

LOS ANGELES—A class action suit charging Northrop Corp.'s Ventura Division with discriminatory practices in promotion and employment has been filed with the Dept. of Defense by two employees.

Alice Nehira, formerly a statistician with Northrop, and Jo Ann Shimizu, presently a secretary clerk, have included among their grievances Northrop's alleged placing of lesser qualified Caucasians in jobs.

The suit was filed with Thomas Nelson, chief of contracts compliance with the Defense Contracts Administration Services (DCAS) here. Following standard

Nisei women in Northrop bias suit

procedure, the DCAS forwarded the complaint to the department's headquarters in Washington D.C., which in turn sent the suit to the Dept. of Labor.

Other charges outlined in the suit include allegations that minorities are laid off at a disproportionate rate than Caucasians; women and minorities have little prospects of becoming managers; minorities who better themselves are placed on lay-off lists and the climate discourages minorities and

women from transferring into all-white and/or male-dominated positions.

The suit also says Northrop did not appoint an Affirmative Action or Equal Employment Opportunity officer until a DCAS officer recently showed up at the division.

If the charges are substantiated by the Labor Department, an official investigation will be conducted by an appointed agency.

PSW Governor Paul Tsuneishi has written letters to

the DCAS supporting the complainants and has reached the Ventura County JACL for local support.

JACL officials were contacted in February by the women and were successful in putting them in touch with officials who knew the proper channels in filing grievances with the federal government, Tsuneishi said.

Both Nehira and Shimizu claim to have been turned down numerous times for promotion, with lesser qualified individuals being ap-

pointed ahead of them.

Nehira, formerly with Northrop's Hawthorne Division, took a downgrade in position when transferring to Ventura. "Four or five times" she has unsuccessfully tried for promotion as a budget analyst, she said.

After being off work for about a month on sick leave, Nehira said she returned when notified of a budget analyst opening. She did not receive the promotion and was laid off two weeks later. The women were notified

from Washington, D.C., April 12, their suit had been received, however neither were sure when or if an official investigation will be held.

A DCAS spokesman, when reached for comment, said he would only be speculating if predicting whether an investigation would eventually take place.

Official comment, however, cannot be made by DCAS officials at this time without placing any investigation in jeopardy, Jose P. Montoya, DCAS director of contract employee compliance explained. Only when the investigation is officially concluded can comment be made, he said. □

Calif. chief justice swears in two Nikkei municipal judges

LOS ANGELES — Judges Kathryn Doi Todd and Robert Higa were formally inducted into the L.A. municipal court at noontime ceremonies April 6 at the County Courthouse before 100 friends, relatives and jurists. Calif. Supreme Court chief justice Rose Elizabeth Bird administered the oath of office.

Investiture rites saw Judge Todd formally enrobed by Justice John F. Aiso, ret., and Judge Higa by

Marutani backed for U.S. bench

PHILADELPHIA — Judge Bill Marutani has been selected among seven candidates recommended to the Justice Dept. to fill one of two vacancies in the U.S. District Court for Eastern Pennsylvania, it was announced by the Philadelphia JACL which has urged appointment in letters to the President, the Attorney General, and Sen. Schweiker.

Presently Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, he was appointed to the bench in 1975 and was elected by the highest plurality in both the primary and general elections of 1977.

his wife Mayumi. Presiding Judge Mary Waters and Judge Florence Bernstein of the court's historical events committee introduced and presented the new judges.

Ernest M. Hiroshige, president of the Japanese American Bar Assn. of Greater Los Angeles, in his remarks, recalled the U.S. Supreme Court suspended due process and other constitutional guarantees when it placed over 100,000 Japanese Americans in concentration camps. He stressed the moral duty of the judiciary to place legal and constitutional principle above political tyranny.

Observing that Judges Doi Todd and Higa bring to the bench a special sensitivity to the problems of ethnic minorities, Hiroshige concluded that only through increased participation of qualified minorities in government can there be "a sense of legitimacy to our system of government and justice".

Judge Doi Todd introduced her mother, Fumiye; her husband Michael Todd and their daughter Mia. Judge Higa also introduced his parents, Takashi and Miyo Higa, of Los Angeles. □

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Ex-Japanese POW to plead forgiveness for A-bomb

PASADENA, Calif.—A retired clergyman now 86-years-old, who once aided Japanese American evacuees during WWII has helped raise enough funds to send a former Japanese POW to the atomic bomb memorial services to be held in Hiroshima and Nagasaki this summer.

The Rev. Herbert V. Nicholson said Dennis Roland, a survivor of the Burma/Thai "death railway" and River Kwai Bridge construction, will travel to Japan in August "to beg forgiveness of a-bomb sufferers in the name of the American people."

Both Nicholson and Roland have called for an international ban on nuclear warfare. In Japan, petitions are now being circulated in an effort to procure 35 million signatures to be forwarded

to the United Nations, Nicholson said.

"Peace-loving people (in the U.S.) are also uniting to get many more millions of signatures; and a great mass meeting is being planned for the Hollywood Bowl May 21—just before the disarmament Congress meets in New York," he said.

Nicholson has called on support from Japanese Americans in the campaign. A goal of 100,000 signatures in the U.S. has been set.

"It is high time that the peoples of the world rise up and demand that something effective be done about this dire, unnecessary menace to mankind," Nicholson said. "Time is running out. Pressure must be brought on the United Nations, all heads of state, and those in positions of power throughout the

world."

Roland was one of two Americans to attend a reunion of former prisoners of war of the Japanese and their captors recently and the only American to take a "friendship walk" across the River Kwai bridge with former guards or their widows.

He has said he wishes to attend the August peace demonstration for the same "humanitarian" reasons he went to the Kwai reunion. He desires to go to Hiroshima "not as Dennis Roland", but "as a representative of Americans".

Nicholson's contact with Japanese Americans has been a steady commitment since 1942, when he was among the first to aid Terminal Island evacuees.

A Quaker missionary to

Japan who headed a Nisei congregation before the war in Los Angeles, Nicholson visited Japanese left behind in sanitariums during the Evacuation and "with a truck he plied back and forth between Los Angeles and Manzanar and Poston."

Nicholson preached in the camps and conducted funerals and weddings as well.

His concern for the Nisei once landed him in the county jail in Colorado after seeking the location of a Japanese family. When someone overheard his inquiries, he was suspected of being a spy and was taken from his motel and jailed.

Nicholson, in addition to carrying out Roland's campaign, has expressed concern for the Hibakusha,

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Locke may be turned into historical 'living park'

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—The small community of Locke—the only rural town in the U.S. built and still occupied by Chinese—moved one step closer toward receiving state aid for its restoration and maintenance recently.

Legislation to appropriate money from the Urban and Coastal Park Fund to restore Locke as a "living park" successfully gained passage out of the Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee March 28.

Assemblyman S. Floyd Mori (D-Pleasanton) is a co-author of AB 2294, introduced by Assemblyman Norman Waters (D-Plymouth), who represents the community.

Locke is a quiet town nestled between marshes and pear orchards in the Delta region west of Sacramento. Two-story wooden buildings, narrow streets, board sidewalks and hitch-

ing posts are reminiscent of early California communities.

The increasing popularity of Locke as a tourist attraction and an acute danger from fires, however, has placed the 66-year-old community high on the list of endangered historic sites.

If Waters' urgency measure is approved by the Legislature and governor, local agencies, the federal government and private organizations would share, with the state, responsibility for gradually purchasing and preserving sections of the town.

One plan calls for acquisition of the entire town by the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency, rehabilitation of facilities, life estate privileges for present inhabitants and eventual transfer of title to the State Park System.

Locke's elderly Chinese

would not be displaced, but would be given a chance to participate in special visitor information services.

The plan has been endorsed by the State Department of Parks and Recreation.

In its heyday, Locke was home for nearly 1,500 persons.

Today, the majority of its residents are elderly persons—the sons and daughters of Chinese laborers who pounded spikes into the transcontinental railroad, mined gold in the foothills and harvested crop in the Delta.

The once booming commercial section now consists of three restaurant/bars, an art shop, a grocery store, service station and three museums.

If ignored, officials said the town might become a "one-line mention in the history books." If preserved,

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♦ The "main street" of Locke, Calif., just south of Sacramento.



Magoichi Kato scholarship ...



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The amount for the Magoichi Kato memorial scholarship, established and administered by National JACL in 1975 to encourage college students entering the fields of medicine or the ministry, is raised to \$400 due to an additional \$3,000 from Mrs. Shizuko Kato of Los Angeles (center) for the scholarship fund. Accepting the check are Glen Isomoto (left), Pacific Southwest regional director, and Paul Tsuneishi, district governor. The Katos prior to WW2 lived in Peru, were interned by the U.S. government in Texas and when refused permission to return after WW2 to Peru were relocated to Seabrook, N.J. Three years later the Kato family settled in Los Angeles.

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Pac/Asian American Heritage Week resolution needs help

WASHINGTON—At least 83 more sponsors are needed for House Joint Resolution 540, co-sponsored by Reps. Frank Horton (R-N.Y.) and Norman Mineta (D-Calif.) to assure favorable House action enabling the President to proclaim annually a week during early May as "Pacific/Asian American Heritage Week".

The National Coalition for a Pacific/Asian American Heritage Proclamation, chaired by Jeanie F. Jew of Washington, has already

succeeded in obtaining 135 sponsors.

To assure success, 218 co-sponsors must be secured, it was pointed out by Harry Takagi, interim Washington JACL director. Other groups in the coalition include the Organization of Chinese Americans and the Pacific-Asian Coalition.

JACL chapters and individuals have been asked to write their congressmen to endorse HJR 540 and stress the desirability of having a special week proclaimed to recognize the contribution

Festival on Asian Americans

LONG BEACH, Calif.—The sixth annual Asian American Spring Festival is being sponsored by the Asian American Student Assn. at CSU Long Beach through May 6 on campus.

Some of the activities in-

clude a Third World Drum Concert, art and photo show, panel discussions on issues such as Asian immigrants and dance programs.

For program information, call Asian American Studies, 498-4821.

Pocatello to host Intermountain quarterly

POCATELLO, Idaho—Intermountain District Council will meet here April 29, 1 p.m., at the Cotton Tree Inn for its second quarterly session that will delve into na-

tional convention issues.

The JAYS will be present at the opening session when local chapter president Masa Tsukamoto welcomes all of the delegates but will continue their meeting at the JACL Hall.

IDC Gov. John Tameno has asked chapters to come prepared to discuss the 1979-80 national budget proposal and a national dues increase to \$20, a separate political arm, district fund-

ing, reparation, and the Nikkei talent registry.

The Pocatello-Blackfoot JACL has invited delegates to attend their Honors Night program at the Idaho State University student union ballroom that evening from 6:30.

ASIAPEX stamp show

SAN FRANCISCO—An all-Asian stamp exhibition will run April 21-23 at the Miyako Hotel under sponsorship of the Japanese American Philatelic Society. Exhibitors and dealers will participate in the free event.

Asians address poultry conference

DAVIS, Calif.—Five Asian Americans addressed the 27th Western North American Poultry Disease Conference which met Feb. 27-Mar. 1 at the UC Davis campus. Over 200 were present from virtually every state and province in the U.S., Canada and Mexico. They were:

Dr. B. R. Cho, professor, Washington State University, College of Veterinary Medicine; Dr. Masakazu

Matsumoto, associate professor, Oregon State University, School of Veterinary Medicine; Dr. Bryan Mayeda, Bureau of Veterinary Laboratory Services, Calif. Dept. of Food and Agriculture, Sacramento; Dr. Thomas T. Migaki, research veterinarian, Pfizer, Inc., Terre Haute; and Dr. Richard Yamamoto, professor, UC Davis, School of Veterinary Medicine.

Mayeda and Yamamoto are both past presidents of the conference.

Pilgrimage buses for Manzanar set

LOS ANGELES—Three buses have been chartered for the Manzanar Pilgrimage this Saturday, April 22, leaving in the early morning and returning in the late evening. Departure points are: San Fernando Valley Japanese Community Center (Nancy Gohata 899-4237), Little Tokyo (Chris Naito 626-2249) and East L.A.-Little Tokyo (Kathy Chono 626-4471).

People should dress for both cold and warm as weather is unpredictable. Contributions to the potluck

lunch will be welcome. Contingent from San Francisco is also expected.

Los Angeles City Council, on motion of Councilman Bob Ronka (1st Dist.), approved support of the Manzanar Pilgrimage in a 10-0 vote April 14, appropriating \$1,080 to bus members of the San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center to visit the Inyo County campsite.

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Kikue (Ukai) Fujii, 75, of New York died April 1. Believed to be the first Nisei to pass civil service examination in Oakland prewar and had worked in the Oakland Free Library. Occasional contributor to prewar San Francisco newspapers; survived by h Shuji, brs Kaizo, Henry, sis Eleanor and Florence Ukai.

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Tokyo woman shows gratitude for postwar help by one Yankee

MARYKNOLL, N.Y.—Last spring Rokuro Tomibe ventured across the Pacific Ocean from Japan to San Francisco.

His visit immediately drew the public's attention and media's watchful eyes.

He had been a Japanese officer in charge of the Baguio civilian POW camp in the Philippines during World War II. His trip to the U.S. reunited him with nearly 200 American survivors of the camp. The reunion was an emotional one, with the true spirit of reconciliation.

Tomibe, all remembered, had left the POW camp in disgrace because he had been too kind, according to his commanders. After he addressed the ex-inmates at the Presidio Officers Club last February, he received a standing ovation.

The reunion moved others, however. Just a little more than a year after the event, Tomibe's name surfaces again through Fr. Robert Sheridan, one of the key organizers of the San Francisco reunion.

Tomibe recently mailed Sheridan \$100 sent to him by

an anonymous Japanese woman who wished to thank one American who was considerate and kind to her in wartorn Tokyo.

Because she knew no American personally, she mailed the money to Tomibe, remembering his reunion with the American civilians.

"After the (termination of the war), Tokyo was confused, morality (had fallen) into disuse," he wrote to Fr. Sheridan "(There were) no rules—lack of (food). She was very poor and (faced a)

hard time.

"Under that circumstance, one American was kind to her. She (was) still young, about 10 years old at the time. Now she (is an) adult and she wants to say thank you very much, but she doesn't know (a kind) American."

"So she (asked) me if (I had) a nice friend," Tomibe continued. "(She told me to) please send this money and (tell you) to use it for just (what the American did for me)."

teer in the Carson and Gardena areas, devoted time and energy to Curstiss Junior High School, Carson High and Leapwood Elementary School.

● Government

The Fremont (Calif.) city council appointed George Kato to its Sister City Committee, which is currently looking for an affiliation in Japan. A local grower-market owner and long-time Fremont JACLER, he is a past president of the So. Alameda County Buddhist Church and currently vice-president of the California Garden Show, being held April 30-May 7 at Oakland's Lakeside Park.

Mrs. Ruth H. Kodani of Los Angeles, national leader in community and traffic safety, was re-elected to the board of directors of the Automobile Club of Southern California. A native of Japan, she was the first woman to serve as general chairman of the governor's traffic safety conference in California and was twice appointed to the President's Committee for Traffic Safety. She is married to Hideo Kodani, of Occidental Life Insurance Co.

Dr. Mary Watanabe of Philadelphia, president of the Pacific-Asian Coalition, will join the Census Advisory Committee on the Asian and Pacific Americans Populations for the 1980 Census, at the invitation of U.S. Secretary of Commerce, Juanita M. Kreps. The committee will provide a communications link between the Asian and Pacific Island Americans and Census Bureau.

● Honors

Nancy Kikuchi, a UC Berkeley graduate and Kimochi staff member, won a two-week international language tour of Japan from Japan

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pc's people

● Agriculture

Albert and Alfred Watada were among Colorado's outstanding corn producers honored at the annual production dinner hosted by the Denver Agricultural and Livestock Club. The Watadas were top producers in Weld County with a 1977 production yield of 226.95 bushels per acre. They received 200 Bushel Corn Club and Double - the - National - Average Achievement citations. Kishi Otsuka, of Sedgwick, Colo., was among five persons instrumental in forming Sugro, a sugar beet bargaining cooperative. The Greeley-based group represents almost all of the beet growers in Colorado, Nebraska, Wyoming, Kansas and Montana.

Keiji "Kay" Fujinaka, a Lodi grower, was re-elected to the Stockton Production Credit Assn. board of directors. He has been a member of Stockton PCA since 1950 and has served on its advisory committee the past nine years.

● The Arts

Lawrence Wong, music instructor at Los Angeles Harbor Community College, performed in concert March 21 at New York's Carnegie Recital Hall, assisting soprano Daisetta Kim.

● Crime File

Dr. Tetsuo Taguchi, cancer surgeon enroute to Washington, D.C., for an NIH seminar, was robbed of \$6,000 at gunpoint in his hotel room at the Waldorf Astoria, New York, early March 26. Police intervened, cutting off the escape of Ka Sing Tan, 22, who apparently shot himself in the chest and later died of gunshot wounds at Roosevelt Hospital.

● Education

Six-year-old Chandra K. Iwasaki, of Denver, scored in the top 50 percentile in the national survey of first-grade pupils. Her highest score was a 93% in language arts. A student at Cheesema Academy, she also scored 82% in composition and 74% in reading.

Carolyn Honda, of Venice High School, was elected student body president. A senior, she is co-captain of the women's varsity tennis team and a member of the L.A. City School's Area D Student Advisory Council. The daughter of Hiroshi and Jane Honda plans to pursue degrees in theatre arts and communications in college.

Mrs. Ruth Kawai was one of six community leaders honored by the Los Angeles Assn. of Secondary School Administrators for their volunteer work. Kawai, a school volun-

Sumitomo ranks No. 100

SAN FRANCISCO—Of some 15,000 banks in the U.S., the Sumitomo Bank of California was propelled to the 100th largest with last year's acquisition of 19 branches from the Bank of California, according to Sumitomo's 1977 annual report.

Bank president Yoshio Tada noted the bank's assets "went well beyond" \$1.2 billion last year and deposits surpassed \$1 billion for a six per cent net increase over 1976, despite the world economic problems and non-recurring expense involved in the acquisition.

Sumitomo plans to open its 44th branch in Hacienda Heights, and has state approval for additional offices in San Francisco, San Jose, Stockton and La Palma.



Dennis Roland

NICHOLSON

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atomic bomb survivors living in the U.S. He has called for support of HR 5150 and HR 8440, which provide some medical aid to the bomb victims.

The reverend also hopes to raise a "sizeable gift of money" for Roland to take to Hiroshima and Nagasaki as a token of sympathy. Those wishing to help, can contact Nicholson at 1639 Locust St., Pasadena, or (213) 792-8944.

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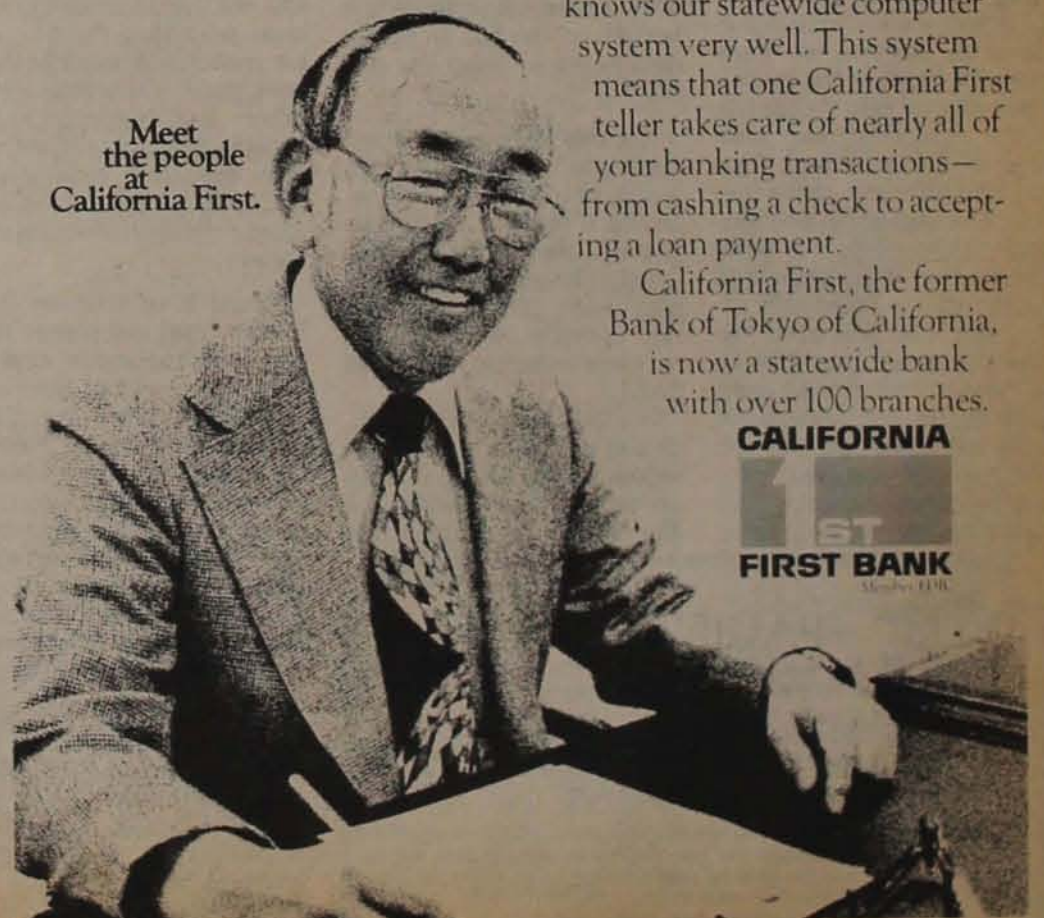
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EDITORIALS:

Huston vs. Bendetsen

Reputed excerpts from Richard Nixon's forthcoming *Memoirs* quote the former president as saying he authorized wiretapping and break-ins in 1970 "because the country was threatened by criminal forces". As he had before, he contends in the book than an otherwise illegal act becomes legal if it is done by the President.

The excerpts appeared in the *Soho News*, a New York weekly. The book is scheduled to be published next month by Grosset & Dunlop.

Nixon repeats his assertion that the so-called Huston Plan, drawn up by White House aide Tom Charles Huston, as "justified and legal because he saw a higher obligation". The plan called for wiretaps, break-ins and mail surveillance to gather data on alleged U.S. radicals. The plan was withdrawn by Nixon five days after he had approved because of objections of then FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover.

"My decision to approve the recommendations of the Huston Plan, like the decisions of President Roosevelt to incarcerate thousands of Japanese Americans and of President Lincoln to suspend the constitutional guarantees of habeas corpus, always will be debated," Nixon is

quoted as saying in one excerpt.

"In the 1970s, did the threatened and actual bombings of the Weathermen, and the brutal assaults of the Black Panthers, justify an intrusion in their liberties? When the issue juxtaposes the lives of innocent citizens against the possible curtailment of personal liberties we all cherish, the answers are never easy."

Thirty years earlier, FBI Director Hoover was unsuccessful in persuading the President to set aside the so-called Bendetsen Plan for the U.S. Army to forcibly remove and detain American citizens of Japanese ancestry because of the war. The military prevailed and the President, as commander-in-chief, exercised his power.

Even the U.S. Supreme Court here had concurred in ruling on the Korematsu case, though Justice Jackson in his dissent warned, "The principle lies about like a loaded weapon (italics are ours) ready for the hand of any authority that can bring forward a plausible claim of an urgent need." More harsh is the realization that racial discrimination then can be constitutional if a President deems it in the national interest.



EAST WIND: William Marutani

Hot Baths and Burnt Rice

by a lukewarm *o-furo*. But that seemed to be the lot of the *onna*: they accepted it, and we men expected it.

Even in eating, the men had the white, steaming *go-han* from the top, and the *onna* often ended up with the *ko-ge*. Without automatic ranges or the automatic rice-cookers of today, in order to make decent *go-han*, you had to end up with a crust of *ko-ge* at the bottom in those days.

(I happen to know: being the youngest among boys, I often ended up scraping the bottom of the pot. In fact, I developed a liking for the stuff.)

All this may evoke some nostalgic memories for many of you, but I'm wondering if some of the philosophy of lukewarm *o-furo* and crusty *ko-ge* for women—that such philosophy may not operate unconsciously, or even consciously, within JACL?

An unfair question? Well, if you can point to the first woman national president we've had, then I'll withdraw the inquiry. And how many

women do we have on the staff who hold positions in the top echelons, I wonder. We are, after all, a civil rights organization. Or so we profess. Or does civil rights stop with gender?

Now, it doesn't require much imagination, or brains, to come up with a lot of "reasons" why women should be excluded from those areas. Even I can spiel off a list.

First off, we can ask if they're "qualified". Or make the judgment (for them) that they don't "really want" such positions. Or, if they insist, we'll go through the motions of giving them a try, but that they'd better be dog-gone good. And a number of other foot-dragging arguments—the kinds that we men ourselves have heard and complained about in our role as a minority within this society.

Could it be that we men suffer from insecurity, that we're insufficiently sure of ourselves so that we're not prepared to open up the top echelons to women? There's no reason why they should not.

No reason, that is, unless you continue to adhere to the old concept that you should continue to be the first into the *o-furo* and let "them" continue to eat *ko-ge*.

What will you say and, most importantly, do? At the coming national JACL biennial convention? Will we simply continue to confine ourselves to profess that we're for civil rights, so long as we don't have to carry it out? We'll see. We'll be watching.

Cultural imbalance

Editor:

To rectify U.S. trade imbalance in Japan, economic and political remedies are being stressed these days. While we certainly do not lack talented salesmen they are being severely handicapped because good salesmanship requires understanding customers and in this case with Japan, understanding includes knowing their language and culture.

On the other hand, secondary schools in Japan have been teaching English for about 100 years. Today, it's being taught also in the junior high schools—one session per day, six days a week plus daily homework that may take two hours to complete. This has been a massive investment and we have done hardly anything by comparison.

Our colleges have some programs in Asian culture. However, departments are controlled or staffed by faculty, most of whom don't even have a knowledge of the language. The faculty members of Asian background are few in number, hence lack influence to set things straight. In essence, we are seeing the distorted image of Asians being perpetuated.

Misunderstanding the culture of other nations is much more serious than mistranslating the language. The latter is obvious; the former is not. We might laugh about abandoning and lusting but there are some things which we cannot laugh off.

NOBUYUKI NAKAJIMA
Sheffield Lake, Ohio

Ancestral heritage

Editor:

Mr. Uyeda's statement regarding the accident of his ancestral heritage at birth (PC April 7) was as "misconceived" as it was apologetic. His approach—consistent with most of those I have read in the PC—is to make a concerted effort to inform the American public that the Japanese Americans are distinguishable from Japanese nationals and that the former will not tolerate mis-attributions. Fine.

Implicit in this project, however, is the denial that one's country of ancestral origin fails to contribute significantly to the current viability of like-cultural groups abroad AND that it can only serve as a burden to these same cultural members. Not fine.

First of all, any one of us could point to the sacrifice, dedication, and pride which were brought from abroad and, more importantly, are surviving in this country. But what would be the use of continuing further? Mr. Uyeda has presented us with a *fait accompli*—that we accept our American heritage with undivided

loyalty.

There are psychic "costs" involved in the degree to which persons deeply concerned with their cultural ancestry attempt to identify with that heritage. I, for one, would prefer to salvage it rather than dismiss it.

How does that comic strip saying go? "We have met the enemy and they are..."

KEN EGUSA
Chicago

Bakke Case

Editor:

For some time, the Bakke Case has been discussed as an issue in the pages of PC, with opinions both pro and con from members and chapters, although the JACL national position has been in support of UC Davis' admission stand.

These differences of opinions are heartening, since it demonstrates that the JACL membership will not automatically rubberstamp the decisions made by its committee. While many issues will have clearcut right or wrong, one must also expect that some subjects will border on the questionable, and that others may involve emotional or sentimental entanglements that supersede logic.

Quite often, what is right depends on which side of the fence you are standing on, or which side of the football stadium. And if you happen to be fence sitter, you find that railbirds get shot at from both sides.

As a UC grad, perhaps, I should let sentimental loyalty coax me to support UC Davis, while at the same time favoring affirmative action. Yet, this brings up the question of how far should affirmative action or loyalty go?

Granted, minorities are usually disadvantaged because of their background and environment and some form of preferential treatment is needed to provide them with better opportunities, fresher hopes and achievable goals. Yet, the concept of affirmative action can be carried to the extreme, creating a rigid quota system than can make mockery out of the merit system.

Preferential treatment is not a new phenomenon. It was given to the veterans in recognition that the military service caused many young men to lose part of their most valuable years in support of national policy. Veterans received aid in the form of the GI Bill and the GI Home Loan. Additionally, they were credited with extra points in competing for civil service openings. But this was not conducted on a quota basis.

While brilliance and competence may be less important in filling the less skilled positions, what effects will this have in the making of doctors, dentists and

other highly specialized occupations? If the admission policy of UC Davis is based on a framework of preferential treatment, which would not lower too greatly the level of the school's graduates, who can criticize? Affirmative action should provide opportunities to minority candidates, who have the desire and the will. At the same time, the school also has the responsibility of weeding out the undergrads, who do not meet the standards for graduation, be he from the majority or the minority.

What would be revealing is the minority designations, the backgrounds and the relative qualifications of the 16 admittees.

It is probable that they do not come from the ghettos, but from minority families which have already found niches on the fringes of limited equality and social acceptability. The real work for affirmative action is still many leagues away—with the extinction of the ghettos and their enervating influence.

BARRY SAIKI
Tokyo

Koshokujin

Editor:

In reference to my letter, "Outmoded Words" (PC, Mar. 10), a misprint was noted.

Although *Kojin*, quite rude, was written, more common *Koshokujin* perhaps was intended, but with Hepburn Romaji misspell, omitting letter "K", thus perhaps confusing your Japanese language readers.

Oshokujin, having a meaning of "Glorified Cannibal" was not intended.

DOUGLAS KENDALL
Puyallup Valley JACL

35 Years Ago

IN THE PACIFIC CITIZEN

April 22, 1943

April 6—Violinist Sakiko Shiga and lecturer Eugene Kono appear as guests of commander Elsar J. Anderson before the Des Plaines, Ill., American Legion Post 26.

April 17—War Department maintains Lt. Gen. De Witt was "misquoted in the press" regarding his attitude toward relaxing restrictions against the return of Japanese to the West Coast.

April 18—Nisei GIs on furlough granted freedom of movement in Western Defense Command.

April 22—Dr. T.T. Yatabe assumes the Midwest JACL office, replacing George Inagaki, chief resettlement officer, who volunteers for military service.

The first panacea for a mismanaged nation is inflation of the currency; the second is war. Both bring a temporary prosperity; both bring a permanent ruin. But both are the refuge of political and economic opportunists.

—ERNEST HEMINGWAY



Overtum Korematsu Decision!

PART XXII

By Clifford I. Uyeda

On December 18, 1944, in the *Korematsu v. U.S.*, the United States Supreme Court ruled that the expulsion of Japanese Americans from the West Coast was constitutional.

Some Nisei have suggested that JACL focus its attention and energy on reversing this infamous decision rather than campaigning for reparation. There are precedents.

In 1954 the Supreme Court struck down the "separate but equal" doctrine upheld by the earlier Court. The Court has also reversed itself to enable indigent defendants in criminal cases to obtain free legal counsel. The same is true about not being compelled against one's own con-

science to salute the American flag. The one closer to home is the court's decision which nullified the earlier ruling that prohibited Japanese aliens from the ownership of agricultural lands.

What are the chances of overturning the *Korematsu* case? Practically none.

The United States Supreme Court is restricted by our Constitution to act only on actual cases.

The earlier court rulings that were later overturned were all continuing cases. The issues remained alive.

The *Korematsu* case is a dead issue at present. No one is threatening to exclude persons of Japanese ancestry from the West Coast today.



PACIFIC CITIZEN

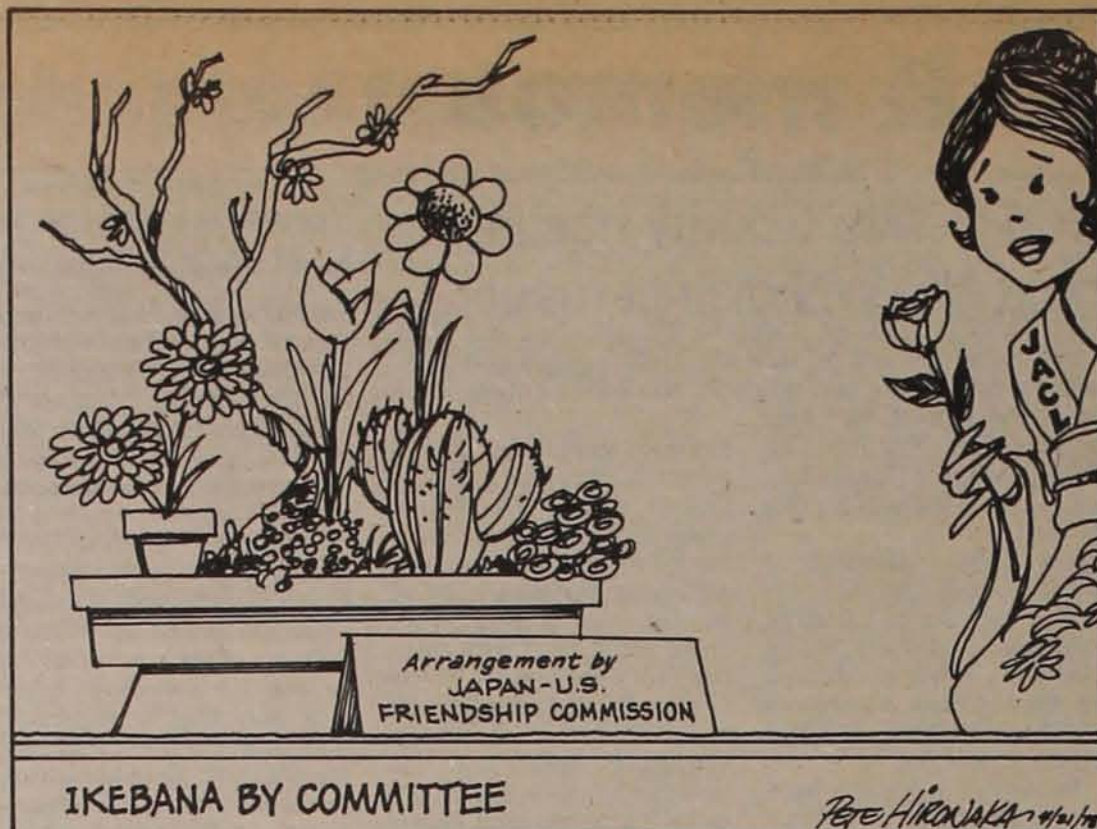
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FROM HAPPY VALLEY: Sachi Seko

Oscar, the free spirit

Salt Lake City
Death doesn't happen only once. It depends on the kind of friendships you've had. If you have been lucky with friends, as I, you pay for it in the end. When they die, part of you does, too.

I have been expecting Oscar's death. These last few weeks, I have wished it for him. It is not easy to wish death for a friend. But it is also something you can do only for those for whom you care deeply.

His name was Oscar Inouye and he died on March 28 at the Long Beach Veterans Hospital. He was 51 in November. I remember his birthday because it was the day we had our last pleasant telephone conversation. By then it was too late for letters.

He was a wonderful letter writer for more than 30 years. I knew that cancer was beating him when his last letter arrived in the fall. It was a mass of illegible characters.

Letters were the link in our long connection. In these two recent terrible years, they acquired a new meaning for me. I have never been a faithful letter writer, lacking the knack for it. But I am almost greedy in my joy at receiving them. Oscar knew this. So he had formerly maintained a very unbalanced correspondence with me.

Never was written a word of reproach. I would have accused, "It was your turn to write", or "It took you long enough to answer". Not Oscar. He was too much a gentleman. But for two years, I have written steadily, sometimes hurrying to post an answer the day his letter arrived.

It sounds silly, I know, but for awhile I believed my letters were part of a life-line. By making him answer, he would feel obliged to live. It became an unreasonable hardship when he had difficulty holding the pen up-

right, when his eyesight faltered.

The telephone became a temptation then. But I saved it, thinking it should be reserved for the critical times ahead. Instead, I wrote shorter letters, double-spacing between the lines and loathing myself for doing it.

And finally came the time when the telephone had to be used. At first it was fine. Everything seemed so normal, so natural. And then, one day he asked about my daughter. I thought he was making a joke. I reminded him that I only had one son, Alan. Oscar had always inquired about Alan in his letters. What surprised me was his strange insistence that I did have a daughter.

I let it pass. His mind, that fine instrument of which he was so proud, was ravaged beyond repair. He had relied on his mind to pull him through. It became his talisman. As control over physical functions declined, he rejoiced that his mind was still firm.

He had inoperable brain tumors. Those discovered a year after the spot on his lung, the loss of a kidney. Chemotherapy provided his hope for awhile. His letters were a series of medical bulletins. With his customary penchant for precise detail, he enumerated tests, treatment and ghastly side-effects. Fortunately, there was no pain.

As his mind deteriorated, he changed. He confided that he was fearful of saying the wrong things, of offending. I worried, too, about his living alone. He wrote of being discovered unconscious by neighbors.

Once, ringing his number for two days, I became alarmed. I called our friend, Helen Fukutaki Kawagoe, who immediately began a search. Oscar was always fond of Helen, who had been loyal and caring to the end.

She located him with his family in Santa Maria. Upon

his return to his apartment, I said in a rush of relief, how happy I was that Helen found him. He coldly corrected me, saying I meant I was glad that Helen had found him alive, not dead.

Our conversations became strained. He was always polite, never losing his fine manners. But twice he complained I sounded too cheerful. Often he feigned fatigue after a few sentences. Approaching death preoccupied him and he resented my interruptions. Sometimes, forgetting, I despised him instead of the disease.

In February he was hospitalized. In his last days, our friend, Michi Nishiura Weglyn went to the hospital for a final parting. She called me that night. Michi told him, "Sachi Wada is thinking of you." I don't know whether he heard or understood, but I was glad that Michi used my maiden name. Michi, Helen, Oscar and I had been young together.

And nobody was better at being and staying young than Oscar. He was unusual for my generation of Japanese Americans, concentration camp adolescents. He was one gorgeous free spirit.

And did he ever fly. For as long as I can remember, he followed the opera around the world. Two years ago, in the early stages of disease, he made his last tour into South America.

His life was centered around music, especially the opera and symphony. He was not a performer, but a perpetual student. Letters on stationery from foreign hotels offered critical observations on each musical performance. So long had he traveled to absorb music that many of the famous were personal friends.

Oscar was always different from us. He laughed that he lacked good looks and ath-

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FROM THE FRYING PAN: Bill Hosokawa

The First Encounter

Denver, Colo.

The crowd jammed the waiting room indicating the China Air Lines Boeing 747 non-stop flight from Taipei to Los Angeles would be packed. In the coach section the seats are in banks of three on the outside, with four in the center. Mine was the aisle seat in one of the banks of three, about as comfortable a location as one can find under the cattleboat configuration the airlines use in an effort to cram as many passengers as possible aboard each flight.

The plane filled rapidly, but no one came to claim the two other seats in my row. I had visions of being alone, oh happy day, so that I could stretch out and maybe catch a little shut-eye. But it was not to be. A young Chinese gentleman moved into the window seat. If we were lucky, we'd still have an unoccupied seat between us. Then, just before they closed the cabin door, a slim young Chinese woman burdened with a bulky shoulder bag claimed that empty seat.

So we'd be shoulder to shoulder all the way across the Pacific. Oh, well, it could be a lot worse. The passenger in the middle could be a big fat guy with bad breath, or a woman with an irritable baby. I tried to help her stow her bag under the seat in front, but it was too large. Tough luck. She'd have to ride with her feet on the luggage.

The woman looked as if she might be 17 or 18. Later I learned she was 24. She spent most of her time poring over a Chinese-English phrase book. I peeked and she seemed to be studying the chapter on telephone conversations.

It took about 800 miles of flying before we got around to making conversation. It was not a total success because my knowledge of Chinese, any dialect, is nil, and her knowledge of English was only slightly better. I did learn, however, that she was bound for Dallas, Tex., on an immigration visa. Her name was Mrs. Chang, and she was on her way to join her husband and parents. They ran a gift store.

She asked if I knew how she could get from Los Angeles to Dallas. It turned out her ticket took her only as far as Los Angeles. She would have to buy another ticket after she got through immigration for-

malities. Did she have money? She said she did.

How would her family in Dallas know when and on what airline she would be arriving? She showed me a letter. Along with the Chinese characters there were some English words. Presumably she would show these to someone, and that person would help her find a coin telephone and show her how to make a collect call to a Dallas number.

Mrs. Chang was totally confused by the customs forms the stewardess passed out, and seemed terrified by the prospect of going through immigration. And beyond the gate was the frightening mess of Los Angeles International Airport. Presumably the airline people would help her, but I offered to do what I could to point her in the direction of Dallas.

As it turned out, the airline folks weren't of much help. Mrs. Chang made it through immigration by herself okay, and customs was no problem, either. After that, things became tougher. I tracked down an airline fellow and eventually he found a phone and made a reservation for her on the next plane to Dallas. After that Mrs. Chang and I crossed over to the other side of the L.A. airport to the American Airlines counter and with me interpreting, she bought a one-way ticket.

The real test came when we tried to telephone her family collect. The operator reached someone to ask if he'd accept a collect call from Mrs. Chang. The voice on the other end kept saying in fractured English that Mrs. Chang wasn't there. End of conversation. Finally I told the operator I would pay for the call, and that took care of the problem. The last I saw of her, she was trudging resolutely down the long corridor toward her gate with her bag slung over her shoulder.

I hope she made it to Dallas okay. Leaving home to begin a new life in a strange land with strange customs and strange language is no picnic. I kept thinking of my folks who had gone through the same kind of experience long ago. My father was 16 years old when he first came to the States alone. When my mother came many years later, she must have been about the age of Mrs. Chang. Had there been anyone to cushion their first encounter with America? □

MOSHI MOSHI: by Jin Konomi

Ramen—or Lamen?

between ramen and lamen."

Many linguistics scholars maintain that Japanese lacks the l sounds; that, as a result, they habitually confuse r's and l's when dealing with western words and names. This dogma has been accepted as an article of faith by the laity, the majority of the Japanese among them.

A little careful listening and a knowledge of elementary phonetics will show the error of this view. The Japanese *ra-ri-ru-re-ro* are not solely what the westerners would pronounce them as, but considerably more. They are phonemes that encompass the whole range of alveolar sounds from the extremely rolled *Ra-column* sounds of the *Edokko* (Tokyoites) to the tongue-on-the upper gun sounds of southern Kyushu which most westerners would assume to be l's. I will not go into details, but Dr. Mario Pei, the famous linguistics authority, agrees with me.

To a Japanese any *l*-phoneme will do equally well for any *r* or *l* sound.

The *kana*, the Japanese phonetic writing, is well adapted to this situation. To the Japanese *ramen* and *lamen* are the same, though most of them can tell the difference between different brands. Let me add here one very apt illustration. I know a Nisei woman who spells her name *Sumile* (Violet).

This is not to deny the fact that the Japanese do confuse the two sounds. But the failing is no more peculiarly Japanese than lipping is peculiarly Spanish. Through the ages the two sounds freely displaced each other in cognates of different but related languages.

Now I venture onto a pos-

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Jin Konomi is a former west coast Japanese vernacular newspaperman, whose unique background will unfold in the contributions he has supplied the Pacific Citizen. Some of his recent writings have appeared in the *Hokubei Mainichi*, San Francisco. —Editor.

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Calendar, pulse & memos

Nobuyuki addresses Arkansas Valley

ROCKY FORD, Colo.—“The voluntary relocation of Japanese Americans during World War II was one of the greatest acts of loyalty in the history of the United States,” National Executive Director Karl Nobuyuki told the Saturday night dinner meeting of the Arkansas Valley Chapter at El Capitan Hotel here.

Nobuyuki, on his first visit here, stressed that the JACL is a civil rights organization, “the oldest and largest civil rights organization focused on the problems of the Japanese Americans.”

A militant Nobuyuki is not, at least in his appearance in Rocky Ford Saturday night. Young (born in an Arizona relocation camp during World War II), personable, soft-spoken, but articulate, the JACL director put more stress on the future of the organization founded in 1929 than he did on righting past wrongs.

“We are trying to pull the organization back together,” Nobuyuki said. “We have to reach out and draw the younger people in.”

Orange County to host next district quarterly

BUENA PARK, Calif. — As the “getaway session” prior to the National JACL Convention in Salt Lake City in July, the second quarterly session of the Pacific Southwest District Council will be hosted by Orange County JACL on May 21 at the Buena Park Holiday Inn.

Many important issues confronting the National Council will be aired at the quarterly session and input from as many chapters as possible is desirable, Gov. Paul Tsuneshi announced.



La Junta (Colo.) Tribune Democrat photo

Arkansas Valley JACL officers are shown with National JACL Executive Director Karl Nobuyuki, who was guest speaker at the 1978 installation. They are: (from left) front—Haruye Saiki, treas; Nobuyuki; Mary Takeda, cor. sec; and Mary Hamano, rec. sec; back—Harry Shironaka, v.p.; and George Ushiyama, pres.

Reparations for the wartime relocation will be the “number one issue” at this summer’s National Convention in Salt Lake City, Nobuyuki told the audience of about 70. Though, in response to a question after the dinner, he said the JACL has no firm plans on how this would happen. “This is for the convention to decide. Maybe we will leave it to the

courts.”

In the employment area Nobuyuki said, “Everyone acknowledges that Japanese Americans have been successful, but the success has only reached a certain plateau.”

He also took a slap at what he called “degrading and humiliating caricatures” sometimes used in editorial cartoons about current U.S.-Japan trade difficulties.

Introduced at the head table during the dinner were Rocky Ford Mayor Dr. Roy McKittrick and Pueblo City Council President Mel Takaki.

In the business part of the meeting all of the officers of the Arkansas Valley chapter (which draws members from Colorado Springs to the Kansas line) were declared re-elected and “automatically installed”. George Ushiyama, Rocky Ford, is president.

During the business meeting chapter members voted to purchase 18 trees at a cost of about \$270. The trees will be donated to the Rocky Ford cemetery.

San Benito County hosting next NC-WN district meeting

SAN JUAN BAUTISTA, Calif.—JACL delegates and boosters were being urged to come with their families to visit the historic community here when the San Benito County JACL hosts the second quarterly session of the Northern California-Western Nevada District Council the first Sunday in May.

The meeting will be held at the JACL Hall, starting at 9:30 a.m., break for a barbecue luncheon and adjourn by 4:30 p.m., it was announced by Gov. Chuck Kubokawa and host chapter president Edwin Shiotsuka.

Registration fee has been set for \$8.50 for official delegates and \$6 for boosters.

Key issue will be the proposed 1979-80 National JACL budget that would require an \$8 dues increase for National to balance. The district executive board, at its April 2 meeting here at Jardines De San Juan Restaurant, had discussed the proposal but had no recommendation. The National Budget Committee is to meet in San Francisco May 13-14 to decide.

Still short of the \$10,000 goal, Kubokawa urged chapters to successfully conclude the Okubo-Yamada Fund campaign by the end of June. As of Mar. 31, some \$6,000 was reported by George Baba, campaign co-chairman.

Sam Cohen, chairman of the DC cultural heritage committee, reported several

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MAY 7 (Sunday)
NC-WNDC—2nd Qtrly, San Benito County JACL hosts, Hollister.

Sonoma County—Retirement seminar, Enmanji Hall, 2 p.m.

West Los Angeles—Queen's tea.

MAY 8 (Monday)
Milwaukee—Children's Day, International Institute, 9 a.m.

MAY 9 (Tuesday)
Stockton—Bd mtg, Calif 1st Bank, 8 p.m.

MAY 12 (Friday)
Salt Lake City—Japanese movie benefit (2 day), Buddhist Church.

MAY 13 (Saturday)
Milwaukee—Graduates dnr, Limehouse restaurant.

Alameda—Bowling fun night.

Sacramento—Women's Auxy potluck dnr, Japanese United Methodist Church.

Nat'l JACL—Budget session (2 day), JACL Hq, San Francisco.

San Jose—Schol Awd potluck supper, Wesley United Methodist Church, 6:30 p.m.

Monterey—Nisei VFW Post installation.

MAY 16 (Tuesday)
San Mateo—Bd mtg, Sturge Presbyterian Church, 8 p.m.

MAY 19 (Friday)
Philadelphia—Bd mtg, Hiroshi Uyebara res, 8 p.m.

MAY 20 (Saturday)
Milwaukee—Japanese dnr, International Institute, 6:30 p.m.

Livingston-Merced—Gen mtg.

San Diego—Scholarship Awd dnr, Tom Ham's Lighthouse, 6:30 p.m.; Yori Wada, spkr.

MAY 21 (Sunday)
PSWDC—Qtrly sess, Orange County JACL hosts; Holiday Inn, 9:30 a.m., Buena Park.

Sonoma County—Pancake bkfst, Enmanji Memorial Hall, Sebastopol.

Oakland—Inst dnr, Bok Sen Restaurant, 7 p.m.; Karl Nobuyuki, spkr.

Yonsei named for Nat'l JACL office

SAN DIEGO, Calif.—Active San Diego JACler Vernon Yoshioka will be nominated by the Pacific Southwest JACL District Council for the office of national JACL vice-president, membership services.

A fourth-generation Californian (his great-grandfather Tanaka settled in San Francisco in 1887), Vernon's father Giichi Yoshioka served as a prewar Eden Township JACL president and was Northern California-Western Nevada district governor in the 1953-54 biennium.

An MIT graduate in aeronautical-astronautical engineering, he has been a local resident since 1960, is married and has four children.

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Deadlines

✓April 30—New deadline for Conv Booklet copy and ads at Conv Bd, 83 D St, Salt Lake City, UT 84103.

May 1—Conv resolutions, c/o Steve Nakashima, at JACL Hq.

May 1—Nomin for Masaoka Disting Pub Sv Award to Wash JACL Office, Suite 204, 1730 Rhode Island Ave NW, WDC 20036; award announced during Conv.

May 1—Nomin for JACler of Biennium to JACL Hq; presentation July 19, during Conv Salt Lake City.

May 7—NC-WNDC input for JACL Constitution amendments to Geo Kondo, Regional Office.

May 19—Chapter Dues for 1978, c/o Credentials Committee, Helen Kawagoe, ch, at JACL Hq.

May 20—Amendments to JACL Constitution to Nat'l Director, JACL Hq from all chapters/districts (60 days prior to Conv).

June 1—Entries from JACL chapters for Inagaki Prize to JACL Hq; awards announced during Conv.

June 15—Chapter Proxy Authorization and Voting Delegate Forms, c/o Credentials Comm at JACL Hq.

June 19—Budget/Conv Agenda from Hq to all JACL chapters (30 days prior to Conv).

June 30—Contribs to JACL Okubo-Yamada Fund, JACL Hq.

June 30—Applic papers for JACL-Hagiwara Student Aid grant, JACL Hq.

Calendar

* A non-JACL event

● APRIL 21 (Friday)
Oakland—Inst dnr.
*San Francisco—ASIAPEX (3 days) stamp show, Miyako Hotel.

● APRIL 22 (Saturday)
Stockton—Reno trip.
*Los Angeles—Manzanar pilgrimage, noon.

*San Jose—Ht Mtn Bldg 23 reunion, Pinehurst Restaurant, 7 p.m., Eiichi Sakauye's wartime films.

*El Cerrito—Sakura-Kai pkg lot sale.

*San Diego—UPAC Inst Dnr, VIP Restaurant, 7:30 p.m., Joji Konoshima, spkr.

*El Cerrito—Sakura-Kai parking lot sale, Fry's Supermkt, 10 a.m.

Marin County—Rummage/bake sale, Co-op Shpg Ctr, Corte Madera, 10 a.m.

Sacramento—Invit basketball tourn (2 da), Burbank High gym, 7 p.m. Sat; Finals, 2:30 p.m. Sun.

Pasadena—Bd mtg, Miyo Senzaki res, 7:30 p.m.

Irvine—China Night fashion show-dinner, UC Irvine, 5 p.m.

● APRIL 23 (Sunday)
*Union City—Chicken teriyaki box lunch sale, So Alam City Buddhist Church, 12-4 p.m.

French Camp—Comm picnic, Mickle Grove, 10 a.m.

*Monterey—Chicken dnr, Monterey Buddhist Church

● APRIL 24 (Monday)
Tulare County—Mtg, Visalia Buddhist Church Annex, 7 p.m.

● APRIL 25 (Tuesday)
*Los Angeles—Pink Lady pop concert benefit, Japanese Retirement Home, 7:30 p.m.

West Los Angeles—Sr Cit tour, Huntington Library, Descanso Gardens; bus lvs 10 a.m., Mahood Ctr.

● APRIL 26 (Wednesday)
*Gardena—Pre-Retrmt seminar II, Japanese Cultural Institute, 7:30 p.m.; Francis Kobata, spkr.

Monterey Peninsula—Bd mtg, JACL Hall, 7:30 p.m.

● APRIL 28 (Friday)
San Diego—Bd mtg.

*Los Angeles—Judge Tak Takei reception, International Club, World Trade Ctr, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

● APRIL 29 (Saturday)
Philadelphia—Inst dnr, Cinelli's County House, Cherry Hill, N.J.; Karl Nobuyuki, spkr.

West Valley—Recreation Night, 6 p.m. dnr at Clubhouse, bowling at Saratoga Lanes.

Tulare County—Benefit movie, Visalia Budd Church.

IDC—Qtrly sess, Pocatello-Blackfoot JACL hosts, Cotton Tree Inn, 1 p.m.

EDC—Qtrly sess, Phila JACL hosts, 10 a.m.

Diablo Valley—Family Night potluck, PG&E Bldg, Concord, 6 p.m.

Hoosier—Bingo-Dessert Night, Ft Harrison Civilian Club, 7:30 p.m.

Pocatello-Blackfoot — Honors night, USU Student Union, 6:30 p.m.

Nat'l JACL—Reparation Comm mtg (2 da), JACL Hq, San Francisco.

*Los Angeles—Solidarity Festival, UCLA Int'l Student Ctr, 6:30 p.m.

● APRIL 30 (Sunday)
Alameda—Golf tournament, Gilbraith Course, 8:30 a.m.

Livingston-Merced—Picnic, Henderson Park, 12n.

Washington, D.C.—Issei Appreciation dnr, River Rd Unitarian Church, Bethesda, 4:30 p.m.

● MAY 3 (Wednesday)
*San Francisco—Judge Tak Takei reception, Japan Ctr Theater, 5:30 p.m.

● MAY 5 (Friday)
Philadelphia—Folk Fair (3 da), Civic Ctr.

● MAY 6 (Saturday)
Downtown L.A.—Mother's Day luncheon, New Otani Hotel, 12n.

*Gardena—Nisei Singles Club Cinco de Mayo Fiesta, JCI Hall.

*San Francisco—Japanese American Democratic Club dnr, Yet Wah restaurant; Rep. Norman Mineta, spkr.

chapter pulse

● Diablo Valley

Diablo Valley JACL will hold a family night potluck supper party on Saturday, April 29, 6 p.m., at the PG&E Bldg. in Concord. Joe Shitara (685-1364), telephone chairman, is coordinating the event. Family talent willing to perform are also expected to call in.

The chapter co-sponsored with the Diablo Japanese American Club the Center Players production of "Mondai wa Akira" a short comedy by Hiroshi Kashiwagi, and "Blessed Be", a playful poke at Nisei attitudes. It was staged April 1 at the Concord JA Hall.

● French Camp

The French Camp JACL community picnic will be held this Sunday, April 23, 10 a.m. at Micke Grove. A full day has been planned by Fumiko Asano, Al Pagnucci and Hideo Morinaka, co-chairpersons. On the committee are:

Hideo & Kimi Morinaka, races; Bob Tominaga, Haruo Nii, Bob Ota, Tosh Hotta, Mats Murata, gate prizes; Tom Natsuhara, Tom Foundation, fin; Lydia Ota, Chizu Nonaka, Mario Hayashi, purch; Dorothy Ota, Sumi Yonemoto, Earline Takahashi, Mary Itaya, Toyo Foundation, prizes; Katie Komure, F Asano, Mitszi Shimoto, Roy Yonemoto, judges; Shig Hisatomi, George Komure, Hats Nonaka, transp; Pete Dalben, Henry Long, Shig Takahashi, refr; G Komure, John Fujiki, Yosh Itaya, announcers.

● Hoosier

Hoosier JACL will sponsor a Bingo-Dessert Night on Saturday, April 29, at the Ft. Harrison Civilian Clubhouse starting at 7:30 p.m. Each member is expected to bring a favorite plus a few guests.

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sible quicksand of unproven hypothesis which is entirely mine. There must have been a stage in the evolution of language when the r-l alveolars were not sharply differentiated but were used interchangeably, very much as the Japanese Ra-column phonemes are used by the Japanese.

As writing developed, the now differentiated sounds came to be fixed more or less permanently in official spelling. The fixation became even more rigid when the printing press made books more and more abundant.

On the illiterate level, however, confusion still persisted, as witness the change of the word meaning "silver": *la plata* (Spanish) to *la prata* (Portuguese). And where there was no standard spelling, as in the colonial days of America, interchanges must have taken place. In the diary of a soldier in the War of Independence, *glum* is spelled *grum*.

Even in literate societies, switchings take place, although not all of them are accidental. One story in the august London Times referred to Edward VIII (then the Prince of Wales) as the Clown Prince, for which deliberate typo the paper had to apologize officially. □

There will be door prizes and a wide array of bingo gifts. Chairpersons for the event are Loren and Ayano Everts.

● Las Vegas

By popular request, George Goto demonstrated the art of bonsai at the Las Vegas JACL meeting April 12 at the North Las Vegas Recreation Center.

Cultural demonstrations by other chapter members to the community were also being noted in April newsletter. Chise Suzuki represented the chapter at the North Las Vegas Recreation Center art festival making origami.

Bill Endow, chapter president, emceed an Ikenobo Ikebana function at the Showboat Hotel over the April 3-5 weekend; while chapter member Muriel Scrivner was congratulated for her presentation. Headmaster Senei Ikenobo of Kyoto was present.

● Marin County

The Marin County JACL offers great bargains at its annual rummage and bake sale this Saturday, April 22,

10-4 at the Co-op Shopping Center, along Tamal Vista Blvd. in Corte Madera.

● Oakland

The reorganized Oakland JACL Chapter's first public event will be the installation dinner on Friday, April 21, at the Bok Sen Restaurant in Oakland. Dinner will be at 7 with a no-host cocktail preceding. President Roy Ikeda, local attorney, stated that this first gathering will include most of the 50 new members signed up during the recent drive.

Speaker will be National Executive Director Karl Nobuyuki. Oakland Mayor Lionel Wilson will also be present.

Installation dinner chairman is James Nishi.

● Pasadena

Karen Yenoki was announced as the Pasadena JACL candidate for Miss Nisei Relays, which will be hosted by West Los Angeles JACL again at West Los Angeles College on June 4. Kaz Doi will again coach the chapter contingent for the Nisei Relays.

The chapter board will meet April 22, 7:30 p.m. at the home of president Miyo Senzaki to wrap up plans for

the annual membership drive. Sally Tsujimoto is membership chairperson.

● Philadelphia

As a major source for chapter funds, Philadelphia JACLers are participating full force in the 14th biennial Philadelphia Folk Fair May 6-8 at Civic Center in the Parade of Nations, demonstrations at the teahouse exhibit, sales and food booths, it was announced by George Higuchi and Russel Mesi, co-chairmen.

In addition to selling advance admission tickets, helping at the chapter booths during the weekend, donations of prepared Japanese food (sushi, manju, teriyaki) are being requested.

Betsy Mesi and Jack Ozawa, co-chairing the recruiting committee, will check with each member on their role in what has become the most enjoyable and important multi-ethnic event in Delaware Valley.

The annual chapter installation dinner and recognition of graduates will be held April 29 at Cinelli's Country House. National Executive Director Karl Nobuyuki will be guest speaker on "Quo Vadis JACL—From Hibernation to Action". It will be his first visit here.

Grayce Uyehara is the new chapter chairperson.

Earlier in the day, the Philadelphia JACL will host the all-day Eastern District Council pre-convention session.

● San Diego

UC Regent Yori Wada will PAID POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENT

be guest speaker at the San Diego JACL scholarship awards dinner on Saturday, May 20, at Tom Ham's Light-house, it was announced by James Yamate, scholarship chairman.

Wada, director of the Buchanan St. YMCA, was recently honored as recipient of the Edison Uno Memorial Award for Distinguished Service at the fifth annual Monterey Multicultural Workshop.

● San Jose

Eleven scholarship awards totaling \$1,800 will be presented at a San Jose JACL graduates potluck supper on Saturday, May 13, 6:30 p.m., at the Wesley Methodist Church. All area graduates of Japanese ancestry are being honored.

Scholarship competition announcements were mailed to public high schools of Santa Clara county by the chapter committee chaired by Helen Mineta.

● San Mateo

San Mateo JACL is gearing for a cultural arts and crafts fair for Oct. 22, possibly at the Central Park Recreation Center. Groups and artisans wishing to display or sell their ware should see Tazu Takahashi or Yuki Sasano, co-chairpersons.

Meanwhile, chapter president Suzu Kunitani welcomes members to attend board meetings held each third Wednesday, 8 p.m., at Struge Church. Chapter is looking for opinions on whether it should sponsor an Issei drop-in center, push for a Core social service center

under revenue sharing funds, and for ideas to work closer with other ethnic groups, community involvement and increased awareness in educational, social and cultural activities.

● Seattle

Seattle JACL is taking reservations for its block of 100 tickets to view the King Tut Treasures here Tuesday, Sept. 19, 11 a.m., at \$7.50 per member.

While the time is not ideal, the Museum scheduled late groups to accommodate more people, it was explained by Ben Nakagawa (762-7284), in charge of reservations. Non-members may join at \$10 per ticket.

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Two receptions set for Judge Tak Takei

Fundraising receptions will be held for Santa Clara Superior Court Judge Taketsugu "Tak" Takei April 28 in Los Angeles and May 3 in San Francisco, spokesmen said.

The L.A. event, sponsored by the Japanese American Bar Assn., will begin at 5:30 p.m. at the International Club, World Trade Center, 350 So. Figueroa. Tickets are \$10. For information, call Edward Kakita, (213) 485-1080.

In San Francisco, the reception will take place at the Japan Center Theater foyer at 5:30 p.m. John Yasumoto is chairman. Tickets are \$15 each, \$25 per couple.

Takei, seeking re-election this June, was appointed to the bench by Gov. Brown in 1976. □

Sacramento cagers win

BERKELEY, Calif.—In the 21st annual Berkeley JACL Invitational Basketball Tournament held March 31, April 1 & 2, Sacramento JACL earned the championship by pulling away, 65-55, from a disciplined Reedley JACL team in the final two minutes.

Reedley had defeated four-time defending champion San Jose in a first round overtime game.

Contra Costa repeated as the third place team by scrambling to a 63-62 overtime victory over Berkeley.

San Jose took consolation honors 88-56 from San Francisco JACL.

All-star selections:

Jon Mishima, Berkeley; Chris Yamashita, San Jose; Jeff Ota & Jon Viacrusis, Sacramento; Kirk Zenimura, West Togioka & Stan Otake, Reedley.

Sac'to Invitational

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Orange County, Berkeley, and San Jose teams have been invited by the host JACL all-stars to the Sacramento JACL high school basketball tournament this weekend, April 22-23, at Burbank High gym, it was announced by chairman Jim Kawano. First tipoff at 7 p.m. pairs Orange County and Berkeley. The champion game at 2:30 p.m. Sunday will conclude with the awards ceremonies.

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§ Midwest Comments

JACL Staff Turnover

It has often been said that while JACL volunteers come and go, the permanent staff members provide continuity and stability for the organization. This certainly was the case in the thirty years Mas Satow and Mike Masaoka were the mainstays of the JACL staff.

Since their departure at the end of 1972, however, there has been a constant turnover of staff at all levels of the organization. For example, we have had three permanent or interim National Directors following Mas, and four permanent or interim Washington Representatives after Mike, with a fifth one presently being recruited. At National Headquarters only one of the currently listed staff members has been there as long as a year, and even he has been working less than a year and a half.

It is clear that a high staff turnover rate could be detrimental to an effective national organization. Since it generally takes a newcomer a year or two to fully understand JACL and its operation, a large turnover means that much of our resources is spent constantly training new people. Along the same line, a great deal of JACL business involves personal contact with politicians, community leaders, JACL members, etc., which often takes years to then develop into solid working relationships.

We believe that the retention of staff is a serious problem which has hindered the progress and programs of JACL. While some staffers undoubtedly leave for personal reasons beyond our control, it is difficult not to conclude that there are other organizational reasons for the turnover rate which we can address.

—MDC Editorial Committee

Speaking Out!

The following article has been excerpted from a report filed by Ron Yoshino, an appointee to the National Board, who also represented the MDC at the Spring meeting.)

By RON YOSHINO
Chicago Chapter

The Spring 1978 National Board meeting was the first that I attended officially as an appointed member.

NATIONAL STAFF: I was quite impressed by the quantity and quality of the materials supplied by the National Staff as supplemental information for the Agenda Items at the National Board. It was my impression that several members of the Staff worked past midnight the week preceding the Board meeting to prepare for it. This last minute effort might indicate that they are either dedicated or disorganized—I think they're a dedicated, hard working group of young people.

It was particularly rewarding to this writer to see the contributions of Harry Honda, PC Editor. At past Board meetings that I have attended, he sat in the background. At this meeting, he made several major contributions in providing historical perspectives to the discussions. Honda is a bright star shining in the darkness of confusion, and a real asset to JACL.

NATIONAL BOARD: The National Board consists of six elected officers, eight district governors, four non-voting appointees, and six youth representatives. Thus, the youth represents 25% of the total Board and over 30% of the votes. While most of the youth are bright, intelligent people, they haven't really developed a knowledge or an overview of the needs and requirements of the National Organization. It seems that their contributions are limited. I think that, except for the chairperson of the National Youth Co-

ordinating Council, the youth's representation should be changed to non-voting or observers, or their representation could be dropped entirely.

This may not be a popular opinion, however, since the youth are the "future of JACL."

Of the remaining 18 National Board members, 15 are Nisei and three are Sansei. This indicates that JACL is still a Nisei-dominated organization. JACL must strive to develop strong leadership from the young people in the 20-50 age range if it hopes to continue to be a strong organization in the future.

It is my feeling that the Sansei on the National Board made significant contributions to the proceedings. Paul Isaki of Seattle made many important and worthwhile contributions, and Frank Iwama of Sacramento, in his role as Legal Counsel, did a very adequate job. This writer even made a few minor contributions.

MEETING AGENDA: The National Board meeting lasted two-and-a-half days with over 30 hours of actual meetings. In my estimation, 80-90 percent of the discussions were related to personnel, litigation, and procedural and budget matters.

Many program items were tabled due to lack of time or skimmed over superficially, even though programs are the heart of JACL. Substantive issues must be discussed, and time must be allotted to this.

NATIONAL CONVENTIONS: We will be electing the National officers for the upcoming biennium at the National Convention this July in Salt Lake City. Officers are needed from the Midwest! JACL is a National organization, and it is important that we have strong effective leadership and representation in the organization.

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JAYs to meet Memorial weekend

DETROIT—"Ancient Arts of Japan" will be the topic at the Spring MDYC workshop to be held on Memorial Day Weekend.

Busily working on the final touches, the JAYs of Detroit and the newly formed East Lansing JAYs recently sent out the workshop registration forms.

The workshop will be held on the campus of Michigan State University, the home of the Big 10 Basketball champs. Utilizing as many facilities as possible, those

who attend will hopefully have access to all segments of the university, including an outdoor pool, 40 tennis courts, 10 racquetball courts, gyms, bowling, pinball, and canoeing down the middle of campus.

Weather permitting, the JAYs plan to have a picnic. The workshop will emphasize the martial arts as well as the finer arts.

"The committee hopes that those who attend will walk away with some knowledge of the arts that their

parents and grandparents acquired in their youth," said Cathy Hironaka, East Lansing JAYs Advisor. "The learning of the arts can and hopefully will bring a new perspective/appreciation of all forms of art," she added.

It is anticipated that two martial arts and four fine arts will be presented.

The focus for those who are "hardcore" will be meeting to set up programs for chapter/district, policies for the biennium as well as starting preparation for the not too distant JAY National Convention.

Although the weekend is designed for youth, the com-

mittee hopes that interested Midwest JACLers will come and participate. With the anticipated presence of JACLers, future programs between the two organizations will be discussed as well as the typical "where do we go from here?"

So, a bit of fun as well as a bit of heavy talking will occur the weekend of May 27-29. Deadline for preregistration is May 1.

Registration forms should be in the hands of your local JAY president, or can be obtained from:

Chris Doering, 14869 Park Ave., Livonia, MI 48154, (313) 464-6638 or Steve Okazaki, 1850 Melrose, East Lansing, MI 48823, (517) 332-4402.



The 1978 officers for Detroit JAYs and the new East Lansing JAYs gather for their first official picture March 11 at the Detroit JACL installation dinner. They are (from left) Sue Shimoura, Ann Togasaki, Tomi Ishino (Lansing co-ch), Vashti Phoenixe, Tomomi Takata, Alysa Watanabe, Michi Phoenixe, Patty Sunamoto; front—Bryan Miyagawa, Ron Oda, Steve Okazaki (Lansing co-ch), Christ Doering (Detroit JAYS pres) and David Shinozaki.

Birth of a JAYs Chapter

By CATHY HIRONAKA
East Lansing JAYs Advisor

With as small a community as Lansing, many people are surprised that a JAYs chapter ever got started. Prior knowledge of JAYs aided greatly in getting the chapter started. Through the initiative of Tom Ishino and Steve Okazaki, a group was formed, later to be known as the East Lansing JAYs.

In the past, all the Japanese Americans in the Lansing area met once a year—at New Year's. This was the only chance for the youth to get together to have fun. Sure they saw each other in school. However, seeing that everyone is into their own clubs, groups—the formation of the JAYs was the opportunity for the Sansei of the area to meet more often than once a year.

Basically, starting from scratch, the new group realizes that not only are members needed, but a support group is also a necessity. As a result, Mrs. Mary Ishino instigated a Parent-Booster committee to help guide and advise the new chapter.

Emphasizing membership and finances, the group is working toward a goal of allowing Sansei to have a group to associate with, to learn with as well as to travel with. As young adults, they also realize that the need to establish their own financial base so that they can carry out the programs that they would like to accomplish.

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Digital Pranks

TOKYO—According to Ann Landers' column a while back, zippers began appearing on pants in 1926.

The information was supplied by a reader in response to a remark made by Miss Landers that she could remember when the fly on trousers had buttons.

Well, you have to be long in the tooth to remember the pre-zipper days and along with Ann Landers I qualify.

In the 1920s, I recall, dark-brown corduroy knickers with buttons on the fly were in vogue for young kids in Hollywood.

Myose fires two holes-in-one

GRANADA HILLS, Calif.—Susumu Myose, a 16-handicapper at Montebello Kyodo Golf Club, carded two holes-in-one over the 6,237-yd. par-72 Knollwood Country Club course Easter Sunday during the So. District Adult Buddhist golf tournament. He aced the par-3 sixth hole of 156 yards and par-3 17th hole of 132 yards for a net 67 that included 10 on a par-5 second hole.

A Northridge resident, he has been playing golf for 15 years and works with Tele-dyne as manager of the administrative products division.

Pants took an extra beating in those times because of a popular prank. A kid would sidle up and make a sudden swipe at your fly, tearing it agape and often causing buttons to pop. The culprit would then holler, quite unnecessarily, "You're open!"

The advent of the zippers put a stop to this game but the fellows soon came up with replacements.

In junior high school, the kids graduated to durable corduroy long pants that were light brown in shade when new and coated with grime when worn weeks on end, as was the fashion.

The cords — popular among all students up through college — wore like iron. I can still remember the guarantee that came with them: "Ten cents a button and a dollar a rip."

Blue jeans? No one wore blue jeans to school in those days. Jeans were for work, like mowing lawns on Saturdays.

It was during a period of revolutionary innovations that I attended LeConte Junior High, located across the street from Warner Brothers Studios, between 1927 and 1929.

Besides the appearance of the zipper, the movies began to have sound. I can remember handing in a theme one term entitled "Talking Pictures," complete with a sketch of a curl of movie film on the cover.

The Model A Ford replaced the Model T; Charles Lindbergh, who was soon known as "Lindy," flew the Atlantic and goosing came into its glory during those years.

Goosing, or playful prodding to the rear, became so rampant as a prank at school that our gym teacher, Wallace Overman, tried to put a stop to it one day. He lined us up, looked sternly left and right, and said amid the

sound of snickers: "Boys, I don't want to see any more of what you call goosing. Someone might get hurt."

As derisive gestures, I can recollect, they had thumbing the nose, the razzberry and the "finger" from way, way back.

Actually, the finger, which Vice President Nelson Rockefeller used against hecklers at a Republican Convention, is not American



Jockey Akira Deguchi gives the V sign after winning the Meguro Memorial race aboard Kashi Chikara on Feb. 19.

Believe it or not

HILO—Ben Hur, 37, is a Korean-born physician and unofficial head cheerleader at the Univ. of Hawaii-Hilo basketball games. His moves are rhythmic and unique, accompanied to the beat of the traditional Korean village drum, the puk.

Date set for S.F. Junior Olympics

SAN FRANCISCO—The JACL Jr. Olympics will run its 26th annual competition on Saturday, June 10, at Oakland's Laney College, it was announced by meet director Daro Inouye.

Entry forms have been distributed to Northern California JACL chapters, team coaches and advisers. Individuals may enter unattached, provided they or their parents are affiliated with JACL. Approximately 300 young Asian Americans compete in the all-day event. (The PSWDC Nisei Relays will be held June 4 at West L.A. College.)

'Pink Lady' duo in L.A. charity show

LOS ANGELES—The Pink Lady, Japan's top vocal duet, will give a benefit performance at the Japanese Retirement Home, 325 S. Boyle Ave., on Tuesday, Apr. 25, from 7:30 p.m., it was announced by Friends of the Japanese Retirement Home, sponsors of the show.

Kei and Me, the top musical bombshells with such hits as "Wanted" and "UFO" to their credit, are performing in Las Vegas' Tropicana Hotel prior to their charity show appearance in Los Angeles.

Tickets for the JRH performance are \$5 pre-show and \$7 at the gate. They are available at:

Bunka-do and Magic Radio in Little Tokyo, Melody Records in Gardena; or call the Japanese Retirement Home (263-9651) or Hideo Kikuchi (264-2855).

JAA to move

NEW YORK—The Japanese American Assn. of New York will be moving from its present office, 125 W. 72nd St., to a floor at 7 W. 44th St., where it is being refurbished.

as apple pie, I learned only recently.

According to an AP story, Diogenes, the Greek cynic, gave the finger back in the fourth century to the great orator Demosthenes.

The finger is a gesture that has never caught on in Japan. However, U.S. tennis star Jimmy Connors is scheduled to play in this country soon. He could show the Japanese how it is done.

What has caught on like wildfire in this country is the V-sign, born in World War II.

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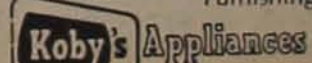
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John Okada's NO-NO BOY (softcover, \$5.95) is now in its third printing with the Univ. of Washington Press, Seattle and London, announcing a June 28 publication date.

First printing by Tuttle of Rutland, Vt., and Tokyo was a hardcover edition in 1957 that received little attention because "the story dug too deeply into (the Nisei) psyche at a time when they were still raw and lacerated from the Evacuation experience" as Bill Hosokawa commented when the novel was reprinted with softcover in 1976 by the Combined Asian American Resources Project, Inc., of Seattle-San Francisco.

In the 1977 PC Holiday Issue, playwright Frank Chin tells of meeting the friends and relatives of author John Okada—an article that was headlined: "Whites can't relate to... No No Boy". Some readers of that article were disappointed because the book was then out-of-print. It is now available by ordering through the Univ. of Washington Press, Seattle 98105; or your Asian American bookstore.—H.H.

● Reality of 'Eta'

Toson Shimazaki's "Hakai", a classic Meiji Era novel about the Eta, has been published in English by Univ. of Tokyo Press. Translated by Kenneth Strong, with an introduction that summarizes the sociological scene in which this class of Japanese lived, the severity of discrimination they faced during the Meiji era, and what led Shimazaki to write the novel, the book is part of the growing Japanese series in the UNESCO Collection of Representative Works.

Now titled THE BROKEN COMMANDMENT (US \$7.95 paper, \$12.95 cloth; ISBN Inc., PO Box 555, Forest Grove, Ore 97116), story concerns a young school teacher who achieved his present position by concealing his outcast Eta background as his father had commanded. But the tension of having to keep the secret about himself—of living a lie—impels him to reveal his origin in order to keep the friendship with an older fellow outcast who is fearlessly campaigning against discrimination under which the Eta had suffered for centuries.—H.H.

Momiyama heads New York artists

NEW YORK—Sumi-e artist Nanae Momiyama has been elected president of the Japanese Artists Association of New York for 1978.

The association (P.O. Box 44, Glenville Sta., Greenwich, Ct. 06830) was founded in 1972 to assist Japanese artists living and working in New York, to establish an information center for Japanese visual arts, to hold exhibitions, and to help to improve cultural relations between Japan and the United States.

PC Correspondent writes his first novel

San Francisco

An ex-Marine and journalist has long been haunted by scenes he witnessed in the Pacific during World War II. Now Lee Ruttle's compassion has given birth to his remarkable first novel, "The Private War of Dr. Yamada."

The book, published by San Francisco Book Co. was placed on sale March 10.

"I, Hiroshi Yamada, am a doctor sworn to save lives, not take them with the sword." So says Lt. Col. Yamada of the Japanese Imperial Army in this, his secret diary.

Yamada is stationed on a tiny island, Peleliu, in the service of his homeland Nippon. There he treats the wounded in a hospital built in a labyrinthine cave and watches the progress of the war as it shifts irreversibly against Japan.

American-trained, he cannot see the enemy as a "faceless, nameless being". He condemns neither "side". ("My condemnation is directed at the most diabolical enemy of Mankind—War.")

His humanitarian position puts him in personal danger when his loyalty is questioned. And his conscience struggles

painfully with the question of his duty—ought he commit hara-kiri, as is expected of him? Or does his duty lie with the wounded, and eventually, with his family?

"The Private War of Dr. Yamada" is both a portrait of Japanese culture and an expression of a universal dilemma. Through Yamada's ordeal, Ruttle shows that the enemy is not the easy stereotype of wartime propaganda.

Ruttle, an Oakland resident, is a former San Francisco advertising man. He served in World War II in the 1st Division, USMC, seeing active duty in the Peleliu and Okinawa campaigns.

"I knew when I was at Peleliu that some day I would write a story about what happened in the campaign, so much suffering on both sides."

Ruttle, who was a corporal with the Marines, said, "We were told before the operations began that we would be back on ship in 72 hours. It took 72 days to capture the island ...

"I stewed over the book for

30 years," Ruttle said. "I took about a year of work to complete it."

"I finally decided that the story should be told as seen by a Japanese soldier. I didn't think he should be a samurai or a traitor and so I made him a doctor, a man of medicine, not a military man."

Ruttle, who has never been to Japan, said the book is almost purely fiction, but based his writings on extensive reading about Japan and the Japanese, plus his acquaintances with Japanese here.

Among them, he said, was Mrs. Kazumi Fujimoto of Takamatsu, Japan, an artist who studied in Washington, D.C., about seven years ago.

"I met her at Japan Center in San Francisco. She is a native of Shodo Island in the Inland Sea and I used her description of the island."

Two Oakland residents also assisted him, Ruttle said, E. J. Kashiwase, a Nisei, and Naoko Miyabe, who is from Japan and now working at Sumitomo Bank of California, Oakland office.



Lee Ruttle

In the book "Dr. Yamada" is American-trained, residing for a time in San Francisco.

Ruttle is a special correspondent of the Pacific Citizen. He and his wife, actress and dancer King Lan Chew, have been active in the Asian American community on the west coast for many years.

In reviewing the book, Publishers Weekly wrote:

A quietly intense portrayal of the moral aspects and above all the futility of war ... A sensitive and thoughtful story.

Kirkus Reviews said:

Yamada pours compassion over these pages, and few readers will be able to reject it ... (The) final 72 days of battle are mainly in the background; the worthy foreground is a good man richly drawn.

The Library Journal noted:

... a quietly intense document, filled with dignity and gentleness, and a rage against the futility and horrible waste of war ... It stands as a small monument to the commitment to life of one honorable man.

Sen. Daniel Inouye of Hawaii has been quoted as saying Ruttle "has painted his character clearly and with sensitivity ... A very believable and moving account of one man's struggle with the many painful dilemmas brought on by war."

"The Private War of Dr. Yamada" is distributed by Stein and Day/Publishers. Cloth: \$8.95. —Nichi Bei Times

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Examiner critic a big booster

SAN FRANCISCO—The Examiner columnist Kevin Starr reported that Lee Ruttle's novel, "The Private War of Dr. Yamada", sold over 4,000 copies in the week before its publication Mar. 10.

Starr further writes: "I predict that this book will soon be considered a classic among World War II novels. It is certainly headed for a lasting reputation." Ruttle has done the contemporary novel a great service by stripping aside the "pretentious artiness that so belabors highbrow fiction" and ignoring the vulgarity that "compromises so much popular fiction," he added.

Nikkei bookseller to visit China

LOS ANGELES—Dr. Hana-ko Fukuda is the only bookseller in the Los Angeles area of 16 selected for a tour of China April 24-May 20.

The trip will focus on the publication and distribution of books in China. Members will visit the Chinese National Publishers, Foreign Language Press and bookstores, as well as communes, factories, hospitals, schools and museums.

Fukuda, who holds a doctorate in music education from USC, is the floor resource person, buyer and supervisor of USC's trade-book department. She is responsible for the bookstore's China selection which includes writings of Mao Tse-Tung, children's literature and books on peasant art and Chinese customs.

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The Japanese are no longer the enemy. Still it is good therapy to learn about the thoughts, fears and hopes of one of them—a very decent human being—by examining the entries in his private diary. For this reason ... Lee Ruttle's book deserves to be a successful one. —Bill Hosokawa

Ruttle makes Dr. Yamada totally believable ... Japanese soldiers in this book are not "the faceless enemy", but human beings, brave and terrified ... This is an impressive book. —William Hogan, San Francisco Chronicle

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Cast of 'Mondai wa Akira': Asami Oyama, Joe Oyama and Randall Nakano

'Mondai wa Akira' warmly applauded in Diablo Valley

By Wilma Hayashi

CONCORD, Calif. — The Center Players Production of three plays at the JA Hall here April 1 were warmly applauded.

The short comedy "April Fool" was appropriate for April 1, while "Blessed Be" took a playful poke at Nisei attitudes. The longer play "Mondai wa Akira" elicited a warm identifying response from the audience as it romped through Issei and Nisei values and conflicts. Especially good was Joe Oyama, who handily understated his role of the Issei father who watches TV, minus sound, and chauvinistically never lifts a finger around the house.

The playwright, Hiroshi Kashiwagi has a keen and appreciative ear for the subtleties and eccentricities of our common heritage, placing them in the framework of humor.

The Players were:

Lane Nishikawa, Lianne Araki, Nancy Araki, Joyce Yamamoto, Yuki Kawaguchi, Joe Oyama, Mark Izu, Kristen Yamamoto, Asami Oyama, Randall Akira Nakano, Suzie Okazaki, M. Moss Fujii. Technical effects by Hiroshi Kashiwagi-Nimura and Soji Kashiwagi. Directed by Ted Samuel.

Presentation was co-sponsored by the Diablo Valley JACL and the Diablo JA Club. The well-attended performance was capped with refreshments and an opportunity to mingle with the players.

'ALASKA STORY'

Saga of Issei pioneer on film

LOS ANGELES—A feature-length Japanese film, "Alaska Story", screening at Kokusai Theater through April 20, tells the true story of a pioneer Issei, Kyosuke Yasuda, who left Miyagi-ken when he was 20 and came to the U.S. in 1887.

Three years later, he found a job working at a general merchandise store in

Point Barrow, Alaska, where he adopted the name, Frank, befriended a local Eskimo tribe who taught him how to hunt and fish. He soon married an Eskimo and settled with the tribe. A poor hunting season left the group near starvation and Yasuda spent his savings to relocate the entire tribe from the Arctic Ocean area to more productive hunting grounds in Beaver (about 70 miles below Ft. Yukon)—an act for which the tribe appreciatively dubbed Yasuda "Moses".

During WW2, he was interned as an enemy alien in Santa Fe, N.M. He died at age 90 in Alaska, survived by wife Nebiro and several children.

Cartoonist Matsuoka publishes 'Sensei'

SAN FRANCISCO — Hoku-bei Mainichi cartoon strip, "Sensei", by Jack Matsuoka will be published the end of April in book form. The series has been popular as an educational tool to introduce things Japanese—proverbs, haiku, festivals, etc.

Because of limited printing, Matsuoka is taking mail orders at \$2.95. Checks are payable to: Sensei, 804 Edgemar Ave., Pacifica, Ca 94044.

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letic ability, superficial requisites of heroes from our day. But he was popular. There wasn't a soul who didn't like or respect Oscar. I guess it was his tremendous intellect that kept him a cut above us. Oscar knew he was smart, felt no need to apologize or brag about it. He was smart enough to have accumulated sufficient funds to retire five years ago. A bachelor, he had no dependents. So instead of deferring his dream, he planned to spend the rest of his life enjoying music across the country, around the world.

Literature was another life-long interest. Sometimes I mused about a theory read in a book years ago. By return mail came the name of the author, book and publisher.

His knowledge was astonishing. Although his interests detached him from the Japanese community, he had some astute observations. He wrote that while he appreciated whatever was inherited from his parents, his culture was American.

Culture, especially the aesthetic, could not be absorbed simply through blood. Considering the young age and educational background of the immigrant Issei, he wondered how much they were actually capable of transmitting. To him, Japanese culture in a purist sense, required years of study.

In another letter, he worried about the fakes among us, who disseminate information on Japanese and Japanese American history without any scholastic basis. He approved the work of revisionist historians.

Now that vast fund of knowledge is dead. Through the years, he had collected an unbelievable amount of material, most beyond the grasp of ordinary intelligence. Most was stored in his brilliant mind. It is a tremendous waste. Knowing Oscar, he planned to use it in some constructive and enduring fashion. But cancer worked against him and us.

All of us who knew him, friend or family, saw him in different ways. The last two years have not been easy, particularly for his family. They must have been hell for him.

Death is a season of storm and calm. This season must pass before we can sort our scars and stars. But I know what has died in me. Oscar kept the gypsy alive in my heart. In my bad days, and who does not have them, I always felt he was there waiting for me. Farewell, free spirit.

A geneological handbook

FINDING YOUR ROOTS: How Every American Traces His Ancestors at Home and Abroad, By Jeane Eddy Westin. Los Angeles: Tarcher, Inc., \$8.95.

Although most geneology books have emphasized Anglo-Saxon heritage, "Finding Your Roots" is a handbook for Americans of all ethnic background, including the Asians, interested in learning more about their family history.

Geneologist Jeane Westin of Sacramento reveals in her book the professional "tricks of the trade", the simplest family tracing techniques and lists hundreds of informational sources.

About the Japanese Americans, she notes the 1900 U.S. census can be inspected now and should indicate place of origin in Japan if that is unknown. The LDS Library in Salt Lake City as well as National Diet Library in Tokyo can assist in locating the family koseki (household registration record). How to determine one's family crest through the National Diet Library is also explained. JACL Headquarters is listed as "among other sources" in the appendix of state-by-state list for help.

A worksheet on how to start the family tree charts, origins and meanings of ethnic names and suggestions for pursuing family research while vacationing overseas should be of tremendous help to the amateur geneologist, which we will undertake to the search for our roots.—Harry Honda.

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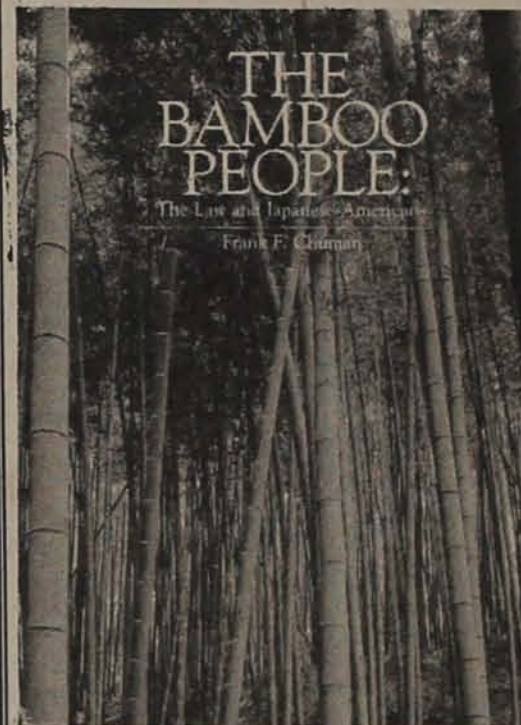
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Foundation. She is one of two persons selected from the U.S. to make the tour. They were selected from those who have taken 300 hours study of the Japanese language and who have not been in Japan for more than 60 days since 12 years of age. Kikuchi is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Takashige Kikuchi of Culver City.

Sadako Ogata, minister of the Japanese permanent mission to the United Nations, won the 1978 Elise and Walter A. Haas International Award, which was to be presented at the 110th Charter Day celebration of the Univ. of California April 6. She is the first woman to be appointed to a high-ranking foreign service post by the

Japanese government and the first woman to receive the Haas Award, given each year to a former foreign student of the UC system who has rendered service to his native land. Ogata earned a PhD in political science from Berkeley in 1963 and is currently on leave from the International Christian University in Tokyo, where she is an associate professor of international relations and political science.

John Sumida, of San Jose, has been awarded the title of Registered Jeweler by the American Gem Society, an association of fine jewelers pledged to consumer protection. Sumida began as an apprentice jeweler and diamond setter in 1946. After 10 years of running a trade shop, he opened John Sumida, Inc., in 1965. The title is awarded to jewelers achieving advanced professional knowledge and skill after taking prescribed courses and passing exams. Nisei artist Roy Kiyooka, professor

of fine arts at the Univ. of British Columbia, becomes the fourth Japanese Canadian to be invested with the Order of Canada. Well known for his exhibits of photography, sculpture and painting over the past 20 years in Canada, he contributed a 16-ft. vinyl and light sculpture to Canada's Pavilion at Osaka's Expo-70.



Lori Tanimura

Lori Tanimura, a 4.0 student at UCLA and part-time employee of the Pacific Citizen, was named recipient of a \$244 Chi Alpha Delta Alumnae Scholarship for the 1977-78 academic year. Tanimura is a graduate of Marlborough High School. The scholarship is awarded each fall to a new or transfer woman student of Japanese ancestry.

Media

San Francisco Bay Area Press Photographers honored Gary Fong of the Chronicle as its Photographer of the Year. Paul Sakuma of Associated Press won first place in the news division. Jan Yanehiro, co-hostess of San Francisco KPIX-TV's "Evening Magazine", was keynote speaker

at the annual Secretaries Institute April 14 at Fairmont Hotel. She spoke on getting ahead professionally.

Dr. David Suzuki, host of the Canadian Broadcasting Corp.'s Science Magazine TV show for five years, will introduce some 15 to 20 segments of Japanese research into medicine, agriculture, technology and science in the winter 1979 series.

Sports

Dave Ishii, Univ. of Houston All American golfer last year, won the Hawaii State Amateur Stroke Play championship 16-19 with 77-72-73-73—295 at Waialae Country Club. He also owns the state amateur match play crown won last summer at Oahu Country Club. Mike Inamine of Visalia won the boys 18-and-under singles title of the Tulare Junior Open Tennis Tournament. He teamed with Mike Suta to claim the doubles title as well. Jeff Ota, 5-7 senior guard at C.K. McClatchy High, Sacramento, was named to the first team all-Metropolitan Area boys basketball team selected by the Sacramento Bee, TV stations KFBK and KOVR. A second team selection last season, Ota scored 20.9 points per game and was the team leader in assists with 130. Ota also had 87 steals, 130 rebounds and shot 70% from the foul line. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tsutomu Ota.

Fred Kuhaulua, nephew of sumo wrestler Jess Kuhaulua, will make his debut this season in the Japanese baseball league with the Chunichi Dragons. Kuhaulua, a 25-year-old southpaw, played 50 games in the Salt Lake 3A last year and compiled a 9-5-6 record. He struck out 54 batters in 83 innings and had a 6.07 ERA. After the 3A season, he was promoted to the California Angels and pitched in three games. The young Hawaiian is expected to arrive in Japan in early April.

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Tulare County

Date for the Tulare County JACL benefit movie has been changed from Sunday to Saturday, April 29, 7 p.m., at the Visalia Buddhist Church annex. As the chapter's main fund-raiser, two features will be shown: "Mother and Her 11 Children" and chambera "Tange Sazen", both with English subtitles.

The chapter's final meeting before the summer harvest will be held April 24, 7 p.m., at the Visalia Buddhist Church. Schedule resumes in September.

Washington, D.C.

Pioneer Issei of the Washington, D.C., area will be

honored by the JACL chapter at its Issei family dinner on Sunday, April 30, 4:30 p.m. at River Road Unitarian Church, Bethesda. A program of Japanese dance and music will be featured.

Earlier this month (April 2), the chapter held its new member reception at the same church.

West Valley

On Saturday, April 29, it will be West Valley JACL's Recreation Night, starting with dinner at 6 p.m. at the chapter clubhouse and followed by bridge at the clubhouse and bowling at Saratoga Lanes. Prizes are planned for adults and children in both games. Everyone is expected to bring their own eating utensils.

The people in charge are: Tom Miyamoto, bowling; Aaron Murai, bridge; Kay Kawahara (241-3489), dinner.

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Julie Nishino was hired as a community worker with Contra Costa County by the Sakura Kai Issei Cen-

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LOS ANGELES—Calif 1st Bank, 120 S San Pedro St (rear entrance), 7 p.m.
Second Tuesdays: May 9. For info, call Akira Ohno, (213) 477-7490.

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