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## Pearl Harbor discussion

# Remarks draw JACL concern

SAN FRANCISCO — JACL officials have requested a formal apology from the Nova Academy here after discovering a history teacher allegedly told her class a Japanese American student's "mother and father bombed Pearl Harbor".

The Jan. 12 incident between Alexander Funato and teacher Joanne St. Sair ended with Funato angrily stalking out of the classroom after asking St. Sair to "drop the subject".

NC-WNDC regional director George Kondo wrote the Academy Feb. 16, asking to meet with administrators "in line with the American tradition of fair play . . . to hear all its (the incident's) aspects".

"Should the allegations be true, it is our interest such statements do not reoccur," he wrote. In a subsequent letter dated March 2, Kondo asked the private school for a formal apology, which he was recently assured would be forthcoming.

Nova officials, in spite of the intent to issue an apology, claim the incident has been "distorted way out of proportion".

In reply to Kondo's first letter, principal Michael Badenhausen wrote, "action . . . was taken, to the satisfaction of all parties concerned . . . (and) the matter is closed as far as the academy is concerned and we feel that no meeting is warranted."

Later, Badenhausen said that when referring to the incident, the word "allegedly" should be "underlined".

"We discussed the matter among the concerned parties," he said. "The incident is closed. I am far too busy to take more time out to hold any meeting."

According to Funato's written account of the incident, St. Sair became angry after telling the class Funato's parents bombed Pearl Harbor.

Funato, 12, said he told the teacher, "Don't talk about my mother and father like that." St. Sair then asked, "Do you know how the war started?" and picked up a ruler and hit Funato's desk.

Funato said he answered no to her question and was then asked, "Well, why did you start World War II?" to which he replied, "I didn't."

St. Sair then allegedly proceeded to say, "The Japs oh (sic) Japanese fighting America is just like a little person going up and biting a big giant's leg," according to Funato. He then left the room.

According to administrators, Funato has a negative disciplinary record and said they believed the child played up the matter because he was given a four-day suspension (for bad behavior) about a month after the exchange occurred.

St. Sair is a very belligerent boy," Miriam Lanova, an academy director, said. "I would say at least four of five days, he is called up. There is something seriously wrong, we've had long, long conversations with him."

"This incident is merely adding fuel to his mind to create an incident and focus attention on something else," she said.

Kondo said he realized there was no connection between the suspension and the Jan. 12 incident, but emphasized the student's disciplinary problems were not of JACL concern.

"We feel this is not the sort of thing that a teacher should be saying," he said. "We want to look at the incident objectively. We realize that Alex's deportment isn't the best, but that's not our concern. Our concern is about teachers making these kinds of statements."

Badenhausen said an apology had not been issued

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## Nat'l JACL Board schedules special budget meeting in May

SAN FRANCISCO — The National JACL is wrestling with a proposed budget that exceeds \$750,000 for the next biennium. Details are to be studied by district councils in the coming weeks during April-May.

National President Jim Murakami, who concluded a heavy agenda over the March 10-12 weekend here at Headquarters, is calling a special meeting of the Nat'l Executive Committee (EXECOM) and District Governors' Caucus on May 13-14 to deal with the budget that must be prepared by June 19 (or 30 days prior to convention) for adoption.

Current budget of \$492,300 is considered "bare-bone" as the previous FY 1975-76 budget of \$510,000 had been over-expended in 1976 by \$160,000.

Other matters being recommended for Nat'l Council action cover steps to preserve JACL's non-profit, tax-exempt status, designating job discrimination against Asian Americans as a "new priority" of the biennium, JACL guidelines for national Pacific/Asian coalitions or actions and the addition of the "founding" year of 1929 inside the JACL seal.

The board rejected a bid from San Mateo and Sequoia to establish a new district council on technical grounds since the appeal neglected to include a chartered third chapter necessary as a minimum to petition.

—Harry Honda

## Plans set for March 31 A-bomb hearings in L.A.

LOS ANGELES—Preparations for the first congressional hearings on legislation which would give medical aid to atomic bomb survivors were arranged enthusiastically here last week, despite recent news from Washington that the Carter Administration could not provide such federal assistance.

Rep. George Danielson, chairman of the house judiciary subcommittee, will conduct hearings on HR 5150 March 31 at the Board of Supervisors Hearing Room, 500 W. Temple, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Sponsored by Reps. Norman Mineta and Edward Roybal, the bill would extend medical aid to the estimated 1,000 a-bomb survivors now living in the U.S.

Led by President Kanji Kuramoto, the Committee of Atomic Bomb Survivors in the USA, has encouraged public support of the pending measure.

Kuramoto's campaign for medical assistance the bill would provide began with a formal request to the Carter

Administration last fall. He wrote the president again in January seeking aid for the Hiroshima and Nagasaki survivors.

The group specifically asked for financial assistance to sponsor a medical mission from Japan to study the attitudes and physical problems of survivors.

All hopes for such support were dashed, however, in a Feb. 8 letter from Edward M. Featherstone, Carter's liaison to the Office of Japanese Affairs.

"It has been the longstanding policy of the United States government . . . not to pay claims, even on an ex gratia basis, arising out of the lawful conduct of military activities by U.S. forces in wartime," Featherstone wrote.

"In accordance with this longstanding policy, the United States has not, as you know, been directly involved in the treatment of those who were affected by the atomic bombs. This work has been primarily carried

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## Calif. Nikkei win in local elections

There were a couple of smiles and a few not-so-happy faces among the Japanese American politicians who vied March 7 for local offices in California.

In Oxnard, a community of about 90,000, Dr. Tsujio Kato, 38, was re-elected mayor for another two-year term. He had 7,650 votes (71.6%) in the two-way contest. He was first elected in 1972 to the city council and then elected mayor in 1976.

This past year, Mayor Kato lobbied strenuously to have an LNG terminal situated in Oxnard and had inspected sites in Japan to ascertain the latest technology and safety measures for construction. The Oxnard-born Sansei has been active in Republican politics, community youth work, the Ventura County JACL and professional dental groups.

As expected, incumbent councilman Masani Fukai

led the way easily to gain his second four-year term on the Gardena city council. Fukai outpolled two other successful candidates—Charles Nader and Don Dear—capturing 3,317 votes out of 5,386 cast.

In Santa Maria, businessman Toru Miyoshi, 50, won a four-year city council term in a six-way race for two seats. He was the top vote-getter with 3,895 (66.7%). He is believed to be the first minority councilman elected in the city's 73-year history.

In the South Bay, Helen Kawagoe was re-elected as city clerk of Carson. Running unopposed, Kawagoe received 5,289 votes.

In Northern California, two incumbents were re-elected. Mayor Tom Kitayama of Union City defeated two opponents, with 1,793 votes. Councilman Robert Ouye of Marina, a suburb of Monterey was among three incumbents re-elected.

In Central California, two Nisei were elected to fill

vacancies on the Reedley City Council. Charlie Taguchi, 52, emerged as the top vote getter with 1,382 votes. Ron Nishinaka, 32, who teaches landscape horticulture at Reedley College, had 1,011 votes.

One other victory was savored by Sue Hoff-Tsuda, who becomes the second woman to serve on the Fullerton City Council in Orange County.

Tsuda, a Caucasian married to engineer George Ichio Tsuda, captured 7,690 votes. She is a Fountain Valley city employee and former elementary school board member. The Tsudas have three children.

While the victors celebrated, the losers lamented what might have been.

In a mild upset, Mayor George Ige lost his third bid for re-election by only 11 votes. Ige received a 1,968 count, losing to Harry Couch who captured 1,979. Ige was first elected to the Monterey

Park city council in 1970.

Torrance city council candidate George Ogawa lost in his first bid for public office, placing seventh in an 11-man race for three seats. He gained 3,070 votes.

Ogawa, 59, said he was motivated to run for office to "actively participate in making good government policies for business and homeowners of all racial backgrounds." He and his wife Mary have lived in Torrance the past 14 years.

Another first-time campaigner, 18-year-old Barton Shigemura, failed to receive enough votes to win one of the three vacancies on the Fountain Valley city council.

A sophomore business-communications major at USC, Shigemura based his campaign on more youth involvement and an anti-apathy-voter platform. Fountain Valley, it is recalled, was incorporated in 1957 and James Kanno was elected the first U.S. Nisei mayor.



Masani Fukai



Dr. Tsujio Kato



Sue Hoff-Tsuda



Helen Kawagoe



## Hole-in-one after 45 years



Photo Courtesy: Rafu Shimpō

It took him 45 years, but Mitsuhiro Shimizu finally achieved the golfer's dream—the elusive hole-in-one. The shot came on the 18th hole of the Arroyo Seco Golf Course. His wife, Shizuko, and another golfing partner marveled at the "nice shot" he had driven off the tee. Not until he reached the green and looked in the cup did he realize he made the hole-in-one. Shimizu is a member of the Wednesday Golf Club and Senior Golf Club, one-time Downtown L.A. JACL president and owner of Asahi Shoe and Dry Goods Store. One other sidelight—his golfing feat came five days before his 90th birthday Feb. 20 when this photo was taken.

## CONVENTION CORNER

### Workshop on visual artists

Salt Lake City  
Two slide presentations of Japanese American visual artists are being prepared for one of the JACL national convention workshops to be featured here this summer.

The first Visual Arts Workshop presentation, "Japanese Americans in the Visual Arts", will highlight historical, cultural and artistic influences, with the role of the Japanese American artist being traced from the turn of the century.

Works by artists who have gained national recognition will be analyzed with respect to traditional Japanese art and movements in modern/contemporary American art. Jean Kondo Weigl, art teaching assistant at the Univ. of Utah and daughter of Northern California-Western Nevada Regional Director George Kondo, will present the program.

The second slide show,

"Works by Contemporary Japanese American Artists" will feature painting, graphics, sculpture and crafts by both established and younger artists.

In conjunction with research for the two slide presentations, a national survey of artists is being conducted. Artists interested in participating in the project should contact:

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## Central Cal questions JACL's Bakke position

VISALIA, Calif. — Central California JACL District Council has questioned National JACL's position in the Bakke case in view of its resolution unanimously adopted here Feb. 5 and asked that it be re-examined by the National JACL Board, which met this past weekend in San Francisco.

The CCDC resolution reaffirmed National JACL's official position in support of affirmative action when "fairly applied to all regardless of race, religion or ethnic origin."

But the CCDC resolution said it was "repugnant to democratic principles" and JACL principles when any numerical quota concept is based solely on race, religion or ethnic origin as in the Bakke case.

JACL National is supporting UC Davis medical school "in the belief that the principle of affirmative action for disadvantaged minorities is vitally involved."

A second resolution, concerning proxy voting at the National Convention, defended the present rule and further urged the convention schedule alternate between summer and winter.

Central California chapters declared "entry requirements of our institutions of higher learning should be maintained at high levels and that aid to the disadvantaged ... be made at the pre-entry levels to enable such to compete on an equal basis with other applicants."

The resolutions were originally introduced by the Fresno JACL at the CCDC convention last November.

A joint statement of Nov. 1, 1977, signed by JACL on the Bakke case makes no mention of racial quotas.

The Children's Defense Fund brief supporting UC Davis, also signed by JACL, notes:

There are no realistic alternatives to race conscious special admissions policy as a means of including minorities ... (and) fair to white applicants and is effective to achieve a compelling state purpose.

JACL said it believed "it is imperative that affirmative efforts be made to increase educational opportunities for individuals who are disadvantaged because of race".

### Anti-Bakke protest demonstration set

LOS ANGELES — The National Committee to Overturn the Bakke Decision has set April 8 for a series of nationwide protests in major cities to bring attention to their demands.

On April 15, the group plans a "mass mobilization effort" highlighted by a protest at the U.S. Supreme Court.

## Arts, crafts show

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif. — The fifth annual Japanese American Arts and Crafts exhibit will be held at the Mayfield Mall here March 17-19. Proceeds last year were donated to the Northern California-Western Nevada District Council's legal assistance fund.

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## Intermountain District ponders funding youth

By YUKI HARADA  
PC Regional Correspondent

SALT LAKE CITY—Convention 1978 fever is building up as Intermountain District Council held its first quarterly session Feb. 25 with IDC Gov. John Tameno presiding at Little America Motel, part of the complex

which will be the scene of the 25th biennial national convention the third week of July.

The fever went up when Gerrold Mukai, now of Washington, D.C., and immediate past IDC governor, was endorsed in his bid for national JACL presidency.

## TEACHER

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previously, because one had not been requested. Kondo said a telephone conversation with Lanova later revealed the school did not receive the March 2 letter. A copy was forwarded to the school.

The incident raised Lanova's concern about the school's image and relationship with the Japanese American community. She said numerous benefits were co-sponsored by the academy and Japanese American groups.

"We have an integrated institution here," she said of the 23-year-old academy. "We have many blacks, Orientals ... and just all kinds of kids. This is a dreadful situation," she added of the Funato case.

Kondo said such incidents were "occurring all over" and that it is up to JACL to stop them.

"We just want to emphasize that all incidents should be brought to the attention of local JACL chapters to handle," he said. "We have to sensitize the public ... for if schools soft-soak these things, it only means they condone it."

National convention board co-chairman Shake Ushio, who has been providing progress reports over the past year, emphasized chapters had until March 15 to get their chapter histories and ads into the convention booklet.

Youth commissioner Frank Yoshimura related the problems facing the JAYS and urged senior JACL to help them. IDYC chairman Jim Uno announced a workshop of self-confidence is being planned. Then followed a long council debate on revenue sharing, which benefited the youth this past biennium. Distribution this biennium is being studied by a committee led by Ken Tera-mura.

Treasurer Saige Aramaki presented the 1978-79 district budget, which was approved. Program and activities chairman Hid Hasegawa reminded chapters to keep accurate records for the Inagaki chapter of the biennium contest.

Malheur County (Ore.) Judge Roy Hirai of Nyssa, in a position analogous to county mayor, has been presented by Snake River Valley as a nominee for Japanese American of the Biennium. Hirai has been county judge since 1972.

Delegates also approved efforts to institute Asian American studies at Washington State and at Weber State. Pocatello-Blackfoot JACL hosts the next session in May.

## FBI careers for Asians offered

WASHINGTON — The Federal Bureau of Investigation is currently intensifying the recruitment of minorities in the Special Agent and clerical capacities, the Washington JACL Office announced. Don S. Tokunaga, equal employment opportunity of-

ficer with the FBI, told JACL he was vitally concerned about recruitment efforts in the Asian American communities. Applications can be obtained from any FBI field office or by writing to the FBI, Washington, D.C., 20535.

## SURVIVORS

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out by the Japanese Government and Japanese medical institutions."

Though he regretted he could not be more encouraging, Featherstone urged Kuramoto to seek private sources for help and to continue the fight for the Mine-ta/Roybal bill.

Substantial support has mounted for HR 5150, the latest coming from the American Medical Assn.'s board of trustees.

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# Comments, letters & features

YE EDITOR'S DESK: Harry K. Honda

## Blue Skies Over JACL

San Francisco

If blue skies, crisp air and cherry blossoms can be a bellwether of what's-to-come, things will look up for Nat'l JACL. But the national board/staff, which met over the March 10-12 weekend here at Headquarters also realizes the weeks till Convention time can still be explosive and unstable. A huge organizational budget that needs another look before it can be published, the Amy Doi litigation that is now in the hands of attorneys who advised those in JACL who have been served to withhold all public comments and a gnawing fear that anti-Japanese defamation or racial stereotypes have not diminished—all are ominous ingredients.

But it was a gorgeous Sunday as board members parted for home after what was a thorough review of pending JACL matters carefully cast in President Jim Murakami's 60-point agenda.

Sighting the first cherry blossoms on young trees adorning Japantown's Buchanan Mall evoked classic Japanese themes of perfection and beauty to what had been accomplished during the 30-hour discussion and decision-making.

As for this reporter who has been covering meetings of this kind for the past 25 years, there I was at the top in point of service time but at the bottom row of the formation gearing for JACL's 50th year. No one else remembered JACL was founded in 1929 in the building on Post St. now housing the Hokubei Mainichi—an item that was interjected in discussion modifying the JACL seal. Nor was anyone aware that the head of the JACL eagle had been

turned quietly from the left (as noted on the U.S. seal—check your dollar bill) to right during the Joe McCarthy era. The National Board is recommending these little changes. Four years ago, the National Council had rejected a modern looking corporate seal consisting of four letters.

As expected the heaviest item was determining the 1979-80 budget. Because JACL is currently expending over \$140,000 per quarter due to higher inflationary rates than when the current budget was adopted two years ago, a special budget committee is to meet in mid-May to consider and total the input from districts and chapters, which will have met in the meantime. How each district governor conveys that message from this Board meeting will not only be a humdinger to behold but fit to be a masterpiece of commitment.

For the first time, a cost-of-living factor has been incorporated in the personnel budget ... For the first time, a magnificent bequest is to make JACL handling a huge scholarship ... And for the first time, a JACL intern scholarship will be promoted ... And the concept of a general JACL constitutional convention (perhaps in 1979 or 1981) has been planted ... Details on all these can be expected.

As we parted, we reminded Karl Nobuyuki, already shouldering a new host of pre-convention priorities and directions from the National Board, has another column due today for next issue. We're sure if the Board had met his beautiful wife and kids, they wouldn't have pelted him hard with more work. If his column does not come, we'd like to conclude he was relaxing at home for a change.

EAST WIND: William Marutani



## Sailing Without a Chart?

Philadelphia  
I know practically nothing about sailing. The last time I attempted it was some summers ago when we were up in Rhode Island for a week or so. Thinking I knew enough about tacking, coming about, running with the wind, and so forth—I took out a sailboat. Well, as they say, "I bombed."

This isn't to say that I don't know absolutely anything about sailing. I know enough to know that the boat had better have a rudder. And in sailing, one should have an objective, a port. And if it's to be a distant trip, there had better be a compass and a chart. In short, a plan.

None but the fool would wish to be aboard a boat that has no chart or plan, which wallows on the waves subject to the whims of the tide, desperately paddling about for some vaguely defined port—without a plan as to precisely where the port (objective) is, when we hope to reach port, and how.

In years past the national JACL had a committee that,

in my opinion was one of the most important: it was called the "National Planning Commission". Each of the eight districts had its own commission and representatives from each district comprised the national commission. It was one of the hardest working, and most productive, committees within JACL. And it played a most important role: it came up with "charts" for the JACL ship.

The commission meetings were brain-storming sessions. First assessing where the organization had been, and then determining where it is, the commission members probed into various "ports" as to where we ought to be. The idea was that at the outset of brain-storming, we paid no attention (or little attention) to all the reasons why an idea was not feasible: cost, manpower, membership or leadership antagonism, etc. The idea was to let ideas see the light of day. After this, began the culling process, selecting the goals and assigning priorities, and then further culling by determining which ones were realistic.

Some have said that this

function should be carried out by the National Board. Perhaps. But the fact of the matter was (and still may be, and I have a hunch it still is) that the National Board was fully engrossed with the immediate problems, the mundane problems that are inevitable in keeping an organization running. It had precious little time for organized dreaming, and evolve an overall plan therefrom. Oh, this is not to say that the National Board never engaged in such activity: but when it did, it was sporadic, brief, and inescapably disjointed. It was not, as I say, organized dreaming.

And from such organized dreaming evolved some very meaningful long-range projects, many of which came to fruition. The first chairperson of the Commission was the late Abe Hagiwara from Chicago. Under his leadership, JACL was infused with new ideas, new thrusts, a meaningful chart. And JACL reached a number of "ports" charted by Abe's commission.

I was reminded about the Commission the other day when I was looking over the list of JACL national com-

## Films on Evacuation

Editor:

In response to Frank Okusako's letter (March 3, 1978), both the 16 mm. film entitled "Japanese Relocation" (produced by the Office of War Information and narrated by Milton Eisenhower) and the film featuring Nisei GIs ("Nisei Soldier Newsreel," a 16 mm. film produced by the Army Signal Corps) can be obtained at the National Archives, Washington, D.C. 20408. Rentals are not permitted, but reproductions of the films may be purchased. Should Mr. Okusako be referring to some other film taken of Camp Shelby men than the one mentioned above, direct inquiries to the National Archives or the Army Signal Corps at the Pentagon.

"Since 'Japanese Relocation' was recently aired over the Public Broadcasting network, an inquiry might be made to your local PBS station or PBS, 75 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, N.Y. 10020 regarding the film's rental.

A listing of films relating to Japanese Americans and their World War II experience may be found in the Bibliography section of my book *Years of Infamy*.

MICHI N. WEGLYN  
New York City

The good news is that "Years of Infamy" will be published by Morrow as a paperback (\$5.95) on or about March 30.—Editor.

## Loyalty of Kibei

Editor:

In the interest of fairness and accuracy, I must ask why you failed to ascertain the facts before publishing allegations that my book, "Nisei," impugns the loyalty of Kibei during World War II.

A letter in the March 3 edition, published over the name of Joan Omura, charges that the book reports Kibei "were more-less of imperial system's puppets without Americanizing themselves."

This allegation is totally false. If you will check the index in "Nisei," you will find 19 references to Kibei. None even suggests Kibei were

"more-less imperial puppets."

To the contrary, the following appears on pages 296-297:

"The 'Japanese-ness' of the Kibei depended on several factors, among them the age at which they had left the United States and the length of time they had spent in Japan, but this was no test of loyalty. Naturally those who had spent a large part of their lives in Japan were the most fluent in the Japanese language, and many of them proved to be extremely valuable to the United States as language instructors, radio monitors, propaganda and psychological warfare specialists, and military intelligence service interpreters and translators. They performed a service for which few Americans were qualified.

"This not to say that some Kibei did not become provocateurs under the abnormal conditions of the relocation camps. These almost invariably were Kibei who had been unable to make a cultural adjustment to life in the United States and the indignity of the evacuation stirred their hostilities rather than severed their loyalties. Prior to the evacuation the loyalty to the United States of the great majority of Kibei was unquestionable, and the doubtful ones were well-known. It was as wrong to condemn the Kibei as a group as it was to make blanket accusations against all Nisei."

I hope this will correct any misconceptions which the letter may have caused among persons unfamiliar with the book.

BILL HOSOKAWA

Denver, Colo.

(Our deepest apologies to our friend and mentor for not double-checking on this one. Sometimes personal impressions slip by at face value.—Ed.)

## Internment Credit

Editor:

An overwhelming majority of the House of Representatives has recently recognized (H.R. 9471) the gross injustice of the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II by approving HR 9471, which grants Civil Service retirement credit for the period of internment. However, this bill denied the credit to many Japanese Americans like myself who were under 18 years of age at the time we were interned.

Since Congress has enacted statutes making it illegal to discriminate on the basis of a person's age, race, religion, sex or national origin, a question arises whether there are any valid reasons for HR 9471 to deny the credit because of age. It would be ironical and inequitable to include a discriminatory age limitation in legislation enacted to correct past discrimination based on national origin.

If the purpose of HR 9471 is to correct the past injustices of imprisoning Americans solely because of their Japanese ancestry, then the age limitation is patently discriminatory and should be eliminated from the bill.

The criterion for the imprisonment of the Japanese Americans was solely national origin and not age. The same injustices of being imprisoned on the basis of national origin was experienced by all of the internees regardless of whether they happen to be under or over 18 years of age at that time.

Accordingly, the mere fact that an internee celebrated his or her 18th birthday during or after internment is not a rational basis for denying the credit.

If the purpose of HR 9471 is only to provide a partial remedy for those who lost employment opportunities, then a question arises whether the age of 18 years is a reasonable and equitable age limitation. It is not unusual in the history of our country for Americans, including those of Japanese ancestry, to be employed before attaining 18 years of age.

Neither the Social Security nor the Civil Service Regulations contain any provision which denies credit for an employee being under 18 years of age.

In fact, several of my co-employees are receiving Civil Service retirement credit because their national origin did not prevent them from obtaining Civil Service positions before attaining 18 years of age. Moreover, there are many other Japanese Americans like myself who not only lost employment opportunities by being imprisoned but also were in fact employed by our Government in the internment camp before attaining 18 years of age.

The age limitation in HR 9471 is therefore clearly arbitrary and inequitable, and it should be lowered to a statutory age which would prohibit any other American from being employed such as the age limitation found in our child labor laws.

Some may argue that it is only equitable to include the same age limitation in HR 9471 as that included in the statute enacted several years ago to grant Social Security credit to the Japanese Americans for the period of their imprisonment. The response to this argument is the granting of any credit to the Japanese Americans for the period of their imprisonment should not be restricted because of age or the age limitation should be lowered for the reasons previously stated. Moreover, a question arises whether the age limitation of 18 years would have the same discriminatory effect on the younger Japanese Americans.

A very large majority of the Japanese Americans were the Nisei with the median age being near 12 or 13 years of age. Whether such persons were allowed or denied Social Security credit because of their age has no real significance because they were able to obtain full Social Security coverage after leaving the internment camps and the additional credit for the period of imprisonment has de minimus (sic) effect on their retirement benefits.

On the other hand, if the same person obtained a Civil Service position after being released from the internment camps, the denial of credit because of age has a significant discriminatory effect on their retirement benefits. There are no specified periods for minimum coverage under the Civil Service regulations and the credit for each year of internment would increase your retirement benefit by

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## 35 Years Ago IN THE PACIFIC CITIZEN

March 18, 1943

March 13—An early end to the War Relocation Authority centers to prevent another "Indian problem" in the U.S. is urged by a Senate Military Affairs subcommittee following a visit to Rohwer, Arkansas Gazette reports.

March 13—Collier's Weekly editorial lauds the War Department for creating the all-Nisei combat team.

March 15—War-time Civil Control Administration, which supervised the evacuation of 110,422 persons of Japanese ancestry from the Pacific Coast, is dissolved.

March 15—JACL representatives Joe Masaoka, Mike Masaoka and Larry Tajiri meet with War Manpower Commission officials in Denver to discuss problems involved when using Japanese Americans to curb the manpower crisis in intermountain regions.

March 18—Morris Eugene Suyetomi, 31, who fled the Topaz WRA center for San Francisco, is sentenced to a year in jail for violating West Coast exclusion orders.

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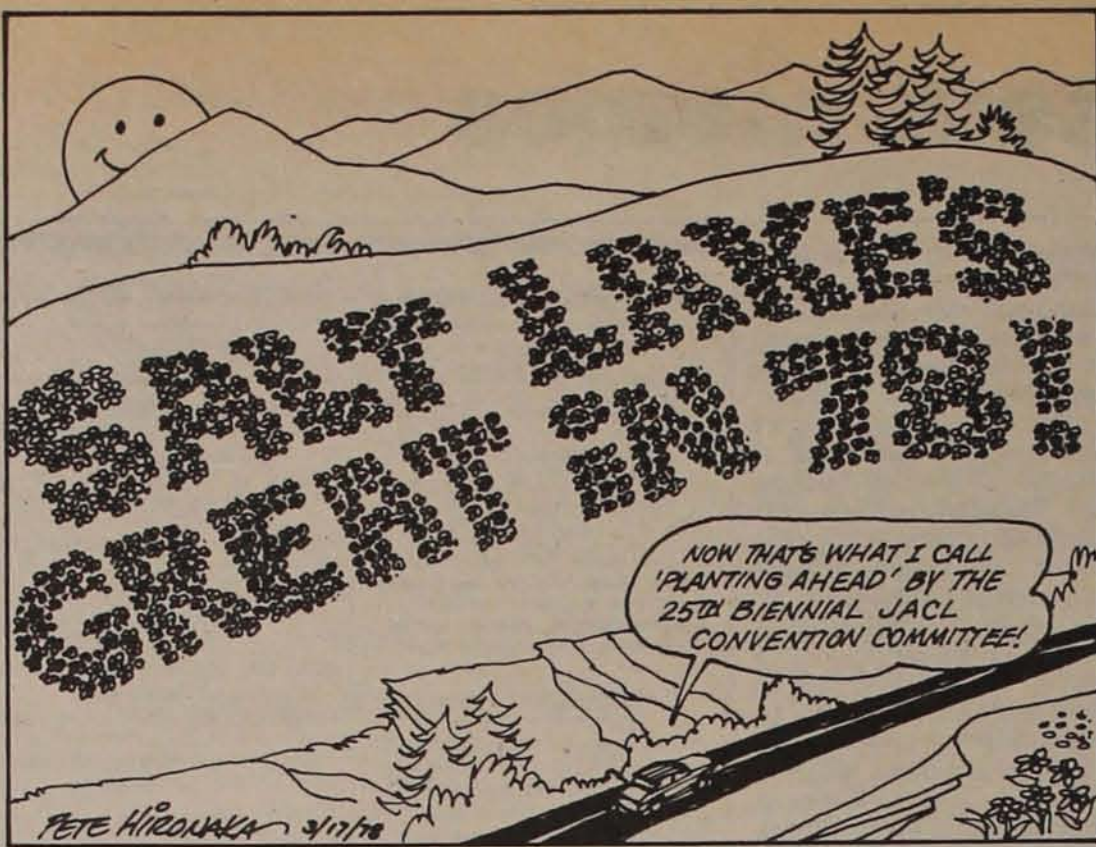
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## REPARATION

JACL NATIONAL COMMITTEE

## Not Just a Recovery

PART XVII

By CLIFFORD I. UYEDA

There still exists a gross misconception among many that the redress we seek is an attempt to get back just what we lost.

How does one ever recover in full the loss of freedom or the injustices suffered? It just cannot be done.

The issue is not to recover what cannot be recovered. The issue is to obtain a meaningful redress and to make such injustice much less likely to occur in the future.

Justice means compensations for the victims of injustice. It will be a token compensation—no matter what the amount. But that is more than a verbal apology.

How meaningful is verbal admission of wrong doing? It can be as meaningful as the time it takes to say them. We are all familiar with statements by some public officials. It can be painless, and need not necessarily come from the heart. And more important, the statement can be retracted as readily as it was made.

Incarceration of American citizens in detention camps again? That was 1942. It will never happen again, many say.

For those who lived through the 1942 experience, they recall vividly that amidst the rumors of evacuation and incarceration, many Nisei had a firm belief: "Not us. We're American citizens." □

### PC LETTERBOX

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the same 2% regardless of your age, salary or date such credit was earned.

Accordingly, these differences in the Social Security and Civil Service regulations could justify the lower

age limitation in HR 9471.

I am appealing to your sense of justice and equity by asking for your support and assistance in either eliminating or reducing this discriminatory age limitation in HR 9471. If it comes to the point where this bill cannot be enacted without the age limita-

tion of 18 years, I would be willing to make the sacrifice to have those over 18 years of age receive the credit even though I strongly believe that it is discriminatory and clearly inequitable.

ROY S. KANEDA

Dresher, Pa.

# Nikkei perspective criticizes U.S. foreign policy

(Special to The Pacific Citizen)

WASHINGTON—A presentation by the onetime Washington JACL representative has criticized the U.S. State Department for not having invited more Asians to attend the first National Foreign Policy Conference held here Feb. 27-28.

Mike Masaoka, a panelist in the workshop covering "Asia", plainly noted over half of the world's population in Asia.

Patsy T. Mink was the only other Asian American participating formally in the Conference. The assistant secretary of state for oceans and international environmental affairs moderated the morning session devoted to human rights implications in U.S. Foreign Assistance and Immigration Policy.

The human rights conference was attended by over 500 leaders representing non-governmental organizations from across the country, arranged by the State Dept. bureau of public affairs as a domestic outreach program. It also reflected the importance the Secretary of State Vance has attached to public understanding of U.S. foreign policy and

its relation to worldwide human rights issues, a State Dept. spokesman explained.

Masaoka, president of Nisei Lobby, also served as an Asian American voice on the final day workshop panel on "U.S. Domestic Human Rights", where he remembered, "America once again is putting the dollar sign before human rights".

At the workshop on "Asia", Masaoka criticized the fact that with more than half the world's population, so few Asians were invited to attend, let alone participate in, the Conference.

He also noted that when the President visited foreign countries, he usually met with Americans of the ancestry of the nations to be visited, but seldom—if ever—conferred with Asian Americans. He said he understood the possible politics of the consultations but declared that in Asia where "face" is vital and visibility is often more important than substance, the President would well be advised if he deliberately met with Asian American leaders before he traveled through Asia or Pacific areas. He thought that

such consultations would not only bring a new dimension to the President's understanding of each country but would also—if publicized correctly—impress upon the countries to be visited the sincere interest of the President in that particular land, etc.

Without objection, Masaoka's recommendations were adopted by the workshop and were submitted to the Secretary of State and the White House.

On the "Domestic Human Rights" panel, Masaoka was joined by Dean of the University of Washington Law School, Z. Charles Smith, Clearing House on Women's Issues Chairperson Carolyn Ware, Associate General Counsel of the Mexican American Legal Aid and Defense Fund Al Perez, and Tribal Chairman of the Quinault Indian Nation Joe DeLaCruz, and the American Indian representative to the World Council of Indigenous Peoples.

While Japanese Americans at the moment are the largest of the so-called Asian American groups in the United States, Masaoka said



FROM THE FRYING PAN: Bill Hosokawa

## From What We Gather

Denver, Colo.

Since writing about George Sukeji Morikami a few weeks ago, I have learned more about the man and the legacy he left the people of Florida. Morikami, you may recall, is the Japanese immigrant who came to Florida in 1906 to join the Yamato Colony, founded two years earlier. He invested wisely in land and in 1973, three years before his death, he donated 140 acres to Palm Beach County for a park. (He had bought the land for \$15 to \$17 per acre; it was worth more than \$10,000 per acre when he gave it away.)

A museum of Japanese culture has been built on the site. Its curator is Larry Rosensweig, a graduate of Harvard and the University of Michigan, specializing in Far Eastern cultures. He lived two years in Sendai and Hiroshima and reads, writes and speaks Japanese.

"The Morikami Museum," Rosensweig says, "will be an active force in bringing Japanese culture to Florida. It will offer visitors a genuine insight into Japanese life and customs, and encourage an appreciation of the artistic elements of both traditional and contemporary Japanese life."

"We hope also to deal with the Japanese American experience through the story of Yamato and George Morikami as a 'stranger in a strange land' who brought with him his Japanese heritage, adapted to his new surroundings, and contributed to positive changes in his environment. His example is, in a sense, that of the classic immigrant, but his relationship to the land and natural resources were peculiarly Japanese."

Can it be that before long Japanese Americans from the West Coast will be traveling to Florida to learn about their cultural heritage?

Since I blabbed about my fondness for eel, the Mesdames Oishi and Imada returned to Denver from a visit to Japan recently laden with frozen charcoal broiled eel, some of which they generous-

ly shared with me. It was, of course, delightful. However, it is not the intention of this paragraph simply to tantalize you. I wish only to share one portion of the instructions printed on the back of the package for the benefit of English-speaking eel-connoisseurs:

"How to keep: The Kabayaki can be conserved fresh enough and ready to serve as long as it is kept in the freezer, but it will be tasted better when served as earlier as possible."

Frank Wada, my occasional correspondent from Pingree, Idaho, has shared with me some information which I in turn hasten to share with those anxious to trace their ancestry. Wada says Buddhist temples (danna-dera) have for centuries kept a record of the deaths of their parishioners. Wada's brother, who lives in Hiroshima, undertook a search of family history and learned the records at his temple went back to the 16th Century. (The priest wisely had taken the records to a safe hiding place during World War II, and thus they survived the atomic bombing of Hiroshima.)

The big problem is that common people had no family names until about the time of the Meiji Restoration in 1868, so the record was kept only by given names. Wada's brother is having quite a time trying to trace the family beyond his great, great, great grandfather.

Nobu Suzuki of Seattle was in these parts visiting friends recently and went skiing at Aspen. Mrs. Suzuki has raised her family and is entitled to senior citizen rates for ski lift tickets. Apparently the ski area doesn't have senior citizen tickets; they simply give them the cut-rate tickets issued to children. One of the attendants noticed Mrs. Suzuki's ticket and said with fatherly concern: "Little girl, does your mother know you're way up here skiing alone?"

That really made her day. In fact, it made her whole vacation memorable. □

that by the end of the century there will be more Koreans and Chinese in this country than Japanese, if current immigration trends continue.

He added that emigrating Chinese, Koreans, Vietnamese, Filipinos, and others represent a new trend in American immigration history, when Asian peoples comprise the second largest block of annual newcomers.

Masaoka said that almost all of the newcomer groups from Asia faced the same problems that earlier challenged the Chinese and the Japanese, including some exploitation by their own people. He said that aside from the economic problem, relatively few Japanese emigrate to the United States today partly because of the well-known anti-Asian discrimination against Asians generally, and especially the Japanese.

To his mind, except for the blacks who were brought over in slavery, no immigrant group has suffered more racial persecution and legally sanctioned discrimination than the Asian American.

By way of illustration, he recalled the military, economic, and political events that led up to the Evacuation of 1942, when more than 120,000 persons of Japanese origin were herded into American-style concentration camps and arbitrarily detained, at a time when the courts were freely functioning and civil government was in complete control. He cited the formation of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team of Japanese Americans and how they, in the words of General Vinegar Joe Stilwell, "bought an awful hunk of America with their blood". Yet, in spite of their wartime record of loyalty under the severest strains, a Carter transition team dared to question the loyalty of a 442nd veteran.

Masaoka spoke of the 1948 Japanese American Evacuation Claims Act which in 27 years partially compensated evacuees for their property losses in the evacuation and detention of World War II, at less than ten cents on the dollar, at 1941 values, without interest of any kind. He said that Japanese Americans would soon launch a campaign for monetary rep-

arations on a more equitable basis and called on those in attendance to support that effort, saying that only by making the cost of bigotry so high could individual citizens and racial minorities be safe from a repetition of 1942.

He also mentioned the (Norman) Mineta Bill which calls for civil service retirement credit for the time certain evacuees spent in the camps, noting that budgetary considerations were threatening the chances for that legislation. "Once again America is putting the dollar sign before human rights," Masaoka remembered.

As for the (Edward) Roybal Bill to provide medical help for the American victims of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the longtime civil rights leader decried the inhumanity of American policy which refuses to endorse that measure because it could be construed as admitting as a national mistake the atomic bombings of Japan in the last stages of the war. "Have we forgotten so soon the racist lesson of Vietnam," Masaoka concluded. □



# Calendar, pulse & memos

## 15 chapters sponsor 21 students to PCYA

WASHINGTON—The sixth session of the 1978 Presidential Classrooms for Young Americans in session this winter includes 21 JACL-sponsored high schools, the (San Francisco) Nichi Bei Times reported.

Several thousand high school seniors are selected from all over the United States to attend week-long classrooms each year and for the past several years the JACL has been allotted some 20 spaces in the program.

The Presidential Classroom program provides a week of concentrated study about the inner workings of government for high school students who attend in six groups of about 400 each.

The 21 PCYA students sponsored by 15 chapters were:

Contra Costa—Carla Inouye of Richmond, John F. Kennedy High.  
San Jose—Randall Nagashima of San Jose, Mount Pleasant High.  
Placer County—Russell Nimura of

Loomis, Del Oro High.  
Cortez—Sandra Taniguchi and Gaye Sakaguchi, both of Livingston High; Matt Kamiya of Nevada City, John Woolman High.

Livingston-Merced—Alan Yagi and Susan Tashima, Livingston High.  
Fresno—Neal Taniguchi of Fresno, Hoover High.

Reedley—Janet Ikemiyu of Reedley, Reedley Joint Union High.  
West Los Angeles—Gary Kasai of Los Angeles, University High.

Venice-Culver—Quinn Malkin of Los Angeles, Venice High.

Selamoco—Rodney Ida of Orange, Villa Park High and Patricia Karasawa of Whittier, La Serna High.

Salt Lake—Ned Shimizu of Salt Lake City, West High, and Bruce Aoki of Salt Lake City, South High.

Mount Olympus—Lisa Takeoka of Riverton, Utah, Bingham High, and Tami Shiotani of Bountiful, Viewmont High.

Indianapolis—Michael Woodward of Carmel, Ind., Carmel High.

Cleveland—John Ishiyama of Parma, O., Normandy High.

Seabrook—Leslie Hanzawa of Seabrook, N.J., Cumberland Regional school district.

Also attending the sixth session is Laurie Taira of Gardena, a student of Gardena high school, sponsored by the city of Gardena. □

TOSH SHOJI, Wilshire JACler

## Silver Beaver Awarded

LOS ANGELES—Tosh Shoji, a member of the Wilshire JACL, was presented the Silver Beaver Award at the Boy Scouts of America's Los Angeles Area Council's recognition dinner Feb. 1 at the Bonaventure Hotel.

The award is the highest honor a council can bestow on a volunteer for service to boyhood. Some 1,200 persons witnessed the ceremony honoring Shoji and 25 other men and women from throughout the county.

An Eagle Scout during his youth in Livingston, Ca., Shoji has served as cubmaster, scoutmaster and Explorer advisor at the troop level and many other positions at the district level.

Tosh is also active in the Community Youth Council and an honorary PTA Life Member.

Tosh and his wife Aileen are the parents of three children—one daughter and two boys, one of whom achieved Eagle Rank. □

### ● Contra Costa

Eight Contra Costa JACLers were recognized during the chapter installation dinner Jan. 21. The National JACL sapphire pin recipients were Ben Takeshita and Jerry Irei, while the silver pin was presented to Joe Sugawara, Howard Yamamoto and Tom Kawaguchi.

### ● Diablo Valley

Center Players, a Japanese American repertory theater group, will present three Hiroshi Kashiwagi plays April 1, 8 p.m. at the Diablo Japanese American Club, 3165 Treat Blvd., Concord, according to the Diablo Valley JACL and Diablo JA Club.

The program, directed by Ted Samuel, leads with a reading of "April Fool", a comedy of an Issei mother, children and their landlord; followed by "Blessed Be",

contemporary play on Nisei attitudes involving a husband and wife; and "Mondai wa Akira", a comedy about a family and social pressures of being a Nisei bachelor.

The Center Players were formed in 1975 as a part of the S.F. Center for JA Studies. They have performed 10 plays and staged readings at nearly 30 events in areas throughout California.

The open membership of over 50 players spans a range from first-timers to professionals, Yonsei to Issei, and attracts people from varied occupations, who contribute behind the scenes as well as before the footlights. The Center Players are a "people-initiated" and "people-involved" group, hoping to reflect and bring alive the experience of being Japanese in America.

### ● Fowler

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## Reno JACL installation . . .



Mrs. Molly Yamashita, outgoing chapter president, passes over gavel and congratulates her successor, Sam Wada during recent installation dinner.

## Deadlines

- ✓ 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. 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.
- Riverside—Egg hunt, Canyon Crest Park, 10:30 a.m. (If it rains,

Watkins House.)

\* Los Angeles—Sr Cit Federation luncheon mtg, Monterey Park Comm Ctr, 350 McPherrin, 11:30 a.m.

● MAR. 19 (Sunday)
 

- \* Salinas Valley—Sr Cit trip.

Reno—Benefit sukiyaki dnr, Roger Corbett School, 2-5 p.m.

\* San Francisco—Int'l Working Women's Day, Konkoko Hall, 1 p.m.

● MAR. 21 (Tuesday)
 

- \* Los Angeles—Asian Demo Caucus mtg, Shangai West restaurant, 7:30 p.m.

● MAR. 25 (Saturday)
 

- \* Mt Olympus—Fundarama.

\* Los Angeles—442nd 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/Rchmnd Free Methodist Church, 7:30 p.m.

\* Chicago—Assn for Asian Studies mtg, Palmer House, 8 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.

\* Sacramento—MIS Assn dnr mtg; McClellan AFB Officers Club, 5 p.m.; Assemblyman Paul Bannai, spkr.

● APRIL 2 (Sunday)
 

- \* NC-WNDC—Exec bd mtg, San Benito JACL hosts.

Salinas Valley—Sr Cit fund-raiser.

● APRIL 5 (Wednesday)
 

- \* IDYC—4-day basketball tourna-

ment, Layton (Utah) Armory.

● APRIL 7 (Friday)
 

- \* Union City—Benefit movie, Sangha Hall, 7 p.m.

● APRIL 9 (Sunday)
 

- \* Contra Costa—Issei Appreciation Night, El Cerrito Comm Ctr, 5 p.m.

● APRIL 15 (Friday)
 

- \* Monterey Park—Cherry Blossom Festival (2 da), ELA College, Atlantic and Prado Shopping Ctrs.

\* Salt Lake City—Hanamatsuri, Buddhist Church.

● APRIL 16 (Sunday)
 

- \* West Los Angeles—Benefit wine-tasting party, Yamato Restaurant, Century Plaza Hotel, 12:30-3:30 p.m.

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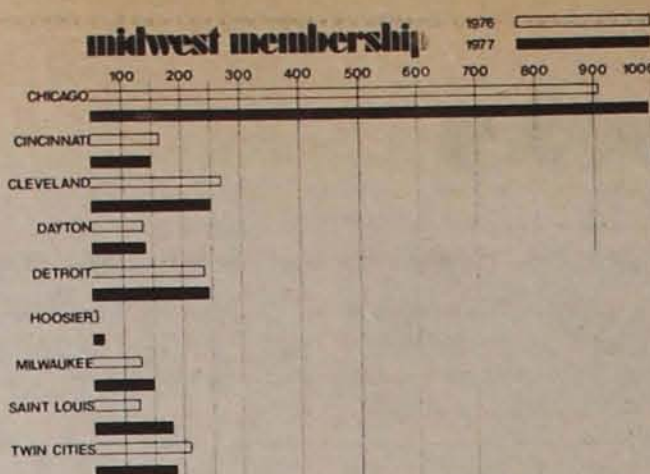
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According to National JACL, three Midwest chapters showed increases of 10 percent or more (Chicago, Hoosier, and St. Louis). Other MDC chapters which reported increases in 1977 are Dayton, Detroit, and Milwaukee.

## Midwest Comments

### Hats Off to Hoosier

Two-and-a-half years ago a small group of people met in Indianapolis to talk about the formation of a local JACL chapter. As in many areas where there is a small but significant Japanese American population, the concerns were familiar: the need to educate the general population about JAs, the importance of helping their children understand their own heritage, and the opportunities for JAs to get together socially.

After a number of subsequent meetings, 26 charter members of the Hoosier chapter petitioned the National JACL for official recognition. At the 1976 National Council meeting in Sacramento, their charter was granted.

Despite being in existence for such a short time, the chapter has flourished, not only at the local level, but as a participant in district and national programs as well. Among their programs, they have taken part in a workshop for Indianapolis-area educators and school administrators to help them introduce ethnic activities into the public school curriculum.

In both 1976 and 1977, they participated in the International Festival, giving thousands a small taste of Japanese culture. This year a Hoosier chapter-sponsored student attended the Presidential Classroom for Young Americans program in Washington D.C., and of course, they have been active in the traditional JACL areas, writing congressmen, putting out an excellent newsletter, sponsoring picnics and drumming up membership.

Perhaps the most impressive of all has been Hoosier's ability to grow while keeping the membership active and involved. At last count the chapter numbered 85 members and over 75 persons attended the annual installation dinner. What other chapter can match this growth and level of participation?

We believe Hoosier represents the best of JACL in the Midwest. Although drawing on a small, diverse, geographically distant Japanese American community, they have managed to work together and develop a meaningful program for both their own and the wider community. We congratulate them on their past accomplishments and wish them continued success as they grow and expand their activities in the future.

—MDC Page Committee

## SPEAKING OUT:

### End of trust in Asian faces

By SAM HONDA  
Twin Cities JACL

I am actively involved in several Asian American organizations in Minnesota and have made many new friends especially with Chinese, Korean, Filipinos and, for the first time in my life, I have friends of Vietnamese and Cambodian backgrounds.

I am sure if any of these people needed help, I would be willing to help them. I trust them, and I hope they trust me enough so that we can work together for strong Asian American organizations.

However, on March 3 at 7 a.m. after an overnight stay at the New York Hilton, a young Asian knocked on my door and told me he was at-

tending a conference and had a little problem. He hoped I could help him.

I opened the door to let him in to listen to his story. The next thing I heard was a click and I saw a revolver pointed right at my head.

I was handcuffed and tied to the wash basin with a wet wash towel stuffed in my mouth. The Asian I was going to help robbed me of my money and credit cards, not to mention the fact that he could've killed me.

What has happened to the Asians in America?

Are we going to have the element of delinquency impede our progress in the area of equal opportunity and civil rights? Can the Asians in America afford to have a high crime rate?

At the New York police station, I looked at over 250 pictures of Asians (mug shots, I believe they're called) including over 30 women. It was hard for me to believe there are that many Asians with police records in New York City. Are the Asian communities doing anything to combat these problems?

I'm writing this article to alert JACLers who travel a

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## Know Your District

Can you match the MDC chapters with their presidents for 1978?

1. Chicago; 2. Cincinnati; 3. Cleveland; 4. Dayton; 5. Detroit; 6. Hoosier; 7. Milwaukee; 8. St. Louis; 9. Twin Cities.

- a. Dr. George Hanasono; b. May Tanaka; c. Takio Kataoka; d. Lee Durham; e. Chiye Tomihiro; f. Rev. George Nishimoto; g. Charles Pace; h. Lida Fukumura; i. Dr. Kaz Mayeda.

ANSWERS: 1-a; 2-b; 3-c; 4-d; 5-e; 6-f; 7-g; 8-h; 9-i

# Midwest District Council

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## Harano candidate for Chicago alderman

Ross Harano, former JACL midwest district governor, has announced his candidacy for alderman of the 48th ward in Chicago. A special election will be held May 16 to fill the unexpired seat of the former alderman who resigned.

If elected, Harano will be the first Asian American to sit on Chicago's city council.

"Since the 48th ward has the largest concentration of Asian Americans in Chicago, it is important that our

community have political representation in city hall," Harano said.

"We must strive toward greater participation in the political arena in order to obtain the services and programs that our people need and deserve."

Harano's political activities have included active support of Congressmen Sidney Yates, Abner Mikva and Frank Annunzio. He also served on an advisory committee for Sen. Charles Per-

cy and on the Democratic National Committee's national finance council.

After working on the 1976 Carter campaign, Harano was named to the transition team for Region 5, which covers the Midwest.

While serving in a number of JACL positions over the past 18 years, Harano has had the opportunity to work with many groups in the city.

His activities earned him recognition from the Chicago JAYCEES, who named him one of their "10 Outstanding Young Citizens" in 1976.

Harano, in addition to working with inter-ethnic coalitions, education systems and neighborhood groups, was instrumental in the formation of the Black Club in his own area of Uptown, which comprises a large part of the 48th ward.

Upon announcing his candidacy, Harano resigned his position as president of the Uptown Chicago Commission, a community organization seeking to improve and stabilize the changing Uptown area.

The 48th ward is one of the

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## Encouraging feedback

By ANNA PETERSON  
(St. Louis Chapter)

This month marks another "first" for the MDC Page. Two news articles were written by non-regular MDC staffers (see Chicago and Twin Cities datelines). Hopefully, this is the beginning of a new trend for the MDC page—more writers and, therefore, a greater scope in the news covered.

I mentioned in my last Speaking Out column a survey of the MDC membership regarding the MDC Page. The survey took longer than anticipated. With St. Louis blanketed in its worst winter in 100 years, communications have, understandably, suffered.

Most remarks were encouraging. Suggestions included many that the current staff had already considered, including broadening the number of writers and the range of news reported.

So, instead of writing about what we're going to do, we're simply going to do it. You'll notice, this month, a greater number of short articles about people and district happenings. We'll continue to keep the membership informed about district and chapter activities, and, hopefully, contribute to greater interaction and communication between Midwest chapters, our district council, and the national organization.

But, it can't be done without the continued participation of "new blood," (or, should I say, "more blood"?). Volunteer. If you can't think of an article to write, just offer.

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# Theater, stage & books

## Ups & downs of Nisei in Hawaii

By RICHARD GIMA

Patsy Sumie Saiki, one of Hawaii's leading educators, has beautifully and perceptively described the fortunes and adversities of the early Japanese in Hawaii in her book, *Sachie, a Daughter of Hawaii* (Kisaku, Inc., Honolulu; \$4.00, 143 pp.)

Though the novel focuses its attention primarily on the young womanhood experiences of Sachie Himeno, her devoted family and their neighbors, it is, essentially, the story of the average Japanese immigrant family in Hawaii.

The book is fiction, but whether Dr. Saiki (she has a doctorate in education) is relating some of her own girlhood experiences or not, I am not sure. But that matters little.

*Sachie* is both interesting and fascinating; there's no question about it. But what's more important is that Dr. Saiki has based her story on experiences which Japanese Americans born and reared in Hawaii have actually experienced themselves. And, after all, that's what really counts.

Published in July, 1977, in paperback, the 143-page



Patsy Sumie Saiki

novel abounds with yarns and anecdotes about the Himenos, who make their home in a remote northeastern section of the Big Island of Hawaii.

Sachie, who grew up in the midst of the Depression era, is a discerning, quick-witted young woman; but quite often she is confused, baffled—thanks largely to the contradictory ways of life she learns at home and at public school.

A Caucasian friend of Sachie's—Laurie by name—“was affectionate with her friends and parents. She was constantly holding hands

with her friends, and she and her father openly showed love for each other.”

Mrs. Saiki asks: “How could Sachie show affection to others without embarrassment?” The answer: “Sachie would speak up for her rights, be heard as well as seen, be affectionate and friendly toward others.”

But at home it would be different. “Sachie would try to be a good Japanese. She would be seen and not heard. She would show quiet respect instead of open affection. She would be responsible for her actions to others' needs.”

Despite poverty and lean times, the Himenos enjoyed many happy years in tiny Kakela village. They shared their many blessings as well as their heartaches with the Gouveias, the Akinas, the Itogas, the Togos, the Higas and others, all constituting a close-knit group of friendly neighbors.

There was the elaborate Himeno wedding in which Toki, the older of two sons, was married to a beautiful, “high collar” daughter of an influential Hilo family. The bride Chiseko's family “hadn't minded that they were much richer than the Himeno family.”

But the Himeno family was not without its sad moments. Tragedy struck when Haruo, Toki's brother, “had gone to gather abalone at Keawe, the rocky cliffs below Frserville.” A thundering wave swept Haruo off the rocks and in an instant he went crashing into a watery grave.

The Japanese families became “one big family when misfortune struck.” One family's tragedy, they believed, must be shared by all others. They all pitched in to give Haruo a small but adequate funeral.

Dr. Saiki tells about the custom of paying special respect to the deceased on the 35th day after the death of a loved one—in this case Haruo. This was a special day for the Himenos; all day visitors called.

The book contains descriptions of scores of other Japanese customs as they were practiced in pre-war Hawaii. You'll be delighted to read about “kusuriyasan” (medicine man), who semi-annually visited plantation homes to deliver Mikkasan, Mushikudashi, Jintan and other so-called “efficacious” medicines.

Then there was Tenchōtsu when Japanese got together to pay respect to the Emperor on his birthday. The day was marked with feasting, speech-making and a flurry of other activities.

Mrs. Saiki mentions the once popular custom of delivering sacks of rice to the home of the bridegroom's family. In the case of the Toki Himeno wedding, there were 23 one hundred-pound bags neatly stacked on one side of the front porch. “Rice is food, and giving rice means you are wishing the new couple will never want for food.”

How times have changed! Today there are no stacked bags of rice at the bridegroom's home. Besides, the

wedding feast, once elaborately staged at the home of the bridegroom, is a thing of the past. Today such parties are usually held at restaurants, teahouses or posh hotel dining rooms.

Dr. Saiki even talks about “yaito” (moxa), a “reward” a child received for disobeying his parents. How well as a youngster I remember receiving yaito. And did it hurt! (Roughly speaking, yaito is the applying of a burning punk to a moxa which burns and sears the skin.)

What I have listed above is a mere sampling of the many customs vividly described by the author. They were practiced by the early Japanese in Hawaii—and perhaps by their counterparts on the Mainland.

While the story is basically that of a Japanese girl in Ha-

waii, let me assure Japanese Americans on the Mainland that they, too, will find the book intensely interesting and provocative—and touching.

Richard Gima, retired English teacher and newspaperman in Honolulu, now lives in Montebello, Calif. His by-line is well-known to PC readers, serving as the Hawaii correspondent of the Pacific Citizen between 1965 and 1976.

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By LARRY RUMLEY  
(Seattle Times)

On his last day as President, Gerald Ford pardoned Iva Toguri d'Aquino from her 27-year-old conviction as Tokyo Rose. This, to some degree, compensated the 61-year-old woman for an incredible miscarriage of justice by the United States government.

In this self-published, well-written account of the

case, Rex Gunn reports the tragic sequence of events which changed a young woman, Iva Toguri, student at the Univ. of California in Los Angeles, to a notorious broadcaster for Radio Tokyo during World War II, later to be convicted of treason and sentenced to 10 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

Gunn is a veteran of Pearl Harbor, a G.I. war correspondent who, as an Associated Press radio editor in 1949, reported on the woman's trial. He interviewed many of the principals, including the defendant in Chicago, where she now lives.

His book, "They Called Her Tokyo Rose," is available for \$5.50 including postage, from Gunn, c/o Pacific Citizen, Room 307, 355 E. First St., Los Angeles 90012.

She still was in Japan when war broke out and she was unable to leave.

To survive she found work as an interpreter; later, through two prisoners of war, one Australian, one American, both experienced radio broadcasters, she was persuaded to accept an offer from Radio Tokyo to broadcast information and music. The two prisoners, themselves working for the corporation, were using their skills to broadcast subtle anti-Japanese information and advised the woman she could do the same without Japanese perception.

At her trial years later, she testified and the two former prisoners appeared to testify for her, that she had sincerely believed she was broadcasting only music and information of help to the Allies. In effect, she felt her service, in spite of the circumstances, was patriotic. Also she got food to prisoners, helping many to survive.

The appellation, Tokyo Rose, was provided by American servicemen and the name was used for a variety of women broadcasters. There was not just one Tokyo Rose, though the public believed there was.

After the war and through the machinations of an American journalist, Harry Brundage, Iva Toguri unwittingly signed papers she thought would expedite her return to the United States. Instead they became part of the evidence against her in court in San Francisco.

It was a shoddy business,

as Gunn's report confirms, with government forces determined to convict. There was evidence eventually that bribery and perjury were used to win the conviction. ...

Credit for sustaining the defense of Mrs. d'Aquino goes to a San Francisco attorney, Wayne Collins, who took the case without pay and fought it courageously. He died in 1974 before Ford granted the pardon. His son, Wayne Collins, Jr., who had shared the burden of the defense, continued the work.

A retired Washington state pediatrician, Clifford Uyeda, also worked with Collins in pressing for presidential pardon. Appeals to Presidents Eisenhower, Johnson and Nixon were ignored.

Capt. Gunnar Olsborg, ocean master mariner and Puget Sound pilot, is a member of the Japanese American Citizens League, knows Mrs. d'Aquino, wrote President Ford on her behalf, and has great admiration for her as a person and for her courage in overcoming her ordeal. He said:

"How this mild-mannered, beautiful woman faced up to such harassment and more than eight years imprisonment in the United States is

absolutely miraculous.

"To think that our government would permit such a trial over which some of the officials were not in agree-

ment was a travesty of justice."

Gunn's book is an excellent factual report and deserves to be read. □

## Bookshelf

### On Buddhism

Tetsuden Kashima, now director of Asian American Studies at the Univ. of Washington, traces the Japanese culture and Buddhist religion of the Issei immigrants, their practice and continuance by the Nisei and Sansei in **BUDDHISM IN AMERICA: The Social Organization of an Ethnic Religious Institution** (Greenwood Press, Westport, Conn 06880, \$17.50, 272 pp).

The study focuses on the Buddhist Churches of America, its struggle to maintain its integrity and help its members in survival and adaptation. Kashima examines the social changes within the wider Japanese American community, the various suborganizations and the future of the ethnic Japanese minority and Buddhist Church in America.

Because his late father was a priest for the Buddhist Churches of America and because the author grew up in or near a Buddhist Church, participating in all phases of church activity, the insights,

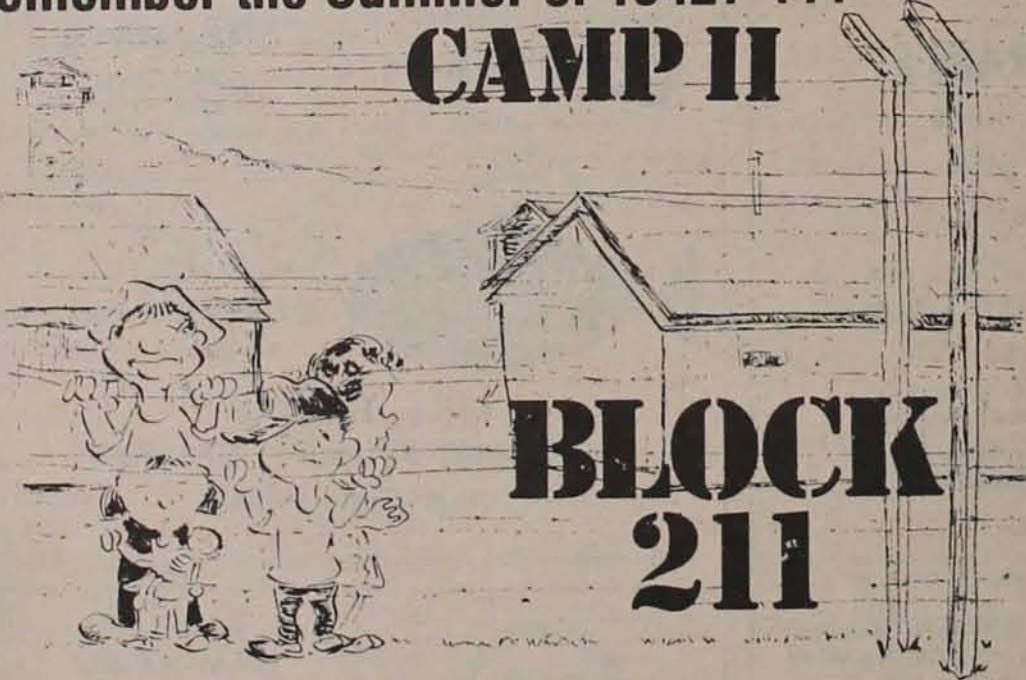
experiences and opinions expressed in this documented book turns out to be the most descriptive and penetrating study to date on the largest Japanese American religious group.—H.H.

### Environmental diet

Another in the series of healthbooks from Japan Publications, Elmsford, N.Y. 10523, **THE BOOK OF MACROBIOTICS: The Way of Life for Health, Happiness and Freedom**, by Michio Kushi (\$7.95) explains food and diet, their relationship to human development and for health and happiness. Recommended examples of diet stress whole grain vegetables (but not all kinds), some fish and herb tea. Pages abound with interesting footnotes:

"Your sweetheart calls you 'honey' and never 'brown rice' or 'whole wheat bread'. This is the beginning of murdering you. You are served beautifully decorated, delicious dishes which are loaded with sugar, cream and spices. And when you become sick by eating them, you are served out-of-season fruits, chemicalized chocolates, and sweetened candies for consolation. When you are killed because of them, your leftover money is spent by your 'honey' for another sweet purpose..."—Michio Kushi.

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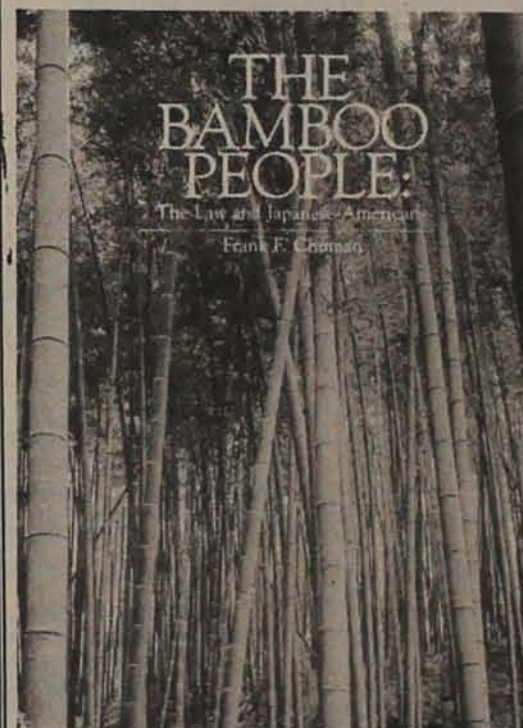
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# Congress airing future of bilingual education

WASHINGTON — Bilingual education programs, along with compensatory education and ethnic heritage studies, should continue to be a major concern to Pacific and Asian Americans in the U.S., Hayden Lee, administrative executive of the Organization for Chinese Americans, Inc., said recently.

Lee's urgings were issued to coincide with Congress' decision on whether to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1974 (ESEA), which includes the one major provision for federally funded bilingual education programs.

Hearings on the bilingual education are scheduled to begin this month in the House of Representatives, with the vote coming some time in May. Legislation passed this year will remain in effect until 1983.

The Carter Administration is requesting an increase from last year's bilingual education budget to \$15 million, all of which has been earmarked for research and program evaluation. Last year's \$135 million budget

will be increased to \$150 million.

The Executive Council of the Organization for Chinese Americans last week opposed the proposed budget, saying it does not allow for expansion, personnel training or curriculum development in bilingual education.

"The indications we have are that the Carter Administration wants to hold back on projects which would provide our children more opportunity for equal education," Lee said.

"While the research studies that they are proposing are needed, we can't sit and watch our community's needs take a back seat. We need more projects, more trained bilingual teachers and more materials," he added.

The organization is supporting an increase of \$65 million in the bilingual education budget, an increase which would put funding level at \$200 million each year for the next five years.

The bilingual education provision (Title VII) allows for research demonstration projects by local education agencies who must apply to

the U.S. Office of Education for federal grants.

Title VII's objective is to evaluate bilingual education as an approach for meeting the needs of limited-English language students and providing them with equal educational opportunity.

Communities with Hispanic populations have received the greatest funding, however the Office of Bilingual Education here estimates about two million students in the U.S. need bilingual education, Lee said.

Conservative estimates show about 13% or 260,000 Pacific and Asian Americans need bilingual education, according to Lee. Total grants to Pacific and Asian American-related projects is less than \$3 million, or only about 3.5% of the total \$85 million for bilingual education projects.

Included under ESEA is Title I, which deals with compensatory education in situations where children are in need of remedial assistance. In many instances, bilingual or English-as-a-Second Language (ESL) training

is provided for low-achieving Asian American students under this act.

The ESEA reauthorization also incorporates special program funds for ethnic heritage grants, Title IX. These grants have enabled several Pacific and Asian American organizations to research and develop curriculum packages for preserving heritages in the U.S.

For many Pacific and Asian American communities, these programs directly affect the quality of education of the communities' children, Lee said.

Bilingual education, compensatory education and ethnic heritage studies ad-

dress to varying degrees the language and cultural problems that have "hampered

and continue to hamper Asian and Pacific American youths," he added.

## chapter pulse

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probate laws were explained by Ken Winslow at the annual Fowler JACL dinner meeting held March 2 at Fresno's Holiday Inn.

The chapter announced its community picnic will be held on April 9 at Woodward Park with Tom Nagata in charge. Mrs. Harry Honda will be in charge of games and prizes.

### ● New York

An art film documentary, "Shinto: Nature, Gods and Man in Japan", relating past and present day practices was shown at the New York JACL meeting Feb. 11 at 6 p.m., at the Madison Ave. Presbyterian Church with over 55 present. Peter Grilli, co-producer of the film and educational director of New York's Japan Society, led a stimulating discussion afterwards.

June Shimokawa, program chairperson, also discussed possible activities for the year and called for vol-

unteers to assist. Evening concluded with dinner at the Priory Restaurant.

Haruko Muranaka was in charge of the meeting and was assisted by Edna Suzuki and Tonya Pulanco. Next chapter meeting is scheduled April 15 when Ron Osajima will chair a forum on equal employment opportunity.

### ● Reno

Sam Wada was sworn in by NC-WN regional director George Kondo as Reno JACL president at the 20th annual installation dinner held recently at Reef Hotel. He succeeds Mrs. Molly Yamashita. National Executive Director Karl Nobuyuki was guest speaker.

Two chapter members, Fred Aoyama and Oscar Fujii, were honored with framed certificates of appreciation. Aoyama was three-time chapter president. Fujii, who first joined JACL as an 18-year-old in the Fresno American Loyalty League nearly 50 years ago, has been a two-term chapter president. Their wives, Hannah Aoyama and Yoshi Fujii, have also served as Reno JACL presidents.

The chapter is sponsoring its annual sukiyaki benefit dinner this Sunday Mar. 19, 2-5 p.m. at Roger Corbett School, 1901 Villanova St., with proceeds earmarked for the chapter scholarship fund. Maybel Date and Jane Yamamoto are co-chairing the dinner.

### ● White River Valley

Isao "Sun" Tsuji was installed president of White River Valley JACL Feb. 18 at the Turtle Too Restaurant in Auburn, Wash. Tomio Moriguchi, past national JACL treasurer, of Seattle was the installing officer.

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Japan has been sending experts to numerous countries in the past decade in the form of overseas technical cooperation. Individual volunteers have also helped develop new frontiers.

Insulated and isolated in our snug and smug cocoon of self-satisfaction, the citizens of highly developed countries, which include most of the Western nations as well as Japan, have paid only lip service to the subject of social concern.

Our social concern ends abruptly, just outside of our 50 by 100 foot lots, or condominium, give or take another few strides. Periodically, we are momentarily made conscious of our external responsibilities by the need to file income taxes and pay real estate assessments. We also doublecheck our receipts when we think that the credit card invoices are a little too high.

Otherwise, we dwell contently in our comfortable, familiar folds, venturing out only for work, for errands, for leisure and for visits to families and selected friends.

Humans are the same almost anywhere, be he a Chinese peasant, an Amazon Indian or a Midwestern farmer. The prosperous seek

diversions and attractions, while the poor look for some way to improve their lots. Both have little interest or inclination to think about others.

In the U.S., the Great Depression of the early 1930s made some form of social action a major domestic issue, spawning NRA, CCC, and WPA; and leaving as legacies, Social Security, wider fringe benefits, medicare and unemployment insurance. The social activism of the 1960s led to the breaching of the discriminatory rules, covenants and laws. These landmark changes took place under the social pressures of the times and not because there had occurred inward, benevolent transformations in our personalities and thinking.

For the most part, the well-to-do remained aloof and apart, while the less fortunate continued their daily scramble for survival. In the U.S., the dual problems of unemployment and so-called poverty are significant but not critical: welfare payments in some states include TVs, cars, appliances and some spending money for small luxuries and the abuse of both unemployment and welfare compensations are fairly widespread.

If marijuana and hard drugs are problems in the States, they became so be-

cause we created a spiritual vacuum that emphasizes physical satisfaction, with little regard or respect for inner sensitivities and that develops no interest or sympathy for other peoples' problems. Unable to achieve higher levels of academic or economic excellence, we turn to other games or diversions: from the innocuous (music, culture, sports, leisure, etc.), the spotty (boozing, gambling, swinging) to the harmful (drugs, cheating, criminal). The statistics bear out these generalities.

Only intermittently, do we make limited efforts to reduce our deficiencies, partially out of social concern, but mostly for political expedience or for social position. Self-centered and egocentric, we program our foreign relations on political considerations instead of social needs.

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Summer hosts

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than our welfare recipients, our social concern should turn to the new frontiers that lie beyond our borders. The Peace Corps (Action) was a step in a positive direction, but seems to have lost its impetus at a time when the U.S. has usable manpower: college graduates who cannot find jobs; young men and women who are no longer subject to Selective Service; unemployed who have many skills, and an increasing pool of retirees experienced in many fields.

Especially for the youth, we need to give them new goals in new lands: to study, to experience and to teach. □

## HARANO

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most diverse in the city, including people of almost every ethnic, religious and cultural background, as well as all socio-economic levels.

Harano said he will seek the endorsement of all the political and community organizations in the area along with the financial support necessary for a successful campaign. He is hopeful that his candidacy will encourage Asians and other people who have not previously been active in political activities to join his campaign and become involved in the electoral process. □

## MIS reunion in Tokyo slated

SAN FRANCISCO — A "grand" reunion for all Military Intelligence Service Language School graduates, teachers and cadre will be held in Tokyo, Nov. 9-11, Aki Oshida, MIS Assn. Northern California president announced.

The reunion will mark the 37th anniversary of the founding of the MIS Language School at the San Francisco Presidio, the 35th anniversary of the reopening of the draft for Japanese Americans and the 33rd an-

niversary of the U.S. occupation of Japan.

Oshida appointed Harry Fukuhara and Raymond Aka, both of Tokyo, and Gene Uratsu and Nobu Yoshimura, of San Francisco, as coordinators of the event. Tad Hirota of Berkeley was named travel committee chairman.

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## pc's people

### ● The Arts

Henry Sugimoto's "Relocation Camp Life Paintings" are on display at Interchurch Center in New York, as part of the 1977 centennial observance of Japanese Christian Church in America. He was evacuated to Jerome WRA Center, where he painted scenes three years until relocating to New York. Two years ago some of his large mural paintings were included in the California Historical Society's traveling exhibit. **Diane Suda**, a UC Berkeley student, was elected to the board of trustees of the Performing Arts Services, Inc. in San Francisco.

### ● Business

Kelly Kitagawa resigned as director of the Community Involvement Program at Univ. of the Pacific, saying he wants to further his private business interests. Kitagawa, son of For the Record

Japan's trade surplus for 1977 is \$8 billion rather than \$18 billion as was noted in Frank Fukazawa's report (PC Mar. 3). Japan sold \$18 billion to the U.S., which only sold \$10 billion to Japan for the \$8 billion balance in favor of Japan.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kitagawa of Stockton, has spent five years with CIP, three as assistant director and two as director.

### ● Courtroom

Richard Lim, 18, reputed member of the San Francisco Wah Ching Gang, was sentenced to three years in prison for extortion. He pleaded guilty last month to extorting \$60 and a \$2,000 jade ring from William P. Siao, manager of a Chinatown savings and loan office last November.

### ● Government

Sen. Daniel Inouye received the National Intelligence Distinguished Service Medal, the highest recognition given in intelligence work. CIA Director Adm. Stansfield Turner said Inouye was the "principal architect" of the improved relationship between the Senate and the intelligence community and that he was firm and fair in heading the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence activities for two years.

Paul Hiura, 41, owner of the Hiura food processing plant in Watsonville, Calif. was named to the city planning commission recently by the city council. He replaces George Couch, who resigned. Married and the father of four children, Hiura is also the new Watsonville JACL president.



Robert Nakagawa

Robert Y. Nakagawa is the lone Japanese American selected to serve as a Workers' Compensation judge. He, with nine others, was sworn in recently by Chief Justice Rose Bird in Sacramento. Nakagawa was born in Minidoka Relocation Center in Hunt, Idaho in 1944. The youngest of the new judges, Nakagawa was reared in Chicago and attended the Univ. of Illinois, where he received a BS in electrical engineering. In 1966, he came to southern California to work for Northrop Corp. and entered UCLA law school a year later. In another four years, he was admitted to the state bar. A resident and bachelor of Redondo Beach, Nakagawa is the son of the late Roy S. Nakagawa and Helen Fumi Nakagawa. **Mike Terasaki**, 22, formerly a Hollister police reserve, became a Gilroy policeman this year. A native of Watson-

ville, he holds an Associate of Natural Science degree from Gavilan College and graduated from the Central Coast Counties Police Academy at Gavilan.

Newly-appointed judge Kathryn Doi Todd of the L.A. Municipal Court installed officers of the Japanese American Bar Assn. at Grand Star restaurant recently. Honored at the second annual event was Judge Robert Higa, named to the municipal court at the same time as Doi, and Robert Nakagawa, jurist with the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board. Guest speaker was L.A. district attorney John Van de Kamp.

### ● Health

Dr. Rodger T. Kame, assistant professor at the So. Calif. College of Optometry, was a guest lecturer in Honolulu before a postgraduate seminar discussing the latest physiological considerations related to contact lenses and demonstrated slit lamp biomicroscopy techniques. The Little Tokyo optometrist is a fellow of the American Academy of Optometry and a Diplomate in the Contact Lens Section and past president of the L.A. County Optometric Society.

### ● Honors

Recent Pacific Northwest honorees of decorations from Japan for promoting U.S.-Japan friendship were Iwao Matsushita, longtime U.W. Japanese language instructor and principal of the Seattle Japanese Language School, Order of the Sacred Treasure, 5th Class; the Rev. Shigeo Shimada, retired Methodist minister at Spokane, OST, 5th Class; Hideto Iwata, Seattle Japanese Language School instructor, and Masaji Watanabe, Seattle newspaperman, OST, 6th Class; Yonezo Taniguchi and Kinji Kanda, both of Tacoma-Puyallup Valley. Fred K. Tsutsui, the 1977 recipient of the Japan Agriculture Society Award, was honored at a recognition dinner recently at the Moongate Restaurant in Panorama City. Pasadena Troop 41, sponsored by the Japanese Cultural Institute, recently held ceremonies elevating three to Eagle Scout rank. They were Ronald K. Fujitaki, son of the Roy Fujitakis of Altadena; Kevin Koga, son of the Lawrence Kogas of Altadena; and Leigh T. Sato, son of the Frank Satus of Pasadena. Carson City Clerk Helen Kawagoe was guest speaker. Lawrence Koga is troop scoutmaster.

Gardena High School senior Laurie Taira was selected as the GHS representative for the 1978 Presidential Classroom for Young Americans. Active in political science, she is presently Gardena High's representative to the California Junior Statesman Foundation.

Kay Ishii won the first annual Outstanding Citizen Award, sponsored by the El Camino Lions Club. A graduate of CSU Los Angeles, Mrs. Ishii has served as a YMCA youth leader, camp director and is president of the Amestoy Elementary School PTA. She and her husband, George, who is

also an active YMCA worker, have three children and reside in Gardena.

### ● Organizations

Joanne Onaga was installed as president of the Calif. Japanese Ceramic Arts Guild, Los Angeles. Cabinet includes Tom Takahashi, first vp; Evelyn Muraoka, 2nd vp; Carol Miura McCormack, sec; Tom Akashi, treas; Rose Nishio, hist; and Hisa Shiba Olds, publ.

Young O Kim, a retired full colonel in the U.S. Army, was installed for another year as president of the 442nd Veterans Assn. of So. California in ceremonies conducted in Santa Monica. Gardena councilman Vincent H. Okamoto, a Vietnam veteran, was guest speaker who paid tribute to the fallen Japanese American GI of World War II. Kim, a Korean American, began his army career with the 100th Battalion and spent 30 years in service. He served as a captain, second lieutenant in WW II and later fought in the Korean war as a lieutenant colonel. Robert Kanagawa (CCDC-JACL governor) was elected to the board of directors of the Orange Cove-Sanger Assn. He was one of six Sanger area orange growers elected. Clay Kodama was installed as president of the Oriental Builders Assn. at a recent dinner at the Los Angeles Bonaventure Hotel. He replaces Roy Nakao, who was presented a state resolution for his past service by Assemblyman Paul Bernal. Former Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs and ex-Ambassador to Japan, U. Alexis Johnson, was elected president of the Japan America Society of Washington D.C. New headquarters are located at 1302-18th St., NW Suite 704.

### ● Science

Washington JACler Dr. Alvin T. Onaka has been invited by the National Academy of Sciences for a two-year assignment as a Visiting U.S. Scientist at the Radiation Effects Research Foundation (formerly the Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission) in Hiroshima. The Honolulu native will be doing biostatistical work while his wife Margaret pursues her nursing career. The Hawaii board of medical examiners revoked the license of Richard You, a Honolulu doctor who served as a physician for two U.S. Olympic teams and is a USOC member. The state attorney general's office petitioned the board to revoke You's license, charging that drugs purchased with prescriptions from You may be a "significant source of drugs illicitly trafficked on the streets of Honolulu, for abuseful rather than medical purposes." You's attorney, Richard Kim, said he would appeal the decision.

### ● Sports

Milwaukee Brewer general manager Harry Dalton has decided Lenn Sakata of Honolulu will be his new starting second baseman this season. The Sansei major leaguer is winding up winter season play in Venezuela.

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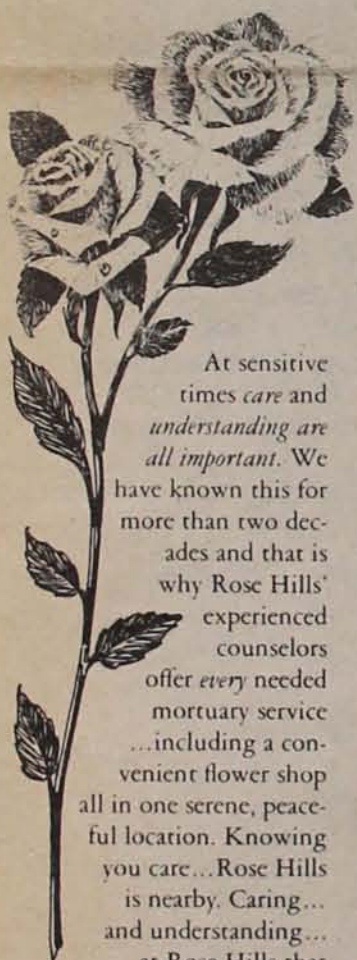
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