

Civil service retirement credit bill heard in Senate

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Senate last week (May 17) heard testimony on a bill, S 244, to give credit service retirement credit to federal employees for time spent in Japanese American internment camps during WW2.

S 224, introduced by Sen. Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii), is a counterpart of HR 9471, authored by Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.), and which was passed by the House last Jan. 23 by a vote of 366-12.

Speaking on behalf of S 244 before the Senate subcommittee on civil service and general services, chaired by Sen. Jim Sasser (D-Tenn.), were Sens. Inouye, Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) and Rep. Mineta. An interesting sidelight of Inouye's testimony was a suggestion that his bill be amended by the subcommittee to eliminate the over age-18 eligibility requirement.

The House bill would credit any federal worker contributing to the civil service retirement system for time spent after the age of 18 in the camps in the period Dec. 7, 1941, through Dec. 31, 1946.

Muts Furiya of the Committee for Internment Credit, who was accompanied by his associate, Toshi Yoshida, both of San Francisco and interim Washington JACL representative Harry Takagi also testified in support of the bill.

Both Furiya and Takagi hoped the subcommittee would report favorably to the full Committee on Governmental Affairs and they were encouraged by the fact that the Civil Service Commission has withdrawn its former objections.

Takagi afterwards said individual letters of support to members of the full committee and to individual senators should be continued.

"This legislation holds special significance for me for it would restore some measure of justice to these Japanese Americans who suffered personal humiliation, severe financial loss, and emotional trauma at the hands of their own government," Mineta said.

Similar provisions have already been passed into law for contributors to the Social Security system. □

Census plans block data on major Pacific/Asian groups

PALO ALTO, Calif.—Asian Americans for Community Involvement (AACI), a San Francisco Peninsula organization, has announced its endorsement of the Census Bureau's plan to make 1980 data available on major Pacific/Asian ethnic groups.

The availability of such data would have made AACI's recent attempt to assist mental health needs of Asian/Pacific Islander communities easier, AACI spokesperson Cheryl Fong said in a letter to Manuel D. Plotkin, director of the Census Bureau.

"Our organization has been and is currently involved in the advocating and planning of social and human services delivery to Asian and Pacific Islander American people in Santa Clara County," Fong continued.

"Census block data on the diverse Asian and Pacific Islander populations residing in Santa Clara County would facilitate the effective planning of these services."

The 1980 data will be provided for Chinese, Japanese and Filipino populations with a catch-all "Others" category. The AACI has encouraged the bureau to also include Vietnamese, Korean, Samoan, Guamanian, Indian and other large groups.

Block data will only be taken in cities with total populations of 50,000 or more, with data being provided for those blocks which record 10 or more Asian or Pacific Islanders.

Community support for the proposal should be sent to:

Miss Teen Sansei

LOS ANGELES—The 14th annual Miss Teen Sansei coronation will be held July 15 at the Beverly Hilton with as many as 15 aspirants, announced the Nisei Memorial VFW Post 9938. Candidates are between 15 and 17.

Manual D. Plotkin, Director, Bureau of the Census, U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20233, with copies to:

Tani Azores, Asian/Pacific Census Advisory Group for the 1980 Census, c/o Bureau of the Census, U.S. Dept. of Commerce.

In other action, the AACI has registered complaints with Penny Paper Plate, Inc. in Pennsylvania over the use of the name "Takee Outee" for a fast-food restaurant chain.

AACI was informed of the use of the "offensive" and "racist" name by the Asian American Council of Greater Philadelphia. "We are outraged at your indiscriminate use of 'Takee Outee' and are furthermore insulted by the obvious insensitivity you have displayed by choosing to ignore the objections raised by the Pennsylvania State Human Relations Commission," AACI officials wrote.

The restaurant also has outlets in New Orleans. □

Celebrating 50 Years



The Gardena Buddhist Church Japanese School celebrates its 50th Anniversary with a banquet April 29. Mayor Ed Russ of Gardena and Assemblyman Paul Bannai presented special plaques. With the commendations are (from left): John Fujikawa, Church Board chairman; Mayor Russ; Rev. Kenyu Masuyama, Gardena Buddhist Church; Assemblyman Bannai; emcee Dr. Tom Maeda, PTC past president; and Minoru Yonemura, JLS 50th Anniversary chairman.

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SPECIAL ELECTION — CHICAGO 48TH WARD

Harano leads, now faces June 13 runoff



Ross M. Harano

Special to The Pacific Citizen
CHICAGO—Ross Masao Harano, 35, finished in the lead in a special 48th ward election for alderman here May 16 with 45.91 of the votes cast and now faces Marian Kennedy Volini in a June 13 run-off. She had 43.61% while the third candidate Terry Brauer culled 10.48% of the total 10,509 votes tallied.

A Fresno Assembly Center-born Sansei, he secured endorsement of the Democratic Party after two others

were refused. Volini was endorsed by the Republican Party. Harano led throughout the night as the tallies were being made.

The 48th Ward, which covers the Uptown-Northside district, has the largest concentration of Asian Americans in the city of Chicago with pockets of Irish Catholics and Jews. The Midwest JACL Office, Japanese business and professional people and residents are clustered here.

The special election was called to fill a vacancy after Dennis Block (R) moved to run for the mayor's office in suburban Glenview.

Harano, a past Chicago JACL president and Midwest District Council governor, is president of a graphics art company and has been president of the Uptown Chicago Commission.

Married to the former Cheryl Endo of Washington, D.C., the Haranos have three children, Michelle, 11, Michael, 9, and Mark, 7. □

BETWEEN U.S. AND CANADA

Evacuation experiences compared

By CLIFFORD I. UYEDA

(Special to The Pacific Citizen)

BELLINGHAM, Wash. — It must be considered a bold move when the Western Washington University here in co-sponsorship with the National Archives and Records Service put together a two-day conference on this subject: "Americans and Canadians of Japanese Ancestry: a Comparative Experience during World War II." What was unveiled May 4-5 was a part of North American history so little known to the public, and even to most Asians.

Attempts to expel persons of Japanese ancestry from the West Coast of North America had been going on for half a century before World War II. Pearl Harbor was the opportunity, not the reason, for the expulsion and incarceration of Japanese Americans and Canadians.

Japanese Americans attending the conference were well aware of their own history, and had some vague knowledge that Japanese Canadians were also forcibly removed from their homes and moved inland.

What they were not prepared for was the magnitude and the harshness of the treatment meted out to Japanese Canadians.

In 1941 there were 22,000, or 95% of all persons of Japanese ancestry in Canada, living on the West Coast near Vancouver, B.C. Although Asians in Canada could become naturalized citizens, voting rights were Provincial matters. Japanese Canadians in British Columbia were not allowed to vote.

In the United States, as Japanese immigrants increased during the early years of this century, Governor Hiram Johnson of California proposed a constitutional amendment to remove voting rights from descendants of "aliens ineligible for citizenship." His attempts, fortunately, failed.

Canada's plan for seizing fishing boats owned by Japanese Canadians was planned in conjunction with the United States in May 1941. On Nov. 10, 1941, United States and Canada agreed to coordinate policies concerning Japanese Americans and Japanese Canadians.

Japanese Canadians operated 1,200 fishing boats in British Columbia. With the outbreak of World War II, these ships were immediately seized by the government. In February 1942, a few days after Executive Order 9066 was issued in the United States, Canada ordered the removal of all 22,000 persons of Japanese ancestry from the Pacific Coast.

Their temporary detention center was the overcrowded Livestock Barn at Hasting Park in Vancouver. There families were separated and dispersed. Men over 16 years of age were shipped to road camps to toil on roads, "going from nowhere to nowhere" in many instances. Women, children under 16, and the elderly were held in interior ghost

towns.

Gordon Nakayama was a Christian minister, and the only Nikkei allowed to keep a camera. He documented the exodus on films. Slocan City was an abandoned mining town, surrounded by incredibly beautiful mountain ranges. There was no need for guard towers or fences. Should one attempt to escape, a person with a Japanese face could not get far. Armed guards were strategically located at the periphery of the town. The 2,300 children of school age and two Nisei teachers started instructions without a school building.

Winter in interior Canada is long and harsh. Windows on shacks were only openings without glasses. Many had to endure the first winter in tents. Suffering was severe.

Back on the West Coast the Canadian government liquidated all their property, both real and personal, without consulting the owners.

After four years of detention, the embittered and despaired Japanese Canadians faced a second forced migration in April 1945. Refusal to resettle again, this time East of the Rocky Mountains, meant deportation to Japan after armistice.

Japanese Canadians were excluded from the Pacific Coast until April 1949, over four years after Japanese Americans were able to return to the West Coast states. Furthermore, Japanese Canadians did not possess a full franchise until 1949, something Japanese Americans never fully lost except while incarcerated during the war years.

The War Measure Act which was used to uproot and incarcerate Japanese Canadians is still the law of the land. In October 1970 it was used to arrest 400 French Canadians from which 70 were incarcerated.

The history of Japanese Canadians, "Images of the First 100 Years," was presented by Canadian Sansei from Vancouver. Made in the summer of 1977, it is being used in ethnic study courses in British Columbia. Slides and narrative copies will become available later this year from the Powell Street Revue, 425 Powell St., Vancouver, B.C.

An American detention camp life was featured in another slide presentation, "This was Minidoka," by Jack and Dorothy Yamaguchi.

One presentation centered on the responses and views of the Christian churches in Seattle area during World War II. Their loyalty to fellow Christians in the Japanese Empire was greater than their loyalty to fellow Americans who were non-Christian. The Christian ministers did not protest the treatment of Buddhist and Shinto priests because to them good Americans meant good Christian Americans. The church itself did not distinguish between citizens and Japanese nationals. They looked upon every Japanese face as a foreigner, it was reported. The Seattle Council of Churches even turned against Japanese Americans.

Professor Gordon Hirabayashi touched upon Japanese American mentality. It appears that Japanese Americans are still holding on to that part of their cultural heritage which emphasizes conformity. Their method has been to fathom how to cope with dignity the status of a second class citizenship. This still appears to be a pervasive trait among many Japanese Americans, although they are no longer in a restrictive society. He characterized this as a first class citizen with a second class mentality. "It is this outlook that we must overcome," he urged. □

Gov. Brown calls Nikkei businessmen on plan to improve trade with Japan

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — A "natural resource" that can measurably boost the state's role in international trade was introduced May 10 by Assemblyman Floyd Mori (D-Pleasanton) to Governor Jerry Brown here as the "California-Japan Economic Development Conference". That resource is California businessmen of Japanese descent—native or foreign-born.

Because U.S. business has been slow in overcoming some of the social and cultural barriers to selling in Japan, Mori explained to the Governor an obvious solution is to better utilize the talents of the Japanese community in California—many

of whom are deeply involved in trade with Japan.

The Governor has been interested in increasing the sale of California products abroad to provide the private sector more jobs and improve the economy.

Fifteen leading members of the Japanese business community met with the Governor. "To put it simply," according to Mori, "these people know the territory."

Among the business at the conference were:

Nimei Akamatsu, exec. v.p. Sumitomo Bank of California; Masato Azuma, deputy gen mgr. Mitsubishi International Corp.; Koichi Furusawa, v.p.—gen mgr. Nippon Steel USA, Inc.; Paul Hayashi, pres. No Calif. Japanese Chamber of Commerce; No-

buo Ishizaka, pres. Toshiba International Corp.; Edward Y. Kakita, charter pres. Japanese-American Bar Assn.; Isao Makino, Pres. Toyota Motor Sales, USA, Inc.; Hiroshi Matsuo, exec dir. Japan Business Assn. of Southern California; Kazeyoshi Matsuo, marketing coord. Toyota Motor Sales, USA, Inc.; Edward M. Nakata, partner in Edward M. Nakata and Co.; Shinichi Suzuki, exec v.p. Kikkoman International, Inc.; Yoshiaki Takemoto, pres. Sanyo Electric, Inc.; Y. Yamaguchi, pres. Melco USA, Inc.; Yoshio Yamashita, sr. v.p. Marubeni America Corp. and pres. Japan Business Assn. of Southern California; and Masao Yonemura, partner in a law firm.

Mori terms the conference a "positive beginning," noting that the Governor made a commitment for an Advisory Commission on California-Japan Economic Development.

"The Governor has made one trip to Japan and just the other day he made a sales pitch to the Prime Minister who was visiting here. There's talk that Brown may organize a new trade mission to Japan, and I think he'll be making a mistake if

he overlooks the expertise right here under our noses," Mori said.

The legislator has been in the forefront of the campaign to help balance the U.S. trade deficit by increasing California exports. He is author of the legislation creating the State Office of International Trade.

Ethnic studies bill sought

WASHINGTON — An amendment to extend the Ethnic Heritage Studies Program four years has passed the House Education and Labor Committee and was sent to a Senate committee for consideration.

The amendment is part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, which at present has no requirement for an ethnic heritage studies program.

Backers have urged people to write Rep. Mario Biaggi (D-N.Y.) and Sen. Richard Schweiker (R-Pa.), who are leading the heritage program fight.

PACIFIC-ASIAN HERITAGE WEEK

76 more co-sponsors sought

WASHINGTON—A bill calling for the first 10 days of May to be designated as Pacific/Asian Heritage Week still needs 76 more votes in Congress, especially from Virginia, Pennsylvania and Texas, to become law.

HJR 540, sponsored by Rep. Norman Mineta of Cal-

ifornia and Rep. Frank Horton of New York, currently has 142 sponsors. The needed 218 cosponsors must be gained by June to be passed this year.

JACL and the Organization of Chinese Americans have spearheaded the drive to enact the bill.

Asian community dinner for Brown raises \$35,000

LOS ANGELES—Some 140 leaders of the Chinese, Filipino, Japanese and Korean communities in Los Angeles gathered in an Asian Support Group for the re-election of Gov. Jerry Brown on May 17 at the Miriwa Restaurant.

The \$250-a-plate dinner raised approximately \$35,000 for the Governor's campaign. The 11-course dinner started about 1½ hours behind schedule, due to the governor's late arrival, but once there, Brown went from table to table, sampling such delicacies as shark fin soup, sea cucumber and abalone and whole rock cod while listened earnestly to Asian supporters who took the opportunity to present their special needs to the Governor.

Builders for Little Tokyo community center announced

LOS ANGELES—Ohbayashi America Corp. and RST Construction Co. were signed as builders of the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, it was announced April 25 by George J. Doizaki, JACCC president. Maximum price has been guaranteed at \$3,216,906.

The new joint venture was formed when SyArt Concrete Construction Co. had demanded more for its services than the price agreed upon at the time the first construction contract was signed last November between JACCC and RST Construction Co. Robert S. Tamae, RST Construction president, then approached Ohbayashi to form the new group.

SyArt's price rise hinged in part on rising concrete prices and the unexpected delay in obtaining the building permit which came two months late in January.

Shunji Shinoda, Ohbayashi America president, said

Ballooning immigration from Southeast Asia and the Far East and the resulting social problems, impact of the state's taxing system on luring Asian businesses to California and other problems were brought to Brown's attention.

According to one source, the Asian communities in California have experienced a 125% population growth, and the total Asian population in the state is estimated to be over 1.25 million.

Pointing out that the future lies with nations on the rim of the Pacific basin, Brown said, "We may be separated as nations, but we are close economically and culturally. We are entering the era of the Pacific culture."

his company was going to put its best effort forward in completing the project.

Memorial Day rites for Nisei GIs slated

SAN FRANCISCO — Nisei war dead interred at Golden Gate National Cemetery will be remembered with flowers after May 29 ceremonies sponsored by the veterans, church and JACL groups, it was announced by George Kondo, JACL regional director. Harry Tanabe, VFW 15th District officials, will be chairman. Karl Nobuyuki, national JACL director, will be speaker.

Expenses are met from contributions, which can be sent to JACL Headquarters, attention "Memorial Day Services".

Film on Nikkei

DENVER, Colo.—A TV documentary on the Japanese Americans in Colorado will be aired June 3, 7 p.m., on KUTV (9). Among those being interviewed are Bill Hosokawa, Min Yasui, priests at Tri-State Buddhist Church, the Rev. Roy Katayama of Denver's People-to-People program and people at the recent Simpson United Methodist Church food bazaar.

Wendy on TV

SAN FRANCISCO—A 30-minute program on Wendy Yoshimura will be telecast on "Asians Now!" (KTVU, 2) on June 3, 9 a.m. Chris Kobayashi is host producer.

Parking structure

LOS ANGELES—Little Tokyo Community Parking, a development team associated with Ernest Yamamoto, Hiroshi Saisho and James Watanabe, received CRA blessings to develop a structure to contain 398 self-parking spaces and a two-story commercial building on the southside of E. 2nd St. between Central and San Pedro.

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No. 2 FBI man studied Nihongo

WASHINGTON — Veteran FBI agent James B. Adams, 51, who was appointed to the No. 2 job April 7 as deputy director by FBI Director William Webster served as a Japanese interpreter during WW2 overseas with the U.S. Army.

After finishing law school at Baylor in 1949, he was elected to the Texas state legislature and then joined the FBI in 1951.

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and work with scientists on research projects at the Naval Oceanographic Laboratory in Mississippi.

Participants have an added opportunity to attend graduate school and be employed with the Department of the Navy, Federal Civil Service.

College sophomores, juniors, seniors or graduates may apply. Candidates must have majored or be majoring in physical or engineering sciences, mathematics or biological science, according to Eigoro Hashimoto, physical oceanographer and NORDA special assistant for recruitment. (Hashimoto, a Sansei, hails from Monterey, Calif.)

Applicants must be "qualified, interested and highly motivated individuals who desire to meet the challenges of basic, applied and advanced research."

NORDA is located 45 miles east of New Orleans and about 20 miles northwest of Bay St. Louis. Further details may be obtained from Hashimoto at:

Naval Ocean Research and Development Activity, Code 320, NSTL Station, Miss., 39539. (601) 688-4835.

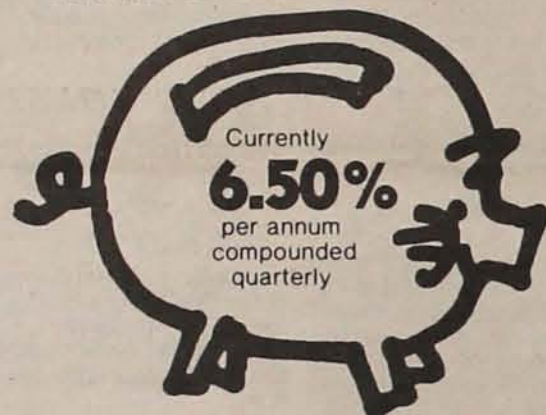
Confab booklet ad deadline near

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah — Absolute deadline is nearing for JACL chapters to submit their individual history and greetings through the Convention Booklet, according to Ted Nagata, booklet committee chairman, and Tom Sutow, solicitation chairman.

"We don't want any chapter to miss being represented in the super-booklet, which will be distributed to every JACL household after the July 17-22 convention," Nagata said. Returns thus far assure production of the booklet according to original plans. □

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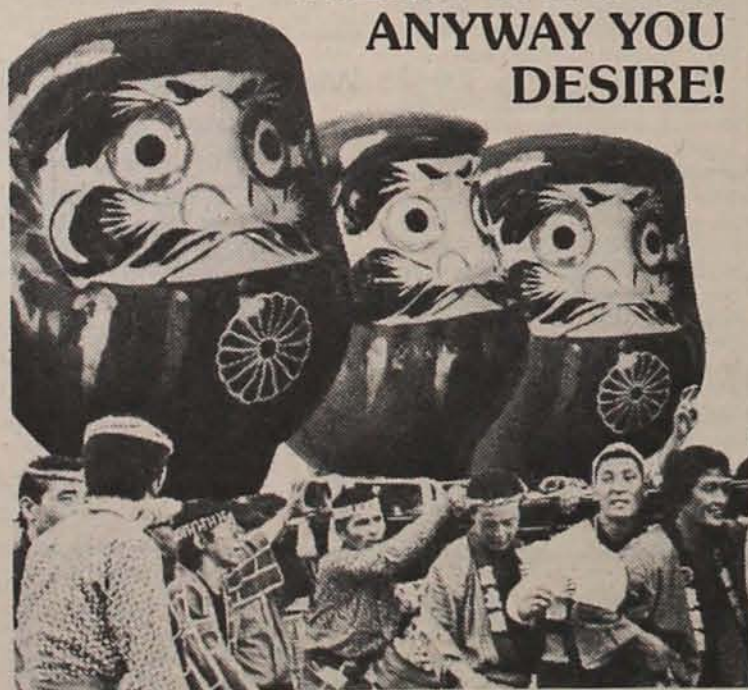
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Toyota celebration
fund established

TORRANCE, Calif.—A million dollar Toyota 20th Anniversary Celebration Fund was announced May 10 by Isao Makino, fund president, P.O. Box 2991, Torrance 90509. It will fund programs for achieving closer U.S.-Japan relations. Proposals must be received by Aug. 1, 1978. It anticipates making from six to 10 awards.

Makino said proposals will be judged "on the basis of originality, cost-effectiveness and potential for making a significant contribution to better U.S.-Japanese understanding." □

All-Cal JACL
trackfest set

LOS ANGELES—An all-California JACL track meet, a dream for many seasons, will materialize on Sunday, June 25, probably at West L.A. College, according to Jim Okazaki, Orange County JACL track coach.

Competition in the all-state event will be among the first two-place winners in the upper division events of the June 4 PSW Nisei Relays and June 11 San Francisco Jr. Olympics.

Daro Inouye of San Francisco JACL reported the all-Cal JACL trackfest has been endorsed by his chapter. □

Fishing trip

SAN JOSE, Calif.—A one-pound-15 oz. perch landed by S. Baba May 8 was the largest caught by a group of senior citizens at Sealoff State Park on a trip hosted by the local Nisei VFW Post 9970 and Auxiliary. The next trip is being sponsored by the San Jose Landscape Gardeners.



Hawaii Hochi

Sharon Sanae Tomasa, 21, senior at Univ. of Hawaii is the 1978 Cherry Blossom queen; only child of Clara and Robert Tomasa of Hawaii Kai.

Nisei Week gets
\$2,500 city fund

LOS ANGELES — For the first time in its 38-year history, the Nisei Week Festival will receive a \$2,500 grant from the City of Los Angeles. The council voted 8-5 as the budget item was approved May 4 by Mayor Bradley.

Councilman Gil Lindsay, unofficial "mayor" of Little Tokyo, championed the motion with John Ferraro seconding. A similar request for assistance from the County of Los Angeles through Supervisor Ed Edelman is pending. □

Asian immigrants
flocking to U.S.

WASHINGTON — Asians and Latin Americans have displaced Europeans as the people who most come to the United States in search of a new home, a State Department report shows.

The number of immigrants from Asia (377,896 for FY 1976)—particularly Filipinos, Koreans, Chinese, and Indians—is growing much faster than the number from Latin America (145,906 for FY 1976) and this soon may become the largest group for foreign immigrants. □

Asian alliance in
Colorado organized

DENVER, Colo.—The Colorado Alliance of Pacific Asian Americans (CAPAA) was formally organized Mar. 26 at the Colorado Heritage Center with Dr. N.K. Chang of the Denver Community College as acting chairman. Minoru Yasui, executive director of the Denver Commission on Human Relations, is a vice-chairman.


With the recent immigration influx, there are probably about 15,000 Asian Americans in the metropolitan Denver area: 4,000 from Korea, 4,000 from Southeast Asia (Vietnam, Laos, Thailand), plus the Japanese and Chinese populations of 3,500 each. □

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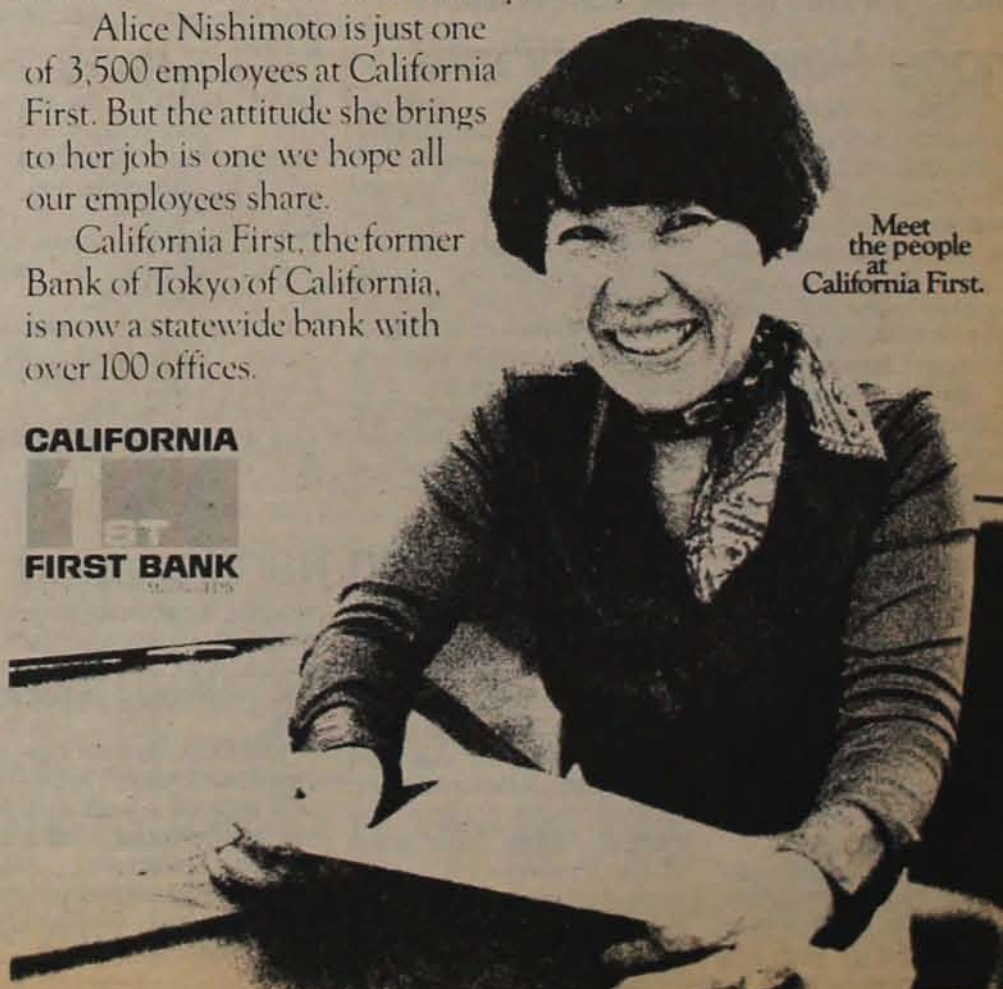
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DOWN TO EARTH: Karl Nobuyuki

Children's Children

San Francisco
In 1972, the first JACL youth convention — apart from the JACL

—took place in Salt Lake City. In 1978, the JAYS convention will again be held in Salt Lake City, but much more closer to the JACL national convention. This is a positive indication of the times; that is, the need for a closer binding of the JAYS and the JACL. There appears to be a gap between the JACL and the JAYS and it is time to bridge the two entities. The manner by which we choose to link the two will, of course, be just as important as the decision to do it.

In all probability it will be a debated topic for the upcoming convention for both the JAYS and JACLers.

The proposed budget for 1979-80 suggests a modified approach to the JACL youth program. I believe this will be a more effective and viable approach to our youth's interests, youth program for and by youth.

MERGE

Initially, the proposal set out to merge the youth program into normal operations of the JACL, rather than have it as a separate entity. Clerical and staff assistance will be provided by the administrative staff at National Headquarters and thus eliminate the position of the National Youth Director. No layoff will be necessary as the present national youth director (Richard Okabe) will be vacating his post in late June to pursue his career in purchasing and finance. It is proposed that this vacancy not be filled, but rather that the functions be shifted to Headquarters administrative staff.

SCHOLARSHIP

Second adjustment will be in the administration of national scholarship program. These scholarships are expected to triple by 1979 due to a major endowment to JACL this year. The administrative assistant and clerical support staff will process applications. Selection and

screening will remain in the hands of JACL membership as it is now.

SELF-DIRECTION

Third and most significant change will be the role of the National Youth Coordinating Council (NYCC). Proposed is the placement of the youth program in the hands of the NYCC. A sum of \$10,000 will be set aside as "feed money" for NYCC to develop a youth program for the national organization. The use of these funds will be determined by the NYCC in concert with Headquarters.

Most important is that this approach offers to the youth project more self-direction. It encourages the JAYS to seek out potential resources that exist in their local areas. Possibility for use of these funds could be the hosting/sponsoring of various youth workshops throughout the country; seed money for youth development, grants and other creative ideas that the NYCC develops over the course of a year.

As in the past, key role of the youth program will rest with the local and regional units through the JAYS chapters, local JACL chapters, and district councils. This approach is intended to encourage leadership development on the part of our youth. It encourages planning and program development and provides for a process and participation that is, in and of itself, a goal.

THE CHALLENGE

This youth operation is a challenge to our youth. The budget provides for additional \$5,000 travel funds for the district youth chairperson and NYCC chair. These funds will allow the elected representatives of the NYCC to meet and confer to work out the logistics and goals of the national youth program. It will be the challenge for these elected youth representatives to carry forward the objectives of JACL that are meaningful to youth, as developed by youth and intended to service youth. After all, isn't that what the youth program is all about? □

Asian Americans 'forgotten' among New York's millions

NEW YORK — New York City's Asian Americans—reportedly accounting for 3% of the population—are described as "a forgotten minority" in a report issued by the New York Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

The report, based substantially on a four-year study completed in 1974, was updated statistically at a news conference held Jan. 18 at the Phelps Stokes Fund headquarters.

Officials acknowledged it was "extremely difficult" to obtain accurate population figures, but estimated the number of Orientals here at more than 250,000.

This includes 150,000 Chinese; between 40,000-50,000 Filipinos; 40,000 Koreans; 3,000 Japanese and about 10,000 "others".

Finding very little socioeconomic data, the committee concluded that except for the Chinese, few programs were operated on behalf of Asian Americans.

Programs in existence lacked the necessary understanding of and sensitivity to the historical and cultural background of various Asian groups, the report said.

The committee urged President Carter or Congress to establish an Office of Asian American Affairs to cope with the problem. It also asked the governor and mayor to appoint advisory bodies to improve state and

city services to Asian immigrants.

In view of past "discriminatory policies," the report also recommended Congress consider granting amnesty to undocumented aliens who have lived in the U.S. at least five years and absolute amnesty for those six years and older.

In a comment to the TV media, New York JACL executive director Ruby Y. Schaar said the Asian American was "an ignored minority."

Final report on handicapped

WASHINGTON—The final report on the White House Conference on Handicapped Individuals was presented Mar. 2 at a White House reception hosted by the First Lady, Mrs. Rosalyn Carter. Among those present was Jung K. Chung, chairperson of the Organization of Chinese Americans committee on equal opportunity.

The report covers the White House conference held last May 23-27, repre-

senting a two-year effort to assist handicapped people in educational, employment and recreational opportunities.

The OCA national convention June 27-July 1 in Denver will include a workshop for the handicapped, Chung reported. Interested Asian Americans may write to him at P.O. Box 55256, Fort Washington, Md 20022.

Sign Up One New JACLer

Visiting the camps

Editor:

I am interested in taking the family to see the relocation center sites this summer. What are the nearest towns to Heart Mountain, Minidoka, Tule Lake, Topaz and Amache? I was in Tule Lake and Heart Mountain, and visited Minidoka briefly. Topaz and Amache I cannot find on the map.

GENE WAKABAYASHI

Chicago
Heart Mountain is between Cody and Powell, Wyo.; Minidoka is N of Eden, Idaho, near Twin Falls; Tule Lake is 10 miles S of the Cal-Ore border on Cal Hwy 139 at Newell. Directions to the Topaz campsite are shown in memorial plaques in the City Park at Delta, Utah, on US 6-50. Amache is S of Granada, Colo., on US 50.

Here are the nearest towns of other campsites. Rohwer is 15 miles N of McGehee, Ark., on Ark 1; Jerome is about 15 miles S of McGehee on US 165 between Hudspeth and Jerome. Gila River, about 5 miles W of Sacaton. (Probably new Interstate 10 between Phoenix-Tucson would be closer to the site today.) Poston is S of Parker, Ariz., on Mojave Rd (State Hwy 47); inquire with Colorado River Indian Tribal Office at Manatoba Park. Manzanar, on US 395, is between Lone Pine and Bishop, Calif.—Ed.

Relocation history

Editor:

The conference on Japanese American and Japanese Canadian Relocation in World War II at Western Washington University (PC, May 19) was quite a learning experience. After all these years, this backward glimpse into those days made me realize how much I had forgotten.

KIMI TAMBARA
Portland, Ore.

Reparation

Editor:

Several of my Caucasian friends have said things that have prompted me to write the following regarding Redress or Reparations:

REPARATIONS—NO!!!

My great personal pride and dignity which were born and nourished on a solid foundation of honesty and morality now seem about to be bartered or sold on the open market for money—epiphrastic Reparations!!!!

Since WW2, the Japanese Americans have demonstrated great industriousness, intelligence, and achievement in the fields of Education, Law, Medicine, and Political Agencies of Government. We are no longer looked upon as a minority. We do not stand at the welfare window. We are achievers. We obey the laws of this land. We, by our very conduct and industriousness, have the respect of all Americans. This respect was earned at great cost and effort on our part.

Now, I ask, "Can we be 'bought' by reparations?" Shall we demean our hard earned lofty status in this land by demanding or begging for reparations? We are a very proud

35 Years Ago

IN THE PACIFIC CITIZEN
May 27, 1943

May 18—Dies Committee attacks loyalty of Japanese Americans; JACL charged with subversive activity in advance release of committee report carried by Hearst press.

May 26—Lt. Gen. DeWitt to be succeeded by Lt. Gen. Delos Emmons (of Hawaiian Defense Area) as Western Defense Commanding General.

May 22—JACL presents Chiura Obata landscape on silk of Topaz camp scene to Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt at White House visit.

May 20—Gov. Warren and Calif. War Council oppose return of evacuees for duration of war, urge constitutional amendment barring U.S. born and all other persons of Japanese ancestry from U.S. citizenship.

May 24—American Friends Service Committee report over 95% of evacuees in Chicago satisfactorily employed.

people. Sure, I know how people become bitter over the internment. It is one of the darkest shadows upon the history of this country. Please leave it that way so no one in this country will ever forget, or worse, be able to say that the Japanese were "paid off" so why should they cry over it. I would be most happy if all Japanese Americans would rise above the humiliation of "Reparations or Redress".

Regardless of the amount of money requested for each internee, I still feel it is a shameful and degrading request to make. Hold your heads high! Do not stoop for Reparations or Redress! Strive for lofty goals! Refuse to be bought by a payoff of any magnitude!

KEIKO D. HODGE
Los Altos, Ca.

Japanese-ness

Editor:

Bully for Nobuyuki Nakajima, who has been setting our thinking straight in terms of understanding the Japanese-ness of the two great cultures of which we are a part.

I hope those who have been nominated for the Japan-U.S. Friendship Act commission know their cultural heritage, the best of both, the essence of both. ... And keep setting the record straight so that our perspective is right-on.

(Incidentally,) the resolution passed at the joint Eastern-Midwest JACL Convention in Washington, D.C., July 1977 in favor of the Peace Academy Commission Act of 1977 is expected to be discussed on the floor of both houses of the Congress soon.

MIYO MORIKAWA
Chicago

Ms. Morikawa has long campaigned for the creation of a National Peace Academy and establishment of a Dept. of Peace as per bills initiated by Sen. Spark Matsunaga.—Ed.

Dennis Roland

Editor:

The story of Dennis A. Roland (PC, April 21) is remarkable for its spirit of forgiveness. During World War II the merchant marine ship on which he served was sunk in the Indian Ocean by a German raider and he was taken prisoner. Soon afterward he was sent to the jungles of Thailand to work for three years on the "death railway", a Japanese project to link Thailand and Burma.

Of those 36 months, 13 were spent on the bridge over the River Kwai. An estimated 40 to 116 thousand died as they slept on mud and had only rice and what greens they could find in the jungle. Roland points out that the prisoners fared about as well as the Japanese subordinates.

In October, 1976, Roland joined a friendship walk over the River Kwai bridge with former Japanese guards. The walk was arranged by Takashi Nagase, who had been an interpreter in the Imperial Japanese Army and had made 21 previous annual trips to the bridge in sorrow over the many deaths. Nagase's sorrow was matched in spirit by Dennis Roland who said, "I just had to go out there and promote a little love in the world ... I just had to go out there to support Mr. Nagase, to show that the hate should end after the war."

Roland is planning to attend the August 1978 Memorial serv-

ices at Hiroshima. The trip was made possible through funds collected by the Rev. Herbert Nicholson, an 86-year-old retired minister in Pasadena and lifelong friend of Japanese people. Dennis Roland says it is not for the thrill of travelling that he is going as he spent 42 years sailing with the merchant marine and eight with the Navy. (Walter Weglyn refers to him as a Lt. Commander.) Roland's purpose is to promote Peace, Love and Disarmament, and to ask forgiveness for the A-bomb.

ELSIE RENNE
Menlo Park, Ca.

Candidate Explains

Editor:

Thanks a lot for your front page article on my candidacy for Congress from the 31st District (PC May 5). As a quiet American, who only seeks to serve his fellow man, I appreciate any publication of my views on important issues, even if somewhat inaccurate.

May I correct the potential misinterpretation of my stand on subjects like "reparation" by submitting a philosophical observation:

Isn't it a shame that man can take beautiful, vibrant hills of forestland, teeming with song and dance of birds and rustling forest creatures, and with axes, chain saws and logging trucks strip it bare of foliage—and of life?

Isn't it a shame that a man can take a beautiful, vibrant lifetime of endless hours, teeming with shining opportunities for music, laughter and good works, and fill it so full of fears and resentment of past injustices that it becomes as barren as the denuded hills?

Wouldn't it be better if you and I open our hearts and mind to the guidance of our Infinite Wisdom of our All-Loving Creator and thru the cleansing power of faith and repentance reactivate our free-flowing River of Golden Dreams?

In short, I believe that instead of fixating on the bitter past, we Japanese Americans must direct our attention to the magnificent future that beckons our children!

MAS ODOI
Gardena, Ca.

Short Notes

Editor:

Both my cousin and nephew are writing their thesis at the Univ. of Tennessee on Iva Toguri. Send me two copies of "They Called Her Tokyo Rose" by Rex Gunn.

M.L.C.
Kenton, Tenn.

West L.A. JACL queen selected

LOS ANGELES—Christine Emi Kato, 23, was nominated by West Los Angeles JACL as its candidate for 1978 Nisei Week queen. A Yonsei now studying for teaching credentials, she is the daughter of the Kei Katos and a graduate of Cal State-Long Beach.

Two years ago, she competed in the Nisei Relays 100 and 440 relay.

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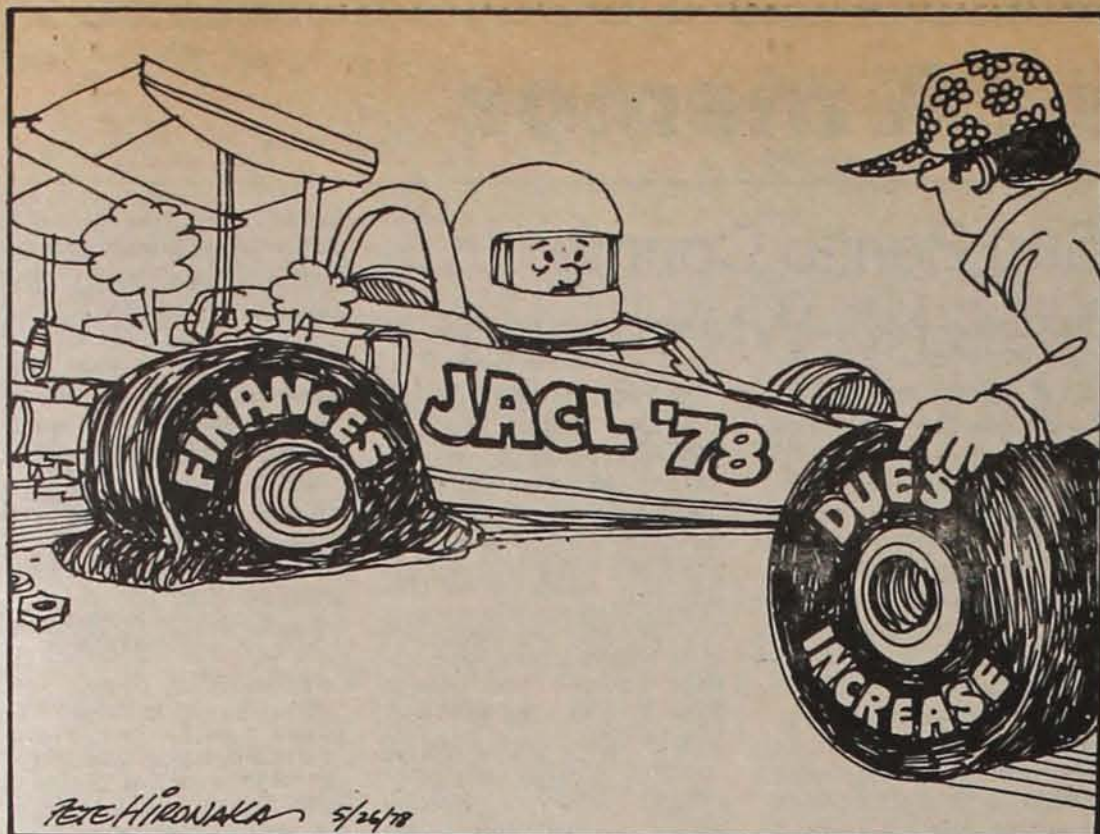
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EAST WIND: Bill Marutani



Philadelphia

IN BIENNIALS PAST our JACL conventions have been given to adopting catchy and promising convention themes, pregnant with undefined promises of something just beyond the horizon.

There's nothing wrong with that; in fact, it's good, for delegates come charged with enthusiasm to mold those vague aspirations into something concrete.

After days, and often nights, of debate, committee meetings, compromises, a series of resolutions and mandates are hammered out.

At the end, the delegates wearily depart for home, contented and hopeful, carrying a load of reports and other papers from the sessions.

BUT THAT IS not the end; it is but a beginning. Now comes the hard task, the responsibility of implementing the mandates laborious-

Convention Rhetoric

ly formulated by the national council. Up until then, it is essentially talk and paperwork.

It is then in the ensuing two years that the elected and designated JACL administration has the sober responsibility of carrying out, implementing the actions of the council. Or at least "do their damndest" to carry out many, if not all of them.

It's a tough task: make no mistake about it. It requires a firm resolution by the leadership, the staff, and the co-operation of the districts and the chapters, including of course their memberships.

FIRST AND FOREMOST, the maintenance of the "spark", the drive, must emanate from the leadership. Such a leadership must be willing to demonstrate imagination, resolve, a bit of daring, sensitivity to the pulse of the membership—and then "lead", not simply follow.

If the membership senses the tremor, the vitality of the movement of action—and it has and shall—it will be more willing to lend support, including financially.

FROM THESE PAGES, I

see where there are several candidates for the national presidency. The time for selection of one of them will shortly be upon the delegates.

What criteria, meaningful criteria will the delegates have to exercise their choice? The narrow, confining provinciality of "regionalism", the favorite son? Campaign rhetoric of vague promises, devoid of specifics? Hoopla, as has been the case in some instances in the past?

By what guidelines, if any, are the delegates to select the national president who is to lead the organization for the next two years? Lead where?

I FIRMLY SUGGEST that the membership and the chapters are entitled to know now, should know in advance. The stakes are too important for haphazard selection based upon any provincial "thinking".

YES, IT'S EASY, indeed all too easy, to urge others from the sidelines. But then that's the prerogative of a member; at times it's an outright

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FROM THE FRYING PAN: Bill Hosokawa



Adopted & Abandoned

Denver, Colo.

The girlish voice on telephone said she was a resident of the

United States but had been born in Japan and what should she do to get her birth certificate?

Write to the municipal office of the city or town where you were born, I said. Give them your name, your parents' names, the date of your birth, and ask them to send you a certified copy of your *koseki shohon*. She asked how that was spelled, and I explained that *koseki shohon* was her birth certificate while a *koseki tohon* was the family record.

She asked if it were okay to write them in English, and I said yes, they'd probably find someone to translate the request. The birth certificate would be in Japanese, too, but she could get a translation made and have it certified in this country.

Something about the way she asked the question signaled that she wasn't quite sure about the whole business, so I did a little probing. Eventually she came into the office for more help.

It turned out that she was a Japanese who had been adopted by an American serviceman and his wife. They brought her to the United States when she was about 6 years old. She might have been in an orphanage in Shizuoka-ken, but she wasn't quite sure. She thought she had been born in Tokyo, but she wasn't sure about that, either.

What about her adoptive parents. Wouldn't they know or have some records?

She said the couple who had adopted her had been divorced, and her stepmother was somewhere in Texas. Her stepfather had remarried, but she hadn't gotten along with him or his new wife. She had left home when she was 19, and now she was 23. She thought her adopted father had some papers relating to her status, but now she didn't know where to find him.

Well, what was she doing to support herself?

Her first job, she said, was in a massage parlor. She wasn't trained to do anything else. Then she found out what they really wanted her to do in a massage parlor so she quit, and now she was working in a home as a sort of housekeeper.

I asked more questions about her family. She said she had no recollection of her mother, not the faintest idea about who she was or what she looked like. She recalled nothing about the orphanage. The only family she had ever known was the American serviceman who had adopted her and now he had vanished. She looked Japanese, but she didn't speak a word of it. And because she didn't have a birth certificate, she had no way of getting a driver's license or of applying for American citizenship.

How does one help a person like that? She has no roots, and apparently no family to fall back on. She cannot prove who she is, although she does have an alien registration card, a "green" card issued by the Immigration Service that identifies her as a resident alien and enables her to work if she can find anyone to hire her. But she isn't trained for much.

Does she have friends? I don't know; I didn't think to ask. Does she want friends? Same answer.

Are there many others like her in this country—Japanese children adopted by people who eventually lost interest in them, divorced war brides who failed to make personal and cultural adjustments to an alien land, who found the men they married weren't what they had seemed to be, who had no desire to go back to Japan, or perhaps had nothing to go back to?

And how many such people are looking for help and are unable to find it?

I don't have much hope of being able to help the girl who wanted to find her birth certificate, but it is difficult not to want to see what can be done. □

Aid to A-bomb victims

(Editorial, The Denver Post, May 8)

The long shadow of an unfortunate chapter of history loomed over two recent events on opposite sides of the Pacific. In a way, they were related.

The first event took place in Tokyo. The Japanese Supreme Court ruled that an illegal Korean immigrant named Son Jin Du was entitled to free medical treatment for ailments he now suffers as a result of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima.

Son was 18 years old and living in Hiroshima when that city was A-bombed in 1945. After the war he went to Korea.

Japan, meanwhile, passed a law providing free treatment for A-bomb-related ailments. Son's health deteriorated and in 1970 he re-entered Japan in search of medical help. However, he was arrested for illegal entry. A citizens' group took Son's case to court.

The Japanese high court ruled in effect that medical care is a form of national reparations to which all A-bomb victims are entitled. The decision is expected to affect some 20,000 current residents of South Korea who were in Hiroshima and Nagasaki during the atom bomb attacks in the last days of World War II.

The second event was a U.S.-House judiciary subcommittee hearing in Los Angeles on HR 5150, a bill which would make federal

medical treatment available to American citizens who survived the A-bombs. The bill was co-sponsored by Representatives Edward Roybal and Norman Mineta, California Democrats.

Witnesses testified that an organization called the Committee of Atomic Bomb Survivors in the U.S.A. had located 392 Americans who had lived through the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings. They are U.S. citizens of Japanese ancestry who were stranded by the war and have returned to their homeland since then.

Many of these persons are in ill health. Some, who can afford the cost, travel to Japan for treatment and the twice-yearly checkups provided by that government.

The congressmen heard that the United States had appropriated more than \$80 million since 1948 to support medical programs in Japan for A-bomb victims. But nothing is available for Americans who were unlucky enough to be in the two bombed cities.

The Supreme Court of Japan has ruled that all persons injured by the A-bombs, regardless of nationality, are entitled to medical care. Can the United States do less for its own citizens who suffered the same misfortune?

Approval of HR 5150 is long overdue. □

RE DRESS

JACL
NATIONAL
COMMITTEE

The first step in our Committee's effort to come up with a proposal was the April 29-30th meeting in San Francisco. Representatives from each of the eight Districts met with the Committee.

We were all aware of the differences that divided those Nikkei interested in this redress campaign. We all knew that compromises were necessary for both sides to get the program moving away from the dead center.

We are no longer talking about just pushing for one concept over that of another. We are beyond that point. We are at the stage of necessary compromises that will produce a realistic proposal acceptable to most Japanese Americans.

What was produced and reported in the May 12 Pacific Citizen was the first draft. The combined individual and trust con-

Proposal

PART XXVII

By Clifford I. Uyeda

cept was the key to its acceptance.

By convention time the proposal will undergo several necessary modifications. These will be reported to you from time to time. The proposal obviously will not satisfy everyone, and will undergo further adjustments, refinements and clarifications.

We have been criticized for not moving fast enough. We share the impatience of the progress. But the campaign of this significance and magnitude cannot be just thrown out to the public and to the Congress and be expected to produce meaningful results. It requires meticulous planning and preparations.

It has been only six months since our present Committee was formed. We believe we have not been idle. □

Salt Lake's Great in 78!

25th Biennial National JACL Convention
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Calendar, pulse & memos

EXECOM ACTION SUMMARY

Constitutional amendments noted

SAN FRANCISCO—The National JACL executive committee took action here May 13-14 on the following subjects pending before the convention.

Budget—Approved for presentation to the National Council a balanced budget of \$743,700 for 1979 and a straight-line additional 7% increase (\$52,059) for 1980. Dues to be raised from \$12 to \$16 regular, merging 1000 Club and Fifty Club at \$50 (\$10 to chapter), Century Club unchanged at \$100 (\$20 to chapter), and raising corporate membership to \$1,000 (\$200 to chapter).

Membership Development—Budget includes a \$60,000 allocation for membership development, providing for automated renewal service, brochures for new members, clerical staff, travel for FY 1979 only. Evaluation of campaign determines allocation for FY 1980.

District Staffing—Supervisory relationships between District Offices and Headquarters have been confused due to District Funding guidelines. A "Memorandum of Understanding" is to be drafted by National.

Travel Guidelines—Since pattern now is for more flights being administered locally, (local administrator handles all paper work, collects the money, etc.), a modified 1978 agreement for such flights was approved. Signature of chapter president or district governor will be required on the

sanctioning agreement.

Program/Legal Director (Lorrie Inagaki)—Under a Japan Travel Bureau Internat'l one-year grant ending May 31, 1979, JACL capabilities to deal with programs and issues are to be developed. Report listed under Program—1. Japan-U.S. Friendship Act; 2. Anti-Discrimination (formerly anti-defamation); 3. Employment Discrimination; 4. Asian American appointments; 5. Census; 6. Internment Credit bill; 7. Atomic-Bomb Survivors bill; 8. Immigration; 9. Unemployment statistics; and 10. Minority business. Under Legal—1. Amy Doi vs. JACL; 2. Ray Nagai vs. David Ushio/JACL; 3. other matters in consultation with National Legal Council.

1976 Convention Minutes—Nobuyuki reported 15 attachments need to be identified. It was suggested these be set aside and the minutes be published.

1978 Convention Minutes—Headquarters request to share Convention expenses 50-50 with expenses for the service of professional court reporter to timely produce the minutes and official action summaries was approved.

JAYS Voting Privileges—JAYS have no official status on the National Council. Their request for voting privilege was referred to the Constitutional Revision Committee.

JACLer of Biennium—Pacific Northwest District request to delete a rule that district councils should rank nominees was approved.

Constitutional Amendments—Following were approved by the Board for presentation to the National Council:

a) Chapters to be in good standing shall have paid all national and district fees, dues or assessments by June 30 in the non-convention year or 60 days prior to convention in the convention year. (By-law: III, 2(b).)

b) Proxy voting must be "signed" by chapter delegate or president, dated, etc., and no more than "three proxies" per delegate. (Constitution: VIII, 4.)

c) Adding the PC Board chairman to the EXECOM. (By-Law: V, 1c.)

d) Changing "chairman" to read "chairperson" for consistency. (Constitution: I, 6; X, 3; XI, 1a, 1e; By-Laws: V, 2c (1), (2).)

e) PC Board is comprised of one representative from each District Council and a chairperson, all appointed for the biennium by the National President in consultation with District Governors. Three new sections (By-law VIII, 3, 4, 5) added to provide four-year terms, first half serving only two years and subsequent appointments of half of the board for four years, board to elect its own chairperson subject to appointment of President and National

Board every two years, and an interim chairperson to be appointed by the President until the next PC Board meeting sometime in 1979.

f) Change in the 1000 Club Rate Structure to accommodate the 1979-80 budget requests. (By-law: II, 2(a), (b), (c).)

Natl Talent Registry—Approved EDC proposal to compile a national talent registry through Headquarters.

Employment Discrimination—Request to make ad hoc committee on employment discrimination a standing national committee was withdrawn at recommendation of EXECOM.

PAC Cost-sharing—Pacific/Asian Coalition plans to open a Washington Office. To gain maximum use from limited funds, PAC proposed cost-sharing arrangements with other groups, the JACL in particular. Because JACL's own needs and limited office space, consensus was against the proposal.

A. L. Wirin Memorial—Approved a one-time effort national JACL fund-raising for ACLU-Wirin Memorial Fund; initial goal of \$10,000 for law student internship and recognition of an outstanding contribution by a writer to civil liberties.

San Benito County hosts NC-WN session

SAN JUAN BAUTISTA, Calif.—Northern California Western Nevada District Council gained a new chapter in Solano County at its second quarterly session here May 7 at the JACL Hall here—but also "regretfully approved" permission for Las Vegas JACL to withdraw and join the Pacific Southwest District Council.

NC-WNDC will still be 31-members strong while PSWDC will consist of 30 chapters. (National JACL has 105 chapters and members in 47 states and the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Canada and Japan.)

San Benito County JACL, the host chapter led by president Ed Shiotsuka, featured a chicken barbecue at noon that was the talk of the district.

Sacramento and Fremont chapters shared the NC-WNDC Chapter of the Year Award in recognition of their outstanding activities this past year, award chairman Dr. Tom Taketa announced.

To prepare for the national convention in July, the district council will caucus June 4, 9:30 p.m., at Headquarters, San Francisco, announced district governor Chuck Kubokawa. Resolutions, national budget and dues increase, amendments to the national constitution; convention workshop on the Japan-U.S. Friendship Act, which NC-WNDC will con-

duct; proxies and election strategies are among the topics on the agenda.

In his report, Kubokawa proposed a "hall of fame" for outstanding Japanese Americans, requested leads whereby a video-recorder might be bought, loaned or donated to National JACL to chronicle JACL and other Nikkei events and personages, and introduced Daryl Kubotsu and Dr. Yosh Shitanishi of the new Solano County JACL.

The council endorsed the Tule Lake pilgrimage being sponsored for June 3-4. George Baba of Stockton and co-chairman of the Okubo-Yamada Legal Defense Fund appealed for added support to meet the \$10,000 goal by June 30. As of April 25, over \$6,900 has been acknowledged.

Detroit JACL installation



Photos by Tom Hashimoto

The 1978 officers for Detroit JACL gather for their first official picture during the 32nd annual installation dinner Mar. 11 at the Bonnie Brook Country Club. They are (from left): Rex Oyafuso, Dr. Kaz Mayeda, JACL pres; Mary Kamadoi, Tak Matsui, Kathy Yee, Min Togasaki, Elaine Prout and Hal Izumi.

East Los Angeles

Coronation of the 1978 Miss East L.A. by Suzan Takai, last year's chapter queen for Nisei Week, highlights the 24th annual East

Los Angeles JACL Emerald Ball this Sunday, May 28, at Luminaria's Restaurant in Monterey Park.

Dinner will be served at 6 with dancing to Val Johnson's "Good Sounds" music from 8 till midnight. Reservations are being taken by Mattie Furuta (262-8580).

Fresno

The annual Fresno JACL steak barbecue picnic will be held June 4, 3-7 p.m. at the Parkview Shelter in Woodward Park. Reservations should be made by May 26 with Jack Harada (266-8826).

On tap will be a softball game between the seniors and the JAYs, volleyball and games before the dinner being served at \$3 adult, \$1.50 for children 11 and under.

San Mateo

Plans are being completed for the San Mateo Keiro Kai, an event honoring all those over age 65, on Sunday, June 11, at the Buddhist hall under co-sponsorship of the Gardeners Assn., Buddhist Temple, Sturge Presbyterian Church and San Mateo JACL.

Tickets are \$5 for those under 65 obtainable from members of the sponsoring groups including: Sadako Kitagawa, Aya Takahashi, Kimi Watanabe, Suzu Kunitani, Shizu Tabata, Grayce Kato, Tom Grubbs.

MARUTANI

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responsibility, if one purports to care. Notwithstanding what some (hopefully few) may otherwise care to believe, we speak out—not to destroy, not to be negative, but because we care. Deeply.

Employment service

SAN FRANCISCO—Job training referrals, counseling and placement services are being offered by the United Japanese Community Services, 2012 Pine St. (563-8418). Latest listings have summer jobs for youth.

Song contest

LOS ANGELES—Radio Li'l Tokyo amateur song contest will be hosted by Matao Uwate on May 28, 2 p.m. at Nishi Hongwanji Hall. Call 628-4688 for contest details. May 25 is the closing date.

Deadlines

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

June 10—Nomin reopened for Japanese American of the Biennium; submit to JACL Hq; presentation July 22, Salt Lake Convention.

June 15—Chapter bids for 1982 National Convention; JACL Hq.

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.

July 15—Applic for Tom Hayashi Memorial Law Scholarships, c/o New York JACL, 50 W 67th St, New York, NY 10023.

Calendar

* A non-JACL event

● MAY 26 (Friday)

San Diego—Bd mtg.
*San Jose—Nisei Sgls mtg, Sumitomo Bank, 7:30 p.m.

● MAY 27 (Saturday)

MDYC—Spring workshop; Ancient Arts of Japan, Mich State Univ. campus.

*Los Angeles—Pac/Asn American May Day, ACSC Bldg, 1851 S. Westmoreland Ave, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Tritia Toyota, spkr.

*San Jose—Ondeko-Za concert, Ctr for Performing Arts, 8 p.m.

● MAY 28 (Sunday)

Stockton—Picnic, Micke Grove

*Los Angeles—Radio Li'l Tokyo amateur song contest, Nisei Hongwanji, 9 p.m.

East Los Angeles—24th annual Emerald Ball, Luminaria's Restaurant, Monterey Park, 6 p.m. dnr, 8 p.m. midnight dance.

● MAY 29 (Monday)
NC-WNDC—San Francisco—Memorial Day rites, Golden Gate Nat'l Cemetery, 10 a.m.; Karl Nobuyuki, spkr.

Fremont—Memorial service, Irvington Memorial Cemetery.

● MAY 30 (Tuesday)
San Mateo—Mtg on Prop 13, Sturge Presbyterian Church, 8 p.m.

● JUNE 3 (Saturday)
San Fernando Valley—Scholarship Awards, JACC, 7:30 p.m.

*San Francisco—Tule Lake Pilgrimage (2 da).

*San Lorenzo—Eden Sr Center 6th Anniversary party, Eden JCCC, 11:30 a.m.

● JUNE 4 (Sunday)
NC-WNDC—Pre-convention mtg, San Francisco.

PSWDC—Nisei Relays, West Los Angeles College, 8 a.m.

Fresno—Steak BBQ picnic, Woodward Park, 3-7 p.m.

Puyallup Valley—Grad's banq, Irongate Restaurant, Puyallup, 6 p.m.

San Benito County—Chap picnic, Bolado Park.

● JUNE 6 (Tuesday)
Chicago—Bd mtg, JACL Office, 7:30 p.m.

● JUNE 9 (Friday)
*Los Angeles—Maryknoll Carnival (3 da), 222 S. Hewitt St.

*Salinas—Nat'l Seminar on Filipino Americans (3 da), Santa Lucia Hall.

● JUNE 10 (Saturday)
*Monterey—Japanese Language School potluck dnr, JACL Hall.

*Seattle—Keiro Benefit Garage Sale, NVC Hall.

*Denver—Comm Scholarship

Awds, Denver Athletic Club.

*Washington—Japan American Society bazaar, Mt Vernon College.

● JUNE 11 (Sunday)

San Mateo—Keiro kai.
West Los Angeles—Police Appreciation BBQ, Nora Sterry School, 2-5 p.m.

Monterey Peninsula—Comm Picnic, County Fairgrounds.

San Francisco—JACL Olympics, Laney College, Oakland, 9 a.m.

*San Jose—Nisei Sgls Club picnic, Ed Levine Park, Milpitas.

● JUNE 13 (Tuesday)
Stockton—Gen mtg, Calif First Bank, 8 p.m.

● JUNE 17 (Saturday)
EDC—Pre-Conv mtg, Seabrook JACL hosts.

Seabrook—Inst, grad dnr; Rep Norman Mineta, spkr.

Livingston-Merced—Grads' outing, Seacliff State Beach.

Monterey Peninsula—Issei-kai benefit movies, JACL Hall.

*Los Angeles—Dragon Boat races (2 da), Whittier Narrows, 10 a.m.

● JUNE 18 (Sunday)
*Monterey—Language School picnic.

*Monterey—El Estero church picnic.

● JUNE 20 (Tuesday)
San Mateo—Bd mtg, Sturge Presbyterian Church, 8 p.m.

● JUNE 23 (Friday)
San Diego—Bd mtg.

Detroit—Far Eastern Festival (3 da).

● JUNE 24 (Saturday)
Philadelphia—New Memb potluck, Gypsy Lane Condominium comm room, 2 p.m.

PNWDC—Qtrly sess: Puyallup Valley JACL hosts (ovrnt). Sat—St. Michael's Church, Sun—Sheraton, Olympia.

*Gardena—Summer carnival (2 da), JCI, 3 p.m.

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GUEST COLUMN: George E. Condon

Soo: A Singing Indian

(Condon is a columnist with the Cleveland Plain Dealer. This piece, appearing in its April 24 edition, was forwarded by our longtime reader Alice Nakao who hoped Jack Soo will see it.—Ed.)

Cleveland

As part of my continuing policy of improving people's minds and adding to their general knowledge, I passed along word in this column recently that a popular and talented television performer named Jack Soo, a member of the "Barney Miller" cast, was not of Chinese descent, as viewers naturally assumed.

Not only was Soo not of Chinese origin, I said, he wasn't even a real Soo; he was, in fact, Japanese.

I'm glad I passed along that electrifying news simply because of the splendid,

energetic reaction it provoked.

On the basis of that reader response, it is possible to conclude that five out of six Clevelanders knew Jack Soo personally when he lived and worked in Cleveland during the 1940s.

Jack Suzuki was his real name until World War II broke out. There was a certain belligerency in the air towards people of Japanese descent in those wartime days, and the atmosphere was especially difficult if a person happened to be both of Japanese descent and anxious to win popular approval in show business.

That's the way it was with Jack Suzuki, a fine baritone singer. He followed the course of action that seemed advisable under the circumstances by changing his

name to Soo and getting a job in a war plant here.

That's the way Tony Granata, president of the Musicians Union here, remembers it.

"My memory is hazy," said the union head, "but Jack, a great guy, went to work at Parker Appliance, as I recall. Frankie Laine was on the production line there, too. So was Judge Parrino. It must have been a very talented production line."

Jack Soo is a television comedian who doesn't have to open his mouth to get a laugh or win applause. He has the sad face of a basset hound, and whenever the script of the television series sags, all the producer has to do is order a closeup of Jack Soo's expression.

The ironic part, though, is that Soo once made his living in show business with his mouth—as a fine singer. His last appearance in Cleveland in that role was as a member of the national company of "Flower Drum Song" at the Hanna.

During the years that Soo worked in Cleveland industrial production lines, he still kept active in show business.

He was one of the most popular performers for a long time at Chin's Restaurant here. Late in the 1940s, he became the vocalist for Tony Granata's orchestra, called the Melo-Masters.

Maestro Granata, ever alert for new opportunities, heard that Bill Veeck, the flamboyant new owner of the Cleveland Indians, was looking for an orchestra to perform during the Tribe's games. He approached baseball's new Barnum, and an audition was held at the Stadium that day.

"We got halfway through our first number," remembered Granata, "when Veeck waved for us to stop. I was shocked."



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"Are we that bad?" I asked.
"Veeck just laughed."
"You're hired," he said.
"I've heard enough."

The Melo-Masters played from a wigwam built behind the centerfield fence, and they wore Indian suits. That is to say, American Indian suits and feather headdresses.

Of all the 15 musicians in Tony Granata's outfit, none looked more like an Ameri-

can Indian than Jack Soo. He looked more like an Indian, certainly, than he looked either Chinese or Japanese.

Tony Granata was very proud of him. So was Bill Veeck. And the baseball fans here loved his voice, which sounded great even in that non-musical atmosphere in lakefront bowl.

So much for Soo's Cleveland connection. But he ought to know that he's still got a lot of friends here who remember him fondly. □



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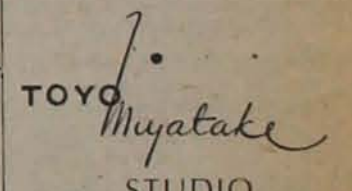
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Chicago Nisei Ambassadors to co-host July 4 spectacular

CHICAGO, Ill.—More than 600 teenagers will perform in a drum and bugle show preceding the annual Fourth of July fireworks spectacular presented by the American Legion.

Representing groups from Wisconsin, Kansas, Iowa and Illinois, the teenagers will be competing for monetary prizes. The show will also include aerial acts and conclude with the "gigantic" fireworks show, officials said.

The Chicago Nisei Ambassadors Drum and Bugle

Corps, co-host of the program, was founded in 1959 by the Nisei veterans who formed Nisei Post 1183, American Legion.

The Corps serves youths (aged 10-20) from all areas of Chicago and its suburbs. The Ambassadors performed for the Emperor and Empress of Japan during their historical visit to the U.S. in 1976.

Tickets are available (\$2) from:

Dr. Frank Sakamoto, 5423 N. Clark St., Chicago 60640, 561-5105; Chicago JACL office; Nisei Ambassadors Drum and Bugle Corps, Inc., 4427 N. Clark St., Chicago 60640.

Asian group converting warehouse into center

OAKLAND, Calif. — Partial release of a \$1 million grant was made to the East Bay Asian Local Development Corp. (EBALDC) to purchase a site for an Asian resource center.

The grant, authorized by the U.S. Economic Development Administration, will enable EBALDC to purchase the Lyon Warehouse in Oakland Chinatown, the proposed site of the East Bay Asian Resource Center.

The 80,000 square foot building will house a multi-lingual staff providing services to the various East Bay Asian populations, as well as retail shops and professional offices.

250 present at Heart Mtn. reunion

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Close to 250 enjoyed the family-style reunion of the Block 23 Heart Mountain reunion here April 22. Eiichi Sakauye's films of camp life, collection of evacuation and camp documents and papers, snapshots and a barrack map of lower Block 23 were featured. Special presentations were made to:

Oldest man present—Rev. Kinshi Nozaki, 92, Mountain View; oldest woman—Momoye Kawanami, 88; Nisei parents with most grandchildren—Jack Kumagais, 13; Sansei parents with largest family—Dr. Fred Shiraki, 7; furthest distance traveled—Mari Kawanami, Sonekawa, Minnesota; camp-born attendees—Karen Shiraki, Dr. Tom Dobashi, Larry Dobashi, Kazuyo Yonemoto.

EBALDC expects to assume ownership of the building and property by July, with renovation of the warehouse slated for late 1978.

Seeking additional funds, EBALDC officials reported the Ford Foundation's Office of Program Related Investments returned for a second visit to consider a major loan for the resource center.

Ford will either grant the loan on a participation basis with a conventional lender or as a guarantor for a conventional loan. Should it decide favorably, EBALDC will have raised 82 per cent of the funds needed for the project. □

Zellerbach funds S.F. Nikkei group

SAN FRANCISCO — Japanese American organizations received three grants from the Zellerbach Family Fund this past year. Recommendations had been made by the community arts advisory committee, of which Janice Mirikitani (771-6300) is a member. Grantees were:

San Francisco Center for Japanese American Studies—\$4,000 for the Taiko Dojo; Japanese Community Youth Council—\$1,500 for Japanese Art Movement; and \$2,300 for the 1978 Oshogatsu Matsuri.

Statue stolen

DENVER, Colo.—A three-foot bronze statue of St. Shinran was stolen Mar. 22 from the courtyard of the Denver Buddhist Temple. It was a gift from a man in Japan in memory of his son.

pc's people

Honors

Peter Ohtaki Jr., honor student at Menlo Park's Woodside High School, is a Lions Club district-wide student speaker champion now priming for the area-wide contest at Santa Rosa in May. He won three local contests to win district honors.

Two Hawaiian Issei, Hisashi Fukuhara, 80, of Kona, and Kazumi Matsumoto, 76, of Kalaheo, who were detained in mainland camps during WW2 were among the four recently decorated by the Japanese government in recognition of their work up-lifting the status of Japanese in the community. Other two were Toshio Tanji, 77, of Wahiawa; and Ginichi Murakami, 73, of Honolulu. All were recipients of the Order of the Sacred Treasure, 6th Class. Sixteen others in North and South America were also decorated, including Edward M. Matsuda (one-time Downtown L.A. JACL president), Tomiko Nakazawa, 78, Los Angeles.

A surprise on the April 29 list was

Tomisaburo Fujii, 70, a naturalized Australian and retired trochus shell diver of Thursday Island off Cape York Peninsula, Queensland.

Glenn Natsuhara, son of Mr. and Mrs. Giichi Natsuhara of Sacramento, received a \$6,000 scholarship from Campbell Soup Co. Natsuhara will enter the Univ. of Pacific in Stockton this fall. His father has worked for Campbell's 17 years. Joann Tatami was crowned the 1978 Dream Girl of Reedley High School. Representing the Science Club, Tatami was judged on poise, school activities, and personality. Steve Isozaki, a Toronto Sansei, won the grand prize in the Great Japanese Canadian Photo Contest. Judges said his photo of the Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre depicted "the spirit of the Centennial" and were impressed by the "vitality and feeling of excitement" in the shot.

Media

Kathy Tagawa, recent Univ. of Washington School of Communications graduate and news editor of the Asian Family Affairs monthly publication in Seattle, made her debut Feb. 18 in the Seattle Post-Intelligencer as its "Minority Voices" columnist. Her

first piece was of her grandfather, Jitsui, an Issei dairy farmer in Kent, Wash., at the outset and when business took a turn for the worse, he tried work at the sawmills and then engaged in a variety of small businesses in Seattle. "He never found his pot of gold, but no one can say he didn't try," Kathy concludes. "You seldom hear about the ones who didn't quite make it ... but at the same time, we should not be ashamed of our Jitsui. They are our roots."

Seattle Times reporter Mayumi Tsutakawa won the first prize for special articles on government for her piece on the International Women's Conference in Houston during the annual competition of the Washington Press Women. Her article has been entered in the National Federation of Press Women competition. Salt Lake JACLer Bruce Weigl, 29, was named editor of next year's Quarterly West magazine, published by the Univ. of Utah. A teaching fellow in English and assistant editor, Weigl hails from Lorain, Ohio and is a graduate of Oberlin College with a master's degree from Univ. of New Hampshire.

Medicine

Mary Ann Kimble (nee Koda) is the second woman and first Asian American to be named to the California State Board of Pharmacy by Gov. Brown. A native of Merced, Kimble attended the University of Pacific before transferring to the Univ. of California at San Francisco. After graduating in 1969, she served one year at Kaiser Foundation Hospital before rejoining UCSF as a staff pharmacist. Later, she became a clinical pharmacist, then instructor in charge of third year clinical courses. Finally, she was named vice chairman of the Division of Clinical Pharmacy. Married to a pharmacist, Kimble is a member of Lambda Kappa Sigma, an international sorority in pharmacy.

BEN TAKESHITA: Contra Costa JACLer

20-year Calif. service staffer in new post

SAN FRANCISCO—Ben Takeshita, who has been long active in Bay Area civic affairs, returned May 1 to the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Area as manager of the Pleasant Hill Employment Development Department (EDD) employment office.

Takeshita joined the state employment service in 1958 after he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in business and public administration from the University of California at Berkeley.

After working in Oakland, Takeshita began his supervisory career as unemployment insurance section supervisor in the Berkeley EDD office in 1962. In 1966 he was appointed branch supervisor of the Chinatown-North Beach Adult Op-

portunity Center, which continues today as the EDD facility in that area.

Takeshita held several staff positions between 1967 and 1976, while the department underwent several organizational changes. He was assigned to the U.S. Dept. of Labor in San Francisco in 1976 as Trade Adjustment Act specialist, handling employment service and training assignments in California, Arizona, Nevada and Hawaii.

He returned to the Employment Development Department last August to manage the Gilroy, California employment security office.

Takeshita has served as president of the California Chapter of International

Assn. of Personnel in Employment Security (IAPES), a world-wide organization of professional workers in employment security. During IAPES international conventions, Takeshita serves as official Japanese interpreter for Japanese delegates who represent the Japanese Ministry of Labor, bureau of employment security and the IAPES chapters all over Japan.

He is active in Contra Costa County, district and national activities of the Japanese American Citizens League. He is also active in the Sakura-Kai senior citizens center for elderly Japanese in the El Cerrito-Richmond area.

Takeshita and his family live in Richmond.

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