

Job bias petition filed against EPA

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. — The federal Environmental Protection Agency has an affirmative action officer, James W. Chin, in its regional office here who has petitioned President Carter through Public Advocates, Inc., that the EPA and 14 other departments are not complying with Executive Order 11246, which mandates affirmative action within the federal bureaucracy.

When Chin was hired in 1976 as chief affirmative action officer with the EPA regional office here, his petition said he had full responsibilities in all minority employment and business opportunities of a \$3 billion contract compliance operation—mostly for waste water treatment plants in California.

But when he tried to enforce affirmative action regulations, his superiors reprimanded him and threatened to fire him, according to the petition, and by November, 1977, most of the responsibilities were removed.

He was able to issue 12

"show cause" letters seeking to compel contract compliance with EO 11246, despite the internal roadblocks and lack of internal office support.

"Basically they don't want me to do anything," Chin told newspapermen in mid-January. "The more I try to do, the more reprimands I get."

The petition has been compared with the case of Ernest Fitzgerald, who was fired by the Defense Dept. for revealing cost overruns. Petitioners include:

The Chinese for Affirmative Action, NAACP, League of United Latin American Citizens, Women Organized for Employment, Mexican American Political Assn. and Black Women Organized for Action.

The HEW Asian and Pacific American Concerns Committee, chaired by Hiroshi Ozaki of Walnut Creek, Ca., is also supporting Chin's petition and urged the President "to take appropriate action to uphold the courageous action" taken by Chin.

U.S. group urges increase in quota of Asian refugees

BANGKOK — The International Rescue Committee, a U.S. group founded in 1933 to help German refugees after Hitler came into power, called for adoption of a long-range program for the United States to admit more Indo-Chinese refugees and to speed their processing.

Addressing a press conference here Feb. 18 after making a tour of Asia, IRC chairman Leo Cherne noted the "plight of the Indo-Chinese refugees compares in tragedy, depth of despair and urgent need of assistance to any of the groups of the tragic last 50 years that we have lived through."

Cherne felt neither President Carter nor Secretary of State Cyrus Vance had ex-

pressed sufficient concern for the refugees. Among the recommendations were:

- 1—Elimination of all criteria for admission that now exclude many Vietnamese and Cambodians. (About 15,000 Cambodians are waiting asylum in Thailand.)
- 2—More generous application of immigration criteria to Laotian refugees (estimated over 80,000).
- 3—Dropping of any distinction between political and economic refugees.

National Board meeting 3 days

SAN FRANCISCO—The National JACL Board meeting this week has been advanced to start today, Mar. 10, at 9 a.m. at the Mas Satow Bldg., JACL Headquarters, it was announced by Karl Nobuyuki, national executive director.

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Ken Hisatake elected Mayor in Utah

DRAPER, Utah—In his first political confrontation, attorney Kenneth Hisatake emerged victorious on two counts, leading aggressive campaigns for mayor and to incorporate this small rural community as a city.

But he admits, he didn't intend for his political career to blossom quite this far. It just sort of happened.

"The whole thing started two years back when I spoke out at a public meeting to keep taxes down," he said. "I guess because of that I was named to the Draper Community Council," a nonprofit group that advises county government on local issues.

"I was against incorporation at first," he said, "but when I realized the threat of shrinking boundaries and changing lifestyles, I changed my mind. And I suppose since I am an attorney, I was the most vocal."

So now, Hisatake finds himself mayor of Utah's newest city.

The fight to incorporate the rural suburb 12 miles south of Salt Lake City was a difficult one, Hisatake said, mainly because Salt Lake county government "took many steps" to block the move, fearing its tax base would be jeopardized.

Hisatake and other Draper residents felt, however, that incorporation was needed to stem the rising tide of development in the area—development that would eventually result in a loss of community identity.

"The area is a rural, agricultural setting, where you

can raise horses and other animals," he said. "Developers thought it would be a choice place to develop. But the people here did not want to see mass development, like in the city. They saw it as a threat."

Also threatening the town was a neighboring community to the north intent on expanding its boundaries. To do so, the town had to annex Draper land—another move people resented and one more reason to push the incorporation plan.

In both his incorporation and mayoral campaign, Hisatake won by healthy margins in the Feb. 14 elections. About two-thirds of the registered voters approved incorporation. And Hisatake downed his opponent Glen Cannon, 785-451.

His hope now is to implement a concrete planning program to preserve the rural atmosphere and lifestyle of Draper. "I know some development will come in, but I hope to institute a plan where we can still keep our

lots large. A 10,000 sq. ft. lot in Draper is small compared to downtown Salt Lake City. We need sufficient size."

A member of the Mt. Olympus JACL, Hisatake's only regret so far is that his tightly-packed political schedule has restricted time with his wife, Tomiko, and four children Tamara 14, Garrett 12, Derrick 9 and Candace 8.

But with the elections out of the way, he takes solace in knowing that the hard part, at least, is over with. □

Asian American candidate for supervisor in Fresno county

FRESNO, Calif.—Architect Harry Huey has announced his candidacy for supervisor of Fresno County's newly-drawn District 1.

The new district comprises a vast cross-section of

ey said.

Huey, 44, is a native of Fresno and was raised in the Chinatown area. A graduate of UC Berkeley, he has operated his own architectural firm here and also ranches on 48 acres, raising thoroughbred race horses.

He and his wife, the former Barbara Toshiyuki, have three children. Mrs. Huey is a registered occupational therapist serving handicapped children.

Huey has chaired the county planning commission and advisory committee to the Council of Governments. □

Placer JACler runs for House

NEVADA CITY, Calif.—Bill Steele, a Placer County JACL member, has announced his candidacy for the 1st District Congressional seat now held by Harold T. "Bizz" Johnson.

The campaign marks Democrat Steele's third bid

2nd candidate up for JACL presidency

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah — Past Intermountain District Gov. Gerrold Mukai was endorsed here last month (Feb. 25) in his bid for the National JACL presidency. He is the second announced candidate.

Appointed director of economic development with Community Services Administration, the Ogden-born official joins Dr. Clifford Uyeida of San Francisco in what will be the first election for a national JACL president in eight years. National Council delegates at the last three conventions have been choosing a president-elect who then assumes the top post.

Steele and his Nikkei wife Toki have two children, Bill Jr. and Pamela Ann. □

PC PROFILE:



James Imahara

James Masaru Imahara calls himself an "old Sacramento man" who's got friends all over—in Los Angeles and Denver and ... Only trouble is, he lost touch with most of

Catching Up with a Prewar Florin Nisei

them after being relocated to Arkansas during the war and then resettling in Baton Rouge, La. "I bet they all think maybe 'Jimmy is dead'," he laughs.

But he has a message to relay to all his associates across the nation—that at 74, he is happily living in the capital city of Louisiana and is in very good health.

There is one other bit of news former colleagues might be interested in. Imahara recently became one of a handful of Japanese outside Japan to receive the fifth class of the Order of the Sacred Treasure from the Emperor.

"Consul General Heihachi Mochizuki and several persons kind of looked me up," Imahara said in a hurried voice gushing with exuberance. "I kind of go back in history, I'm 74. So I had to look pretty far back to study things. I had forgotten many things. My resume is much more than what it says on paper."

The decoration is presented twice annually by the Emperor to both Japanese citizens and individuals outside the country who promote goodwill between the U.S. and Japan.

"I had this wonderful feeling," said Imahara, whose efforts in helping Japanese immigrants and internees during the war were recognized at a Jan. 21 banquet in New Orleans. "It was like, my cup runneth over. It

didn't occur to me. I felt I was really forgotten, but the Lord did not forget me. After 60 years, I've been enlightened."

"In my young days, at 17, I helped immigrants who could not read or speak English. I'm not highly educated, but my two languages came in real handy. There was no compensation involved. I just did it for the Issei. I was a very busy body in my teenage years," he remembered.

With most of his formative years spent in the Florin-Sacramento area, Imahara became involved in various Japanese American activities, including the forerunner of JACL, the American Loyalty League (ALL). Together with Dr. Thomas Yatabe, he helped organize the Florin chapter and was elected its first president. He proudly lists being a charter member of ALL as one of his many achievements.

When the Evacuation orders came, Imahara used his bilingual abilities to translate and act as Assembly Center liaison for the Army. He eventually went to Arkansas and then moved to Baton Rouge shortly after the war.

Short on finances, but rich in family resources, Imahara and his wife, Haruko, began a small nursery in town. They were the only Nisei among the 125,000 townspeople.

Today, the population has tripled, Imahara

said, and will soon reach half a million. His business as well has grown. There still is only a "handful" of Japanese American families in the area.

"There are about 150 Japanese families in New Orleans, but not many here," he said. "My roots are deeply here now. We have lots of friends, our nursery. The business just grew, grew, grew."

"It was not so bad," he said of being the only local Nisei trying to start a business years ago. "We heard many slurs like J-A-P, but I began to get friendly. They called me James then. Now, it's Mr. Imahara," he said with authority.

The now profitable nursery business is run by two of his nine children who are another source of delight to him. Seven have gone on to college and he relishes in counting the degrees—five BAs, one MA and one MD.

"I also have one girl, she's 43, who's coming forth and will have a BA soon, that will make six! And I have 18 grandchildren, two will be MD. One girl is in the third year at LSU medical school and another is in veterinarian school," he said.

The year has been anything but dull. Imahara and his wife celebrated their 50th anniversary. Then traveled to Japan.

Receiving the Emperor's decoration was the caper to an already eventful 12 months.

—Pat Tashima

Community groups produce 'Evening with Jerry Enomoto'

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — They had kind words last evening (Feb. 24) for Jerry Enomoto.

Enomoto, 52, state Director of Corrections since 1975, was honored at a testimonial dinner sponsored by more than 20 community and criminal justice organizations.

"I feel warm about the whole thing," Enomoto said before the dinner at Del Prado Restaurant.

Speakers for the gathering, billed as "An Evening with Jerry Enomoto", were Sacramento attorney Nathaniel Colley and Yoritada Wada of San Francisco, executive director for the YMCA.

"Not everyone loves Jerry Enomoto," Colley said, "but even his enemies must respect his dedication to duty and his firm resolve to put an end to a slave-like prison system where minorities are

so grossly underestimated as guards, supervisors and wardens.

"Jerry's struggle epitomizes the struggle to make democracy work soundly as well as sound good," the civil rights attorney continued.

"If this nation is to reach its manifest destiny as the land of the free and the home of the brave, all of us must have the courage to accentuate the affirmative solutions to our problems. For doing his share under great stress and pressure, I salute Jerry Enomoto," Colley said.

Wada, a former member of the California Youth Authority board who last June

was appointed to the University of California Board of Regents, recalled an association with Enomoto that dates to the time Enomoto was a student at UC Berkeley. Wada said he assigned the young graduate student to work with a Japanese American gang in San Francisco in the early 1950s.

Wada said minorities who achieve success do so through a great deal of perseverance and hard work. But in order to get to the top, he added, they still need help from white people who believe in civil rights and affirmative action.

—Sacramento Bee.

College ordered to surrender records in bias complaint

LOS ANGELES—El Camino College was ordered Feb. 24 by U.S. District Judge Robert Takasugi to turn over to the U.S. Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare its records to investigate a complaint of alleged discrimination against Spanish-surnamed students and personnel.

The dispute arose in 1973 over the government's right to inquire into areas that are not directly affected by federal funds.

Takasugi held that HEW has the right to inquire into

college activities not directly affected by federal funding because such activities indirectly could affect federally funded programs, an L.A. Times reporter noted.

Deputy County Counsel Leroy Blankenship, who represented El Camino, said Takasugi's decision could have a far-reaching impact as the issue affects Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, which provides no federal funds can be disbursed to any governmental entity that discriminates on the basis of race, color or national origin.

International Institute to honor outstanding immigrants

OAKLAND, Calif.—Nominations for the International Institute of East Bay's outstanding immigrant honors are being accepted now.

Each candidate must meet basic criteria of being foreign born; a resident of the Bay Area and an individual who has contributed to the betterment of the East Bay community through involvement in cultural, civic, church, nationality organization or other social service activities.

Nominations must be received by March 13 and sent to the International Institute of the East Bay, 297 Lee St., Oakland, CA 94610. Winners will be honored at the Ninth Annual Awards Dinner Saturday, May 6, at Goodman Hall, Jack London Square.

Whereabouts

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — Whereabouts of relatives of the late Stockton-born Dr. George K. Fujita, who died here in April 1971 at age 49 is being sought by probate investigator George Eyre, 1980 S. Camino Real #10, Palm Springs, Ca 92260.

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Two more Little Tokyo developments bared

LOS ANGELES—Plans for a \$10 million, three-level shopping center adjacent to the New Otani Hotel and Garden were recently approved by the Community Redevelopment Agency.

Construction will begin this year in the triangle area bordered by Second, Weller and San Pedro Streets. The center will comprise 72,000 square feet and will include a three-level subterranean garage, restaurants, stores, office space and plaza for entertainment, officials said.

Another proposal for a 360-room motor hotel and amusement facility was presented to the Little Tokyo Redevelopment Advisory Committee by Tom and Albert Taira, owners of the New York Hotel.

This proposed develop-

ment would be situated on northwest corner of San Pedro St. and East Third St., where the Tairas own 3.5 acres of land presently occupied by Nisei Trading Co. in a six-story building and an adjacent four-story warehouse.

The plan, developed by Ohbayashi Gumi, features a two-level, 175-space subterranean parking and plaza with 58,000 square feet of rental space, bowling alley and a roof-top tennis court.

If approved, the proposal will be submitted by the Little Tokyo Redevelopment Project to the CRA.

Developers for the Otani project will be the East-West Development Corp. Architect Kan Morimoto of Kajima Associates is the designer.



Participants at a recent Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions workshop at Santa Barbara on the Ethics of Immigration Policy are (from left) Prof. Harry H.L. Kitano, UCLA School of Social Welfare, and Paul Newman, stage and screen actor, who serves on the Center's board of directors.

Immigration policy study held

SANTA BARBARA, Calif.—The Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions held a weekend conference on the "Ethics of Exclusion:

The Crisis of U.S. Immigration Policy" Dec. 9-10. Invited to present Asian American views was noted UCLA Professor of Social Welfare and Sociology, Dr. Harry H. L. Kitano.

One speaker was Dr. Jorge Bustamante, professor at Mexico City College. Other representatives included:

Professor of History John Higham of Johns Hopkins; Doris Messner, deputy attorney general, U.S. Dept. of Justice; I.M. Timonin, director, Dept. of Manpower and Immigration, Ottawa, Canada.

Tsuyama promoted CFB chairman

SAN FRANCISCO — Masao Tsuyama, 59, currently president, was elected chairman and chief executive officer of California First Bank, a subsidiary of The Bank of Tokyo Ltd.

Tsuyama succeeds Ichiro Matsudaira, 70, who retired.

Nine Nisei Week queen candidates expected, JACL to host Aug. 19 ball

LOS ANGELES—Promoters and organizers of the 38th annual Nisei Week Festival have already set their planning gears in full motion.

The festival queen committee held its first meeting with prospective sponsoring organizations in early February.

Danny Kurose, 1978 queen committee chairman, said nine candidates are expected this year from:

Citrus Valley Optimist Club, East Los Angeles JACL, Gardena Valley JACL, Metropolitan JACL, San Fernando Valley Japanese American Coordinating Council, South Bay JACL, Suburban Optimist Club of Buena Park, Uptown Optimist Club and the West Los Angeles JACL and Auxiliary.

Deadline for candidates names to be submitted to the committee is June 1.

Kurose said the Hollywood JACL will sponsor the Coronation Ball this year on Saturday, Aug. 19 at the Beverly Hilton Hotel. Leslie Hamasaki is the ball chairman.

The traditional queen's reception, where candidates

are officially introduced en masse, will be held at the Hancock Park residence of the Japanese consul general Sunday, July 30.

Candidates must be at least 18 and not over 25 by the time of the Coronation Ball and have at least one set of grandparents of 100 per cent Japanese ancestry. She must also be unmarried.

15 girls seek queen title in Hawaii festival

HONOLULU—Fifteen candidates are seeking the honor to reign as queen of 1978 Cherry Blossom Festival being staged this month and culminating with the coronation ball April 1.

The girls range in height

from 4 ft.-11 to 5 ft.-5 and in age from 19 to 23. They are:

April Ashimine, Phyllis Furukawa, Diane Kiyota, Mimi Kurokawa, Beryl Morikawa, Karen Shintani, Amy Teruya, Sharon Tomasa, Cindy Tsukamoto, Karen Tsuneda, Joy Watanabe, Kris Watanabe, Luana Ushijima, Cori Yabusaki and Cyd Yoshikawa.

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'One Man, One Vote'

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The U.S. Supreme Court, in its historic decision of 1962 (*Baker vs. Carr*), held the federal courts may review apportionment of seats in the state legislature. Residency requirements also have been minimized, the minimum age has been lowered, poll taxes eliminated and literacy in the English language is no longer a bar to voting—all to assure and protect "one man, one vote".

The intriguing principle has been considered within JACL as well throughout the history of the organization. It has been known as "proportional representation" when discussed at the national and district council levels. While the chapters with greater numbers offer to implement this rule inside JACL, smaller chapters comprising the majority have not been convinced their scheme is fair to the organization as a whole.

The arguments of "one man, one vote" in JACL politics thus far have stressed the numerical concept of representation—but numbers have no capacity to legitimize the illegitimate.

Other ideas like the federal system of bicameralism suggest to be more cumbersome for JACL because JACL legislative responsibilities have not been divided—though we submit this may be easier to establish.

Our favorite recipe has been that one house would deal with only and all money matters; the other house with policies and elect the national officers. We see no conflict of interest if a chapter had same delegates in both houses. Conflict would be felt when both houses are meeting concurrently. That delegate would have to

determine which issue was more important. Which house, do you suppose, would be based on proportional representation? We would say the house discussing the fiscal matters.

So to the chapters in Northern California pondering this question, give our favorite recipe a taste, if not a test.

—Harry Honda.

Washington Office

A JACL veteran is back in harness as the interim Washington JACL representative and it's not Mike but Harry—Harry I. Takagi, who completed 30 years with the Veterans Administration and 15 of them as the attorney member of the Veterans Board of Appeals, appointed by President Kennedy in 1962 and the first Nisei named to a federal administration commission with quasi-judicial functions.

A prewar Univ. of Washington law school graduate and a young Seattle attorney who served with the 442nd during WW2, he has been with the V.A. in Seattle, Minneapolis and in Washington. At the same time, his impressive JACL service record includes being chapter president in Seattle and in Washington, only JACL elected a governor in two different regions—Pacific Northwest and Midwest, a national vice-president, national public relations chairman and 1972 Convention board chairman.

JACL was invited by the White House last month to attend a ceremony announcing the reorganization of the equal opportunity program. And Takagi knew his way around there—finding a seat up front when President Carter was explaining the changes. As JACL continues its search for a Washington "rep", the kind of track record by our interim man appears hard to beat. More important, however, is the perspicuity observed by the example of Takagi's latest action to see that JACL won't be short-changed in Washington.



EAST WIND: William Marutani

The Man Who Would Be President

admit in private, as a "re-tread". And that's sad.

I have participated in National Board meetings where a nationally-elected leader came unprepared, said practically nothing over several days of meetings (except grunt once or twice), and then depart. That's not only sad, it's a mighty costly way to run an organization when one considers the cost of bringing and housing that leader. On our sorely limited finances.

Then, too, there's the hula-balo associated with getting so-and-so elected. Lot of noise, but nothing about what their candidate intends to do for the organization. No specifics. And so, based upon a lot of noise, we "elect" our national leaders and then hope that they will guide us for the next two years.

We have also been subjected to the slick talkin' salesmen who juggle figures, make rosy promises, and then disappear when their house-of-cards begin tumbling down around our ears. The delegates in desperation buy the line, "hook, line 'n sinker"—and those who admonish by attempting to pose some searching ques-

tions are often ridiculed and scorned.

If you want to smother the search for truth, the way to do it is by ridicule and scorn. Hopefully, this will not occur in Salt Lake City. But watch for it. Watch out for the "snake oil salesmen" who give you a fat patter in the hubbub and turmoil of the electioneering process, and once in office do not produce.

The JACL national organization, you and me, deserve something better. Far better.

The reality of life, such as it is, is that the California chapters have the votes. Overwhelmingly so. And this is all right, provided it is realized that with power comes the heavy burden of responsibility.

Lest we forget, remember it was naked, raw power that was responsible for the Evacuation; indeed, responsible for many of the grievous wrongs which have occurred in our society.

If we are what we proclaim ourselves to be—namely a national organization—then the responsibility will be upon those districts

PC Letterbox

Dr. Ikeda Case

Editor:

The Imperial Valley JACL, with the full support of the national organization, stands in full support of Dr. Miyoshi Ikeda in the current Calipatria High School situation.

We are fully committed to work to resolve this situation in a spirit of fairness and good citizenship.

We believe that when all the facts are disclosed, our support, as well as the support now shown by students, faculty, and members of the general population of the Calipatria Unified School District, will be fully vindicated.

PRO NIMURA,
President.

Imperial Valley JACL

Outmoded Words

Editor:

While the PC is very informative and interesting, I would like to state a strained and inappropriate usage of certain "color code" words, such as Kokujin (blacks) and Hakujuin (whites), which like "American" denote no national origin. The surname can, in many cases, lend identification but many do not. Perhaps, that is one reason for using such "color codes."

Personally, I find "Hakujuin" insufficient because of my Dutch ancestry. I am a "Nisei Hollander" or "Orandakei", though loose terminology as Caucasian (Kokasasu-jin) or Seiyu-jin (European) is appropriate. "Hakujuin" (to me) is nondescript, bland and offensive in nature as (Reader has written in kanji: Oshokujuin—yellow person) may be to a Toyojuin (Asian) as such a word is "furu-kusai"—one that alienates by color. Although Hakujuin is commonly used in speech and dictionaries, it is essentially inappropriate, non-definite, showing no national origin but the skin color.

On the other hand, the Japanese American is blessed with a very descriptive word with "bokokusui" ties with "Nikkei" rendering the pride of one's origin. I have always ignored use of "hakujuin" if I am aware of a person's ancestry. I think synonymy should be used for clarity. Although no paranoia is felt by the overuse of Hakujuin, it is a point of view shared by many understanding semantics.

DOUGLAS KENDALL
Puyallup Valley JACLer
Spanaway, Wash.

Dolphins Slaughter

Editor:

We join the outraged citizens of Japan and throughout the world in protest and shock at the heartless slaughter of a thousand dolphins by the Iki island fishermen with the approval of the Nagasaki provincial officials.

Man has always been in competition with other mammals, including man, for the resources from the sea. Ruthless slaughtering of the competitors is not the accepted practice in our society. To do so against the gentle, defenseless and intelligent dolphins is an inconceivably cruel act.

In the eyes of the world this act has brought disgrace to the people of Japan.

CLIFFORD UYEDA, M.D.
Chmn, JACL Whale Issue Comm
San Francisco

Business in Japan

Editor:

Automobiles, color TV, steel—judging from the impressive list of imports, Japanese economy sounds booming. On the contrary, theirs is in a worse recession than ours. The phenomenal growth rate of 13-15% a year stopped at the oil crises of '73. The production of many basic industries dipped drastically—some almost to a half. Although overall growth of 5-6% has been maintained, many have not recovered to the pre-crisis level of the production. Prevailing overcapacity is heavily cutting into the earnings, because Japanese industries operate with high debt-to-assets ratios.

What are causes of the recession? First of all, the oil crises and the accompanying two-digit inflation made consumers extremely cautious. This had a profound effect, because 85% of the production has been for the domestic market. There were recessions in the pre-oil crises, but the momentary increase of export took care of the excess capacity.

However, many Japanese products are no longer competitive in the world market. Worst are fibers and textiles, fertilizers, cement and aluminum. The plastics manufacturers are operating at 60-75% of capacity. They cannot export effectively even to the Far Eastern market because of

items

Block 23 reunion

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Eichi Sakauye will show rare films of campfire at the Heart Mountain Block 23 reunion dinner April 22, 7 p.m., at Pinehurst Restaurant here. For reservations, call Dolly Nishida (408-265-0428) by Mar. 15.

Der to speak

SAN DIEGO, Calif.—Henry Der, executive director of Chinese for Affirmative Action will keynote the California Council for the Humanities in Public Policy Conference on Affirmative Action March 18, 8:30 a.m. at UC San Diego Revelle College Campus, Undergraduate Science Bldg. For more information, call Union of Pan Asian Communities, (714) 232-6454.

Ikebana exhibit

SAN MARINO, Calif.—Flower arrangements created by members of the San Marino League will be exhibited in the Ikebana House at the Huntington Library, Art Gallery and Botanical Gardens, March 11 (1 to 4:30 p.m.) and March 12 (10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.).

Mineta budget plan

WASHINGTON—Declaring that about three-quarters of the U.S. budget, amounting to \$375 billion is "virtually uncontrollable," Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.) urged James T. McIntire, Jr., director of the Office of Management and Budget to institute a multi-year budgeting system for the federal government. Mineta is a member of the House Budget Committee, which oversees the Congressional budget process.

the competition from other countries. The competitors include other industrialized nations of the Asia, western and eastern European nations and wouldn't-you-like-to-know, the United States of America.

The 2.8% unemployment against normal 2% may appear enviable, but the figure is very deceptive. An enormous number of retail stores and restaurants have sprung up with no prospects of getting customers. Several thousands of bankruptcies are reported every month. Large industries wish to reduce their work force and some actually did. But, it resulted in one suicide and so much reverberation that they simply had to keep the excess employees.

The real unemployment is estimated to be about 7%. For 1978 one third of the major corporations are not hiring new university graduates. For a few years 23% of new PhD's in chemistry cannot find a job.

Starting '79 there will be no new orders for the shipbuilding. Recognizing that Japan has been building more than 50% of the world's new ships, the serious effect on the overall economy is imaginable.

Although people are stoically accepting the economic reality, the smiling faces of the '60s are gone.

The economic condition of Japan is bound to have important effects on America's. The economy of the nations are interdependent. Even after World War I, our depression was actually triggered by the collapse of the mark in Germany. Today, the economy of the U.S. and Japan are much more intricately interwoven than that of the U.S. and Germany in the '20s. Numerous contracts, joint-ventures, other agreements as well as the monetary relations form the interdependency.

It appears that the survival of the entire free world is at stake. By the free world I refer primarily to the U.S., Japan and western European nations. Today, the free world is far from independent; not only the Russian bloc but also the oil producing bloc can decisively influence our economy.

Marxists predicted that the capitalist nations would eventually destroy each other by war. If nations quarrel with each other economically, it may not require the war to destroy the entire free world.

Our foreign policies towards the Middle East, China and USSR are handled in a very carefully calculated manner. I wonder if our relation with Japan is handled with a similar care.

NOBUYUKI NAKAJIMA
Sheffield Lake, Ohio

35 Years Ago

IN THE PACIFIC CITIZEN

March 11, 1943

March 6—Dr. Thomas T. Yatabe is attacked and beaten by ten unidentified men at the Jerome relocation center.

March 11—FBI nabs Morris Eugene Suyetomi, 31, for second time after he fled the Topaz relocation center to return to San Francisco, which he prefers to Utah in the winter. Agents arrested Suyetomi in September, 1942, for refusing to register for Evacuation and remaining in the Bay Area.

March 11—About 2,400 persons of Japanese ancestry in Hawaii within the year petition the governor's office asking to Anglicize their first names, the Star-Bulletin reports. Short, easy-to-pronounce names like Ethel, Arthur, Edwin, Harold, William, James, Gladys and Richard were most popular.

March 11—Heart Mountain alien evacuees' request for \$3,000 in war bonds "breaks" the center's post office. Half the sum is obtained from the Shoshone Bank in Cody.

March 11—Ten thousand leaflets, "What We're Fighting For," issued by JACL Headquarters. Written by Joe Masaoka, the material tells of JACL's fight against un-American activities directed against Japanese Americans.

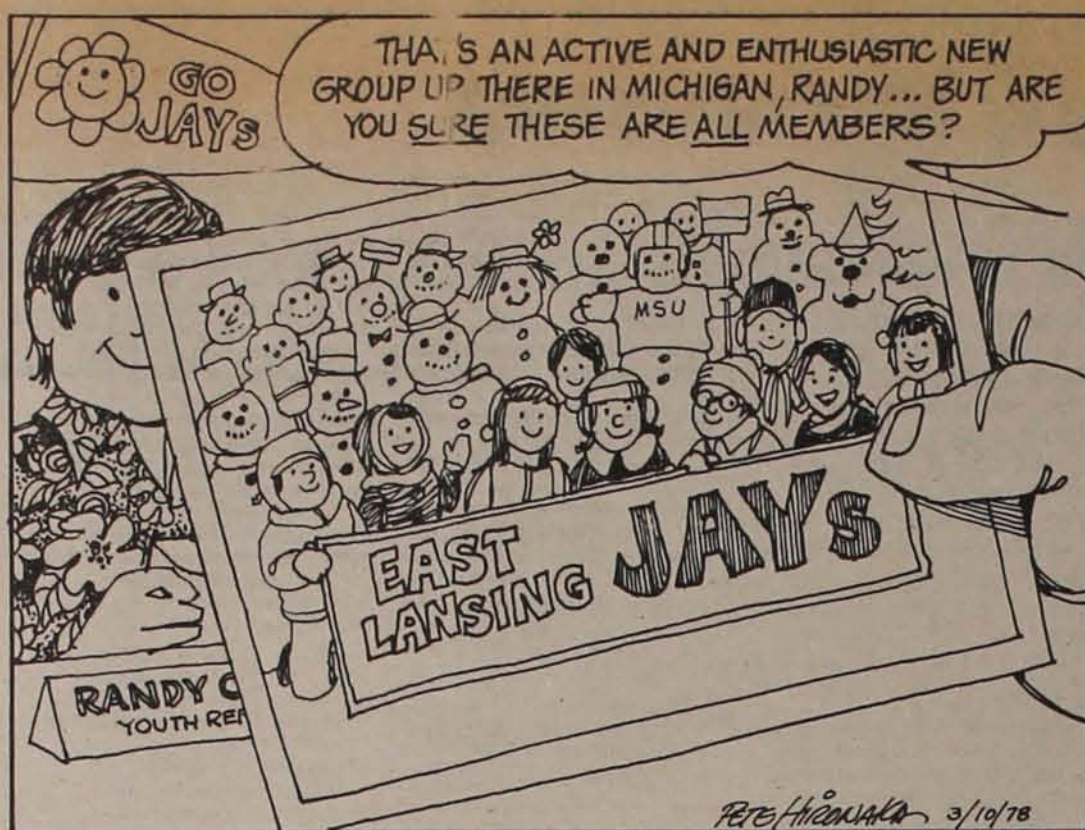


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FROM HAPPY VALLEY: Sachi Seko

'In sickness & in health'

Salt Lake City

We are presently experiencing a great dramatic event in our house. The performance has been continuous since Sunday night and here it is already Friday. I confess that I find it less interesting and more aggravating every hour.

The play is called, "My Husband's Cold". He is the one who is sick so the starring part belongs to him. Of course, that is not noteworthy, since he always chooses the leading part in the everyday drama of our humdrum lives.

The supporting cast consists of me and our son. We are bored with our parts. It shows. Sometimes we invent little excuses to flee the location of the play. Even grocery shopping is an important activity.

We are not only the supporting cast, but also the audience. This audience tends to become belligerent. In fact, it is downright rude, performing imitations of the leading actor's role. Recently, when he was giving a highly dramatic speech, one member of the audience was rolling his eyes and the other was talking in sign language.

I thought that perhaps he needed an outside group to view him. They would probably give him high marks for superior acting, maybe even nominate him for a prize as the best actor with a cold. And it would be good for his fast falling ego.

So, I called up a few of our healthier friends. If they had accepted, I planned to serve orange juice and aspirins. I said, "How about coming over and watch Ern being sick?"

There were no takers. All my women friends said, "We don't want to see that kind of play. We get that at home. You know how men are, so weak, always carrying on."

Even the wife of the bravest Nisei I know told me that. Such a terrible revelation. I am too old to suffer such disillusionment. Although I guessed that the Nisei male was mostly marshmallow, I preferred to delay the truth. I was even willing to stoop so low as to swallow their propaganda about being strong,

stoic males. Now, it's almost as bad as when I discovered Santa Claus was a fake.

I heard my husband asking from the bed, "Who were you calling?"

Of course, he didn't speak too clearly, but fortunately I understand mumble-talk. I told him that I tried inviting some company for him, but they declined. He couldn't hear too well, hiding under the covers, but his little old ears recognized, "company". Deciding to emerge from the mountain of bedding, he repeated, "Company?"

No, I told him, we were not having company. I have to talk differently now, spacing five seconds between each word. It makes my speech clearer. Anything to be helpful. He doesn't appreciate it, accuses me of being sarcastic.

Men get so thin-skinned when they are a bit under the weather. Or is it that they get carried away with their performance? Maybe they should have all been actors.

He wasn't getting a new audience. So, immediately he suffered a mild relapse. Although he had earlier stopped coughing, a new and terrible attack came on. But I still detected the small, familiar note of falsity.

Thinking that such a demonstration must surely have whetted his appetite, I inquired whether he was up to having lunch. He thought he could manage that, bravely written in his face, in his trembling voice. While I busied myself in the kitchen with preparations, he fooled around with his act.

Slowly, he came into the kitchen. There was the sound of shuffling feet. His hair was appropriately rumpled, curls growing out of the sides like horns. The pajamas had the right amount of droop in the seat, the robe disarranged at the perfect angle. He looked like a waif. A very old one.

I suppose he expected a surge of sympathy from me. But the best female advice said that pity is the worst thing. Men always press their advantage, so beware, my friends told me.

They couldn't believe how much he had already gotten away with. Fresh pajamas twice a day, entire stripping of the bed including the spread. And he requires three solid meals a day, all his favorite dishes. "You're crazy," my friends said. "What are you going to do when he really gets sick?"

Besides, how did he treat his wife and son when we were down? I remember when our son broke his leg playing baseball one summer evening. Ern wouldn't let us call the doctor, saying it was past office hours. He told Alan to take a couple of aspirins and wait it out until morning.

And what about the time when I began to feel labor pains? When I nudged him with the news, he told me I had the wrong day, the baby wasn't due for three more. Then he promptly turned over and went back to sleep.

It was shortly before 7:00 in the morning when he decided the baby and I weren't kidding. He dropped me off at the hospital door with my suitcase, not even getting out of the car to open the door for me.

As he left to park the car, he reminded me that he had to be at the office by 8:30. So what could I do? I had my baby an hour later. It gave him time to buy candy and cigars and still make it to his desk on time. Three days later, I was home cleaning house.

As he sat eating lunch, I reminded him of this. "How can you stay in bed with a sore throat for five days? I only got three for having a baby."

He muttered something unintelligible. First, by his shuffle, I knew his feet were affected. And now, something has happened to his voice. It's mighty suspicious. I heard him calling the office earlier and his voice sounded fine. His spirits, too.

What have I done to deserve this? He was supposed to have been in Seattle for a meeting instead of home in bed. I had looked forward to his absence. Maybe I was a little too eager. Men have a way of beating you at your game.



FROM THE FRYING PAN: Bill Hosokawa

The Myths Persist

Denver, Colo.

After the death a few weeks ago of Al Wirin, the civil rights attorney, Phil Kerby wrote a brief tribute in the Los Angeles Times. Kerby is the newspaperman who won a Pulitzer Prize for a series of editorials several years ago. In his tribute Kerby observed that Wirin on one occasion allied himself with a matter of significant historical importance that likely could have won him "a nationwide unpopularity contest by acclamation." Kerby then explained in one paragraph what that was all about:

"That was the war year of 1942 when the government, reacting to the fear created by Pearl Harbor, decided to evacuate and intern the West Coast Japanese. Wirin opposed the order as unconstitutional. He did not prevail, but later the country conceded that the evacuation was a profound mistake."

The day after the column appeared Kerby received a three-page letter, typed single-space, from a Southern Californian which he shared with me. The thrust of the letter is that the evacuation was justified and Japanese Americans as a group were *not* interned. Let me cite a few passages:

"The internment of some West Coast Japanese occurred the day after Pearl Harbor and was under the jurisdiction of the Department of Justice. Those interned were aliens and known pro-Japanese and pro-Axis individuals, as well as those who were suspect."

On Christmas, the writer goes on to say, "the Filipinos in Salinas, Calif., went on a rampage of revenge against all Japanese. Many Japanese fled with their families, seeking refuge in Southern California. Many ... were housed in the Buddhist Temple, and local gym, and with Japanese families. Because of the hysteria and fear on the West Coast for the safety of the Japanese here, the Japanese American Citizens League implored our government to provide adequate shelter, food, etc., for their people. Ninety-three percent of the adult Japanese population in the relocation camps were aliens, and with Pearl Harbor were technically enemy aliens. The average age of the American-born Japanese was from 4 to 15

years of age."

"Executive Order 9066 was nothing more than an exclusion order and it was directed to 'any and all persons,' not just Japanese."

The letter-writer goes on to say the evacuation and relocation are the most misunderstood period in our history, and "I am working with many to set the record straight." Among the efforts will be the publication of a manuscript which purports to show the "political machinations" that brought about the use of the terms "concentration camps," "racism," and "economic exploitation" on historic markers in California.

What is remarkable about this letter is that some of the statements made are more or less true so far as they go, but what the writer construes from them is terribly distorted. The result is a totally false picture. For example, it is true that a number of Issei were rounded up immediately after the attack on Pearl Harbor and interned. But the implication is that 110,000 others, men, women and children, citizens and aliens, were placed in camps only for their safety because the JACL asked. That is patently false, as is the implication that Japanese Americans were in danger of being massacred.

It is true that Executive Order 9066 was simply an exclusion order. But the letter-writer does not mention that it was designed to incarcerate Japanese Americans and was applied almost solely to them.

It is a deplorable thing that some people, for whatever reason, have chosen to ignore the facts and are, as Phil Kerby puts it so aptly, "dedicated to correcting the record on this episode in our history to conform to their own views."

There has been an enormous amount of material made available to set the record straight on the evacuation. President Ford, in a public ceremony rescinding Executive Order 9066 "which resulted in the uprooting of loyal Americans," declared the evacuation was wrong and must never happen again.

But some people with minds attuned to their own peculiar prejudices will hear nothing they do not want to hear and I suppose there's not a great deal we can do about that.

REPARATION
JACL NATIONAL COMMITTEE

Suffering, With & Without Justice

PART 16

By CLIFFORD I. UYEDA

Suffering is not uncommon to life. It is a part of life. Human mind and body are capable of absorbing and still survive incredible abuses.

Hardship becomes heroic when done in a cause in which one believes. Misery in the knowledge that all citizens alike are sharing the same becomes tolerable without resentment.

What made suffering intolerable for many persons of Japanese ancestry living in the United States during World War II is that it was an unjust suffering imposed only upon persons of Japanese descent. Any other American subjected to similar treatment by his own government would have been equally outraged.

The average Nisei, still below the voting age when World War II started, were a small minority stereotyped into an image of an inscrutable enemy by an organized small group whose business it was to in-

crease and exploit racial tensions on the West Coast.

To lump together the suffering under such condition with the general hardship of waging a war is a complete ignoring of the human senses. History is replete with men going gladly into battles with a full knowledge of the painful consequences.

Many Nisei soldiers in the European and Pacific theaters of war were much more concerned and troubled by the treatment of their families incarcerated behind barbed wire fences in America than they were with the enemy firepower they faced.

Sure, there was a war going on; but to be regarded and treated as an enemy by one's own government without a shred of evidence, stripped of all constitutional and human rights, and then be told that your suffering is no different from those of any other American citizen—that is real pain.

Calendar, pulse & memos

From HQ

LAWSUITS

Summons were issued to JACL individuals named in the suit, Amy Doi vs. JACL et al, which pertained to a grant from the Campaign for Human Development in 1975. Headquarters contacted all parties named and advised of Headquarters' effort to coordinate the action. Karl Nobuyuki is continuing his research into past records of the project in line with his past experiences in the area of grants administration. HQ attempted and is trying meet with key past National Staff to clarify details of the project.

PERSONNEL

The nationwide recruitment of the Washington Representative has been extended to March 17. Recruitment for Assistant National Director began March 3 and ends April 3. Until appointment of a permanent Washington Representative, Harry Takagi, long-time Washington, D.C. Chapter member, is keeping the office open.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Besides visiting Chapters during this time of year for installations, the HQ staff has met with members of the Committee for Internment Credit, representatives from Northern California-Western Nevada and Pacific Southwest district councils, Congressman Phillip Burton, San Francisco Supervisor Ella Hill Hutch, California's corrections chief Jerry Enomoto, and representatives from the San Joaquin Nisei Farmers League.

TRAVEL

The JACL-South American tour scheduled for April 22 has been cancelled due to insufficient participants. The fall tour is still available.

PROGRAM

HQ urges all Chapter Presidents to send in their chapter profile sketches to be included in the National Convention booklet. Advertising deadline is March 15 for the booklet to be sent to all JACL households and have a minimum readership of 81,000. The remaining legal expenses of the first Okubo-Yamada trial have been paid and funds are still being solicited for the possibility of another trial. The Internment Credit Bill moves to the Senate as S 224 and your respective senators should be contacted stating your support.

Karl Nobuyuki's trip to Washington to discuss the Japan-U.S. Friendship Act resulted in increased awareness by legislators and the White House on the lack of Nikkei inclusion on implementing the Act. Further participation by the Districts include formation of an Eastern District Council committee to oversee the Act's progress. Two other committees are located in Northern California-Western Nevada and the Pacific Southwest.

BUILDING FUND

With payment of the last loan, the National JACL HQ Masao W. Satow Bldg., is completely paid. The next effort will be the creation of a building maintenance fund.

—Miles Hamada

Chicago credit union attains \$650,000 total assets

CHICAGO—The 31st annual meeting of the Chicago JACL Federal Credit Union was held in the midst of the worst blizzard on Jan. 27 at Como Inn. Vice President Dr. Roy Teshima who chaired the general arrangements was toastmaster.

President Lincoln Shimidzu reported that historical highs were attained the past year in total assets of \$659,417.77, total share deposits of \$591,919.43, and total loans of \$587,965.35, resulting in a loan/asset ratio of an overwhelming 99.3%. All-time highs were also attained in total income of \$50,159.17, net earnings of \$32,876.88, and divided payments of 5 3/4% per annum.

Shimidzu further reported that "a recent examination by the National Credit Union Administration found our records and operations to be in excellent condition," and that the Board has resolved to continue to hold the line on the 3/4% interest rate on the unpaid balance and to re-open the enrollment date for the cancer protection insurance available to the membership.

Elected to the Board of Directors for a two-year term were:

Esther Hagiwara, Richard Hikawa, Thomas Masuda, Jack Nakagawa, Ariye Oda, Sumi Shimizu; credit—Lincoln Shimidzu and Dudley Yatabe.

The meeting concluded with the showing of three films from Japan National Tourist Bureau. Belated acknowledgement was direct-

ed to Mitchell Nakagawa for the use of his projection equipment in all the years that films have been featured at the annual meeting.

At the first meeting of the newly elected board Feb. 9, Lincoln Shimidzu was unanimously re-elected to serve a third consecutive term as president. Other officers are:

Dr. Roy Teshima, vp; Sumi Shimizu, sec; Ariye Oda, treas; and Esther Hagiwara, asst treas.

Credit—Richard Hikawa (chmn.), George Ikegami, Thomas Masuda, Lincoln Shimidzu, and Dudley Yatabe; Supervisory—Richard M. Yamada (chmn); Glenn Yamamoto, Dr. William Goon; Education—Mits Kodama (chmn); Roy Kuroye, Jack Nakagawa, Tak Tomiyama, and Ron Yoshino; security officer—Roy Kuroye.

A replay of last year's cancellations, slow arrivals and no-shows because of extreme weather conditions has caused the Board to consider changing the annual meeting date from January to February or March within the provisions of the by-laws.

The 99.3% ratio of loans to assets, which indicates that practically all of the credit union's money is out on loans, has created an obstacle which can be mitigated by welcoming new members and fostering inactive accounts for increased shares. Prospective as well as current members are reminded that the credit union's basic concept of "people helping people" is enhanced by an all-time high dividend of 5 3/4% per annum in addition to free life

insurance and loan protection insurance which are not available through other lending institutions.

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- ✓ Nat'l Conv booklet copy and ads due Mar. 15, Conv Bd, 83 D St, Salt Lake City, Utah 84103.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ 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).
- ✓ Cultural Heritage Fellowship applications due April 15, Nat'l Hq.
- ✓ Masaoka Distinguished Public Service Award nominations, May 1, Washington JACL Office, Suite 204, 1730 Rhode Island Ave NW, WDC 20036.
- ✓ Inagaki Prize—Entries from JACL Chapters by June 1, JACL Hq.
- ✓ Budget/Convention Agenda from Hq—30 days prior (June 19).
- ✓ Okubo-Yamada Fund, June 30, Nat'l Hq.

Calendar

- * A non-JACL event
- MAR. 10 (Friday)
 Nat'l JACL—Bd mtg (3 days), Hq, San Francisco.
 * Los Angeles—Buffet dnr for Sac to Councilman Robert Matsui, International Club, World Trade Ctr, 6 p.m.
 * Los Angeles—Agape Fellowship Forum: Bakke Case, 332 S. Virgil, 7:30 p.m.
- MAR. 11 (Saturday)
 * Sacramento—Camellia Festival parade, Downtown, 10 a.m.
 * Florin—Teriyaki booth, Florin Center Mall, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
 * Fresno—Lake Tahoe trip (overnight).
 * French Camp—Axy sushi sale.
 * St Louis—Memb Drive potluck supper.
 * Marysville—Bok Kai Festival and parade, 11 a.m.
 * Denver—JANBA tourn dnr, Marriott Hotel.

- MAR. 12 (Sunday)
 * Los Angeles—St Patrick Day's dnr, Maryknoll School, noon-7 p.m.
- MAR. 13 (Monday)
 * Long Beach—Foods of Japan, Stearns Park, 8 p.m.
- MAR. 17 (Friday)
 * Mtn View—Japanese Amer arts & craft show, Mayfield Mall.
- MAR. 18 (Saturday)
 * San Jose—Bridge party, Wesley United Meth Church, 7:30 p.m.
 * Los Angeles—WAO inst dnr-dance.
 * Seattle-NVC inst dnr, Sherwood Inn.
- San Fernando Valley—Panel disc: Inter-marriage, JACC, 12953 Branford, Pacoima, 7:30 p.m.
- MAR. 19 (Sunday)
 * Salinas Valley—Sr Cit trip.
- MAR. 21 (Tuesday)
 * Los Angeles—Asian Demo Caucus mtg, Shangai West restaurant, 7:30 p.m.
- MAR. 25 (Saturday)
 * Mt Olympus—Fundarama.
 * Los Angeles—42nd Vet Assn dance, Memorial Aud, Culver City.

- Milwaukee—1000 Club whing ding, Country Gardens.
- MAR. 26 (Easter Sunday)
 * St. Louis—Egg hunt.
- MAR. 29 (Wednesday)
 * Gardena—Pre-retirement seminar I, JCI, 7:30 p.m.; Dr Tsuyoshi Okada, spkr.
- MAR. 31 (Friday)
 * El Cerrito—Issei retirement planning, Berk/Rchmd Free Methodist Church, 7:30 p.m.
- APRIL 1 (Saturday)
 * Livingston-Merced—Issei appreciation potluck dnr.
- Diablo Valley—Center Players Production of Kashiwagi Plays, Diablo JA Club, Concord, 6 p.m.
- APRIL 2 (Sunday)
 * NC-WNDC—Exec bd mtg, San Benito to JACL hosts.
- Salinas Valley—Sr Cit fund-raiser.
- APRIL 5 (Wednesday)
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Guitarist Phil Gotanda entertained with his own compositions.

● Milwaukee

Tak Kataoka and his board were installed at the Milwaukee JACL dinner Jan. 14 at the Country Gardens. Guest speaker was Father Daniel Sherman of the Maryknoll order, who talked on his 25 years in Japan. Past board chairman Jim Miyazaki was master of ceremonies, Kurt Miyazaki led the pledge of allegiance and 1973 board chairman Andrew Hasegawa gave the invocation.

Because MDC representative Lillian Kimura was stranded by bad weather, recognition chairman Satoshi Nakahira installed the board. Member of the Year award was presented to Ed Jonokuchi, 1000 Club chairman.

● San Fernando Vly.

Dr. Harry Kitano will be featured speaker at a panel discussion on interracial marriage, sponsored by the San Fernando Valley JACL. Panelists will include those who are married interracial, a divorcee of an interracial marriage, a parent of a woman who is married interracial, and a woman who has dated interracial.

The program will be held on Saturday, March 18, 7:30 p.m., at the Japanese American Community Center, 12953 Branford, Pacoima. For information, call Marion Shigekuni (893-1581).

● Seattle

Bucking the massive

media build-up of the Super Bowl game Jan. 15, the Seattle JACL succeeded in drawing over 200 to the annual installation dinner at Bush Garden where Rep. Norman Mineta was guest speaker and Ted Taniguchi was installed as president.

Outgoing president Cherry Kinoshita outlined the past year's activities. Greetings were extended by Seattle Mayor Charles Royer and Japanese Consul General Kenichi Yanagi. Tak Kubota was installing officer. Phil Hayasaka was emcee. Mary Fujita was dinner committee chairperson.

The Seattle JACL Awards of the Year were presented to Charles Z. Smith, associate dean at the Univ. of Washington School of Law, for his contribution to Asian American causes; and to Richard L. Hutchins, of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, for making his office a "service agency and not merely an enforcement agency".

Mineta said JACL has always been fortunate to have within its ranks people willing to become involved to face the exciting challenges and complex issues that affect the nation. He also noted Japanese Americans can make unique contributions for improving political attitudes and urged "we remain active participants ... for what we do today will determine whether the American dream can be preserved for the future generation".

Other special guests included:

Paul Isaki, PNWDC governor; Hiroshi Nakayama, White River JACL pres; Tom Shigio, Puyallup Valley JACL pres; Beverly Akada, community queen; Rev. Dr. Paul Nagano, Japanese Baptist Church; and Ben Sugawara, NVC commander.



SPARTAN BEAT: Mas Manbo

Athletic Twins

ployees of the Asahi Kasei chemical company. Their fine showing has brightened Japan's hopes for the Olympic marathon event. It could be that both will be running for Japan in Moscow in 1980.

The gruelling marathon is just about the only track and field event in which the Japanese have a chance for a medal in the high-powered Olympic competition.

TOKYO—Along with the Yamashita quintuplets—two boys and three girls—who celebrated their second birthdays at the end of January, two sets of Japanese twins came in for a lot of ink recently.

One of the pairs, the rambling 25-year-old Soh boys, turned in what must rate as the greatest twin-brother act in long-distance running history when they finished 1-2 in the Beppu-Oita Marathon on Feb. 5.

Shigeru Soh, the elder of the bespectacled twins as he was the first born, clocked the best time ever for a Japanese and the second fastest recorded anywhere for the 42.195-kilometer grind.

He crossed the finish line in 2 hours 9 minutes 5.6 seconds, only 32 seconds behind the world's best time of 2:08.33.6 set by Derek Clayton of Australia in 1969. Soh's twin brother Takeshi came in less than four minutes later. Takeshi's time of 2:12.48.6 was the seventh best so far for the Japanese.

The Soh brothers, of Miyazaki in Kyushu, are both em-

Japanese sumo fans will be seeing double for the first time in history as a set of husky 15-year-old twins has entered the traditional Japanese sport.

The boys, Shinji and Yoji Inomoto, have been taken under the wing of the Dewanoumi sumo stable and are to make their twin debut in the Spring Grand Sumo Tournament starting March 12 at the Osaka Prefectural Gym.

Sons of a Kobe construction company employee, the neophyte sumoists are both

more than 1.80 meters in height and weigh a combined total of 245 kilograms.

Stable master Dewanoumi, the former yokozuna Sadanoyama, has given the ring name Ukon (written with the Japanese word "migi" or right) to Shinji, the elder of the twins, and Sakon (containing the word "hidari" or left) to Yoji.

The boys, as could be ex-

pected, are big eaters, causing the family food bills to soar. They reportedly can put away 200 sushi apiece in one sitting.

Both went in for sumo in junior high school and they have the same hobby — assembling plastic models.

The parents of the Inomoto boys are not so tall but their mother outweighs their father 70 kilograms to 55 kilograms. So it appears the two youngsters have taken after their mother. □



Marathon twin champions—Takeshi and Shigeru Soh

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● Agriculture

Harold Tateyama and his son **Edwin**, recently won the High Sugar Producer Award in Denver after delivering 3,252,552 pounds of sugar to the Great Western Sugar Co. factory in Greeley last fall. Tateyama owns 394 acres on five farms in Eaton and Ault. The company, Harold Tateyama and Son Inc., recently donated cardio-pulmonary resuscitation equipment to the Weld County General Hospital. **George Yuge**, of Turlock, Calif. was elected secretary of the California Canning Peach Assn. at its 56th meeting in Sacramento. Ronald Schuler was re-elected as president.

George Tanimoto of Gridley, president of Kiwi Growers of California, presented his organization's \$3,150 to the Univ. of California Dept. of Pomology for partial financing of research into kiwi fruit storage and handling problems. The Marysville JACler was also re-elected head of the group at its annual meeting held in Visalia in January.

Longtime San Francisco JACler **Hiro Higashi** of Redwood City was installed president of the San Mateo County Fair Assn.

● The Arts



Nobuko Miyamoto—Benny Yee

Nationally recognized artists **Nobuko Miyamoto** and **Benny Yee** presented a concert at Occidental Col-

For the record

Robert H. Meltzer, the Riverside JACler who's leading a watercolor workshop in Northern Japan from May 27, was inadvertently listed as national president of the American Watercolor Society instead of "nat'l vice president" in an advertisement appearing last week. Our apologies to all concerned.—Editor

lege recently. Miyamoto, a former dancer on Broadway, appeared on a recent Canadian TV special and performed a symphonic piece specially written for her. She's performed at colleges and community centers across the nation. Yee, a former member of the Asian American jazz rock group, Hiroshima, spent five years with the band composing material and playing keyboards. With a strong classical background, he too has performed at various community workshops in concert. CSU Los Angeles honor students **Allan Iwihara** and **James Newton** recently presented a unique recital of koto and flute music on campus. Iwihara, a koto major, has performed widely in the U.S. and Japan. Newton, who has recorded several albums, leads his own musical trio.

Helen Maruyama has been serving as first violin of the Community Arts Symphony Orchestra in Denver. A graduate in music from the Univ. of Denver, the former third-grade teacher has performed five seasons with the Denver Symphony Orchestra.

Heidi Masuda will play Rosemary Pilkington in the El Cerrito (Calif.) Actors' Company presentation of the Pulitzer Prize winning musical "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying." Masuda plays the woman who falls in love with and finally wins J. Pierrepont Finch. **Pami Ozaki**, of Chicago, is appearing in Drury Lane South's production of "The Duchess of Paduena" starring Ann Sothorn. Ozaki portrays the widow of Sothorn's son and claims to be the the new owner of the family mansion.

● Business

Ray J. Halpenny, of San Diego, and **Edward M. Otani** of Reedley were named directors of California First Bank, San Francisco. Otani, 67, operates retail stores and imports a wide range of specialty food products. His holdings include Crown Imports, Co., San Francisco; Marukin International, Inc., San Joaquin Mercantile and Oriental Trading Co. of Reedley; and Farmers Supply Company of Dinuba, Inc. Born in Seattle and educated in Visalia, Otani is one of the largest importers of Oriental specialty foods on the West Coast. Halpenny, 57, is executive vice president of California First. **Maseo (Alex) Ohira**, former assistant manager of Benihana of Tokyo in Marina Del Rey, was named manager of the Encino Benihana. He joined Benihana in 1974 as a maitre d' and worked his way up to dining room manager, then ass't manager. Another Benihana promotion went to **Gin Tsuchiya** who will assume management of the newest restaurant in Burlingame. A graduate of Tokyo Technical College, Tsuchiya joined Benihana in Tokyo in 1971. He has worked with the chain in New York and Dallas.

Kiichi Uyeda, proprietor of S.K. Uyeda Dept. Store, Los Angeles, became the first merchant to sign a

lease with the Japanese Village Plaza currently under construction in Little Tokyo. Uyeda, born in Shiga-ken, came to the U.S. in 1923 and by June 1936, had founded the Uyeda Trading Co. In the late 1940s, he opened the well-known S.K. Uyeda store ("S" stands for his wife, Shizuko, and "K" for Kiichi). The Uyedas have three children.

● Courtroom

Kabua Kabua, 66, is probably the only judge to serve both the Japanese and U.S. judicial systems. He is chief judge at Majuro in the Marshall Islands as well as hereditary chief of two islands known throughout the world: Bikini and Eniwetok. He was judge for 12 years when Japan controlled the Marshalls and for the U.S. since 1945.

● Education

Among 47 students at the Univ. of New Mexico selected to the 1977-78 edition of "Who's Who Among Students" was **Denise Akutagawa**, second daughter of the **Taro Akutagawas**. Four incoming Japanese American students to receive "honors at entrance" at CSU Dominguez Hills are **Carole Lynn Miyagishima**, Manhattan Beach; **Gaye M. Nakatsu**, Torrance; and **Bess Kawamura**, Joanie Okada, Harbor City. Students must have a 3.7 GPA from high school or a 3.5 GPA on 56 transferrable units from community college to qualify.

Among 70 USC students initiated into Phi Beta Kappa, the oldest scholastic honor society in American liberal arts education, are: **Key K. Azuma**, psychobiology; **Dawn Reiko Komine**, English; **Andrew Kotaro Mirikitani**, religion; **Robert T. Naruse**, biology;

Anne M. Sekino, sociology; **Wayne M. Suga**, biological science; **Grace M. Tanaka**, biological science; **Scott K. Taniguchi**, electrical engineering and **Mikki K. Tashima**, general studies. **Faith Ichishita**, 17, of East High, Denver, received a scholarship to Dartmouth College. The daughter of **Rev. Frank and Nobuko Ichishita** was accepted through Dartmouth's early decision entrance program. Her father is pastor of Peoples United Presbyterian Church and mother is an elementary school teacher. **Roger L. Hiyama**, 17, of Hinkley High School, Denver, received a Colorado Golf Assn. Eisenhower-Evans scholarship to the Univ. of Colorado. The son of **Mrs. Frank Hiyama** caddied at the Park Hill Golf Club. The Eisenhower-Evans scholarships are renewable for four years and covers full tuition and housing.

● Government

Dr. Susumu Karaki is director of Colorado State University's solar energy applications laboratory (SEAL). The current SEAL program is composed of four elements, including vocational training, covering development and implementation of courses in design and installation of solar heating systems and buildings. **Timothy Yoshida**, 22, of San Francisco, and **Annie Cho**, 17, of Montebello, were among 21 California youths sworn in as state representatives on the California Advisory Commission on Youth (CACY). The commissioners will advise the state legislature and executive branch on youth affairs. Lt. Gov. Mervyn Dymally's office will oversee the group's functions.

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