IN CALIFORNIA AGRICULTURE

Nisei credited for reviving political clout

FRESNO, Calif.—Farmers other rich enclaves of clout of earlier times. Agricultural industry have reestablishing themselves as and more importantly, reestablishing their political power by forming a political action committee. This was Harry Kubo, a Parmarier farmer of a 21G-acre or more, who organized a political action center near Tule Lake, when farmers put together a $3 million campaign supported by Gov. Brown. The campaign manager, who grew up in the community of California soil scientists.

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CHIZ SATOW: 1921-1978

Dr. Roy Nishikawa, past National JACL president (1955-58), was asked to deliver the eulogy at Chiz Satow's funeral Monday night at the Union Church of Los Angeles. His parting words focus on the part she had in the history of the organization. Here is Dr. Nishikawa's eulogy:

The greatest tribute I can pay Chiz Satow is to simply describe her as I knew her. Her life and interests were inextricably linked to her husband Mas and to the JACL.

I've known the Satows for over 30 years. I would look forward to meeting them at every National JACL Convention and at many other JACL meetings. After Chiz and Mas retired from the National JACL staff in 1972, my wife Alice and I made it a point to contact them whenever we visited San Francisco.

This year, on New Year's Day, we visited Chiz Satow at her home of the brother in Torrance. She seemed quite well at the time. She was optimistic and we talked confidently about her future which later turned out to be of limited duration.

Lasting Faith in JACL

Elmer L. Shirrell, 1899-1978

WRA supervisor at Tule Lake, relocation officer in Chicago

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. - Elmer L. Shirrell, long active in community affairs, died Tuesday, March 15, at his home in Santa Barbara. He was 88. Services were held at the First Presbyterian Church of Santa Barbara.

A native son of Santa Barbara, he was graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, and later served for Doubleday Doran as the publisher's west coast representative.

When WWII broke out, he was asked by the War Relocation Authority to assist in the evacuation of Japanese Americans and became supervisor of the camp at Tule Lake. He later went to Chicago to head a staff assigned to obtain housing and jobs for 16,000 Japanese Americans. He then joined the Curtis Candy Co. and remained for 12 years as a personnel executive. He returned to Santa Barbara when he retired.

Shirrell was the 1971 "Man of the Year" for his community and church work.

Friends may remember the Elmer Shirrell Scholarship Fund, c/o Santa Barbara Scholarship Foundation, P.O. Box 1403, Santa Barbara, Calif. 93102.

Bay Area JACL dinner

SAN FRANCISCO-Rep. Norman Mineta will speak on the future direction of the House of Representatives at the Bay Area Japanese American Democratic Club benefit dinner May 6 at Yet Wah Restaurant.

JACL's 'First Lady'

BY KARL NOBUYUKI

I met Chiz Satow just over twenty years ago when I had mentioned her to the Pacific Citizen. She had only recently seen her for the first time since her husband's death. She was at the dedication of the Satow Library.

I explained how I tried to reach her that day because of the large crowd that was processing. So before coming to San Francisco for my interview with JACL I'd given a call and a chance to see if we could meet and talk. I told her that I would probably have more questions than anything else, but I was curious as to how Mas had operated within the JACL circuit. I felt only a person as close to him as Chiz was could share with me the real struggles of a man like Mas. I couldn't believe how receptive she was to meeting with me—a total stranger.

Warm Conversation

We met at dinner. She spoke first. Her first question was about my wife. She explained that she was working in a doctor's office and how she had learned of young people being struck with serious illnesses from pressure, tension and fatigue. I answered that I have always been fortunate in my health and that since only the good can be young that I would probably be around for a long time. We laughed. She then asked how my wife and children felt about taking this position. I expressed how I felt my wife and kids were very supportive, to which she replied, "Be one of the few who bring her up on that. That was to be the beginning of a friendship, though brief, and I can say without hesitation that I love Chiz Satow and always shall.

Memories: Our first evening together is as vivid as if it were yesterday. We laughed as we talked. We were serious about JACL and the war and humanity. It laid down some very pointed topics that JACL had to face. We were successful, encouraging throughout the entire evening. I couldn't help but walk away more sure of the same and character of Mas Satow and the woman who walked beside him through the way through.

To the Future: The JACL has been fortunate to have such wonderful people as part of its chemistry. Chiz in all her sacrifices and sufferings never lost sight of JACL. She believed in it. And though Chiz and I were acquainted for a short time, I say with confidence that Chiz Satow was First Lady. She was a clear example of how Japanese Americans can and must work for the common good. That there need not be lines of demarcation on the basis of sex, age or religious affiliation. If one does the

Chiz Satow snips ribbon at 1977 dedication of the Los Angeles County Masao Satow Library in Gardena. Participating with her are Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, instrumental in having the library named in memory of the late National JACL director, and Judge Morio Fukuto (right), who was master of ceremonies.

CARD OF THANKS

THE FAMILY OF

THE LATE CHIZUKO SATOW,

who passed away at the Kaiser Permanente Hospital, Los Angeles, on April 24 after an illness, acknowledges the many expressions of sympathy, condolences and flowers for her funeral held at the Union Church of Los Angeles.

The widow of the late Masao W. Chiz Satow, Chiz was born in Fielding, Utah, and is survived by her father Hidetaro, two brothers Kenny and Ken, two sisters Miyuki Mayeda and Kayoko Tsuruda.

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FARMERS
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culture’s hold on the California Senate, Chavez began gaining momentum doing what no one else had done before, organizing the state’s migrant workers. In 1970, Chavez won his first major victory when the UFW forced table grape growers to sign union contracts.

To farmers, however, the contract meant higher costs. It also began to awaken them to the need to influence state government on the farm labor issue.

“The April or May of ‘71,” Kubo recalled, “17 farms in the San Joaquin Valley were being picketed by Mexican American farm workers. Fourteen of these were Japanese American farms. Why they picketed the Japanese American farms, I don’t know.”

From a family of intense pride in its orchard land, Kubo decided to act, angry at the defeat of Prop. 14.

Harry Kubo (second from left) and Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.), a program participant at the 1974 dinner.

Harry Kubo (second from left) is installed as president of the Nisei Farmers League. With him (from left) are Fresno Mayor Uchiyama and Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.), a program participant at the 1974 dinner.

More political battles followed. In 1972, conservative, old line farm leaders without much experience in politics fought back with an anti-farm labor initiative. The measure was badly beaten, and some of its backers still owe campaign debts.

In 1974, farmers raised about $100,000 for then-State Controller Houston Flournoy in his bid for governor. Flournoy lost by a narrow margin.

Some trying to organize agricultural interests said it was hard to believe how political the farmers were, even though they operated the world’s most advanced and prosperous farms.

“They’ve been labeled in the media as grease ninjas, dumb farmers, and by God, some of that label was correct,” said Kubo.

But by 9:15 on election night in 1976, network computer counters had announced the defeat of Prop. 14.

Terry Teraoka, a branch manager at California First Bank.

“It was the first real victory the farmers had ever participated in, their first taste of victory,” Kubo remembered. “It was a feeling you can’t describe.”

Judicial ethics panel’s rule on racial bias charge pending.

SEATTLE, Wash.—An affidavit of prejudice filed by a public defender against Judge Horton Smith is still being considered by the Superior Court Judges Association’s Judicial Ethics and Grievance Committee.

Nomura filed the affidavit Dec. 6 after Smith, a King County judge, allegedly made a racist remark while Nomura was asking for a continuance on a case. The attorney’s motion was based on his belief that one of the defendants would change his plea, however, the change had not been officially recorded.

According to Nomura, Smith said, “But we haven’t got the plea, have we? No ticked, no wash.”

Nomura last week said it was his understanding a subcommittee was investigating the matter and was to report to the grievance committee at a recent conference. As of yet, however, no word has been received by either Nomura or the public defender’s office. A report had been expected April 14.

“I’ve not advocated any position,” Nomura said when asked what action he felt should be taken against the judge. “I did receive an apology and I accept it. I just took the steps I felt were appropriate. Personally, it was something I felt compelled to do.”

Nomura said he was unsure what authority the grievance committee has in reprimanding Smith, but believes the group can only act in an “advisory, in-house” capacity.

He said the group will probably either find that nothing “improper or inappropriate” was done, or issue a formal reprimand.

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**Hopes for Asian Americans**

In his efforts to key his administration more closely to the needs and aspirations of every able Asian American at an important time, President Carter has urged that President Carter appoint an

**Translation: 'Shikata-Ga-Nai'**

`Who doesn't have it to do it himself.' Or: 'The man who can smile when things go wrong has the one he can blame it on.'"

"And to those meetings and conversations, the nervousness of any meeting is in inverse proportion to the atmosphere there."

Then there's the 'keiza' principle of audit control. The auditors should sometimes go to the $172-43 Theory'. It goes something like this: 'Auditors always keep an expense account with a bottom line dividable by five or six.'

"For you young swains with a yen for it, you fully understand the following principle: 'The probability of a man young man meeting a desirable and receptive young muzume-san increases by pyramidal progression when he is already in the company of (a) a date, (b) his wife or (c) a better-looking and richer male friend.' Oh, well.

"But there's more. The next rule you applied to me so often:

'You never find an article, have I located it somewhere:

'And as to those meetings and conversations, the nervousness of any meeting is in inverse proportion to the atmosphere there.'"
Salt Lake City

Drawing the drapery, I discover that spring has pulled a surprise overnight. The Infant leaves push their pale green way out of dorms and dorms, with new colors, no longer concealed by the last crust of snow, are spring's invitation.

In the perpetual, repeating pattern of nature's seasons, measure by measure becomes the passage of mortal, mortality has a long trip to strength and beauty of growing things is confirmation that life peaks, breaks winter's silence.

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I lie. Nothing possesses me more. For hours, I kneel removing remnants of winter's decay. Shape with the saw trees bent by snow. Dragging the rake through the ditch, the crouched wizened remains of fruit.

It should be a time of family cooperation, of shared enjoyment and accomplishment. Inhaling clear air while performing physical tasks could be a mutual health benefit.

But it isn't. This family of three disintegrates each spring, edges on the verge of mutiny. My husband, poking his head out the door, sniffs the air, says I am trying to kill him by forcing him outside. He suffers with hay fever.

For years he has insisted that my affinity for forsythia, monkeyBusiness, poppies proves my perversion. He claims I deliberately plant them in clumps, hoping he will suffocate to death. What a suspicious mind.

By some coincidence, he usually has a trip to make about this time. Last year, in a change of mind, said he would like to skip the Hawaii trip, having been there too recently. But, observing me dragging gardening equipment from the storage room, decided the trip was urgent.

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But I suppose a man traveling the skyscrapers prefers the sophisticated scent of shaving lotion or perfume. All these springs he has flown away. Bermuda, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Florida, Hawaii, or wherever. Each year, he needs a good time and yard, he tells me. Such luxury.

Each spring I also see an occasional moving shadow. This is my son strolling by in his newest tennis outfit, three rackets slung over his shoulder. He expects me to recognize him, likes to fantasize that we have hired help in the garden.

Hearing the crashing noises I make, white sliding down the hill with a load of broken branches, he shouts at me. The voices become a strange apparition. And then, belatedly, I remember offering to help, he says I should be careful, not carry so much at once. I have a thoughtful son. And with a wave of his hand, he is gone. A deserter, just like his father.

Both show an occasional interest in the yard. But digging a few dandelions or pulling a handful of weeds constitutes a day's work for them. If they mow the lawn, they do it with no apparent and easily bumping. That's a square work.

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Calendar, pulse & memos

JACL budget starts

Special to The Pacific Citizen PORTLAND, Ore.—Serious national budget problems expected for the next biennium were reviewed by National President Paul Isaki and National Director Karl Nobuyuki, with each presenting possible plans for a dues increase structure that would be acceptable at the April 9 meeting of the Pacific Northwest District Council.

Faced with the prospect of a projected increase in JACL membership dues, the National Board membership dues of $4.50 to meet the 1979 budget of $770,000,000, Nobuyuki introduced the concept of increasing only the membership fee as one alternative.

The district council approved in principle Isaki’s proposal of a $1.25 dues increase which would provide the directly earmarked for a national membership program and community relations. Isaki stressed the need for establishing program priorities for the increased funds and recommended a heavy development program.

(District councils, as they convene during their respective spring sessions, are previewing the national JACL budget for the 1979-80 biennium.)

Japanese film series

LOS ANGELES—Eighteen classic Japanese films will be shown at the Japanese American Citizens League's Japanese Cinema series opening May 4 at the Marcus North Civic Theater.

“Pacific Citizen” film series

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Deadlines

May 7—NRC-NWC input for JACL Constitution amendments to Geo. Kondo, Regional Administrator.

May 19—Chapter Dues for 1978, to be submitted to National Treasurer, Helen Kagawa, at 37, Ch. A.J.

May 20—Submit chapter baptism report to JACL Constitution to Nat’l Director, JACL, (from Chs. 5 days prior to May 20).

May 21—Chapter Proxy Authorization and Voting Delegate Form to Credentials Committee of JACL, A.J.

June 9—Budget/Cay Agenda from Hq to all JACL chapters (10 days prior to budget meeting).

May 30—Contribute to Chs. Okaidu—Yamada for the month of May, JACL member's dues.

June 20—Appliances for the high school student aid fund, JACL.

Calend...
By Chuck Kobawara, NC-WNDC Governor

HONOLULU While I thank the PC editor for allocating space for all of our district's PCs, the six-worded title was never printed: News Col...

Three nominated for national president

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah— On April 15, the nominations for candidates for national president were closed. Those nominated by the district councils are as follows:

For National President: Judge Miko Uchiyama, National Nominating Committee; Judge Mikio Uchiyama, Cen....

National Board Report: The National Board has made an important change to the convention delegates' re...
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