14 Nikkei nominated for Friendship Commission

SAN FRANCISCO—Names of 14 nominees for vacancies on the Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission were submitted this past week (Mar. 31) by JACL National Headquarters to the State Department.

Four vacancies are expected in Mar. JACL is disputing the lack of Nikkei involvement on the panel.

Asian named to immigration advisory panel

WASHINGTON—Four Asians named Mar. 29 to the Federal Advisory Committee on Immigration Disputing the lack of Nikkei involvement on the panel, respectively.

Bannai poll: 70% favor Jarvis-Gann plan

Los Angeles: A survey recently taken by Americans shows 70% of the state's support for the controversial Jarvis-Gann Proposition. The June 6 California ballot to reduce property taxes.

The Jarvis Initiative was overwhelmingly the most favored method, followed by the state assuming education and welfare burdens, and then the placing of bonding limits on local government.

The Behr amendment was the least acceptable proposal, according to the survey.

The survey noted that in property tax relief would require either a reduction in local services or an increase in other taxes. Constituents were asked what services they thought should be reduced if the need arose.

Nearly half of the respondents said reductions could be made in the area of housing and urban development or renewal. Leased favored areas of reduction including public safety, fire and police, and public services.

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Honors Medal awarded Nisei teaching mentally retarded

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. — Joanne Iritani was recently awarded the Freedom Foundation Teacher's Honor Medal for her work with trainable mentally retarded students at Rafer Johnson School here.

The foundation annually recognizes teachers displaying exceptional efforts to teach patriotism, responsible citizenship and a better understanding of America. Iritani, on staff at Rafer Johnson since 1966, coordinates programs involving students in music and art. She directed the school's Bicentennial Program as well as other special events. In her music program, older children are taught to play flutophones and record.

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Kelly, in turn, was attracted to the project after discussions with Rep. Philip Burton (D-Calif.) and his administrative aide Bob Kiyota.

Burton has done much to help further any action taken in regard to the Friendship Act and Commission. Kiyota is a San Francisco JACL member. JACL concerns on the Friendship Act will focus on the framing of more grass roots projects once the commission's make-up is completed to satisfaction.

Joanne Iritani

San Francisco Japantown marks its 11th annual Cherry Blossom Festival over two weekends, April 13-16 and April 20-23. A 2½ hour grand parade with some 800 dancers and musicians from Japan climaxes the festival on Sunday afternoon, April 23. Young Nonsense dancers (above) pass by the Peace Pagoda in Japantown.

COORDINATORS SOUGHT

PAC opens Washington office

SAN JOSE, Calif. — The Pacific Asian Coalition is establishing a Washington Office to strengthen its efforts to advocate and facilitate the delivery of human services to Pacific/Asian American communities, it was announced by Dr. Mary Watanabe of Philadelphia, PAC national president of Philadelphia.

Search for a Washington coordinator to establish and maintain the office is now underway with an April 22 filing deadline for applications. Care of: PAC National Office, Wash’n Community, Suite 210, 1760 Sutter St., San Francisco 94115.

Meantime, the PAC has received its fifth year grant from the National Institute of Mental Health to continue its program. Its national board of directors, headed by Mary Watanabe of Philadelphia, convened Mar. 17-19 in New York City. Members include: Marge Tatsukawa, Denver; Dennis Tachik, St. Paul; Niki Anch, San Diego; Lee Yorng Shin, Atlanta; Robert Sarchi, Amherst, Mass.; Ray Fusan, Seattle; and Ann Tanaka, Honolulu. Core Come — Louise Law, Phil. University; Poale Wong, Toronto; George Woo, San Francisco; and Nancy Tani, Stockton.

Dinner with debate

L.A. Japansese-American Bar Assn. dinner April 19, 5 p.m., at Golden Palace Restaurant will feature a debatible arterial candidacy for the office of State Attorney General. Yvonne Brehm and Burt Squires for the Democratic nomination and the Republican candidate, George Deukmejian. Tickets at $15 may be obtained through Ernest Hirahama (774-9058) JABC president.

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City School District for 13 years. The teacher's parents were natives of Japan—her mother being one of the last Japanese immigrants allowed in the U.S. before the Exclusion Act of 1924. She and her husband, Frank, have three children.

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The survey, however, had other views. “Property taxes should fund only property related services,” one respondent said, while another offered, “I consider SB 1 small step in the right direction but no reason to vote against Prop. 13.”

One other constituent said, “If wasteful spending was eliminated, no taxes would have to be increased.”

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The Arts
Ruth Asawa, a leading figure in San Francisco art circles, currently has an exhibition showing at the Fresno Art Center. The show is retrospective, showing the watercolor works Asawa did some 30 years ago while a student with Josef Albers at Black Mountain College. Bowen and two wire sculptures, lithographs, and plaster and paper projects are also displayed. Asawa first achieved national recognition in the 50s for her specialized style of wire sculpture. A recent work bringing her acclaim was a relief for a fountain at the JAPAN Garden in San Francisco. Charles Y. Lee was recently succeeded as chairman of the Securities (Calif.) Art Commission.

Business
Herbert G. Kawasaki was named a vice president of JPS & Co., Inc. recently. He joined hitomi in 1953 as an account executive, was promoted to assistant manager of one of the firm's three L.A. branches in 1966, and was named vice president and regional sales manager. A graduate of UCLA, Kawasaki is also a member and co-chairman of the National Assn. of Securities Dealers.

Bill Iwata was appointed president of First Bank of South Longmont, Lakewood. A mathematics graduate from Colorado College in 1969, his banking career began in 1970 as an accountant with Westland Bank. Nakahara Paul Hayashi, partner in the San Francisco investment firm of Kamakura & Campbell, is president of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Northern California. Edward Urn of Warmsville & Company serves as chairman of Aircraft Pharmacy for 18 years, has bought part-interest, owner Robert NTT bonds recalled

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transferred to the Justice Department, "a

problems presumably

district council and more specifically

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last forgotten files at home. A set

was sent to us this past week.

Some of the gems, we note these:

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Watching Peking Opera

Taipei, Taiwan
My old friend Lee Chia, who is the Chinese
Central News Agency's longtime Tokyo bureau chief of a
talented family. His son Victor is news
director of KRON, the San Francisco TV
station. And his wife Topaz has won con-
siderable acclaim as a Peking opera per-
former, the Peking relating to the
notoriety of any European opera. The
operation in which Topaz starred has a no-
ridor prince minister, his beautiful
daughter (Topaz), a young prince still not
quite dry behind the ears who covets her,
and owning all of the ladies in the
show pretends to be nutty as a Chinese
mooncake. The prince, of course, is not
foiled, and the loves do not have to be
enforced.

I noticed two things when I entered
the hall. The first was an unmistakable aroma
flavoured the air. This indicated that on Taiwan
the custom to dine on garlic-flavored foods
before attending the opera. The next
were the signs on each of the stage.
Two languages, Chinese and English
what the Chinese part said, but the
English said "No Smoking" and "Keep Quiet.
Science believed to be observing the
former, but they magically ignored the
latter, particularly when the pace of the onstage
performance lagged. On many occasions
everyone seemed to find the time ripe for
catching up on the latest gossip with his
neighbors.

The gentleman in the next seat appeared
to speak no English, and since I
spoke no Chinese, we kept our opinions
our own. Nevertheless, it would notice, how-
ever, that he kept his felt hat on top of his
head throughout the performance. It real-
ly wasn't that drafty in the hall, so pre-
muneply seated and alegar with garlic
part of going to the opera.

As the final scene wound down to a con-
fusion, I was startled to see half the audience
rise and start hurriedly for the exits, just
like the crowd at a National Basketball Assn. game when there are only 90 seconds on the clock. The
home team is 20 points behind and has just
committed another turnover. By the time
the principals of the cast appeared for a brief
curtain call half the seats were empty.
Later, Lee Chia explained that early exits
are not necessarily a negative reaction to
performance: audiences prudently
by try for a head start out the hall so they are
fairly certain of getting a seat on the bus for the ride home.

Incidentally, although I unfortunately
understood none of the singing on stage, I
complimented both Topaz and her hus-
band for an excellent performance.

One of the most interesting people I met
on my trip to Taiwan was the former,
Vice-President of Diario La Razon of Guayaquil, Ecuador.
Diario La Razon, he explained, means
literally English. Yulee spoke
English with distinctly Spanish inflections and
looked somewhat Oriental. I asked
about that, too, and he told me that his father
was a full-blooded Chinese whose
family had migrated to Ecuador; his
mother was half Chinese and half Ecu-
dorian. But he, a striking woman
nearly six feet tall, was an ethnic Chinese
born and reared in Peru.

His name, Yulee, is of the orthodox Chinese
in Ecuador, Sr. Yulee said, but virtually
nothing Japanese. He didn't know why, but at the
moment that didn't matter because we
turned our attention to the next banquet
course which was double boiled whelk
and mushroom soup. The whelk you can
have, but the soup and mushrooms are
delicious.

Japanese Elderly

By Clifford I. Uyeda

A prevalent myth that Japanese Americans
were few and far between, and hence
income above that of the national
average. What is hidden from view in
the national median income figures is
the plight of the Japanese elderly. One
out of five have incomes less than poverty
level.

The Japanese elderly at 8 percent
approximates the national average.
However, 41 percent of this group
are age 75 and over. They're also
two-year-old and 64 age group, three of
twenty-four were Nisei according to the
1970 Census figures. In the past two
years the proportion of Nisei over
Issei has increased markedly. In addition, the
Census Bureau has acknowledged an
undercount, especially for females
55 and over.

Unfortunately the Asian data are
restricted to state level, a problem.
Up-to-date information is not provided
for Asian Americans as for other
minority groups such as Black and Spanish
origin population.

Although the Japanese American
families in 1969 had a median income of
$12,515 as compared to the national
median income of $9,596, the 47,000

Japanese Elderly

PART XXI

Japanese Americans in 1965 and over had a
denser median income than the total elderly population. It was $2,482 a year for
males and $1,312 for females. Forty per-
cent of the males and 63 percent of the
females had income of less than $2,000
per year.

In spite of the lower income the elderly
Japanese (and Chinese and Filipinos)
re-
ceived lower social security income
benefits than families of other races.

Therefore, contrary to popular myth
many Japanese Americans have
very low median income on which to
subsist, many are below poverty level,
and many are alone.

Much of this was due to their being
expelled from the West Coast at
the height of their productive years.

For the old age, they had lost everything
they worked for.

The ideals which had lighted my way, and
time after time have given me new courage
to face life cheerfully, have been Kindness, Faith,
and Truth . . . The trite subjects of human
A efforts—possessions, outward success, luxu-
y—have always seemed to me contemptible.

—ALBERT EINSTEIN
J. From HQ

BUDGET—The budget for the 1978-1980 biennium is still under review at Headquarters. A final discussion and recommendation will be resolved at the EXECOM meeting in May. Headquarters has identified the real costs of running the organization at a maintenance level rather than expected. Inflation, past mismanagement, and a large debt incurred by the last two bienniums, were identified as the prime problems for the need of a larger budget.

PERSONNEL—Nationwide recruitment for the Washington Representative and the Assistant National Director is closed. Interviews for both positions will begin soon. Travel Coordinator Yuko Fujishima, is with Headquarters and is looking forward to serving the JACL Travel Program. She wants to assist and make the program a worthwhile experience for members.

CONVENTION—Headquarters urges all Chapters and Districts to obtain advertising for the Convention booklet by April 30. The Convention booklet will have a minimum readership of 81,000. Also, send in Chapter profiles to be included in the booklet. For information, contact Headquarters.

PUBLIC RELATIONS—The National Director recently appeared on two television programs discussing the JACL and the problems of Japanese Americans in the San Francisco Bay Area... Headquarters staff also installed a new sign at the SARS Savannah Valley Chapter, met with Pat Okura and spoke with students from the Univ. of Hawaii.

YOUTH—The National Board established a scholarship committee. Mrs. Tsurumaru, of the University of Chicago, will be the first award in June, 1978... A revised Youth Handbook is being prepared for all JACL members.

ATOMIC BOMB SURVIVORS—Testimony was heard on March 31 in Los Angeles from atomic bomb survivors, medical, social service and government witness at the Congressional Hearings on the A-Bomb Survivors Bill HR 5150. The National Director also testified in behalf of the bill to provide medical and mental health services to the survivors.

TAX COLLECTORS—Taxes and licenses will be available on the Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission in May, 1978, through vacancies on CULCON. National has a procedure developed for all interested persons. Questions should be directed to Headquarters.

WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVE—The Washington Office, through its proposal personnel, is working on the Manila Film Festival, hibakusha, Japanese American social and identity are being planned.

Officers from Districts have been announced by June.

American community is still the most important objective of the REPARATION Committee. A total of 3,062,500 was identified as the prime problems for the need of a larger budget.

APRIL 19 (Wednesday) A forum on equal employment opportunity and affirmative action will be co-sponsored by the JACL and New York and New Jersey Pacific Asian Coalition. The forum is from 3 to 6 p.m. at Columbia University.

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The program committee has outlined the year's plans for the chapter. Following the Cerritos and AA Forum April 15, the board will host a reception for Kari Nishibayashi, the chapter's national director, at open board meeting April 28. A Nisei retirement meeting, a follow-up to last year's session, will be held sometime in May. A scholarship award dinner and dance is scheduled for June, with a Japanese American awareness program.

SACRAMENTO The Sacramento JACL Women's Auxiliary will hold its annual spring potluck dinner on Saturday, May 13, at the Japanese United Methodist Church, 6292 Franklin Blvd. Those who are interested are expected to call Sandie Ito (366-9983) or Gladys Matsuki (251-3990). JACL auxiliary members staffed an exhibit booth in early March during the An-Noboru Community Awareness Conference scheduled in October.

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BY THE BOARD:

Data Sharing

By CHUCK KUBOKAWA
NC-WNDC Governor

While in Canada in early March visiting my in-laws in Toronto (Chuck was guest speaker at the 20th anniversary event of McMaster University's engineering department), I was visited by the Annex, a storefront drop-in center for Japanese Canadians in the middle of town.

An experimental outreach station, the Annex has limited funding from the Province of Ontario monthly lottery and community donations. The Annex is having problems making ends meet. It is asking for furniture, chairs, tables, etc.

I dropped in and talked with one of its directors, Dave Fujino, who shared information with me. I sat part-time on a chair with a leg missing.) He was telling me some of their problems, such as “Is the JCCA really necessary today?”

I wanted to help revive the JCCA but time prevented me. The Annex people said they would meet the same night I was to make my presentation that night.

The Annex provides the Japanese Canadian community with legal aid, tax services and a daily program for the aged. If ever you visit Toronto and around Danforth Street, drop in and share your expertise. They will appreciate any support afforded them from the U.S.

Shades of Yesteryear

When the question, “Is the JCCA really necessary?” was raised, my answer was that it sure was what with everything happening to us in the U.S. Canadian Canadians would probably feel the impact in the future of certain JACL actions. We considered the Iowa Toguri case. S066, Whale Issue, trade imbalance, and reparations.

The annual St. Louis JACL membership potluck dinner held March 1 at Lindbergh Middle School cafeteria. Foreign exchange student Rika Matsuda entertained with songs and guitar music. Chapter president Lee Durham conducted a brief business session.

San Fernando Valley

A slide lecture on the Treasures of King Tutankhamen, now in exhibit at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, was the excuse for a potluck dinner at the Japanese Cultural Center in downtown Los Angeles, April 13, 1 p.m., at the SFV Business Center Clubhouse.

Mr. & Mrs. Craig N梯maya of the Japanese Cultural Center and the Santa Monica Nikkei Kai, is planning a health fair May 21 for the Japanese-speaking senior citizens in the area, chapter president Toy Kanegai said.

We want to share our present experiences.

After Las Vegas, without saying data in the proper manner, many of us will be reinventing the wheel. Hence, we offer our postscript to visit the Las Vegas where our district had met in February.

When JACLers are on the road, they are well behaved. I can vouch for that. Four of us males, unable to catch several after-dinner shows at the plush shows, were concentrating at the dice table. One was trying to recoup his earlier losses and had a stack of $500 in chips. He was propositioned by a beautiful girl who saw his chips for a mere $500. He ignored her.

The suggestion for the month to fend these weekend gamblers is avoid going to Vegas alone. Bring your wife or girl friend and you’ll enjoy the visit and at the same time be under the protection of your female companion.

Asian Awareness

Los Angeles.–The Asian American Assn. of Lemon University observed its annual national awareness week April 13-13 on campus with a program of films, dances and music. LMC’s Camellia Angelhung orchestra also participated.

Remick Ave.

A short social hour will follow with light refreshments. A dollar donation will be requested from adults at the door. Program is being chaired by Miti Kushida, (360-6718).

West Valley

The fourth annual West Valley JACL bridge tournament held March 18 attract a record crowd of 70 enthusiastic players. The tournament is being planned in the fall, it was announced by Al Kako Nakahara. The prize winners were:

Mitsuo Inoue, 1st, Dr. George Higa and Harry Shiro; 2nd, and 3rd, John Moore and Akio Nakamura, Rose Hirsch and Florence Peck

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3rd, Urvara and Jane Minamikawa, 2nd, West Valley Japanese Tachie Kurokawa, 1st, Dr. and Mrs. James Higauchi, 3rd, Dr. and Mrs. Uchida and Konishi, 2nd, John Moore, 3rd, Larry and Kathy Kiyokura.

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YAMAOKA KAMABOKO

Mitsui Sonoda. Joe Minervini (seated); Yuki Sato. Stella Kohi

"Boquet of Wines", the seventh annual West Los Angeles JACL Auxiliary wine tasting benefit, will be held this Sunday, April 16, 12:30-3:30 p.m., at Century City’s Yamato Restaurants.

Joe Minervini, wine coordinator, will be featuring varieties from 10 California wineries. Benefit chairperson Yuki Sato said proceeds are to be donated to American Cancer Society, March of Dimes and the Japanese Retirement Home. Tickets are $30 per person.

Chapter, in cooperation with the West LA Japanese American Community Council and the Santa Monica Nikkei Kai, is planning a health fair May 21 for the Japanese-speaking senior citizens in the area, chapter president Toy Kanegai said.
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