California has one more Nikkei mayor

The number of Japanese American mayors in California has risen to eight, with the recent appointment of Kenichi Nishino as the chief executive of Hemet, a suburb in Riverside County.

Nishino, a 62-year-old nurseryman from California, was elected as mayor by fellow members of the city council. He is the first non-white to serve in an elected position in the city government.

In other mayoral actions, accolades were bestowed on Carson mayor Sak Yamamoto, who broke traditional barriers by becoming the first councilman to consecrate terms as mayor. Yamamoto, owner of Paradise Trailer Lodge, said Nishino had put forth an extra effort in paving the way for younger

Ken Nishino

He was unanimously voted in as mayor by fellow councilmen March 14. Previously, he had run for the city’s vice mayor four years.

Nishino was first elected to office at age 57, having run for re-election coming on the heels of a heated public works debate. He finished with the support of the Hemet American political organization.

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GLEN DORA, Calif. — Former San Gabriel Valley JACL president Kaz Mayamura died Mar. 28 in Los Angeles. He was 58, survived by widow Kayoko. three sons and a daughter.

Born in Utah and educated in Japan, he had been active in the San Gabriel Valley Japanese American community. He contracted the disease about a year and a half ago. JACLs around the country responded to a call from the JACL-Pacific Southwest District call for blood. He was one of six former Los Angeles County JACL presidents to respond.

Mrs. Mayamura again acknowledged the help of JACLers in the call for blood.

Mack M. Miyazaki

Mack M. Miyazaki has completed all the requirements to be certified as a Qualifying Member of the 1978 Million Dollar Round Table for the sixth consecutive year. An independent, international association of life insurance agents, membership in the Million Dollar Round Table reflects a commitment to continuing advanced education to accommodate the financial security needs of families, individuals and businesses. His continuous qualification for the fifth year in earning the National Quality Award and the fourth year in earning the Million Dollar Round, reflect the highest order of professional and profound dedication to the principles of life insurance as excellence for America.
Civil rights group seeks Evacuation data

ESTES PARK, Colo. — The foremost civil rights agency of the U.S. government was urged to undertake an official study to ascertain how much was lost during the 1942-45 Evacuation by persons of Japanese ancestry now seeking reparations. A resolution introduced by Minoru Yasui of the Colorado State Advisory Committee to the U.S. Civil Rights Commission was unanimously passed during the March 18-21 conference of Region VIII advisory committees, covering the states of Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota.

The Civil Rights Commission was further urged to coordinate a national informational effort to make its findings known as a matter of simple, fundamental justice.

Yasui, executive director of the Denver Commission on Community Relations, said he still believes that the U.S. government should respond to all Japanese Americans as a group "because the government treated us as a suspect group in 1942" and added for that reason he disagrees with the concept of individual reparation.

Chair Isihikawa of Salt Lake City of the Utah advisory committee was among the 26 delegates present at the three-day conference.

Text of the resolution follows:

"Japanese American Reparation

Whereas, during 1942-46, 73,000 American citizens and 10,000 legal residents of Japanese ancestry were incarcerated under military deten­tion by the United States government, as a result of a racist campaign of witchhunts and machine gun posts without formal accusation or charges of any crime, and without trial or judicial process, all because of national origin or ancestry.

Whereas, the financial losses of over $1,500 million, incurred by these citizens, have exceeded $400 million according to tabulations by the interministerial task force.

Whereas, Harold V. Ito, of which approximately $500 million, or 81%, have been approved.

Whereas, the people of the United States must establish as a matter of principle the doctrine of monetary recompense as a matter of national policy.

Whereas, the United States prides itself as a leader in the maintenance of justice and democracy of the world.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the regional conference of advisory committees of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission, assembled as the Rocky Mountain regional advisory council at Estes Park, Colorado on March 19-21, 1978, that the U.S. Civil Rights Commission be urged to undertake an official study to ascertain statistical data and monetary figures related to such reparation to persons of Japanese ancestry who have been forced to evacuate their homes in the United States and the Japanese American Reparation Task Force.

And, Further, Be It Resolved that the U.S. Civil Rights Commission be urged to coordinate a national informational effort to make sure factual data in regard to this matter be known throughout the United States, as a matter of simple, fundamental justice.

March 21, 1978
Estes Park, Colorado

New guidelines to determine employers who discriminate

WASHINGTON — "Internal evidence" criteria in deciding what employers to charge with race and sex discrimination in hiring were issued March 21 by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Though general in wording, the new guidelines reflect an emphasis hereinafter described as "systemic pattern of practice" in discrimination cases as well as help reduce the stress of checking out thousands of individual complaints filed by workers who believe they have been victims of bias.

Eleanor Holmes Norton, the new EEOC chairman, ex­pected the new approach to result in a sizeable number of class action suits.

Systemic discrimination is described as "institutional­ized employment practices," which, although often neutral in intent, operate to keep minorities and women from job opportunities available to others.

Under the new guidelines, proceedings may be brought against employers who:

- Maintain hiring practices that result in "few utilization of available minorities and women.
- Employ such persons at a "substantial" lower rate than do other em­ployers in the same labor market en­gaging workers with the same type of skills.
- Employ substantial numbers of minorities and women but at a "significantly lower" rates in the right paying positions.
- Maintain recruitment, hiring, job assignment promotion, discharge and other work policies that have an "adverse impact on minorities and women and are not justified by bus­iness necessity.
- Have bad employment practices that deter minorities and women who are likely to serve as models for other employers because of their size, impact on the local economy or competitive position in the industry.

APAFEC Chapter formed

WASHINGTON—The Asian and Pacific American Federal Employees Council announced a Foreign Affairs Chapter was organized in March with members from the State Dept., Agency for International De­velopment, ACTION, Agriculture Dept., and Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

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FDIC regulations impose substantial interest penalties upon premature withdrawal.
It’s now up to U.S. business to boost sales in Asia

By Clifford L. Uyeda

This has been the manner in which the public perceives us than in our own understanding of ourselves. The public in general does not distinguish Japanese Americans from the Japanese nationals, not in appearance but more significantly in their concept.

The fact is, we are Americans. We are part of the Japanese national definition of ancestry, a second identity retained by all Americans. We are more at a loss in Japan than in the United States. The impression of the food, the customs, and more significantly the manner in which we think identifies us as Americans, distinct from the Japanese nationals.

By S.S. HAYAKAWA

American manufacturers and producers can increase their market share by doing a better job of market research and by becoming more aggressive salesmen. This is the conclusion I reached after visiting Japan briefly in January 1978 to meet with business leaders, government officials and agricultural organizations.

“You asked for it. You got it,” is the slogan for one of the Japanese automobiles sold in the United States. From Ford to Honda, Japanese manufacturers have been so successful in selling us everything from cameras to televisions that it is hard to think of anything we won’t buy. The only exception is Japanese cars, which are too large for many Americans.

Americans developed the techniques for market research and mass merchandising. Now the Japanese are using those very techniques to sell their products. But we have not yet used these techniques to increase the markets in Japan.

True, there is a resistance in Japan to American and other foreign products. There are several understandable reasons for this resistance, and it can be overcome with the proper approach.

The story of the resistance to manufactured products is based on design. We design for Americans, and for Europeans who are very much like Americans in size and taste. The Japanese who live here are more like the British about imported food. We relax, sell manufactured goods all around the world and import the food they need. We also do not have the same history with Japan as we do with other countries. While it takes time, patience, and a far-reaching educational campaign to dissolve these fears about food self-sufficiency.

I tried to convince the few people whom I met in January that the Japanese should be more like the British about imported food. If the Japanese could relax, sell manufactured goods all around the world and import the food they need, we would have a much smaller market for our products. The Japanese like American products, but they need smaller size, similar to those we find in American houses. They need smaller pieces, designed for a different body type. The Japanese like American products, but they need smaller size, similar to those we find in American houses. They need smaller pieces, designed for a different body type.

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The Kikkoman people used television very effectively to define soy sauce as something that we need. They showed Americans using soy sauce on their hamburgers and other American foods. As a result, Americans can find Kikkoman soy sauce in supermarkets in almost every state in the Union. They may be the kind of market research and selling we have to do in Japan.

Japan is a prosperous country. Despite producer resistance to agricultural imports, Japanese consumers are enthusiastic about the products of the United States and other friendly countries. While it takes time, patience, and a far-reaching educational campaign to dissolve these fears about food self-sufficiency.

The story of Kikkoman soy sauce illustrates how well the Japanese have done a market research job in the United States. One of the companies that American producers might bring the price down through the normal process of competition.

The second thing we can find a market in luxury goods. This might start with luxury automotive goods, followed by a right-hand drive. But it can extend to the very large gift-giving market. Japanese love to give gifts to one another when they visit. It is part of their tradition. At airports and railroad stations you see counters and counters of beautifully wrapped gifts. Fruit is very popular, but terribly expensive. A single melon, beautifully wrapped, will sell for $10, $12, or more.

Americans could enter this gift market, provided we did not give the gift in a way that Japanese would find offensive. I’ve seen American gifts of expensive items that were sent to Japanese officials by American companies. It’s not what color, size, or creed we choose as the American by standing up for the American is very much alive and kicking.

The next step is up to American business, to use their proven market research and mass merchandising to create new markets in Japan.
Salt Lake City

I must have been less than four years old, since I was not yet in school, when my curiosity about truth began. An Italian fish peddler used to regularly come to the California neighborhood where I was born. His arrival was announced by the sound of a horn attached to his truck. At that signal housewives hurried to the corner where fish was sold from the smelly van.

One morning, I heard my mother and grandmother complaining that the peddler tried to pawn off less desirable cuts, particularly tail pieces, to children. My grandmother seemed content to acknowledge each gift and send the peddler on his way past other customers. One of them will know how dumb you are,” she said. “And you are always quick to politely demur. The peddler insisted that they have their turn.

My mother was a person of rare intelligence. She was a prolific writer who, with the help of her husband, would often write letters to newspapers. She seemed content to do something to the mystery of girls changing into women.

It seems now that I never grew old enough, in my mother’s eyes, to know the truth. As truth I saw it, sometimes ugly and brutal. When I was entering mid-life, past spankings, I persisted in telling me I talked too much, asked too many questions, sounded dumb. It was her favorite put-down, a way to avoid confrontation.

Five years ago she was hospitalized for the last time. I knew she was dying, slipping in and out of secret dreams. One day she made a complete and abrupt return. Thoughtful friends had sent flowers and plants. There were so many the overflow was kept in the house and fed to the fish. The peddler had seen content to acknowledge each gift and send the peddler on his way.

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The situation was exacerbated by the attitude of many Nationalist government officials who acted more like conquerors than liberators. Their arrogance upset the Taiwanese, and many said they were back under Japanese rule which, also, was callous and sometimes savage.

I have always felt intensified by the provincialism of the Chinese who speak many different dialects and eat different kinds of food. We, myself included, of them to look on strangers—even other Chinese—with suspicion if not loathing.

But time, education and a calculated government program have done much to eradicate the hostility. All this was evidenced last week, near the beginning of this month, when the government manifested the choice of a sixth generation Taiwanese, Shih Tung-min, as vice president.

There are still Taiwanese—most obviously outside the country—who are working for independence of their island as a separate nation. But there are many more who have become members or backers of the Nationalist government in Taiwan, and have accepted important leadership roles in national and provincial government. The Nationalists were given the presidency in 1949.

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JACL-Hagiwara student aid application deadline June 30

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. — Applications for a 1978 Hagiwara Student Aid grant are available from all JACL regional offices and the National Headquarters in San Francisco.

This program, which is in its tenth year, awards one-time grants in amounts ranging from $500 to $1000 to college students who show a definite financial need in order to continue their education. The unique aspect of this program is that there is no age limit and the grants can be used to attend any college, university, high school, trade or vocational institution.

District legal fund benefits from art show

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif. — The Northern California-Western Nevada JACL District Legal Fund Assistance again benefited from proceeds of the Japanese American National Museum's annual fund drive, which was held May 17-19 at the Mayfield Mall shopping center here.

The exhibit, getting ready now for a June 25-Aug. 12 run, is sponsored by the museum in cooperation with the Japanese American National Committee. Mrs. Margie Iseke, a watercolor artist, is chairman of the museum exhibit committee. Some of her paintings will be offered to her exhibit to support the fund drive.

Participating artists whose works are not juried, earmark a portion of their sales receipts for the legal assistance fund.

The fund, administered by committee headed by Stephen Nakashima of San Jose, is expended for racial discrimination in real estate cases. Dependent entirely on contributions, donations are being accepted for the fund.

Health fair

LOS ANGELES — With the Little Tokyo Health Committee closing its withdrawal of Mar. 30 as a part of the broad-based campaign to get Japanese Americans healthier, there was some question of its prospects. Health-conscious sponsors of the health fair being brought off the ground throughout the Southland would be able to continue these projects in Little Tokyo.

Sign Up One New JACLer

OMAHA, Neb. — To prepare for the upcoming 1978 JACL convention in July, the national JACL District Council will meet April 7-9 at the Rodeway Inn on Interstate 80 and 287 to discuss reorganization, program, Nisei retirement and the budget for all Nisei to be major items at the national convention, it was announced by Mrs. Kawamoto, district governor.

Visiting chapter delegates will be greeted at a special evening fellowship at the Inn from 5 to 7 p.m. The business gets underway at 9 a.m. Saturday after greetings from JACL president Dr. Peter Suzuki. National and district reports follow and in-depth discussions on repatriation, youth and retirement after Japanese center rated top ten

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — The Japanese community center programs were rated among the top 10 by evaluators of agencies being assisted by Sacramento County's revolving sharing, the Sacramento County.

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Atomic Bomb Survivors in the U.S.A. (ABSS) agreed with Nobuyuki. Because the Japanese government promotes the care, treatment and twice annual check-ups of its A-Bomb survivors, Kuramoto said American victims were traveling overseas to seek aid.

"The survivors need something," he said. "In the people's testimony, 'The Nisei are left out and forgotten.'"

Kuramoto has written President Carter, asking financial assistance for another: Japan Medical mission to the U.S., similar to the one in Spring 1979. Kuramoto's letter was forwarded to the State Department, in the mistaken belief he was a Japanese national. The department explained that giving aid to victims of his race of origin would be inconsistent with American policy.

Kuramoto said the plea should have been answered by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. "One of my classmates, a section of the State Department," he said, "and I consider the people's testimony, 'I am an American—not a Japanese national like they think of me.'"

"To me, JACL should provide the backbone that has been confused Japanese Americans with Japanese national institutions," he said of his correspondence to the White House. "Now, I only demand my rights.

Though four years ago he was met with intense nazi-targeted outbursts of a general public, Kuramoto said efforts to pass HR 5250 are met favorably now.

He, together with Kaz Su- yeishi, vice president of CABS, and Minoru Tanaka, Pushed for the bill's passage. In all, they have led and recruited national and local survivors to the organization.

Other witnesses at the hearings included:

Kats Kunitsugu, representing Tsu- eyuki Minakata, a CABS member who was the Joe Yamamoto, director of UCLA's Adult Ambulatory Care Services; Dr. Mamei Ippa, surgeon, at CUH Northridge; Dr. Sam Morimoto, Immediate Care, O.C. and JACL Advisory Board; Dr. John Az-of, director of Health Services in Japan, Okinawa National Laboratory, Tokyo, and Max Okazaki, the chairman of the committee on legislation, Community Relations Conference of Southern California.

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...majority of SCC students are adults...more and more do...they're there just because...it's as if...they're saying, 'Teach me what you can. I've already made up my mind, but if you can teach me anything, fine.'

As the students change, teachers also change and Fujimoto has tried to find ways to meet the differences in styles, techniques and tastes. So much so he has even thought of installing a hard rock sound system in some study rooms of the library.

Vocational education is another area being weighed by the administration. Through it all, he remains SCC's key strategist, ever maintaining he's not a "hatchback man" for anybody...just a college president trying to do a good job.

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