national organization ... together we have made this exhibit a national experience, and I am sure that it will continue to influence American thinking."

The National JACL expressed its gratitude for the time and effort placed into this exhibition by the California Historical Society and hopes to use "Executive Order 9066" to its fullest potential as expressed by Dr. Holliday.

## Intermountain Dist. to meet

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah — The first Intermountain District Council quarterly session will be held on Saturday, Feb. 25, 1 p.m., at Little America Motel—site of the 1978 National JACL Convention.

Gov. John Tamen of Vale, Ore., announced the agenda that begins with a joint session with the Intermountain District Youth Council to discuss youth funds and hear reports from the IDC youth commissioners and DYC leadership. Welcome to the afternoon session will be extended by host chapter president Jimi Mitsunaga.

It is expected that matters to be presented at the national convention will be drafted. Reports are expected by various committees along with approval of a district budget.

## Annual credit union meeting set Feb. 25

SALT LAKE CITY—The annual National JACL Credit Union dinner-dance will be held at Little America Motel, 5th South and Main, on Saturday, Feb. 25, 7 p.m. with a brief business session to be called after the prime rib dinner.

Up for election to the credit union board are incumbent Ichiro Doi, Nobuo Iwamoto and Min Matsumori. Further nominations will be accepted up to 48 hours prior by committee chairman Saige Aramaki (467-3048). Dinner will be \$9 for C.U. members and \$15 for all others.

**Jobs for Filipinos**  
SACRAMENTO, Calif.—A bill that would improve employment opportunities for persons of Filipino ancestry was passed last week by the State Senate. According to Sen. David Roberti, the bill's sponsor, the measure directs cities and counties with at least 25,000 persons of Filipino ancestry to compile records on the number of Filipinos employed.

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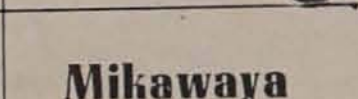
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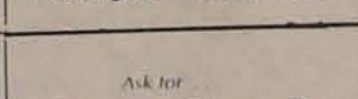
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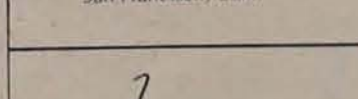
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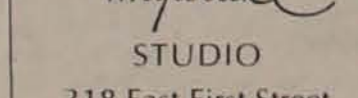
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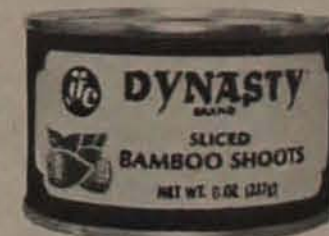
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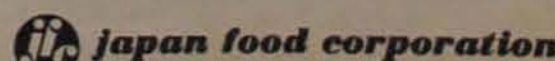
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Washington D.C. JACL member Fred K. Murakami was awarded the National Science Foundation's Meritorious Service Award for his "outstanding leadership and significant contribution to the management of administrative operations" within the organization. Murakami has been with NSF since 1969, serving in top management positions, first as Director of Management Analysis and then Director of Personnel and Management. Presentation was made by NSF Director Richard Atkinson.

## pc's people

### • The Arts

Jeff Ishikawa and Jeff Inouye, both of Cupertino High School, won \$100 awards from Fidelity Savings in the Art Scholarship Calendar Program. Ishikawa was also presented a summer scholarship to the San Francisco Academy of Art. From hundreds of entries, 13 drawings made it to Fidelity's appointment calendar. Ishikawa's pen and ink drawing of the Bridge of Friendship in the Japanese Friendship Garden of San Jose is on the cover. Inouye's picture was of the Landrum House in Santa Clara. Sachiko Takaki of Pueblo, Colo. won first prize in the oils and mixed media division at the 17th annual Collector's Mart at the Jewish Community Center. Prize winning paintings were sold at the show.

Actor Jack Soo, a detective on the "Barney Miller" television series, was in good spirits following the removal of a malignant tumor from his esophagus. The actor changed his name from Suzuki to Soo prior to World War II and first landed jobs as a Chinatown nightclub entertainer. He and his family were interned at Topaz, Utah. Soo, a onetime straightman for Joey Bishop, played Sammy Fong in the Broadway production of "Flower Drum Song".

Mark Iwanaga of Reedley High, a drummer, was selected for the third year to the California All-State Band. He was also recently chosen for the McDonald's High School All-Star band and performed in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade in New York and Tournament of Roses parade in Pasadena.

### • Business

Steven T. Okamoto has earned the National Quality Award by the National Assn. of Life Underwriters and the Life Insurance Agency Management Assn. Okamoto is a member of the San Francisco JACL. Shigeo Yamada, 51, was elected director of California First Bank, replacing Sei-ichi Ohka, general manager of the Bank of Tokyo's San Francisco agency. Ohka was reassigned to Japan.

Henry Masuda, 78, owner of the Fresno landmark Yosemite Nursery, has sold the establishment to developers. He operated the nursery over 31 years on Blackstone Ave., while other businesses sold or fled to the suburbs. For years he was the largest volume retail dealer in the area. Construction of a restaurant and office complex is tentatively scheduled to begin on the five acres of property.



Ben T. Seo

Ben T. Seo was appointed controller of the newly-formed Aerojet Services Co., Sacramento. Prior to joining Aerojet in 1969, Seo was accountant/auditor for the Franchise Tax Board and private CPA firms in Sacramento and San Francisco. He is a graduate of Placer Union High School and holds a BA in business administration from Golden Gate University.

Harry Yamamoto will head the So. Calif. Schlitz Beer Wholesalers Assn. this year. President of Towne Distributing Co. of L.A., the Downtown JACLer has been in the beer business 30 years. An active Boy Scout leader, he has received the Order of Merit from the Sierra Trails District and is a past commander of the Commodore Perry American Legion Post 525. His business partners are Ronnie Sugiyama and Kaz Furuto. Wayne T. Adachi, of Mountain View, Calif., was promoted to branch manager of the San Jose branch of San Jose Production Credit Assn. A 1971 graduate of UCLA, Wayne holds a BA in public service and is working on his masters in business administration at Santa Clara University.

### • Education

June Mei, Nobuya Tsuchida and Lucie Hirata presented papers at UCLA's second "Asian American Labor History Conference" recently. Mei, a UCLA history lecturer, spoke on "The Class Structure of 19th Century Chinatown"; Tsuchida, research assistant of UCLA's Asian American Studies Center, focused on "Japanese Gardeners"; and Hirata, a UCLA sociology professor, on "Free, enslaved and indentured workers in 19th century America: The case of Chinese prostitution." Conference was sponsored by Asian American Studies Center.

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A number of chapters and individuals took heed, informing us of their intention to renew and thus assuring themselves against disruption of subscription service.

Our main concern for publishing that notice was simply economic. The cost of presswork, postage and mailing services, we identify as "cost per copy", has been gradually rising over the years. For FY 1977 ending Sept. 30, cost per copy averaged 8.75 cents and for 1978 we estimated it would be 10.5 cents.

Other fixed costs, such as editorial, typesetting and general office, are rendered as "cost per inch" which, for FY 1977, was \$1.075 or roughly \$90 a page to produce. To meet that, we need at least 25 columns of ads (at \$4 per column inch). For eight pages then, we need at least 200 column inches (30%) per issue, another 100 column inches for each additional set of four pages.

Significance of the estimated 10.5 cents cost per

copy is impressive when the big picture is made evident by statistics we have from the PC Renewal Campaign—which circulation manager Yuki Kamayatsu (now on sick leave) began in 1966. The chapters receive a list of delinquent members, based upon our subscription records. Chapters were allowed 30 days to verify the list. If delinquents were not rejoining we then solicited them to continue as non-member subscribers. Generally, about five months would pass before a delinquent subscriber was finally cut off.

Average of the past six years (1972-77) shows we have about 3,000 delinquents a year. Of that number, about 2,300 (80%) do not care to renew and 150 come back as non-member subscribers, fortunately enough to cover our actual solicitation expenses. Delinquents held on for five months and not renewing translates into dollars lost. Here's what our scratch pad shows:

2,300 × 10.5¢ = \$241.50 per week; \$241.50 × 5 months (20 weeks) = \$4,830 for 1978.

By immediate cut-off, there are further savings with less pressrun and postage costs, which came to about 6 cents per copy or \$138 a week for 20 weeks or \$2,760 at the 1977 rates. So the total saved by timely cut-off involves \$7,590 for 1978

—a nice bundle we hated to see burn away in smoke. That can easily cover the rental and supplies of the Cheshire-Xerox S-730 Address Lister, which can automatically skip labels of expired subscribers.

The address lister was acquired a year ago because of the mounting cost of producing labels via metal plates. The "mark-up" process was tedious and required additional help this past October-December to complete—thus enabling us to automatically skip or selectively print labels by chapter for their particular needs. We are happy to say that chapters are starting to make use of this new service.

It was a historic but unwellcome day in the PC office two Fridays ago when our address lister was programmed to automatically skip labels coded "Jan/78". Of the approximate run of 23,000 cards, 850 (3.7%) were skipped. All memberships received from Headquarters through Feb. 1 were processed before the cards were put through the lister.

A hustling membership committee might rightfully question our procedure. Midwest chapters this winter have been seriously hampered by the blizzard in organizing their renewal campaign. Many chapters

are waiting for new officers to take over. Other problems common to volunteer organizations can paralyze the best of intentions.

We continue to hear of proposals wanting National Headquarters to take over the renewal process, but this centralization without a computer to differentiate the varying amounts in chapter dues could be an administrative debacle. It may be possible, however, here through the PC Office without tying into an outside computer. The chapter code is already on the label. We occasionally publish a list of chapters with its dues and the name of membership people that members can refer to send in renewals. Or this list can be included as part of the membership renewal letter. A special mailing with the letter and a return envelope addressed to National can be dispatched using PC labels.

To insure a complete listing, PC is now adding names of members who do not want PC. These will be printed when the chapter needs a complete set of their labels.

Furthermore, by coinciding PC subscription and JACL membership expirations together, some of the present confusion over expiration dates can be reduced. This system is used to start 1000 Clubbers.

A nice thing about our address lister is that it does not discriminate on account of race, color, creed, age or sex. When a subscriber's time has come, the lister skips that label automatically. □



Jim Murakami

## President Jim Says

### STATE OF AFFAIRS OF JACL

The present state of affairs with JACL overall is coming around in excellent shape. The original directive of putting the house in order which was given in June of 1977 to Karl Nobuyuki, National Director of JACL, is being accomplished well. I can report that the three branches of service of the National JACL that Karl has identified as Administrative, General Services and Program have been implemented and are working well to track the multitude of functions and responsibilities that are required of the Headquarters Staff.

During January, the first staff workshop since 1975 has held at the National Headquarters and included Regional Directors and personnel as well as the PC staff. Majority of the present staff is all relatively new to the JACL, necessitating the workshop to exchange ideas and to mutually understand the responsibilities of each of the staff entities.

Fiscally and interrelationally, the increase in JACL membership is equal historically to that which has been realized in the past bienniums. As reported in the PC, the JACL's membership now stands at 31,484.

The status of the program priorities adopted by the National Council is progressing probably not in accordance with the expectations of some, but nonetheless they are on the move and not standing totally still as implied.

**REPARATION**—Mike Honda who was appointed chairman of the Reparation Committee in February, 1977, consolidated and summarized the surveys, questionnaires, etc., which had been undertaken in six of the eight Districts of JACL. This summary, which is essential for a data base for the program and an ultimate legislation bill, was of necessity required before any campaign could proceed on a firm basis.

At the September 1977 meeting, the EXECOM had directed that each District Council submit to the National Board (it will meet Mar. 10-12) a Reparation Plan which was approved by their respective Chapters. These then are to be considered by the Board, followed by recommendations as to a plan or plans for consideration and approval by the National Council.

Dr. Clifford Uyeda of San Francisco was appointed chairman of a new Reparation Committee to clarify the issue of reparation, then to submit concrete alternative plans to Japanese Americans for review and comments. The goal is the development of a single realistic proposal which has wide support not only from Japanese Americans, but other Americans as well. This educational phase is anticipated to be complete by the National Convention in Salt Lake City in July of this year.

If the National Council can concur to a single plan, the next phase will be to push for its passage by the Congress of the United States.

**YOUTH**—As the JACL Youth Director, Rich Okabe formerly of Chicago, is providing staff responsibilities to the youth program including among others the JAYs, PCYA, JACL-JAL Cultural Heritage, National JACL Scholarship and the Student Aid programs. It should also be noted that some of the Districts have utilized their District Funding for furthering Youth Programs and activities within their own areas.

It is also notable that new JAY Chapters are being started in the Midwest and NC-WN Districts.

**DISTRICT FUNDING**—This concept, which was adopted for the first time in Sacramento was a means of providing monies for District Programs from the National JACL budget. All Districts that have requested funds have received their requested amounts. The EXECOM has revised the guidelines to expedite the approval process necessary in the request for funds.

The approval is now vested with the National President, National Treasurer and the National Director instead of the total EXECOM as the original guidelines delineated.

There have been problems which have arisen as a result of the new concept, such as the unwieldy approval process method, the non-coincidence of the National with some of the District's fiscal year and the lack of monies to run some of the programs as desired by the Districts.

We do need to closely examine the concept and look to ways to improve the methodology if possible. Because there were some problems with the concept during the biennium should not be sufficient reason to abandon the concept for something different which may be no better

## PC Letterbox

### U.S.-Japan Trade

Editor:

Bill Hosokawa's article (PC Holiday Issue) on U.S.-Japan trade is a timely warning on the touchy problem between two nations; the problem is also bound to have unpleasant implications to us, Japanese Americans. We can do much to prevent a possible rise of anti-Japanese propaganda of the '30s.

First of all the trade imbalance can be easily solved by allowing Japanese to buy what they need. Although I have nothing against selling more beef and fruits, it is not a solution. Japanese are well-fed and somewhat overweight like us. Their market is flooded with high quality fruits, which I wish we could buy here.

What they need are staple food, raw materials and energy. Several years ago we were selling millions of bushels of grain to USSR at discount. In consternation the Japanese realized the danger of relying on a single source of supply. They now have alternate sources.

More than ten years ago, exports of pulp and lumber were put on the voluntary restriction. Japanese have since developed synthetic paper and are extensively utilizing plastics in housing.

But above all Japanese need oil, which is a source of energy as well as the raw material for food packaging, clothing, shelter and for other modern necessities. There was a talk of selling our Alaskan oil to Japan and our buying more from Middle East.

This was considered to be in our favor, because transporting the oil from Alaska to the middle U.S. is an expensive proposition. But, the talk faded away quickly. If this is done, the trade imbalance will be solved easily. Why don't (we) do it? Would it reveal a real nature of our economic problem, which is not Japan at all. The value of dollar is going down because of our excessive import of oil from Middle East. So, Japan is made a scapegoat.

The closing of Youngstown Steel is blamed in the importation of Japanese steel. Yet, steel is coming from western Europe, Brazil and even from eastern Europe. Again, Japan is made a scapegoat. The cause of failure was a mismanagement; a long neglect of modernization, which is estimated to cost \$180 million. For those who mismanaged the corporation, it is a handy excuse to make Japan a scapegoat.

Immediately after the failure of Youngstown Steel, there was a talk of getting Japanese help. This was stopped by Washington. Why? We subscribe to the free enterprise system. If Japanese have a better know-how, why don't we let them manage the mill? This will enable to employ workers, keep town's economy going and get some of the dollars back. There are many large corporations in the U.S. which are owned and operated by Belgian, English, Dutch, German and Swiss. Why not Japanese?

Many 1973 Fords rusted in certain parts of the body. It was blamed on "cheap" Japanese steel. Is this true?

My '74 Ford had also a part of body which rusted quickly. The dealer did not say it was a "cheap" Japanese steel nor a "cheap" steel made in the U.S. If indeed '73 Fords had "cheap" Japanese steel, I question Ford's purchase specification. Why didn't they buy a good quality Japanese steel? Again, people are making Japanese a scapegoat to cover up their failure. Kodak tried to promote sales of their films by making anti-Japanese propaganda.

Recently, anti-whalers blamed Japan for continuing its whaling. They were strangely silent about USSR and other European nations on their whaling. When Eskimos objected on the whaling ban, they didn't say anything. Yet, both Eskimo and Japanese are people of the Pacific.

Europeans, mostly English, who exhaustively hunted whales in Pacific are accusing Japanese. If the Euro-Americans are genuinely concerned with preserving whales in the Pacific, they can start making some compensation for the damage they have made. But, this has never been mentioned. Instead, they have a righteous attitude in blaming Japanese.

There are Christian ministers who habitually make Japanese a scapegoat in their sermons. What is frightening is their moralistic overtone.

Scapegoating is an emotional outlet; for those who do it, it does not make any difference whether it is directed upon Japanese or Japanese Americans. It does not matter whether it is directed at children or adults.

We can learn much from the experience of Jewish people in Europe. For centuries they were made a scapegoat. In Germany they were well integrated; there were no ghettos. There were many intermarriages. There were many prominent professionals. Yet, we all know what happened.

Although scapegoating is usually a careless emotional habit, its social and historical implications are frightening. Making Japanese a scapegoat is a widely spread habit of our society.

What we can do is, first, being alert to notice it and second, to uncover the source. Then, we can point out to the person that he is making an error.

Because most Americans are good-natured, they would readily recognize their mistakes. However,

there are people who try to cover it up and accuse you instead. Typically, they might say, "you are too sensitive; over-reacting, etc."

If people refuse to recognize their mistakes, the effective way to counter scapegoating is to make their names and ethnic background public.

NOBUYUKI NAKAJIMA  
Sheffield, Lake, Ohio

### Convention idea

Editor:

Wouldn't it be great if a "Salute to America" banquet was scheduled for the 1978 JACL Biennial Convention, featuring outstanding Japanese Americans from all over the United States?

It would be a public acknowledgment of the tremendous blessings we have received since we emerged from the shadows of relocation centers three decades ago.

Clear proof of the good will of our fellow citizens is the large number of Japanese Americans who have reached positions of honor and distinction. JA's have been elected senators, congressmen, assemblymen, judges, mayors, councilmen, and city clerks. Our people have been appointed to influential positions in cities, counties and states. Our businessmen, professional men, and religious leaders are highly successful.

All chapters can participate in this project by forwarding to appropriate committees the names of noteworthy persons in their respective areas. The Gardena Valley JACL, by itself, has a number of such personages including the first JA mayor, the first JA assemblyman, the first JA city clerk and many others, including outstanding Issei.

Isn't it time that we Japanese Americans proclaim to our friends and neighbors across the continent: "We are proud to be part of the greatest and the most humanitarian nation on earth! Thank you for being such wonderful people! We love you with all our hearts!"

MASARU ODOI  
Gardena, Calif.

Logistics and expenses of such a salute would be just as "great." But the blessings would be greater if we could accomplish the same without the costs involved.—Ed.



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U-NO BAR: Raymond S. Uno

## Zeroing In

Salt Lake City "Lead time" is an often-used term in many areas. Lead time is necessary to prepare for the undertaking of special, large-scale projects. It helps prepare the groundwork to successfully achieve a given assignment, event or experiment. For our National Convention, our lead time is quickly coming to a close. We must now zero in on what people have shown an interest in.

Our fund-raising projects are off to a good start. We are very optimistic that our convention booklet to every JACL household will be successful. It is an enormous and challenging affair, but a breakthrough to get the convention to the people.

Project Takara, also, is off the ground and sailing smoothly. It is a good way for chapters to raise funds to defray expenses of their delegates to the Convention. It can be done relatively easily and successfully. The Salt Lake Chapter has done this for almost every National Convention.

The convention site here, the Little America, is also near completion. The Utah State Bar Association had its mid-year meeting there and the accommodations were extremely good. When completed, I am sure it will meet with the expectations of our Convention Board. There is a very interesting story about the owner of Little America which I hope I will be able to relate in one of my articles. It has a Horatio Alger quality.

Our workshops are still in the planning and drawing board stage. We have had various suggestions from many people. We are trying to incorporate these into our planning. The Business-Employment workshop is not clearly defined as we would like. We felt it may be better to work on fewer workshops and concentrate on them more intensively than spread ourselves too thin and not be able to explore in-depth the subject matters we do undertake. This may necessitate the elimination

of the Business-Employment Workshop or incorporating it into one of the other workshops. Tomio Moriguchi of the Seattle Chapter has submitted material and suggestions that may assist in clarifying this issue.

The original concept of these workshops was to make the input national in scope since it will take place at a national convention. To some extent, this will take place; however, we still do need much, much more input from the various district councils. Northern California-Western Nevada District Council is on line to work on the Japan-U.S. Friendship Act. The Intermountain District Council will work on the Thousand Club Whing Ding. Dr. Min Masuda from the Pacific Northwest District Council is working on the Retirement or JA Family oriented workshop with input from Pat Okura of Eastern District Council. On all of these, our local committees will be assisting and coordinating with the various district councils.

The workshop on politics will come up with some novel ideas. We hope to make this one of the more interesting, informative and fruitful workshops on this topic ever. The Writer-Artists workshop has the problem of scope and may be narrowed down to a more selective format, yet, it will be novel and exciting.

The Pilgrimage-Reunion project will be a once-in-a-lifetime event. It will bring the past and present together and will blend with the various workshops because we were all, in one way or another, touched by the war and evacuation and the sundry happenings at the convention will be colored harmoniously by such experiences.

Our National officers have had a chance to meet the Convention Board and now can appreciate what we have been trying to do. They have been very helpful in giving us their input. We are now getting our act together and by convention time, we will have it all together. We will have "zeroed in" right on target.

### Candidates' night

LOS ANGELES—Japanese American Republicans candidates' night dinner (\$10) will be held Feb. 24, 7:30 p.m. at Sir Michael's in City of Commerce, chairman Sam Fujimoto announced. Candidates for the November election are being invited.

## 35 YEARS AGO—

Feb. 11, 1943

Feb. 6—Police search for a "shabbily-dressed" man who invaded a Des Moines home and beat 18-year-old Fumi Mae Miyuki, a domestic, unconscious.

Feb. 7—Los Angeles area Chinese Girl Scouts send packages of scouting materials to Japanese American girl scouts interned at Heart Mountain.

Feb. 7—Acting on appeal from Sons of Utah Pioneers, Rep. Walter Granger (D-Utah) suggests to War Manpower Commission that evacuees be made available to farmers as "practical solution" for state's labor problem.

Feb. 11—Los Angeles attorney A.L. Wirin is appointed as JACL legal counsel by national secretary Mike Masaoka to represent JACL in Reagan vs. Native Sons case and Oshiro case.

### Home insurance

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—Assemblyman S. Floyd Mori (D-Pleasanton), said earlier this month that the extra \$5 tacked onto California homeowner's insurance premiums is an "absolutely ludicrous situation (and) unconstitutional." The extra money is to provide workers' compensation coverage for domestic employees. Mori sponsored Assembly Bill 2009 which would have permitted owners to waive the household workers' compensation in comprehensive personal liability insurance policies but the bill failed in committee.

Feb. 11—President Roosevelt, in a letter to Secretary of War Stimson, endorses the Army's new Japanese American combat team, declaring that the new volunteers will add to the "nearly 5,000 loyal Americans of Japanese ancestry who are already serving in the armed forces of our country."

February 18, 1943

Feb. 11—Los Angeles Parlor No. 45 of the Native Sons of the Golden West protests formation of the Japanese American combat unit and asks Congress to nullify the War Department intent.

Feb. 12—In less than two weeks since military service is reinstated for Japanese Americans, more than 7,425 men volunteer from Hawaii, exceeding the call for 1,500.

Feb. 12—In Amache, Colo., Hiroshi "Horse" Tadakuma scales a 90-foot steel pole to rescue a stranded American flag. Afterwards, Tadakuma said, "Glad to be of service to my country."

Feb. 18—Sgt. Ben Kuroki becomes the first Japanese American in combat on the European front as Army Air Force tailgunner.

FROM THE FRYING PAN: Bill Hosokawa

## Swastikas in Skokie



Denver, Colo.

I have no intention of reopening discussion about the Bakke case.

Everyone should know by now that this is a complaint by a white student of that name who charges that he was a victim of "reverse discrimination." He contends he was denied enrollment in the medical school at the University of California, Davis, because places had to be reserved for less qualified minority students. Even though many Japanese Americans here ruled against Bakke, the Supreme Court of the United States is agonizing over that one. The justices are paid handsome salaries to wrestle with such knotty problems, so let's see what they come up with.

However, it is necessary to mention the Bakke case by way of introducing the subject of today's essay, which is another excruciatingly difficult legal and moral issue that has direct implications for Japanese Americans.

It is the 6-to-1 decision of Illinois State Supreme Court judges that American Nazis dressed in Nazi uniforms emblazoned with swastikas must be permitted to march through Skokie, a predominantly Jewish suburb of Chicago where many survivors of Nazi concentration camps now live. The justices contend that the Nazi march is "a symbolic political speech" and freedom of speech must be protected.

Where do the Nisei, and their chief organization, JACL, stand on this one?

I would guess that to be consistent about civil rights the Nisei would have to agree that freedom of speech must be defended at all costs even though any movement that glorifies Hitler's racist death camps is loathsome.

But just for argument, let's concoct a purely hypothetical scenario in which the same principles are at issue, but which is much closer to us as Japanese Americans.

Let's say that there is a group of Japanese Americans somewhat comparable to

the Illinois Nazis, except that they glorify Japanese militarism. They dress in reasonable facsimiles of Japanese military uniforms, sport long samurai-type swords, and parade around carrying Japanese battle flags.

Let's say that these misguided nuts decide to hold a rally, shout banzais and march around in front of one of the U.S. naval installations in San Diego just at the time the "Survivors of Pearl Harbor" and the "Gold Star Families of Pearl Harbor" are holding their annual reunion. It's obvious that these Japanese Americans are hoping to provoke violence and get a lot of publicity on national television, and it seems quite likely they will succeed.

How would you react?

Would you stand up for the rights of these neo-fascists to free political expression, no matter how abhorrent?

Would you demand that this political rally, which undoubtedly would be damaging to all Japanese Americans, be suppressed?

If you believe in the right of political and ethnic minorities to demonstrate as an expression of their discontent—blacks, Hispanos, students, gays, farmers—would the fact that these imaginary demonstrators in San Diego are advocates of Japanese militarism alter your thinking?

If so, why?

Or would you be able to stand up and say: I abhor Japanese militarism as much as German Nazism, but I defend the right of these people to speak out even in the face of violent reaction that indirectly may injure a great many innocent people for a long time to come.

Up to now, the issue is only with the neo-Nazis in Skokie. But who is to say that our imaginary banzai march in San Diego will not take place?

If all this has discomforted you, it was intended to. It might do us good to test and analyze the strength and firmness of our convictions.

## Comments Received

§ We have survived. Be glad—and leave it at that. (Detroit)

§ Let bygones be bygones. Human suffering is a strengthening of self. (Female, age 55)

§ I hope I am not still licking my wounds. Let's look forward, not backward. (Midwest)

§ Americans will not face up to the enormity of the crime against the basic human and civil rights until reparations are made. (No. Calif.)

§ \$300 received from the Evacuation Claims Act of 1948 is not justice for 4 years in camp, plus all our farm losses, house, etc. (Male, 79)

§ Four years of economic void. Ten years of economic disruption. Had to start all over again from scratch—homeless and jobless with a family of four. (Male, 68)

PART 13

**REPARATION**  
JACL NATIONAL COMMITTEE

§ No price of reparation can replace what we have gone through. Receiving reparation would only cheapen the pain and the suffering we endured. (Male, 49, Oakland, Calif.)

§ Japanese community does not care to become involved in the degrading process of being "paid off" for the injustices. (Midwest)

§ Shaking our fists and demanding cash reparations somehow cheapens the strength of Japanese spirit and pride—Yamato damashii! (Midwest)

§ It is only to right the wrong. No argument should be made about needing the money. (Male, Seattle)

§ I feel only money will awaken the American public to the wrong. (Female, 53, Sacramento, Calif.)

§ My wife was ill. There was no doctor, medicine or facilities. She died—without medical treatment whatsoever. (Male, 70)

§ How can reparation get what I lost? Many are barely making a living now. Only college educated Nisei came out of the evacuation smelling like a rose. (Female, 61, Los Angeles)

§ There are many Issei and Nisei who need help now. (Detroit)

These, and the comments to follow next week, were taken from the questionnaire returns.

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# Calendar, pulse & memos

## PSW enthusiasm for convention up

VAN NUYS, Calif. — Salt Lake City Judge Raymond Uno went home confident that the Pacific Southwest District Council will be an enthusiastic and significant force at the forthcoming National JACL Convention. He addressed the Feb. 5 luncheon of the first quarterly district session hosted by San Fernando Valley JACL at the Holiday Inn here, giving an overview of convention plans.

Earlier in the morning, Assistant Secretary of State Patsy T. Mink called upon JACL to develop a national directory of Nikkei professionals and leaders so that appointive powers at all levels of government, federal, state and local, would have ready access of prospects to fulfill affirmative action requirements.

The district went on record to support a joint venture proposed by National Headquarters to relocate the youth office from San Francisco to Los Angeles to "re-design the JACL youth program". Karl Nobuyuki, na-

tional director, pointed to the greater number of youth in the area who might benefit and hoped a model project could be developed. However, Masamune Kojima, nat'l JACL v.p., felt placing the youth office in Los Angeles would be "a distortion" and added police here are now worrying about ethnic gangs displacing established youth organizations.

PSW regional director Glen Isomoto reported his office was allocated \$43,000 in CETA Title VI funds to provide two coordinators (Leota Shimabukuro in health services and Andy Uchiyama, youth services); and two office aides, Carlene Ige and Anna Craig. The CETA staff was hired Jan. 2.

Gov. Paul Tsuneshi appointed George Kodama as chairman of ethnic concerns and Cary Nishimoto as district legal counsel. Nishimoto is a deputy city attorney for Los Angeles.

The district council approved its first trust fund allocation of \$500 to assist the Japanese Welfare Rights

Organization launch its annual fund-raising campaign. The interest from the PSWDC Trust fund, now some \$97,000, is to be available, according to Dr. Roy Nishikawa, trust fund chairman. Forms and guidelines are being released.

The 1977 Christmas Cheer project disbursed \$12,650 to nearly 700 families or individuals, it was reported by Dennis Kunisaki of Pan Asian chapter, which will continue to coordinate Cheer for 1978.

## MINK

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"It (the definition) covers the whole field of international environment. Carter has made a large commitment in his perception of human rights—it's not just the environment.

"Of course, we're worried about pollution, too. The spilling of big oil tankers, the upper atmosphere, burning of fossil fuels. These problems we attempt to address on an international level."

Mink related her political activities to all activities, noting that the political process is completed by the issues and involvement its participants undertake.

From her work in Congress, she told of meeting JACL representatives on several occasions and said JACL has been a "living institution" in Washington.

"I come from Hawaii, where group togetherness perhaps is not as important. The Asian block is greater and we have no need to look beyond large expanses of land to discover ourselves like you have had to do for decades.

"I come humbled," she continued, "and am flattered to come and see what you've experienced. I feel the spirit of vitality in the organization."

—Pat Tashima

## chapter pulse

### Berkeley

Berkeley JACL's Spring Nocturne benefit dance will be held on Saturday, Mar. 4, 8 p.m., at the Oakland Auditorium Gold Room with Don Lewis' band, it was announced by Paul Takata, chapter president. Proceeds go toward the Alameda County Heart Fund and the Berkeley JACL Young Parents Program Fund.

The band played at the recent New Year's Eve JACL dance and the Valentine's dance last year. Tickets at \$5 per person are available from:

Beatrice Kono, Terry Yamashita, Min Sano, Judy Kono.

### Chicago

A tentative 1978 program, highlighted by a youth workshop this month and Japanese American conference in June, has been slated by Chicago JACL program vice-presidents Ken Katahira and Niel Tashima.

Hoping to make the Chicago chapter a vehicle that will lure people to JACL in an "enjoyable manner," both men are soliciting suggestions for future activities.

## Woodblock prints on WLA 'menu'

LOS ANGELES — Hokusai and Hiroshige are undoubtedly names that will be mentioned when Tomoo Ogita, a renowned teacher, authenticator and appraiser of Oriental fine arts, presents his slides and lecture on "Japanese Woodblock Prints".

He will be guest speaker at the West Los Angeles JACL and Auxiliary dinner on Monday, Feb. 20, 6:30 p.m., at Ponderosa Restaurant, Culver City, it was jointly announced by chapter president Toy Kanegai and Aux'y president Mitsu Sonoda.

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Rounding out the proposed schedule is a Japanese American film festival in March; box lunch social and

Asian American workshop, April; scholarship dinner, May; annual meeting and

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The 1978 Marin County JACL officers gather for their first cabinet photograph. They are (from left): seated—Bruce Wilbur, Dr. Aimy Wilbur, 1st vp; Dennis Sato, pres; Sam Shimomura, 2nd vp; standing—Susan Shimoda, Dr. Steve Gotanda, June Minami, Yuriko Hanamoto, Dr. Bill Obata, Paula Mitsunaga, Gene Oishi, Peter Besag and Rose Nieda, treas.

## Deadlines

- 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).
- Inagaki Prize—Entries from JACL Chapters by June 1, JACL Hq.

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## Calendar

- \* A non-JACL event
- FEB. 18 (Saturday)  
\* San Diego—UPAC Conf on School Issues, Educ Cultural Complex, 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. 20 (Monday)  
\* West Los Angeles—Dnr mtg. Ponderosa Restaurant, Culver City, 6:30 p.m.; Tomoo Ogita, spkr., "Japanese Woodblock Prints".
- FEB. 23 (Thursday)  
\* Solano County—New chapter charter mtg. Civic Aud. Fairfield.
- FEB. 24 (Friday)  
\* Sequoia-Inst dnr, Sakura Garden, Mountain View, 7 p.m.  
\* Los Angeles—JARS candidate night, Sir Michael's Restaurant, City of Commerce, 7:30 p.m.  
\* Los Angeles—Evening with Rep. Norman Mineta, Biltmore Hotel Gold Room, 5:30-8 p.m.  
\* El Cerrito—Retirement planning, Sycamore Church.
- FEB. 25 (Sunday)  
\* Nat'l JACL — Annual credit union dnr-dance, Little America Motel, Salt Lake City, 7 p.m.  
\* IDC—Qtrly session, Salt Lake JACL hosts, Little America Motel, 1 p.m.  
\* San Mateo—Inst dnr-dance, Peninsula Social Hall, 6:30 p.m.; Karl Nobuyuki, spkr.; George Takahashi's band.

- \* Los Angeles—SCYPCC theater party, East West, 8 p.m.
- \* Fresno—NSC birthday party, Be-tsun Annex, 12:30 p.m.
- FEB. 26 (Sunday)  
\* CCDC—Nisei Retirement conference, Fresno Buddhist Church Annex 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; Prof. Harry Kitano, UCLA, spkr.
- MAR. 1 (Wednesday)  
\* New Mexico—Income tax night, Albuquerque Fed S&L, 8321 Menaul NE, 7:30 p.m.; Perry Mori, spkr.
- \* Long Beach—Japanese cult experience, Stearns Pk, 8 p.m.; Rev. Mishima, spkr.
- MAR. 4 (Saturday)  
\* NCDYC—Spring Qtrly, Eden AAYs host, (2 days), Sat—Workshop, Sun—Mtg. Easter party at Agnews St Hosp.
- \* Los Angeles—Westside Optim Las Vegas Night, Vet Mem Hall, Culver City, 7:30 p.m.
- \* Sacramento—Camellia Fest Int'l exhibit, Sac to Comm Ctr.
- \* Seattle—Workshop on Women, St Peter's Epis Church.
- \* Berkeley—Spring Nocturne dance, Gold Rm, Oakland Aud.
- MAR. 6 (Monday)  
\* Denver—JANBA bowling tournament (all wk), Celebrity Lanes.
- MAR. 10 (Friday)  
\* Nat'l JACL—Bd mtg (3 days), Hq, San Francisco.
- MAR. 11 (Saturday)  
\* Sacramento—Camellia Festival parade, Downtown, 10 a.m.
- \* Denver—JANBA tourn dnr, Marriott Hotel.
- MAR. 13 (Monday)  
\* Long Beach—Foods of Japan, Stearns Park, 8 p.m.

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## Membership trend up

CHICAGO—Final 1977 figures published by National Headquarters showed that the Midwest District totalled 2,359 members for the year, an increase of more than 5% over 1976. While less than the 10% rise projected by Second Vice Governor Gordon Yoshikawa last year, the increase represented a significant reversal of a downward trend. Since 1972, total MDC membership had declined almost 15% through 1976.

Six of the nine chapters in the district recorded higher totals in 1977 than in the previous year, with St. Louis showing a 45% gain in reaching a new all-time high of 181 members. According to chapter sources, much of the growth can be attributed to the chapter-sponsored charter-flight to Japan last October and to a direct mail campaign aimed at non-member Japanese Americans in the St. Louis area.

Chicago remained the largest chapter in the Midwest, barely missing the 1,000 mark with 996 members. More than 42% of the total MDC membership belong to the Chicago Chapter alone.

Governor Lillian Kimura congratulated the chapters for their 1977 membership recruiting efforts, and expressed her hope that it was the start of a new upward trend in the coming years.

## Survey continues in CCDC for elderly

FRESNO, Calif.—Dorothy Fumiko Gresham has been hired as the survey statistician at the CCDC-JACL Nikkei Service Center.

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## Marutani attracts in Mpls.

By BILL DOI

MINNEAPOLIS — The announcement that Judge William Marutani of Philadelphia was to be the main speaker at the Twin Cities JACL installation dinner was the "draw" needed to produce the near-record gathering of members and friends here Jan. 28 at the Normandie Inn.

(The same weekend in Indianapolis, blasted by the worst January snowstorm, the Hoosier JACL was forced to cancel its installation dinner Sunday.)

And he didn't disappoint the 136 who came. His topic, "An Asian American Perspective of the Judiciary, Or; What, an Oriental Judge?" was most interesting and enlightening.

The judge told of his first notion to seek a vacancy on the Court of Common Pleas in the First Judicial District

in Pennsylvania. Many had urged Marutani to seek the appointment.

"I ultimately did so, but not without hesitation, doubts and some reservations," he said. "Among other things, there was the element of relinquishing the safety of the known—a partnership in a 30-lawyer law firm—for the uncertainty of the unknown; to turn one's back on the admitted financial rewards of an established private practice for the limited financial remunerations of a judge."

Marutani said there was another formidable question of whether an Asian American stood a chance in the competition.

Marutani went on to encourage any who have felt the same way to disregard such worries and plunge "into the arena of public service."

THOMAS TERAJI: Chicago JACler

## Awarded Silver Beaver

CHICAGO—Thomas S. Teraji was honored at the 1977 Leaders Recognitions Dinner of the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America as one of the distinguished recipients of the Silver Beaver Award. Out of a thousand in attendance at McCormick Place on Jan. 28, 130 represented the Japanese American community to witness the recognition of Tom's achievements.

The Silver Beaver Award is made upon the recommendation of the Chicago Area Council for noteworthy service primarily to the youth of America and to other community organizations. Tom is currently the Institutional Representative of the Buddhist Temple of Chicago and has served in many capacities in the scouting movement.

The Terajis are a scouting family, with three sons—Alan, Jimmy, David—all attaining the Eagle rank and the youngest daughter, Barbara, active in the Girl Scouts of America.

A member of the Chicago JACL, Tom is president of the Japanese American Service Committee (JASC) Housing Corp. and a JASC Board member. He is employed by the City of Chicago as director of facilities planning of the Chicago Board of Education.

In Ogden, Utah, the Lake Bonneville Council honored Roy Nakatani the 1977 Eager Silver Beaver Award—a complement to the Silver Beaver Award accorded him in 1965.

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And Howard Nomura, who already has received a Silver Pin, was given a citation for his 20 years of service to the credit union.

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more films, October; a benefit movie screening, November; and inaugural and mochitsuki in December.

### San Mateo

Most of the Bay Area's dance groups and the San Jose-based band, "Drifters" will make appearances at San Mateo's installation dinner-dance Feb. 25.

Proceedings begin at 6:30, with dinner at 7:30 at the Peninsula Social Club, 100 N. "B" St., San Mateo. Karl Nobuyuki, JACL national director, will install incoming chapter president Suzu Kunitani and her board.

The "Drifters" feature three female singers and two male crooners who present nostalgic and contemporary Japanese songs. The group also will provide music for fox trots, rumbas, swings and rock.



## Evening with Mineta

LOS ANGELES — Site of the "Evening with Rep. Norm Mineta" has been changed to the Gold Room, Biltmore Hotel, on Friday, Feb. 24.

5:30-8 p.m., it was announced by Mrs. Mitsuo Sonoda, co-hostess.

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Sen Edward Kennedy will appear on behalf of Rep. Norman Mineta at a dinner Sunday,

Feb. 26, at the Hyatt House, Mediterranean Room here. Actor George Peppard will be the master-of-ceremonies for the \$100 per person fundraising event. For reservations, call 297-2088 or 245-7830.

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## Mile-Hi Nisei pinfest hosts 850

By SHIG SAKAMOTO

(Special to Pacific Citizen)

Denver, Colo.

March 6-11 will be a busy week for members of the Denver Nisei Bowling Assn., who are hosting the fourth annual Japanese American National Bowling Assn. tournament at Celebrity Lanes.

Nearly 850 are participat-

## YEGO

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Hike Yego

his first six-year term gives him a big plus to his qualifications that will enable him to better serve the law enforcement needs of his district, added Miyamura.

A life-long Placer County resident, he and his wife Alice live in Penryn. They have two daughters, Jean Yamada of San Diego and Peggy Izumi of San Jose.

At the time Yego assumed his position six years ago, presiding in the Loomis judicial court was Judge Cosma Sakamoto, president of the Placer County JACL which is celebrating its 50th year.

## CITIZENSHIP

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their citizenship if they live for three consecutive years in the foreign country of which they are citizens after reaching the age of 22.

Nakamura has urged Americans in Japan to write representatives and senators in support of both bills, Kennedy's in particular.

The rigid citizenship requirements have especially produced ill effects on children born to Japanese women who married American soldiers after the war.

A survey by the International Social Service (ISS) found in 1973 about 3,900 children, who were nominally American citizens because of the father, stood to become stateless because of the two-year residency clause between ages 14-28—the clause Eilberg wishes to eliminate.

Because many of the families could not afford to give their children a two-year stay in the U.S., many fathers returned home alone—their Japanese wives unable to locate them, according to the ISS.

For the child to then become a naturalized Japanese citizen is an equally complicated process, as Japanese nationality is not granted to children of Japanese mothers, just children of Japanese fathers.

The task requires up to three years and some 37 different documents.

ing, reports publicity chairman John Noguchi, for a new record number of entries. There are 100 men's and 60 women's teams entered with about three dozen individuals in various events. Sixteen teams are coming from Hawaii. A contingent is expected from Japan.

The opening mixer, normally held on Mondays, has been switched to Wednesday to accommodate the majority of bowling participants. It will be held at the Celebrity Lanes Lounge with Dr. Takashi Mayeda, mixer-entertainment committee chairman, in charge.

The traditional awards dinner and Sayonara Ball will be held on Saturday night at the Marriott Hotel.

Tournament schedule consists of open ragtimes, mixed doubles, sweepers, team doubles and single with three special events added: the special match games for men and for women, and a

senior citizens handicap all-events.

The match games on a scratch scoring basis will be limited to the first 100 men and 50 women who sign up. With deadline extended for the match games, entries are being received by tournament co-chairmen Rich Nakamura or Jean Sunada, 1548 S. Monroe St., Denver 80210. Others on the tournament committee are:

Dr. Bob Mayeda, men's div; Sadami Kuroda, women's div; Iwao Nishikawa, treas; Jean Matsuda, sec; Fred Ikeva, booklet; Sallie Tawara, regis; Bud Stark, Bill Chikuma, transp; Glennlyth Shepard, hous; Christine Wanifuchi, sched; Russell Ota, tab; Paul Fukuma, trophy; Hal Muroya, ragtime; Dennis Ioka, Arlene Sugura, awds banq; John Noguchi, pub; Dr. Takashi Mayeda, mixer-entertainment; Jane Hada, Susan Tawara, spl events; Bud Uchida, tickets; Jean Matsuda, mimeograph.

Women's Division—Sue Mayemura, Peggy Bungo, sgl; Himi Morishige, Marlene Tanouye, team; Lil Terasaki, Taeko Tagawa, dbl; Mary Shiao, Rose Tanabe, Shirley Horiuchi, swprs;

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# Spokane JACL rebuts WSU's responses

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## II. ASIAN AMERICAN SCHOLAR'S POSITION

A. PC Statement by Beasley says:

"A request for an Asian American scholar's position was received and we plan to institute the program as quickly as resources allow." "I do admit we have not fulfilled the request for the scholar's position ... But we plan to fill the position sometime this year, if possible." "I believe the University should have a scholar's position, but we just don't have the funds now for a full professor" "I'm not sure an Asian American Studies Program has support of faculty and students."

### JACL Response

It is our position that the establishment of an Asian American Scholar's position with support staff is only the first step in the fulfillment of the University's moral and legal responsibilities to equal educational opportunities for Asian Americans. Unless an Asian American Studies Center is implemented and established there will continue to be disparate educational opportunities for Asian Americans compared to other minority

ethnic groups at WSU. Even when apparent firm commitments were made by the WSU administrative staff to Asian Americans and 28 new positions were funded in 1976, these commitments were not honored. Not one of the 28 new positions were allocated for an Asian American scholar. The same reasons that were cited in 1976 and 1977 are now being cited in 1978. There is little concrete, "hard" evidence to indicate that WSU's commitment to equal opportunity for Asian Americans is any greater in 1978 than in 1973, when the University administrative staff elected not to support and approve the grant application for the Asian American Proposal which could have implemented a program for Asian Americans at little cost to the University. The JACL has learned from:

(1) A memorandum dated, March 24, 1976, to Dr. Beasley following a meeting, March 22, 1976, with Dr. Beasley, the Executive Director, Wash. State Commission on Asian Affairs, a former student, and an Asian American professor.

"... concerning the commitment by you towards the placement of an Asian American scholar at WSU. This scholar will be selected from outside of WSU and he or she will aid in the development of an Asian American Center." (italics added).

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"2. This firm commitment is for a hard money tenure track position

"3. If an existing vacancy is not available, then a position will be created (italics added). (This is part of the summary of that meeting.)

(2) A letter dated March 23, 1976, to the Executive Director of the Washington State Commission on Asian American Affairs from Dr. Beasley.

"... I recognize clearly the need for someone to assume some responsibility for working in Asian American Studies (italics added), even though we are not at the present time talking about a formal academic program ... I will support efforts to get someone on campus to assume leadership in this important role."

"1. If there is a vacancy which is a full-funded position, and therefore is a tenure-track appointment that can be used for the purposes outlined in our discussion, we will move in this direction in an attempt to find a person who will be acceptable, not only in terms of providing leadership in Asian American Studies, but also in the department with which the person is to be affiliated."

"2. If there are new positions allocated (italics added), there will be an attempt to identify a position that can be used ... This, also, would be a permanent position on tenure track."

"I cannot guarantee that we will have the most desirable solution to this problem by the fall of 1976 ... for additional outlay of funds ... the timing could not be worse."

(3) A memorandum written in response to Dr. Beasley's letter to the Executive Director of the Wash. State Commission on Asian American Affairs, dated March 26, 1976, from a participant at the meeting when the commitment was made.

"... I would like to express some surprise that this position may not be filled by this Fall. I was under the impression that the commitment was rather firm without any contingencies to establish this position by the Fall of 1976 or earlier."

(4) A letter dated June 23, 1976, from another participant in the same meeting.

"I have been following the progress (or lack of it) of the establishment of the Asian American position. I am very concerned with the apparent reluctance on the part of the administration relative to their original commitment to meeting our request. I was under the clear impression that the position would be secured by Fall" (italics added).

(5) (JACL Comment—It is interesting to note that just one day after making an apparent firm oral commitment, Dr. Beasley has already begun backing away from that commitment ... Items 1-4 all relate to the same meeting.)

(6) A memorandum dated, Oc-

tober 4, 1976, to the Asian American Steering Committee from Dr. Beasley. Subject: Asian American Program (italics added).

"... We have not forgotten your request for and our commitment to implement the program when financially possible. The reason we did not move this summer was, and continues to be, lack of funds."

(7) A summary of a meeting of the Asian American Steering Committee with Dr. Beasley, dated Oct. 8, 1976.

"Dr. Beasley announced that it was not possible to fund an Asian American Scholar by the Fall of this year due to the financial profile of Washington State University." "... Dr. Way inquired whether or not it was true that 28 new positions were funded this year. This number of new positions was confirmed by Dr. Allan Smith, Vice President, Academics."

(8) A memorandum dated, Sept. 15, 1977, from Dr. Allan Smith, Vice President—Academics.

"... it is, unfortunately, not possible for the central administration to allocate an FTE (Full time equivalent ... a full time position) for the Asian American Scholar ..."

(9) A summary of Asian and Asian American Faculty Members' Meeting with Dr. Beasley dated April 22, 1976. Memorandum dated April 23, 1976, to Asian and Asian American Faculty, Subject: Asian American Courses.

"... I was surprised at the attendance at this meeting and the interest and concern generated by you." (JACL comment—18 faculty members attended the meeting which concerned the development of an Asian American curriculum and the establishment of an Asian American center as a long range goal.)

### III FUNDING OF THE ASIAN AMERICAN STUDENT ORGANIZATION

A. PC statement by Beasley:

Beasley did not deny, either, the fact Asian American student groups have not been funded by the associated students ... Beasley explained the Asian group simply has not asked for funds in several years. "When the (Asian) students were an active organization and asked for funds, they were funded. But the associated students have not received a request since 1975 ... that's why they haven't been funded. That they have never been funded is untrue; that they have not been funded recently is true, because they have not asked for funds."

### JACL Response

Nowhere in our administrative complaint to HEW or in our news release to the PC, did the JACL allege that the ASWSU did not fund the Asian American Student Organization. What we did allege was that the ASWSU

underfunded the Asian American student group in comparison to other minority groups when the number of Asian American students on campus was the largest of all minority groups and that this contributed significantly to its subsequent inactivity and disbanding. The failure of the WSU administration to support and approve the grant application for the Asian American Proposal in 1973, which was spearheaded by this group (mainly made up of Japanese Americans), and the underfunding of the same group by the ASWSU were the major factors in its disbanding.

In the PC article, Dr. Beasley used the "Straw-man" argument, by rebutting their own perception of the allegations. It is our position that the use of the impact of discriminatory treatment of Asian Americans, in the first place, as a justification for their views, deserves little comment, for the Asian American student group did not exist in 1976 and 1977 to

apply for funds. The WSU administration and the ASWSU had effectively discouraged its activity.

The JACL had learned from:

A news article, dated May 8, 1973, *Daily Evergreen* (Campus newspaper), "Asian request cut to \$500."

"... the newly formed Asian American group on campus faced a major setback when the ASWSU finance committee cut their original request of \$2,861 down to \$500 ... "Mecha (Chicano group) also faced a dwindling budget request ... but this was not due to committee imposed cutbacks. Because of mistakes on the original request of \$2,325 ... Mecha will operate on a more limited budget than last year's \$1,890 due to mistakes in their request." (JACL comment—It is known that the Black student group received the largest allocation of over \$2,000 but it is not known exactly how much.)

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# Theater, stage & books

WEST WIND: Joe Oyama

## 'Mondai Wa Akira'

Time: Late Dec. 1955  
Place: Berkeley, Calif.

Although written by Hiroshi Kashiwagi during the frenetic McCarthy era of the 1950s, "Mondai Wa Akira" is a delightfully simple, bi-lingual comedy set in post-war Berkeley. Unmatched in a feeling of innocence and naivete, the play is about an Issei couple's 28-year-old bachelor Nisei gardener son whom the mother would like to marry off, because she is concerned mainly about what other people will think. But the son seems quite happy, merrily going his own way, bowling and watching football, not terribly concerned about having dates.

Mr. Murata, the semi-retired father and former owner of a Berkeley dry-cleaning shop, now helps his son, Akira, with his gardening business. The father is quite unconcerned as long as he can have his TV, which he watches without sound, except for the sporting events which he seems to understand, much to the consternation of Mrs. Murata, who holds the reins in the family. She is an expert seamstress and her "dresses known as Murata originals are much talked about, especially by the faculty wives in the

Berkeley Hills ... She was a great beauty in her youth." (From the Asilomar program notes.)

Performed by the Center Players, a Japanese American theater group, it had its premiere at the Asilomar Conference of the San Francisco Center for Japanese American Studies June 18, 1977.

The audience response was enthusiastic. Nancy Araki, narrator of the play, surmised, "The audience was primed. It's because they had been discussing the Japanese American experience and they were ready for it. If you give the play in Oakland or Walnut Creek, the audience response won't be as good!"

But in the fall, "Mondai Wa Akira" was presented again at the Anza school in San Francisco to a paying audience of mostly Sansei and Nisei and the response was surprisingly good.

More about the play. Mr. Murata is a kind of pompous father, although he no longer holds the purse strings, ordering his family with shouts of "Telephone ... why doesn't someone hurry and answer it", often mistaking the doorbell for the telephone. He is so livid about

TV, sometimes, he doesn't know whether it is night or day, or what day of the week it is.

There are long stretches of telephone conversation between the Murata children and their friends, which set the tone for later events in the play, leading to a climax. The telephone conversation was at times, I thought boring, but necessary to the play.

One scene that I especially liked was the scene between Mrs. Nodoguchi, played by Suzie Okazaki, and Mrs. Murata, played by Asami Oyama. Mrs. Nodoguchi, with her daughter, played by Joyce Yamamoto, come to pick up a dress that she is to wear for her fourth son's Sunday wedding (her other three sons are married). Mrs. Nodoguchi tells Mrs. Murata that she, too, must become grandmother; it's wonderful to have a house full of children visit. Although Suzie Okazaki's portrayal of Mrs. Nodoguchi was good, I felt that there was just a little too much body movement, swaying arms, for an "Okusama" (Japanese lady).

The long conversation between Akira Murata, played by Randall Akira Nakano and Joe Uehara, played by Yuki Kawaguchi, was handled very well, although handicapped by a somewhat limited script. Both participants improvised, so that they were able to get sufficient laughter from the audience. Considering that

the phone talk was supposedly between two 28-year-old Nisei, I thought it sounded too juvenile, but this was during the McCar-

## A Bi-lingual Comedy by Hiroshi Kashiwagi

thy era when no one was saying much, least of all on the phone.

The phone conversation between Mrs. Murata and Joe Uehara captures the fragmented Japanese-English of the Nisei: Mrs. Murata: "Haro Ano donata desuka?" Joe: "Wh...at?" Mrs. Murata: "Donatadesuka?" Joe: "Oh ... oh ... boku Joe" etc.

In one scene, Tommy Higashi played by David Araki asks Joyce Murata, played by Kristen Yamamoto, "Are you going to the Bonenkai?" She replies, "I know those

stupid Japanese songs and dances and silly skits", showing the ambivalent feeling that a lot of Nisei had about their cultural heri-

tage, until they became enlightened in recent years with the trend towards ethnicism and interest in cultural background and heritage.

Played by M. Moss Fujii (who, incidentally, produced, directed and narrated a weekly educational program in Aspen, Colo., "Never-Miss Sewamono-San" was ably performed as the busybody called in by Mrs. Murata to help her find a "garu frendo" (girl friend) for Akira, the bachelor.

Hageyama-san, played by Hiroshi Kashiwagi (in a

scene which he added to the play later), is a very "humble" type of Issei, given to a lot of bowing and kowtowing, more of a character to be pitied than to laugh at, but he was funny in his exaggerated "umbleness" and given to Freudian dreams.

Last but not least, I played the part of Mr. Murata. (At Asilomar before the curtain went up, I forgot all of my lines, but once on stage the Adrenalin surged through me, and the portrayal of Mr. Murata clicked.)

Play was directed by Ted Samuels, program director of radio station KALW with wide experience in the theater. Other credits: Shigin text, Miyao Kokurei; producer, Aileen Yamaguchi (now attending Univ. of Hawaii); technical effects, Hiroshi Kashiwagi-Nimura. □

## Asian angles color 'Scoop'

SAN FRANCISCO — Three authors long associated with Asian American activities are among the star-studded contributors in the year-end annual magazine "Scoop", published by the Press Club of San Francisco, one of the most prestigious clubs in the nation.

The Asian-oriented writers and longtime club members are U.S. Sen. S. I. Hayakawa, retired newspaperman Lee Ruttle and Charles L. Leong, dean of Chinese American newsmen here who is now a public relations

consultant.

"Life on Another Hill" is the article written by Hayakawa, first Asian American senator from California, who in his academic days was known as a world-famous semanticist, later as the firebrand president of San Francisco State University. His piece describes the practices inside the U.S. Senate as observed by this junior senator from California, who in 1976 as a Republican political novice created the election upset of the year in his victory over incumbent John Tunney.

Ruttle, who first appeared on the Chinatown scene from New York thirty years ago producing Chinese shadow plays, lives in Oakland. Mrs. Ruttle is the former King Lan Chew, daughter of the distinguished late editor Ng Poon Chew. Ruttle continues his interest in Asian American affairs as a correspondent of Pacific Citizen, publication of the Japanese American Citizens League. "The Great Tomato Juice Massacre" is an "inside" story of an incident—hilarious but significant—of the nationally reported Wendy Yoshimura trial last year. Ruttle's first novel, "The Private War of Dr. Yamada" is due to hit the bookstores in March, with excellent reviews already in the publishing trade magazines.

Leong's article, "There's Always a Chinese Angle?" examines in a light vein the role of the Chinese in the journalism history of California, and the stereotypes in both fiction and nonfiction in American literature since Bret Harte's famous lines on "the heathen Chinese".

Leong also gives for the first time a run-down on the "Chinese angle" of the Press Club, both staff and members, of an organization which probably has more members of Asian ancestry than any other private club in the United States today. He has co-authored the best-selling Chinese cookbook "Eight Immortal Flavors", a children's text-book "The

Eagle and the Dragon".

These three authors, in itself a "first" in Asian American contributions, are sprinkled with a sterling list of other contributors, including two Pulitzer Prize winning writers and columnists, top columnist Herb Caen, world-famous author-explorer Lowell Thomas and other writing stars of the publications and public relations world. Editor of this year's "Scoop" is author/editor and well-known raconteur Paul Speegle. □

## Bookshelf

### ● Loyal Linguists

Story on the Nisei in (G-2) military intelligence service during World War II is no longer a secret among PC readers. But the MINNESOTA HISTORY (\$1.75), quarterly publication of the Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul, Minn. 55101, in its Fall 1977 number has yielded a different perspective in having a Japanese citizen, Masaharu Ano, find "among the many sad stories of exclusion and discrimination toward Japanese Americans ... one of trust and confidence". Titled, "Loyal Linguists" (an alliteration we wished we had used to identify the MIS gang), Ano wrote the piece while a graduate student in immigration history at the Univ. of Minnesota. He is director of the Center for Japanese American Language and Culture on Ogori, Yamaguchi-ken, and is doing a study of Japanese immigrants who returned to Japan from the U.S. mainland and Hawaii. □



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# Dancer, musician home in Long Beach

LONG BEACH, Calif. — As the fluid movements of the dancer graced the stage, the gentle strains of music resounded throughout—the union highlighted the homecoming of the American Ballet Theater's two performers most recognizable to locals.

The principals—ballerina Yoko Ichino and music director Akira Endo—appearing at the Terrace Theater here in Long Beach recently, were playing to hometown crowds.

Long Beach, the port city noted more for its monstrous freighters and horizon polka-dotted with oil derrick after oil derrick, was the unknowing breeding ground several years ago for two of the finest performers of today's cultural arts.

Long Beach was where Ichino, the pride of Longfellow Elementary and Hughes Junior High, was first schooled in ballet—with Audrey Share, "not because my parents knew anything about dancing, but because I had flat feet and the doctor thought dancing might help," she laughed.

And Long Beach was also Endo's first U.S. home, where he was brought in 1951 after being discovered

while playing the violin at an American canteen in Japan.

Endo continued his education at USC and received the distinguished alumni award



Akira Endo

after graduating. He then began teaching at Long Beach City College, where he later conducted the college orchestra.

During his two-year stint as conductor of the Long Beach Symphony, Endo twice won awards in the Dmitri Mitropoulos International Music Competition for Conductors.

It was during one of the competitions he was noticed

by Leonard Bernstein, who recommended him for the ABT post of principal conductor.

In 1974, Endo accepted the resident conductor position with the Houston Symphony and later that year became permanent conductor of the Austin Symphony. The next year he was named music director and principal conductor of ABT.

"In nine years with the American Ballet Theater," he said, "I have learned a great deal."

The learning process has been equally as beneficial for Ichino, who has captivated crowds internationally, but in particular, the Soviet Union.

In June 1977, the young dancer withstood the rigors and pressures of the Third International Ballet Competition at Moscow and emerged with a bronze medal.

"There were 76 contestants from countries around the world; 15 of the entrants were Russians," she said. "Of the six judges, one, Robert Joffrey, was American. We drew lots for the order in which we would compete—I was number 40. We each danced two pieces, one classical, one modern."

At the end of the first round, 36 dancers remained; at the second round's conclusion, 21. All 15 Russians were still in competition.

Nine of the 13 medals went to Russians, Ichino recalled, with Australia, Romania, Japan and U.S. also represented.

"The audience was wonderful at the final gala event. I wasn't looking for an award, just for the chance to learn from the experience. I couldn't believe that I was the only one asked to do an encore."

Similar challenges in her career have been met with the same success.

When studying with Audrey Share, Ichino passed the intermediate exams of the Royal Academy of England with honors. Later, she studied in Los Angeles with Mia Slavenska, then joined the Joffrey II Company in New York.

In 1973, she became a member of the City Center Joffrey Ballet and in 1975 went to the Stuttgart Ballet.

After winning the coveted honors in Moscow, Ichino was a guest artist in Monte Carlo under the direction of Marika Besobrasova and in October 1977, became an ABT dancer.

Her local performances have drawn the praise of critics, many placing her at the superstar level.

She admits, though, that she still has flat feet. "But now I can dance," she smiles.



Yoko Ichino performs "Le Corsaire", which won the Bronze Medal.

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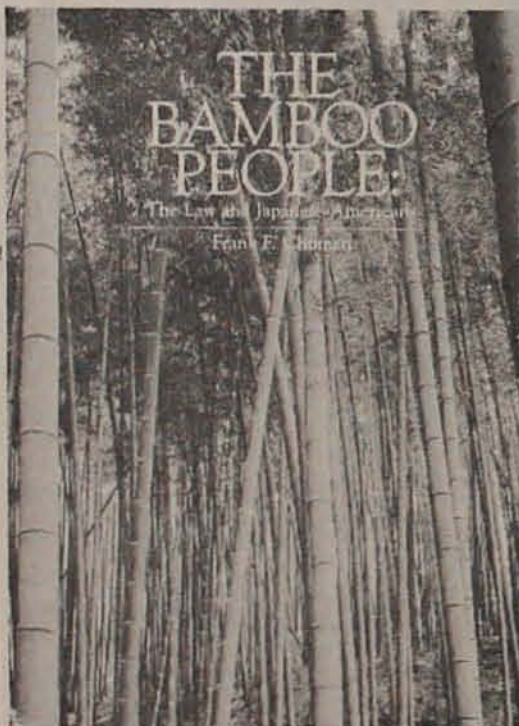
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### ● Aspects of guilt

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In re-examining the war crimes trial, Shiroyama touches upon engaging irony of the complicated cross-currents that marked the history of Occupied Japan in portraying the career of the diplomat who became prime minister in 1936 in wake of the Feb. 26 Incident.

Hirota was described by U.S. Ambassador Grew as the "very best type of Japanese" and "a champion of peace". Yet Hirota was condemned to the gallows by a 6-5 count of judges from victor nations, despite the emotional protest of chief prosecutor, the American Joseph Keenan. Of Nisei interest is the note that George Yamaoka of New York took over defense of Hirota after his first counsel American Quaker Smythe complained the constant interruption of testimony by Australian Webb, president of the court, constituted "improper interference" and withdrew from the defense counsel's bench rather than withdraw his remarks.

This book will surely revive interest in the Tokyo war crimes trials.—H.H.



## RINGSIDE SEAT: George Yoshinaga



## My sister's golden wedding jubilee

Los Angeles

I'm back. Okay, I didn't expect any wild applause from the reading audience, anyway.

Perhaps many people didn't even realize that I was gone for the past couple of months (in Tokyo working with Japan Bowl, etc.).

The only one that missed me is probably my typewriter, a vintage model Royal, which was laden with dust.

Since I've been gone from the local scene I will have to get my feet wet again, which shouldn't be too difficult a task with the weather the way it is.

The other night my older sister and her husband celebrated their golden anniversary at General Lee's Man Jen Low.

The only thing the affair made me feel was very old. Where have the years gone? A sister who has been married 50 years!

I used to think only very old Issei couples celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary and here was my sister and her husband, still looking very youthful, toasting the gathering with champagne.

It was one of those rare occasions when I get to see my brother and other sister in the same room.

For one reason or another we never seem to be able to

get together so it was a nice evening, chatting about how things are going with each other.

My sister's son (I guess you refer to them as nephews) just returned from Europe where he was producing a film.

He owned the Murakami-Wolf film studios in Hollywood at one time and produced some Oscar-winning animation films.

My brother is a painter. No, he doesn't do canvas. Most of his oils go on houses and interiors of houses.

My other sister, who lives in Mountain View in Northern California works for the Bank of America. I don't see her frequently enough for her to recognize me, even if I

walked in and stuck up the branch she works in.

One of the toughest parts about going to a golden wedding anniversary party is to find a gift, what with the price of gold what it is.

I was going to donate one of my gold-bridge teeth but found that it was too small to inscribe any messages on it.

If the celebration took place during relocation camp days I could have brought a roll of toilet paper. Remember, we used to refer to a roll of TP as "white gold"?

At any rate, I congratulate Tom and Shiz Murakami upon reaching this rare milestone while still looking slightly youthful.

—Kashu Mainichi

## pc's people

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Ben Tom, a transportation analyst for the California Public Utilities Commission, has unanimously been elected president of the San Francisco Board of Education. Tom succeeds Dr. Zuretti Goosby, board veteran and San Francisco dentist. Tom has been on the board almost a year and has worked with numerous school district committees.

Dr. Midori Nishi was appointed associate coordinator of the Japanese Studies Center at California State University, Los Angeles. She will serve through the summer quarter of 1978. Carolyn Kaml, granddaughter of the late Dr. Carl Hirota of San Francisco, was among 14 students selected to continue their studies abroad in the Redwood International Student Exchange program. A 15-year-old student of Redwood High School, she will travel in Europe and Latin America during 1978-79. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Saburo Kaml, of Tiburon.

Dr. S. Frank Miyamoto, 65, is the first Japanese American to be named dean of the College of Arts and Sciences of the Univ. of Washington. A native of Seattle, he has been chairman of the sociology department and is known for his research on mental health. He has served as the college's associate dean since 1975.

## ● Flowers-Garden

Koichi Kawana, environmental design professor at UCLA, has been commissioned to create a Japanese niwa for the Denver Botanic Gardens. About \$250,000 has been allocated for the work.

## ● Government

Robert S. Ingersoll, U.S. ambassador to Japan 1972-73, was honored at the Japan America Society's 69th anniversary banquet at the Los Angeles Biltmore Hotel. Following his tenure as U.S. ambassador, he was Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs in 1974 and Deputy Secretary of State, 1974-76. He presently serves on the Board of Directors of the Japan Society and the Trilateral Commission (North America).

Alamosa architect Akira Kawanabe has been appointed by Colorado Gov. Richard Lamm to serve on the state's Energy Conservation Advisory Council. Kawanabe also has been named to the state advisory group to assist in solar energy planning. Roy Nakadegawa, a Richmond senior civil engineer, was re-elected vice president of the AC Transit Board of directors, the poli-

cymaking body for the transit district.

Rita Fujiki Elway of Seattle was one of two new aides recently appointed to the staff of newly-elected councilman Michael Hildt. Elway is a communications and community affairs consultant and was recently appointed by President Carter to the National Commission for the Observance of International Women's Year. A member of Seattle JACL board, she has an MA in communications from the Univ. of Washington and is a doctoral candidate in higher education.

Dr. Stanley Kim, 55, a sociologist-criminologist credited with building better rapport between San Francisco deputy sheriffs and county jail inmates, has been named permanent training officer in the sheriff's department. He had been a temporary officer for the past four years under a federal grant. A Korean-American and Hawaii native, Kim initiated training for new deputies and in-service training for long-time personnel. He says building rapport between deputies and inmates eases tensions and improves attitudes.

Joe Min Roh and Ernest S. Nishinaka were among 10 Los Angeles employees honored with 1978 Career Service awards. Roh, a librarian at the Inner City Bookmobile Unit, is responsible for the weekly stops in Little Tokyo. Nishinaka, counselor with the Dept. of Recreation and Parks, has been working over 25 years with police, youth and senior citizen groups in the Crenshaw area. Ronald Low, 26, was appointed Executive Director of the California Advisory Commission on Youth by Lt. Gov. Mervyn M. Dymally. Low previously worked as an intern in Dymally's office and coordinated the Council on Intergroup Relations. He received his BA in criminology from UC Berkeley and his masters in social work from CSU Sacramento.

## ● Sports

Rick Fujioka, of Reedley High School, will play in the Central California All-Star football game Aug. 17 at Ratcliffe Stadium. The Sansei griddier was one of six Reedley High members named to the county team.

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