### Racial slur erupts at commencement

SAN DIEGO, Calif. - Racial stereotyping flared up unexpectedly at the San Diego City College commencement this past week (June 8).

Warren T. Furutani, 30, of Los Angeles and counselor at Service for Asian American Youth, had just concluded his commencement day address, having assured the 300 graduates they had reason to be proud for having attained a new plateau in life.

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Lou Ridgeway, president straighten out those people". of the San Diego Community College board of trustees. then followed to confer the diplomas at the midafternoon rites in the Organ Pavilion of Balboa Park.

In some off-the-cuff recollections of the time he was graduating from junior college prior to World War II, Ridgeway mentioned Pearl Harbor, about his fighting the Japanese and the need "to Immediately, there came boos from students seated in front and faculty on stage.

Don Estes, a faculty member and two-time San Diego JACL president, two other teachers and Furutani walked off the stage.

While Ridgeway did not use the racial epithet, the anger and embarrassment voiced by faculty and students all demanded Ridgeway public-

ly apologize for the racial slur and insult to the Sansei commencement speaker.

Estes said. "One student told the trustee president-'Sir, vou're an embarrassment to the college'," as he was handed his diploma.

Furutani recalled he was booed by a number of people who shook hands with him later and apologized for the Ridgeway comments. "I told Continued on Next Page

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# Sac'to Democrats pick Matsui

In a tough primary bid for the third Congressional seat being vacated by veteran Rep. John Moss (D), Sacramento City Councilman Robert T. Matsui overcame his name recognition handicap to be the Democratic nominee for the Nov. 7 general elections.

In a district with a 62-32 Democratic-Republican voter spread and a recent history of solid Democratic victories (Rep. Moss has been in Congress since 1952), prospects of another Japanese American in the House-this time the first Sansei-have become very real.

Matsui polled 36,989 votes (36<sup>(i)</sup>) for the party's nomination, passing betterknown Assemblyman Victor Gualco (29%) and Sacramento Mayor Phil Isenberg (28%).

Onetime Sacramento JA-CL chapter president and an attorney, Matsui campaigned hard on the theme of "people, not politics" approach to government to stage what some observers of County Supervisors. The

"come-from-behind, upset win

Matsui had launched his campaign early in January to overcome the handicap of name recognition in the predominantly Democratic district, which covers approximately 90% of the county. As city councilman, he represented the southside for the past seven years and was vice-mayor this year.

Matsui's campaign office revealed \$150,000 had been raised from 1,400 contributors-spending it to raise the name recognition factor of 5-8' at the outset to the primary win inside two months. While Nikkei volunteers as Chewy Ito, Tom Okubo, Stim Suzuki, Paula Higashi Essex. Hatch and Reiko Kawakami, Nelson and Nancy Akabori are playing key roles, it was noted only 3% of the district voters are Asian American, 74 Black and 64 Latino.

Matsui faces Supervisor Sandy Smoley, who also chairs the California Assn.

### Rep. Mineta was unopposed June 6

In other congressional races, Rep. Norman Mineta (D-13th Dist., San Jose), seeking his third term, was unopposed in the primaries and faces Cupertino city councilman Dan O'Keefe in November.

Gardena businessman Ma-

son. He took on seven challengers. Don Wilson, Torrance city councilman, paced with 12,748 (22%); C. Wilson had a cozy 40° (23,444).

In the 19th District (San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura counties), Milton Shiro Takei will carry the Peace & Freedom banner in November race against incumbent Rep. Robert Lagomarsino (R) and Jerry Zamos(D).

in State Capital said was a Republicans are expected to campaign vigorously for the women candidate.

> In a statewide race, Secretary of State March Fong Eu, unopposed for the Democratic nomination, garnered 2,523,398 of the approximate 3.2 million Democrats who had voted. Four years ago, she became the first Asian American elected to a statewide constitutional office in California with 3.4 million votes-believed to be the most ever cast for a nonwhite candidate in the U.S.

In the state legislature primary races, the two Nikkei incumbents, Assemblyman Paul Bannai (R-5.3rd Dist., Gardena) and Assemblyman Floyd Mori (D-15th Dist., Pleasanton) were unopposed.

But State Sen. Alfred Song (D-26th Dist., Monterey Park), the Hawaiian-born Korean American who was the first Asian elected to the state legislature as assemblyman in 1962 and then to the Senate in 1966, was soundly defeated. Assemblyman Joe Montoya, the nominee, had 31,482 (43%); incumbent Song, 19,472 (27%) for third in a threecandidate race. Political pundits said Song faced difficulty because he had been the center of FBI investigations into political corruption at the State Capitol though it had not been a poli-



#### Judge Tak Takei wins with 57%

In a superior court race that attracted statewide attention because Gov. Jerry Brown's appointee, Judge Taketsugu Takei, 48, was being challenged by a veteran civil rights trial lawyer David Lull, the San Jose Nisei scored a convincing victory in the June 6 primaries for his first six-year term. He polled 166,019 votes (57%) to Lull's 125,104.

Prior to the election, onetime member of Gov. Brown's cabinet as director of consumer affairs expressed disappointment at the amount being spent on the race. Both reportedly spent upwards of 1200,000 in the campaign. Early in the race, Takei had proposed a \$20,000 limit when it was rumored Lull was planning

# Chicago JACL blasts racism in Nazi demo

CHICAGO - The Chicago ward a person or group of JACL board in a resolution passed unanimously supported the people of Skokie, Ill., in their opposition to the American Nazi Party's scheduled march on June 25.

The JACL chapter resolution of May 2 called the proposed march an "outbreak of racism, inhuman harassment" and threatened "our democratic way of life"

Introduced by board member Nelson Kitsuse, the resolution reminded that during World War II, "Japanese Americans were ... thrown into concentration camps. This mistreatment plus subsequent hardships made us realize how fragile our so-called constitutional guarantees against loss of life, liberty and property actually were.'

All legal means to stop these storm-troopers should be undertaken, the chapter resolution added. The text follows:

The Chicago Chapter of the Japa-nese American Citizens League joins all fair-minded Americans in their opposition to the proposed Nazi march in Skokie. Such inhumane harassment and persecution of our Jewish sisters and brothers must not be tolerated be tolerated. During World War II, we Japanese

Americans were torn from our homes and thrown into concentration camps. This mistreatment plus sub-sequent hardships made us realize how fragile our so-called constitu-tional guarantees against loss of life,

We need to be eternally vigilant against any and all outbreaks of ra-cism. A wise man once said that if we do not learn from history, we shall be condemned to repeat it. The proposed Nazi march threatens out demonstration way of life All learn

The proposed Nazi march threatens our democratic way of life. All legal means to stop these Nazi storm troop-ers should be undertaken. The Chica-go Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League wholeheartedly sup-ports the people of Skokie in their opposition to the Nazis.

In May, 1977, the village of Skokie had passed ordinances imposing criminal penalties on certain forms of speech and assembly without mentioning the Nazis by name.

First ordinance required no parade or assembly involving more than 50 persons could be held without at least 30 days prior notice and unless a \$350,000 insurance policy was obtained to cover public liability and property damage.

Second ordinance prohibited under any circum-

persons by reason or reference to racial, ethnic, national and religious affiliation'

Third ordinance was an escape clause, permitting the Skokie governing body the right to waive any or all these ordinances for a particular demonstration.

All three were challenged by the American Civil Liberties Union in defense of the First Amendment. Last January, the Illinois supreme court declared the Skokie ban unconstitutional.

On Feb. 23, a federal court struck down all three ordinances including the insurance requirement. The 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed the decision May 22 "with regret".

Skokie Mayor Albert J. Smith said the village would ask the U.S. Supreme Court for a stay prohibiting the Nazi demonstration pending an appeal. The village officials said it would be traumatic to thousands of Skokie residents who had survived the Hitler death camps. Nazi leader Frank Collin said the June 25 demonstration in Skokie might be called off if they were granted permission to demonstrate instead in Chicago parks.

In defending the Nazis, ACLU lawyer David Goldberger in Chicago declared the Skokie laws were the "real issue", not the Nazis. In fact, he added, Skokie had already used the same law to deny the Jewish War Veter-

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### U.S. gov't did ... in 1942

WASHINGTON - Faced with rocketing taxes to pay for services to its burgeonpopulation, Hawaii ing urged the U.S. Congres to spread alien immigrants equally among the states to distribute the financial burden they impose.

The state's financial director, Eileen R. Anderson, told a House committee that Con-

saru Odoi, bidding for the Republican berth in the 31st Congressional District, polled 4,907 (37°c), losing to Don Grimshaw who now faces incumbent Rep. Charles Wil-

### Hosokawa compiles sampling of his columns for new book

#### By HARRY HONDA

PC columnist Bill Hosokawa since 1943 has a "hit" upon his hands-so far as this paper is concerned-for his fifth book happens to parade some of his best columns, "From the Frying Pan", of the past 35 yearshence, the title "Thirty Five Years in the Frying Pan"

It is being published by McGraw-Hill/San Francisco Book for the coming fall, and advance orders will be taken. No doubt, if copies (\$10.95) were available at the forthcoming JACL Convention, a big part of our commitment to move 2,000 copies might have been accomplished. The sales can be more brisk if the merchandise is on hand-as oldtime followers of his column are apt to see any number of their favorites within the 275 pages.

Close to half of the book

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tical issue.

Montebello school board member Eleanor Kim Chow, seeking the Republican bid for the same seat, was defeated by Alhambra City Councilman Ernest Duncan Vote tally was 17,561-9,967. Republican Bannai, who

manages to stay elected in a Democratic stronghold, had 9,612 votes (as compared with about 10,200 two years ago in the primary) while his upcoming opponent Cindy Wear-the same woman who ran against him in 1976-had 24,138 this time in a two-way race (as compared with 11,400 in a three-way race in 1976). The 1976 runoff, however, showed Bannai winning with 32,000 while Wear had 28,500. Bannai is seeking his fourth term.

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to spend \$ 50,000.

Takei had the endorsement of the press and bar association. "Takei is conscientious and methodical. He shows promise of steady growth as a judge," the San Jose Mercury-News said.

In Los Angeles Judge Ricard Hanki regained his seat on the Los Cerritos court with 14,633 votes  $(32^{\circ} \epsilon)$  in a five-way battle for the open position. A Gov. Reagan appointee in 1974, he lost by a narrow margin in the first defense of his judgeship in 1976.

A Chinese American jurist appointed by Gov. Jerry Brown two years ago, Judge Jack B. Tso of the L.A. Municipal Court, Office 13, marched to easy victory with 284,085 (61%) over challenger Sid Rosenthal.

stances any demonstration that incited "violence, hatred, abuse or hostility to-

#### County auditor ready to quit

SEATTLE, Wash. - Only person to hold the job since its creation in 1970, Lloyd Hara is leaving the post of county auditor here at the end of June. The county council has been interviewing finalists for the fouryear position which pays \$30,000 a year.

Local press said Hara was being forced out as the result of mounting conflicts with various Council members and County Executive John Spellman, Recent audit reports were also critical of various county administrative operations.

gress also should consider 'possible controls on migration between states" to reduce the flow of Americans to Hawaii-even if it meant changing the Constitution.

"I am shocked that people can make such a suggestion," Rep. John N. Erlenborn (R-Ill.) said. "How could the federal government (tell) people where to go and live or work?"

Mrs. Anderson said philosophically she understood. "But if nothing is done, it will be a real problem."

#### Parade marshals

LOS ANGELES-Toyo Miyatake was named grand marshal of the 1978 No sei Week parade scheduled Aug. 20 in Little Tokyo. Parade marshal will be Hiroshi Itsuki, Japanese pop singer, opening that week in Las Vegas for two nights. In a format change, the parade initiates instead of climaxing the festivities.

### HARUYE GOTO MASAOKA, 92 Issei pioneer with a Gold Star

rows and triumphs that dominated the pioneer Issei generation quivered through the minds of some 300 mourners who came from near and far this past week (June 6) to pay their last respects to Haruye Goto Masaoka.

Her life of 92 years mirrored the human cavalcade of four generations. An immigrant who left her home in Kumamoto at age 18, she arrived in the United States in 1904, was married two years later to the late Eigoro Masaoka at Riverside, Calif. They had moved to Fresno, where her well-known No. 2 son Mike was born.

The first family tragedy struck in Salt Lake City where her husband died in 1924-leaving Mrs. Masaoka practically penniless to raise eight children (six sons and two daughters) while running a fruit-stand. Yet she managed to send some of them through college.

Mrs. Masaoka was living in West Los Angeles when World War II erupted. The family was evacuated to Manzanar and then to Topaz. With the supreme test of loyalty to America facing Japanese Americans, she put the question to her sons.

In response, five of them, beginning with Mike in Utah, followed by Ben Frank, Akira Ike, Henry and Tadashi, enlisted from the evacuation center, and served simultaneously overseas with the 442nd Infantry Regiment. They were the second family with five brothers in the U.S. to be in combat together-the first being the Sullivan brothers who perished together in a submarine. The five Masaokas won 30 battlefield decorations. Their mother's serviceman's banner for the window later sported a gold star and for blue stars.

The gold star represented No. 3 son Ben Frank, who was killed in October, 1944, during the 442nd rescue of the Lost Texas Battalion in the Vosges Mountains of eastern France. Akira came home disabled 100 pct.

In 1946, Mrs. Masaoka converted GI death benefits to establish the Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka memorial

LOS ANGELES — The sor- by an American high school graduate of Japanese ancestry since JACL chapters nominated only one of their outstanding graduates for the award

At the National JACL Convention in San Diego in 1966. a grateful JACL recognized her interest in stimulating high school graduates onto college and accorded her the National JACL Scroll of Appreciation. She also received an album of letters from previous recipients of the Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka scholarship-each translated into Japanese to insure the impact of gratitude. In the meantime, JACL was administering 12 other scholarships nationally.

In 1952, the California State Supreme Court upheld her title to a small Pasadena lot. She had challenged and had invalidated the 1920 Alien Property Initiative Act, which barred aliens ineligible to citizenship from land ownership. It was a personal triumph that saw her eldest son, the late Joe Grant Masaoka, and Mike team their legislative-legal talents for a key decision that was eventually sustained by the U.S. Supreme Court in a similar challenge raised by Kashu Mainichi publisher Sei Fuiii

In 1954, Mrs. Masaoka became a naturalized citizenpart of another joyous milestone for the Issei-again thanks to Mike's and JACL's leadership in having the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 become law despite President Truman's veto.

She was Downtown L.A. JACL's first mother-of-theyear in the early 1960s.

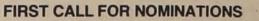
Though small in staturenot quite 5 ft. tall, she was "a

#### Wartime defender of Nisei passes

PASADENA, Calif. - Longtime realtor William C. Carr who defended the loyalty of Nisei during the WW2 period died June 6. The Pasadena JACL was joined by National Headquarters in mourning his death, recalling his work with Japanese Americans. He was among a dozen Americans who were honored by JACL at the 1954 National JACL Convention at Los Angeles.

giant of a woman ... and inspiration and a guiding light for all of us," Mike commented after the funeral. There were many elderly women who remembered their happy hours at the Union Church where she worshipped and Japanese Retirement Home where she had been living the past vear.

The ministers of the service, the Rev. Howard Toriumi and Rev. Hiroshi Izumi, sketched the life of Mrs. Masaoka briefly and evoked the glorious highlights as well as the sad interludes, reminiscent of other pioneer Issei. She was blessed with many children, each having made their name a kind of household word in community. -H.H.



### U.S. Nikkei Talent Registry formed

with her memorial awards that began in 1946.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif .-- The Japanese American Citizens League through its Eastern District Council is in the process of establishing a Talent Registry of skilled and talented Nikkei throughout the United States. The Washington D.C. chapter is re-' sponsible for developing procedures and ground rules for the project.

In the past, requests from government agencies and private organizations for the name of qualified Nikkei have been inadequately answered, according to Karl Nobuyuki, National Executive Director. Therefore, the primary purpose of the Talent Registry is to provide JACL with a talent bank from which qualified Nikkei could be recommended for certain employment and other opportunities.

#### SAN DIEGO **Continued from Previous Page**

them they didn't have to."

"The best you can say about the incident is that it was embarrassing," said Myles Clowers, president of the City College academic senate. The remarks were "appropriate of nothing except that the previous speaker happened to be Japanese American."

(Incidentally, the next president of the academic senate will be a Japanese American, Steve Mori, who teaches sociology-anthropology. He is the younger brother of Assemblyman S. Floyd Mori.)

Clowers said he apologized to Furutani on behalf of the

#### Kometani presented top scout award

The Registry is expected to include all Nikkei who by their unique accomplishments, service, character or contributions are considered "outstanding" or "prominent" by their peers. The Registry would include all categories, and there are no specific criteria that must be met. Non-JACL members will be included as well as retired persons.

The National JACL Scroll of Appreciation marking the 21st

annual award of the Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka Memorial Schol-

arship is presented by Hito Okada of Salt Lake City to Mrs.

Haruye Masaoka during the 1966 National JACL Convention

at San Diego. The National JACL scholarship program began

Photo by Kolchi Santohigashi, San Diego

Nominees are currently being sought from all areas with a July 31, 1978 initial entry deadline. If there are any sugestions of names of outstanding Nikkei, their names and addresses with a short statement as to why the nominee is considered to be outstanding should be sent to:

JACL, National Headquarters, 1765 Sutter St., San Francisco, CA 94115.

> he made more important by 300 to 400 percent."

Furutani had touched on Prop. 13's victory, asserting it affected affirmative action and "losing all the rights we had won back'

Thoughts of a recall election were subdued when it was found that 8,400 signatures are required in this instant, according to Estes. "But we'll remember him (Ridgeway) at election time," Hironaka declared. 

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faculty and that 70 faculty members had signed a petition which came from the English department asking Ridgeway apologize to the speaker and the class of 1978. The petition was addressed

to the: San Diego Community College Board of Trustees, 3/75 Camiro del Rio South, San Diego, Calif. 92108

San Diego JACL president Mas Hironaka has alerted both Pacific Southwest District Gov. Paul Tsuneishi of San Fernando Valley and National JACL Headquarters in San Francisco for help to secure the apology

Ridgeway told the L.A. Times bureau here, "It was just a minor incident, really." and indicated no apology was required

scholarship, which was administered by National JACL till recently. It was JACL's first national scholarship and represented the highest honor to be attained

Never follow the crowd. -BERNARD M. BARUCH

#### CARD OF THANKS

#### THE FAMILY OF THE LATE HARUYE MASAOKA, 92. acknowledges the many expressions of sympathy, condolences and flowers for her funeral held at the Union Church of Los Angeles on Tuesday, June 6

Mrs. Masaoka, a native of Kumamoto-ken and a naturalized citizen, passed away on June 2 at City View Hospital following prolonged illness. She is survived by three sons, Mike Masaru of Washington, D.C., Ike Akira of Los Angeles, Tad Tadashi of San Mateo; two daughters, Sally Shinko Nakano of Los Angeles, Kiyoko Ito of Chicago; 21 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Mike Masaoka, 5406 Uppingham St., Chevy Chase, Md. 20015

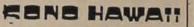
PHOENIX, Ariz.-Honolulu dentist Katsumi Kometani was one of 11 men and women nationwide to receive the Silver Buffalo, the highest national award of the Boy Scouts of America for volunteer service to young people, here during the scout's national council meeting here. As a lad who entered scouting in 1919, Kometani has been working with youth since the end of WW2 in

scouting, recreation and Olympics. He also holds the Silver Beaver and the Silver Antelope. 

#### Time capsule

GARDENA, Calif.-Significant mementos are being submitted for placement in a time capsule to be opened in 25 years at the Japanese Cultural Institute where ground-breaking of the Gym/Torium is scheduled June 24.

And Furutani quietly reacted, "Frankly speaking, what he said didn't outrage me. I was alluding to people who have certain racist attitudes and any statements I made,



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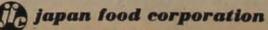
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### Jarvis-Gann amendment: fortune or havoc?

By SHARON SUZUKI PC Staff Writer

LOS ANGELES - Sold by shaggy bear-messiah Howard Jarvis, co-author of Prop. 13, Californians overwhelmingly voted in favor of the property tax amendment on June 6.

Is this a peculiar-to-California happening or will there be tax limitation movements similar to the Jarvis-Gann initiative "Xeroxed" across the country?

That question is being asked by many Americans wanting to know the national implications of Prop. 13's passage, which is being touted in the media as heralding a "great tax rebellion'

A proposal to restrict property tax that is not as drastic as Jarvis-Gann has nearly all the signatures needed to get it on the Michigan ballot in November. Its leader contends officials think that if they don't support "something reasonable, they're going to get Jarvis-Ganned.'

"That really scares the socks off those guys," he added.

Petitions are also being circulated in Oregon for a property tax cut amendment almost as drastic as Jarvis-Gann, and there is similar Prop. 13 issue in the Massachusetts state legislature.

In New Jersey the same Tuesday, Jeffrey Bell defeated incumbent Sen. Clifford Case in the GOP primaries.

Bell's main issue was having a GOP proposal for a 30% across-the-board income tax cut, which Case opposed.

Do the goings-on indicate nationwide that taxpayers are revolting a la American revolution, as Jarvis thinks, comparing voter acceptance of Prop. 13 with the Boston Tea Party?

Whether California voters have triggered a Great American Tax Rebellion remains to be seen. Meanwhile, state officials are saddled with the monumental task of implementing Prop. 13.

The state legislature has a \$5 billion property tax surplus to allocate, which Gov. Edmund Brown, Jr., intends as relief to local governments that anticipated \$11.4 billion for the coming fiscal year.

How to slice the skimpy financial pie being fought over by county, city and school officials-is a major dilemma. Which services-schools, police, fire departments, welfare or libaries-should have highest priority?

EDUCATION

State School Supt. Wilson Riles wants 40% of the \$5 billion surplus for education. He says the average budget cut for a school district will be  $35^{c}$ , but can range between  $20^{c}$  and  $80^{c}$  in some school districts.

Howard Miller, Los Angeles Board of Education president, declared, "It is clear the passage of Prop. 13 will cripple education in the State of California." Under Prop. 13, 75% of the L.A. Unified

is eliminated.

School officials are attempting to determine where budget cuts will be made. Many districts have already cancelled summer school and drastically cut back on teaching staff. However, the United Teachers of Los Angeles contend that the state education code does not allow teachers to be fired because of anticipated lack of funds.

Also, only 125 of 1,042 school districts sent teacher layoff notices by Mar. 15 as required by state law if they are not going to be rehired the following school year. Officials will attempt to change that law.

POLICE

L.A. Police Dept. Chief Daryl F. Gates called Mayor Tom Bradley's proposed budget cutback a "disaster" for his department. He said the proposed \$38 million cut would put the police department at a level that would be "tantamount to disaster

Orange County plans to eliminate traffic violation prosecution in outlying courts. Police budgets would be cut 10% in San Francisco, 25° e in Oakland, 12° e in Riverside and 15% in San Clemente.

FIRE

Nine out of 21 fire stations in Orange County may close: layoffs would force closing 58 out of 128 firehouses in Los Angeles. If that happens, "We couldn't handle more than one major fire at a time," declared fire chief Robert Simpson. He said if lavoff threats materialize, paramedic services would have to be eliminated completely.

OTHER SERVICES In San Francisco, Mayor Geo. Moscone may close libraries and is contemplating a freeze on book checkouts. The Muni Railway will be cut by 10%, but the city's famous cable cars are in no danger

School District operating budget of being idled, although operation

ing in the red. L.A. County Coroner Thomas Noguchi outlined a potential serious decline in the level of services affecting disposition of bodies and handling of death certificates

LEGAL BATTLES

Besides the headache of trying to split the surplus, legality of the Jarvis-Gann initiative is going to be challenged. Attorney General Evelle Youngers, who faces Brown in the coming gubernatorial election, says the legal. challenges are not a suprise and that they have been preparing for the lawsuits

Eugene Hill, chief asst. attorney general, said the office has been asked by Secretary of State March Fong Eu to defend her in Prop. 13 suits.

Hill says they will go the state supreme court, responding to the suit and specifically asking the court to decide the constitutional issues before July 1 when the initiative takes effect. Miller of the LA. Board of Ed-

ucation heads a statewide coalition to tack an amendment on Prop.

#### ELECTIONS **Continued from Front Page**

College professor Mori, after his second term, polled 37,295 votes in a district with a 70' / Democratic registration. Two years ago in the finals he finished with 76° a (69,000) of the total to be elected.

Gardena Valley JACL life member, State Sen. Ralph C. Dills (D-28th Dist.), was virtually re-elected in the primaries with 71° (45,803) margin over his lone contender. Only opposition in November will be an American Independent Party candidate as no Republican sought to unseat Dills.

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### **JACL Okubo-Yamada Fund**

At the 1970 National Convention in Chicago, two JACL youth delegates were victims of a brutal and senseless crime. Evelyn Okubo (age 18) was murdered by an unknown assailant and Ranko Carol Yamada (age 17) was near death after being severely assaulted. It was a miracle that she survived.

JACL is committed to assist the two Stockton families with legal expenses in their lawsuit against Hilton Hotels, which owns and operates the Palmer House. No funds raised will be used for attorney's fees.

Seven years following the tragedy the legal battle continues. Will you join us in support of these families?

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mit a lower assessment on homes than on industrial and commercial properties and replace much of the lost local revenue.

college trustee, is being retained by 20 school districts and several county superintendents. They

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state and federal constitutions. U.S. Secretary Patricia Harris of the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development, likens Prop. 13

-the California solution to soaring property taxes-to "burning down the barn to roast the pig when there are easier ways to do

will contend the ballot measure violates various provisions of

Editor's Note: Impact on the Asian American communities will be ad-dressed in the next issue

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# **Comments, letters & features**

#### FROM HEADQUARTERS:

### Nikkei participation on Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission

THE ISSUES surrounding the Japan-United States Friendship Act clearly have special meaning for Japanese Americans. This is because it deals not only with Japan, but also because it illustrates the dilemma of being Japanese American.

The Japanese Americans have always had the difficulty of getting the message across that they are American. Although the most egregious example of this was the World War II incarceration of persons of Japanese ancestry, other forms of "mistaken identity" continue today. The Japanese Americans often bear the brunt of anti-Japanese sentiment but are not utilized as a resource in addressing solutions. It is not that Japanese Americans are ashamed of being Japanese, it is that they are not considered first class citizens by the United States. Further, the Japanese Americans obviously do not have any citizenship rights in Japan. Therefore, they are caught in the middle with nowhere to go.

Nikkei representation on the Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission would be one indication that the United States government is finally beginning to recognize Japanese Americans as capable of representing American interests. Japan has also often tended to downplay the role of Japanese Americans. This is greatly due to the fact that the United States has often been unwilling to support Japanese Americans. With representation on the commission, there would be perhaps an increased awareness of the important role that Japanese Americans can play.

IT HAS NOW reached the stage where the government has stated that they will give full consideration to having one or more Japanese Americans on the commission. We trust that Senator Inouye as the lone Japanese American on the commission will not allow tokenism in the appointments. Hopefully more than one Japanese American will be considered as Nikkei participation is crucial.

Even then, it is important that persons selected be sensitive to the Japanese American experience. Otherwise, the person would also be a token, and Japanese American concerns will not be represented. This is a real danger because for most people, anyone who is of Japanese ancestry satisfies the requirement.

Nominees submitted by JACL should be given full consideration since the list was compiled after a nation-wide recruitment, and represents qualified persons in the field. The status of all nominees will be carefully watched by JACL. Only then can Japanese American concerns be truly represented.

> -Lorrie K. Inagaki JACL Program and Legal Director

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Issei, Nisei, Sansei by the hundreds make annual pilgrimage to Owens Valley in Southern California where the Manzanar incarceration camp once stood. There are also white, black, brown and red people among them. In Northern California similar pilgrimage is made to the former Tule Lake camp site near the Oregon border.

Ther are also individual and family pilgrimages being made to other camp sites such as Topaz, Minidoka, Heart Mountain, Jerome and others. Why?

For the Japanese Americans to understand ourselves, we must understand our own past-the struggle, the humiliation, our failures and our successes. A refusal to look into our own past is to deny the

#### **SInternee** records Editor:

In light of JACL's forthcoming reparation initiative, a May 19 New York Times article by Jerre Mangione (the wartime public relations director for the Immigration Service custodian agency for its internment program) should be of special interest to many of Japanese ancestry whose family or family members served time in alien internment camps operated by the INS. In the article Mangione states:

The news that the Federal Bureau of Investigation, with the consent of the National Archives, is planning to destroy "criminal files" of cases that have been closed for five years made me wonder what will happen to about 800 boxes of unassorted documents in the Federal Records Center at Suit-land, Md. The boxes contain the story

#### **NISEI IN JAPAN: Barry Saiki**

### **Derogatory and Obsolete Terms** ures in the pre-war years.

For example, all key admin-

istrators including the prin-

cipals of all schools were

sent to Okinawa from Naichi

(the main islands). Of course,

Japan today does not openly

discriminate, although some

undercurrent persists in the

Another terminology that

the Issei used when they

spoke in anger was "keto".

This term, meaning "hairy

barbarians" was widely

used in the 19th century

when referring to foreign-

more provincial districts.

of the Justice Department's quasi-secret internment program during World War II for men and women of enemy nationality who were not

Mangione makes mention of the

German, Italian and Japanese In-

ternees, many of whom he

claims "represented no threat to

the national security," including

the "several thousand men and

women (with their children)

from Latin American countries,

who, at the request of our State

Department, had been seized by

their own governments as poten-

tially dangerous alien enemies

and handed over to the Ameri-

can authorities for internment."

liminary Inventories of WRA

records (published in 1955)

states, moreover, that "a large

part of the records accumulated

by the Authority were disposed

of under Congressional authori-

The National Archives' Pre-

criminals

#### Tokyo:

A letter from a Thousand Clubber in Spokane, Wash., Spady Koyama, a retired colonel who still carries some Japanese shrapnel he had picked up in the Pacific during the war, mentioned that Nisei and Sansei are still unwittingly using Japanese terms that are considered derogatory when talking about other minority races.

One overall Nisei tendency is to say "kuronbo", "shinajin" and "chosenjin" in referring to blacks, Chinese

### Pilgrimage

PART XXX

#### By Clifford I. Uyeda

meaning of our own existence.

The Japanese American history of the first half of this century is epitomized in what happened 36 years ago in these ten barbed wire enclosed compounds in the bleak desert and swamp areas of the interior United States. History may be ignored but cannot be erased.

By reliving the past we protect the future by resolving never to let this happen again-to ourselves or to any other American.

Why are there non-Japanese making pilgrimages? It is to remind themselves and other Americans that freedom is not automatic, it is extremely fragile, and must be actively treasured. 

> zation by the agency itself during the lifetime and by the Interior Department in subsequent years

JACL should do everything to bring about an immediate halt to all such practices by government agencies, including the State and Defense departments (Social Security wage credit for ex-evacuees requires a certification of internment from the Secretary of Defense).

I would also strongly urge all persons whose family members were incarcerated under Justice Department auspices to write as quickly for release of documents relating to such internments under the Freedom of Information Act. Direct all requests to the Dept. of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20408.

MICHIN. WEGLYN New York

chaic or obsolete by modern Japanese usage.

For example, some obsolete words are "kisha" for train, "katsudo shashin" for movies and "teishaba" for station. Since steam locomotives have almost disappeared in Japan, having

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#### 35 Years Ago IN THE PACIFIC CITIZEN

JUNE 17, 1943

June 10-Calif. Gov. Warren says evacuee return may bring sabotage. June 12-Four Phoenix area pro-

(b) Recognitions & Awards Luncheon, (c) Snowbird Special and (d) Sayonara Banquet & Ball.	How Many?	Sub-Total
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and Koreans. The correct terms are "Kokujin" for blacks, "Chugokujin" for Chinese and "Kankokujin" for Koreans.

The South Koreans are extremely sensitive about the use of "chosenjin" because this reminds them of the Occupation of Korea by Japan from about 1895 to 1945. During these decades, Japan brought many Koreans into Japan to work in coal mines and in other heavy labor activities. They were badly treated in whatever community they were located.

Except for the upper levels of the Korean society, the Koreans were treated as second class citizens, not only in Japan but in their own country.

A similar situation took place in Formosa under Japanese rule. Even the people in Okinawa were subjected to discriminatory meas-

ers. The proper terms are "hakujin" for white person or "gaijin" for any foreign person.

The Japanese that the Nisei and Sansei learned at home was heavily weighted with dialectal expressions, coming from Hiroshima, Yamaguchi and Kyushu of the late 19th century. Thus, some words that are considered standard Japanese by the Nisei are actually ar-

e firms charged with violation of state's anti-evacuee law.

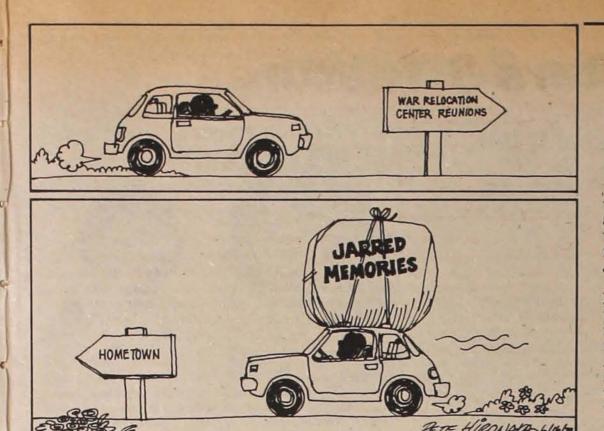
June 12-Fruit pickers stop work when Nisei GI on furlough (Wilson Makabe) visits Loomis packing shed near his home.

June 17-House un-American Activities Committee concludes 10-day hearing at Los Angeles investigating War Relocation Authority; JACL Counsel A. L. Wirin calls for fair play for loyal Nisei, church leaders oppose anti-Nisei frenzy "whipped" up by press", Commiteee had seized Wash-ington JACL Office files on June 12, and had reported June 8 the "Pacific Citizen" in Salt Lake was being inves-



James Murakami, National JACL President Alfred Hatate, PC Board Chairman Harry K. Honda, Editor

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#### FROM HAPPY VALLEY: Sachi Seko

# Pride of 'First South'

Salt Lake City:

It seemed more than a threat that hot summer's night of '72. We were leaving an evening of entertainment and had paused on the pavement to exchange amenities. Suddenly, pointing toward the downtown lights, the Sansei said, "One day that'll be destroyed. This city will burn."

The hour was late, but summer heat still warmed the sidewalk. Tar smells escaped where asphalt had softened under the sun's assault. The July air was tense and heavy, as if poised for disaster. In the dark, I turned to observe the Sansei. Perhaps I expected a smile of jest or boasting. His face was serious.

The '60s had burned themselves out in other parts of the country. Everything takes longer to reach Utah, whether movements or fashions. No place else is it customary for the stewardess to suggest on approaching the airport that passengers set their watches back, "a hundred years".

Moonlight spilled on the parking lot surface across the street. The lot replaced what had formerly been First South, Salt Lake's Japanese town. My young friend said, "The white man will pay for that. He destroyed part of my identity when he demolished First South." Previously, considering myself of a liberal bent, my sympathies were with those who opposed the established system. I believed the promises, hopeful talk of originality and new pride.

Somehow, it didn't work out that way. Instead of new ideas, it became a series of imitative motions. It seemed we had to follow the black and brown movements, substituting the word, "yellow". Sometimes, listening to the new, militant phrasing of Sansei, I doubted their sincerity. They talked of culture and pride in the same angry breath. We are entitled to both, they said.

They seemed unaware that pride already existed. Maybe not in the shapes and sizes they desired. It lacked the flamboyance of new flags. To them, the old banner may have seemed a silk of stains and snags. Too many people had caressed and wept in its folds. In a way, I was glad that First South was gone. At least the men and women who had bitterly defended the old standard was spared the abuse and thievery of outsiders.

Contrary to the concept of the Sansei, First South did not belong to him. It never could. Common ancestry was insufficient as passport to its deepest cellars, to its darkest corners. We, who endured and survived in that hole of humanity were possessive about our pride. Even the poorest and the sickest and the oldest tried to defend it as common treasure. There are so many stories I could tell about the sharing and conspiring on the street. Secrets about sheer survival. How we managed to care for our own. Some Issei even refused to collect their Social Security benefits, considering it to be welfare. Then, there was the Issei who never spoke to my mother or me. He was able to speak, did to others. But he hated us. Twice each day, my mother climbed the rickety stairs to the second-floor hotel, bearing trays of food. Often I went with her.

light could not conceal. He was grey, the color of his sheets. A stubborn man, he refused medical attention. On learning of his circumstances, my mother had been bringing his meals. Not one word of appreciation did he offer. Instead, he stared steadfastly at us with loathing in his eyes. When I remarked about his ingratitude, my mother chastened me, saying he was entitled to his hate. It was a matter of pride.

Maybe we are changing as a people, less discriminatory about our taking. It seems to have become quite fashionable to seek outside grants or government assistance for Japanese American programs and activities. Yet, less than a decade ago, my people would have considered that begging. There were times when some went hungry. Pride didn't fill their stomachs, but something else was nourished.

Some say that everybody else is grabbing what they can. All the other minorities are staking out their claims. But my people would have been the first to say they were not like any others. They were not black or brown. It wasn't a sense of superiority, either, for most of us were quite ordinary.

I guess it was pride of a special nature that made us feel different. Even the least

#### FROM THE FRYING PAN: Bill Hosokawa

# 'Us Against Them'

#### Denver, Colo.

Without consider-

ing the merits of California's Proposition 13, this controversial proposal to limit the amount of taxes that could be levied on real estate underscores the difficulties faced these days by organizations such as JACL.

The Japanese American Citizens League is an ethnic group founded at a time when members of that group faced mutual problems that had little in common with the problems of the majority of Americans. It was an "Us against Them" situation and "Us" got together to pool their talents and resources to cope with the hostility as well as the indifference of "Them."

Today, "Us" is no longer a homogenous group of Japanese Americans who think and worry about the same things and vote the same way at the polls. "Us" don't have very much in common except Japanese ancestry, and the way things are going, that means somewhat less today than it used to.

Proposition 13's appeal was to people alarmed by the swift rise in taxes on their homes. Rising taxes are particularly burdensome to elderly citizens with fixed incomes. If you're working, there's a chance to get pay raises that will help you meet soaring expenses. But if you're retired, it's likely that your income will remain steady even though costs are climbing, and that makes it tough.

Many of "Us" are in that fix. Thousands of Nisei and Issei are retired, and if you live in California and are paying taxes, Proposition 13 looks like an idea that will ease your financial problems, at least for a while.

But there's another side to that issue. Proposition 13's opponents contend that its passage will mean that tax revenues will be cut back so drastically that thousands of public employees will have to be fired, and many important programs will be curtailed. The firing will be on a seniority basis. Who are the last hired and first fired? The minorities, that's who. And thousands of Sansei and Yonsei will be affected; they were among the last hired partly because they entered the labor market only fairly recently because of their youth, partly because opportunities for them didn't become available until lately.

So you have a generational factor, with the focus on the pocketbook, dividing "Us" on Proposition 13 in the same way that it exerts divisive influences on those who are not among the minorities.

We've encountered issues like this before when ethnic commonality was transcended by other considerations.

Sam Hayakawa's campaign for the United States Senate was supported by many older Japanese Americans—and opposed by many younger Japanese Americans—for philosophical reasons that had very little to do with their mutual Japanese ancestry.

A similar rift developed during the farm labor organization controversy in California's Central Valley. Rural JACLers, generally, opposed farm labor strikes and boycotts because they affected their livelihoods. On the other hand, many urban Sansei and Nisei supported the lettuce and table grape boycotts and some of them marched with the union organizers.

In each of these instances it was philosophy, economics or principle that determined the Japanese American's point of view, and not the fact that he was a Japanese American. And Japanese Americans today not only live all over the country but espouse ideologies ranging from extreme left to far right, include social activists and don't-rock-the-boat conservatives, multi-millionaires and food stamp recipients, senior citizens and college students, Caucasian spouses, recently naturalized immigrants and fourth and maybe even fifth generation Americans. We have become both "Us" and "Them."

An organization based on an ethnic foundation faces an almost impossible task if it is to be activist and still serve all these diverse interests in an even-handed manner. A broader—or perhaps narrower —base than simple ethnicity may be needed if the organization is to remain viable.

#### MOSHI MOSHI: Gene Konomi

### The New Mayors: An Issei's Assessment

the unmistakable smell of Japan, a blend of odors of *mi*so and shoyu, takuwan and dried fish.

Mayor Miyoshi of the picture bears a strong family resemblance to the Mr. Miyoshi, Sr., I remember. But I did not know him too well. About Mrs. Miyoshi I knew a bit more. This was in the era when the picture brides were arriving by boatlaods -or so it seemed-to beat the passage of the bills to ban forever Japanese immigration for any reason or on any pretext, including picture brides and "sent for" children. A great majority of the young women had no more than a grade school education, although many of them would have liked to go on to high school if they could. In the midst of these women Mrs. Miyoshi had the unique distinction of being a graduate of the Higher Normal School for Women of Nara, then one of the only two such institutions of higher learning for women.

Many years before Mayor Miyoshi was born I left Guadalupe and environs and never returned, so I did not know what happened to the Miyoshis after that. But it is

I thought it ironic that he and others like him made First South a symbol of their identity. When its destruction was imminent in the mid '60s, no concerted community effort was raised in protest. I can remember no individual or organizational offer of assistance from Japanese Americans who lived and worked away from the street.

"You'll be proud to be yellow after the revolution," the young man said. On summer nights that followed, occasionally I watched the city skyline, expecting to see smoke billowing. Time proved that the threat was only rhetoric.

I remember that night, however, because it marked a turning point for me. It was the night that the yellow movement turned me off.

I remember the poverty of the room that even the dim

of us felt entitled to walk First South with a sort of dignity. When outsiders said, "You're a proud people," we agreed. It was a distinction we earned. We had paid for it without taking a single handout.

It is now the summer of '78. I have lost track of the Sansei who threatened to help burn this city in the name of yellow pride. I wonder if he has discovered his own interpretation. Somehow, I feel sorry for him. The best has passed him by. He never knew my people when they walked the streets of First South with the pride of kings and queens.

The strongest man in the world is he who stands most alone. —HENRIK IBSEN Something was reminiscent about the face in the picture. The caption said Toru Miyoshi, new mayor of Santa Maria. Suddenly a switch flipped, as it were, and there was the flashback: a well remembered, but hardly ever recalled scene out of my past. The Miyoshi Store in Guadalupe, more than 50 years ago.

Richmond, Ca.

It was a busy store, one of three serving a large Japanese population scattered over an area probably larger than several Japanese counties put together. Crammed to bursting with a chaotic disarray of goods-American and Japanese groceries, produce, dairy products, some dry goods and notions, you hardly knew where to find what, and if it was there at all, but miraculously Mrs. Miyoshi would find it for you. Pervading the store was not hard to imagine. No doubt they suffered the agonies and traumas of relocation, but bounced back after the war, and went on to build up a considerable fortune. No doubt Mayor Miyoshi had that to build his business and political career upon.

There is a vicarious thrill in following the achievement of someone of whom you can say "I knew him when ..." My feeling as I read the news item was something akin to that thrill, although I only can say I knew Mayor Miyoshi's parents. His path could not have been too rugged, but it was a long way from that little country store to the highest office of a thriving, charming city, the hub of a

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# **Calendar, pulse & memos**

### JACL turns Nisei Week queen coronation into charity ball

LOS ANGELES-This year's Nisei Week Coronation Ball promises to be a razzle-dazzle affair, with both disco and ballroom dancing being offered on Aug. 19 at the Beverly Hilton Hotel in (where else, but) Beverly

Hills. Proceeds from the Hollywood JACL-sponsored-withflair event go to the Japanese Retirement Home and the Friends of Little Tokvo Arts (the Toyo Miyatake Historical Photo Mural Art

#### Project).

Ticket at \$25 per person covers Pageant '78, dinner, and ballroom dancing to the Stonebridge Band in the International Ballroom or Disco '78 in the Versailles Room. Tickets at \$6.50 pre-sale or

Central Cal honors scholars

FRESNO, Calif.-Eleven winners were announced this past week of the Central California JACL District Council scholarships and citizenship achievement plaques. They were: SCHOLARSHIP

\$250 California First Bank (new r Carrie Katayama, 17, Sanger High School: daughter of M M Yo Katayama of Parlier. Carrie would like to use her background in Biological Science to enter the field of medicine with a specific interest in further research of cancer and muscular dystrophy.

### More votes in NC-WN asked

SAN MATEO-The San Mateo JACL endorsed at its Mar. 15 board meeting the John Enomoto proposal for more votes to be cast within Northern California-Western Nevada district council meetings by allocating up to 10 votes to chapters based on the size of its membership.

Only chapter delegates would cast the chapter votes in any proportion it may decide for business conducted at any DC meeting as follows:

Member	Vote	Member	Vote
1- 50	inin l	501- 675.	6
51-125	2	676- 875.	7
126-225		876-1100.	8
226-350	tt	1101-1350.	9
351-500	5	1351-1625	10

At the present time, each chapter irrespective of membership strength has one vote.

Under the Enomoto proposal, there would be a total of 136 votes allocated to the 32 chapters, based on 1977 membership. 

June 19-Budget/Conv Agenda

from Hq to all JACL chapters (30 days prior to Conv).

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

July 15-Applic for Tom Hayashi

Deadlines

#### \$200 CCDC-JACL: Craig Suko, 48, Lindsay High School: son of M M Mitsuru Suko of Lindsay. Craig is an outstanding athlete and scholar listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students, National Register of Commended Scholars and the Society of Distinguished High School Stu-dents Recently, Craig was a sister city student exchange member to

Ono City, Japan. \$200 CCDC-JACL: Marcia Yamada. 17. Orosi High School daughter of M M Noboru Yamada of Orosi. It is no surprise that Marcia is Student Assistant Treasurer and a Body member of the Student Finance Committee as she has chosen Accounting as a course of study after graduation. Marcia was included in the 78 edition of America's Outstanding Names and Faces.

\$100 Issei Memorial: Brian Lindsey Hoshiko, 18, Lindsay High School; son of Mrs. Emily Hoshiko of Lindsay. Brian is a Bank of America cer tificate winner for Lab Sciences. planning to enter a science related field, also listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students and National Register of Commended Scholars

#### CITIZENSHIP ACHIEVEMENT

Janet Ikemiya, 18, Reedley High School: daughter of Dr M James Ikemiya of Reedley: a musician and

### San Diego JACL enters new lease

SAN DIEGO, Calif .- A .7acre parcel owned by the San Diego JACL at Palomar and Broadway in Chula Vista will see a gas station on the premise torn down for a new 7-Eleven Food Store, if the new lease is approved by the Dallas-based owners.

Lease calls for a term of 20 years and 6 months, commencing June 1, 1978. Monthly rent will start from \$650 (amount received from Shell Oil at the time of its termination), \$1,250 from 1979 and up in five-year increments. 

scholar, Janet has chosen engineer-ing as her future endeavor. She is senior class president and copy editor of the yearbook staff.

Mark Iwanaga, 1<sup>°</sup>, Reedley High School; son of M M Henry Iwanaga of Reedley. Mark has a long string of awards in the field of music-his most recent being as a member of the McDonald's All-American High School Band, one of two from California.

Leslie Katsura, 18, Reedley High School: daughter of Mrs. Ted Katsura of Parlier Being a member of the track, volleyball and basketball teams has helped her become a twotime winner of the Presidential Physical Fitness Award. Leslie has chosen the medical field.

Lynda Fumiko Kubota, 18, Herbert Hoover High School, Fresno; daugh-ter of M M Hideo Kubota of Fresno. Lynda has chosen the field of medicine. Her years as a volunteer at the Veteran's Hospital may well have been a contributing factor to her de-

#### Monterey Peninsula

A near-capacity crowd joined the Issei Kai members who were guests at the annual Monterey Peninsula JACL spring potluck dinner April 16 chaired by George Takahashi and Herb Tanaka with v.p. Pet Nakasako assisting. On the dinner committee were:

Helen Nakasako, Shiz Shiozaki, Kiyoko Kadani, Fumi Menda, Yae Ninomiya, Suzie Tanaka, Mitsuye Kanaya. Kaye Tanaka, Mickey Tachibana, Reiko Miyamoto; Henry Yamanishi, Landscape, George Uyeda, Green Thumb Nursery, S&S Nursery Growers. prizes: Otis Kadani, games.

The Issei Kai, headed by Tajuro Watanabe, meets at the JACL Hall. It recently contributed funds to the chapter to purchase three new mobile chair transporters for use at the hall.

#### San Jose

Graduating seniors and scholarship donors were honored at the San Jose JACL scholarship award

• JUNE 28 (Wednesday) Denver—Org of Chinese Ameri-cans nat'l convention (3 da), Colorado Women's College Houston Fine Arts

Monterey Peninsula-Bd mtg.

#### • JULY 1 (Saturday)

Los Angeles—Nisei Sgls benefit dance for Gardena JCI, Nishi Hong-wanji Hall, 9 p.m. 'Union City—Bazaar (2 da), So Ala-meda Cty Buddhist Church.

\$7.50 at the door will cover. all except dinner.

For more information, call Kathy Chono at JACL, (213) 626-4471, or write to: Pageant '78, 3618 Cazador St., Los Angeles, Ca 90065

cision. Lynda has been studying Japanese dancing and has attained professional status

Jams Irene Kuribara, 17 Sanger High School; daughter of M M Lloyd Kurihara of Sanger Janis has been interested in the field of medicine as long as she can remember." She has recently selected the field-Dermatology, is listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Joann Tatami, 17. Reedley High School; daughter of M.M. Yoshihiko Tatami of Parlier. Joann feels that her success in math and science will enable her to enter the field of Environmental Engineering, researching solar energy and how its uses can

Union High School, Fresno, son of M M James Wada of Fresno, Martin has been or is a member of the Varsity tennis, football and basketball teams-received the Captain and Co-

potluck dinner May 20 at the Wesley United Methodist Church. Chairing the festive

ronaka and Judy Kadotani. About 80 persons were pres-

tributed to 11 winners as follows:

\$300 San Jose JACL-Linda Arito-mi, Wilcox High, Santa Clara; daughof Robert Imai

mont

T. Koketsu, Willow Glen High: son of M M Masao Koketsu. \$100 San Jose Nisei VFW Post 9970

-Lee Ann Handa, Blackford High: daughter of M/M Jingo Handa, Campbell.

\$150 Lanette Y Hayakawa Memorial-Darlene E. Kitajima, Mt. Pleasant High; daughter of M M Fred Kitajima

Kay & Kane Mineta Memorial-Kimberly B. Tanouye, Fremont High; daughter of Mrs. Misao Tanouve, Fremont.

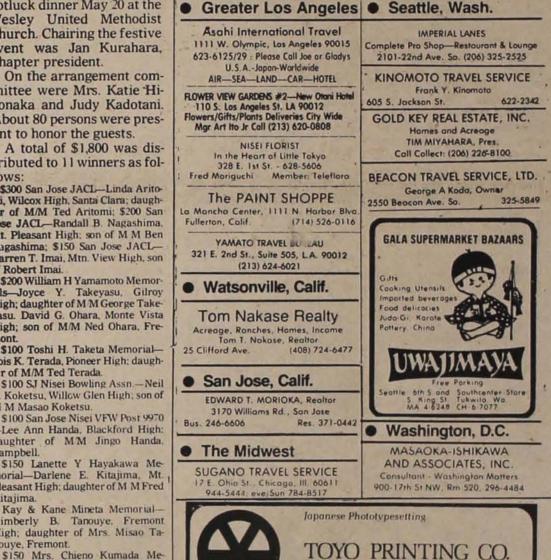
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Jeri Yokoyama (left) of Analy High wins the Sonoma County JACL \$300 chapter memorial scholarship and one of four \$200 Petaluma Sunday School Fund awards in recognition of her outstanding scholastic and extracurricular achievements. She is the daughter of the James Yokoyamas. John T. Fujii (right), also of Analy High wins the Petaluma Sunday School Fund award with Mari Kimura of Santa Rosa High and James Fukuyama of Napa High. Son of Dr. and Mrs. Tetsuro Fujii, John will study engineering at Univ. of Hawaii. Mari is the daughter of the Joe Kimuras. James is the son of the Bob Fukuyamas.

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captain awards for basketball. Bank of America Award for Foreign Lan-guage

event was Jan Kurahara, chapter president. On the arrangement committee were Mrs. Katie Hi-

ent to honor the guests. A total of \$1,800 was dis-

ter of M/M Ted Aritomi; \$200 San Jose JACL-Randall B. Nagashima. Mt. Pleasant High; son of M M Ben Nagashima; \$150 San Jose JACL-Darren T. Imai, Mtn. View High, son

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Yoshioka, Gar. 100—Sam Wada, Castro Valley.

### Calendar

\* A non-JACL event

• JUNE 16 (Friday)

NC-DYC-Qtrly mtg (2 da), Sono-ma JAYS host; Sheraton Tropicana, nta Rosa. San Francisco—Disco dance class.

Lafayette School. • JUNE 17 (Saturday) EDC-Pre-Conv mtg. Seabrook

JACL hosts Seabrook-Inst. grad dnr; Rep

ban-Harry ecreation Kubo, spkr.

Livingston-Merced—Grads' out-ing, Seacliff State Beach. Monterey Peninsula—Issei-kai benefit movies, JACL Hall

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

San Mateo-Sr Drop-In Ctr base-

• JUNE 18 (Sunday)

ball trip, Candlestick Park

Mid-Columbia-Graduates

Norman Mineta, spkr.

Monterey-Language School pic-

nic. \*Monterey-El Estero church picnic

Sacramento-Comm picnic, Elk 11:30 a.m. Park.

• JUNE 20 (Tuesday) San Mateo—Bd mtg, Sturge Pres-byterian Church, 8 p.m.

• JUNE 23 (Friday) San Diego-Bd mtg. Detroit-Far Eastern Festival (3

JUNE 24 (Saturday)
 Philadelphia—New Memb potluck,
 Gypsy Lane Condominium comm

oom, 2 p.m. PNWDC—Qtrly sess: Puyallup Val-ley JACL hosts (ovrnt). Sat—St. Michael's Church, Sun—Sheraton, Olympia

Gardena-Summer carnival (2

da), JCI, 3 p.m. Seattle—Mayor's Workshop Asian-Police relations, Jeff Rec Ctr. Workshop: San Mateo-Bazaar (2 da), Buddhist Temple.

San Mateo—Sr Drop In Center trip, Calistoga Hot Spgs.

### • JUNE 25 (Sunday) Sonoma County-Comm pictue.

Santa Cruz—JEMS Conf (6 da), Mt Hermon Conf Grounds.

#### • JUNE 26 (Monday)

Gardena-Pre-retirement Semi-nar IV, JCI, 7:30 p.m.; topic: small business

Chicago-Natsu Matsuri (2 da), Buddhist Temple of Chicago

Monterey Peninsula — Japanese movie benefit.

 JULY 2 (Sunday) Seabrook—Picnic. Thundergust. Parvins State Park

• JULY 4 (Tuesday) San Diego-Comm picnic, Silver Strand State Beach.

• JULY 8 (Saturday) Washington, D.C.—Schoi Awds: Dr Darrel Montero, spkr. "Salt Lake City—Obon festival, Buddhist Church.

• JULY 13 (Thursday)

Nat'I-JAYS convention (3 da), Univ of Utah campus, Salt Lake City.

• JULY 15 (Saturday)

Hoosier-Ohio River boat cruise. Belle of Louisville

West Los Angeles-Astan Festival, WLA Civic Mall.

"Monterey-Obon Festival (2 da), Buddhist Church.

JULY 16 (Sunday) Contra Costa—Picnic, Napa Valley

Ranch, 11 a.m.

• JULY 17 (Monday) Nat'l—JACL Bd Mtg, Little Ameri-ca Hotel, Salt Lake City, 8 a.m.

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The first San Jose JACL scholarship was for \$25, presented in 1962. That has grown to \$550. Community awards and private benefactors have added to the program which is administered by the chapter. On the scholarship committee are:

Ray Akamine, Mike Honda, Jan Kurahara, Sharon Uyeda, Jiro Saito, and Helen Mineta, chmn.

#### West Valley

The West Valley JACL selected Ann Shiomoto of Campbell High for its \$200 scholarship. Daughter of the Ray Shiomotos, she is ranked No. 1 in her senior class of 360, was student body president and selected most valuable swimmer on the girls varsity team for the past two seasons.

She plans to major in business at Univ. of Santa Clara.

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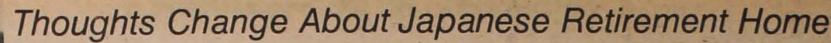
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ples Home in the name of the with a great deal of a guilt Japanese people.

Fred's foresight regarding the need for such a facility was soon vindicated as many applications for residency began to come in. Interestingly enough, among one of the early requests for residency was our own Mike Masaoka's mother.

I had a number of opportunities to look over the Home during the many visits to Mother Masaoka that my mother and I had made. I was very much impressed by the cozy and clean individual rooms, the spacious dining hall, and the large tree-covered grounds where the residents could stroll or sit on the many benches to enjoy the fresh air and the sunshine.

However, little did I realize that very soon, my own mother would become a resident of the Home. This came about when my health suddenly took a turn for the worse and I began to require round-the-clock care from Yukie. My mother, God bless her, realized the impossibility of a frail, 85pound Yukie taking care of her 86-year-old mother-inlaw and an infirmed husband at the same time, volunteered to join Mother Masaoka at the Home. It was conscience and considerable apprehension that I saw her off. After all, she's my mother and she had lived a very sheltered life for the past twenty years of so, thanks to Yukie.

We've brought her home on every conceivable occasion-her birthday, the kids' birthdays, Mother's Day, Easter, and the like. And, each time she's been home, she spoke enthusiastically of the Retirement Home. Apparently she is enjoying her association with her peer group, the opportunity to communicate easily with others in her native tongue, the varied classes including such things as flower arrangement, tea ceremony, utai, shigin, and the many special programs from the outside.

An example was her birthday when we had her home not too long ago. The entire family came, Yuki prepared some of mom's favorite food, and we ate in the patio. She enjoyed everything fully.

We had naturally expected her to stay over-night with us but, to our surprise, come 6 o'clock, she insisted on going back to the Home. Finally we got it out of her that the Japanese troupe "Pink Lady", enroute back to Japan from Las Vegas, was making a special appearance for the residents of the Retirement Home on that evening.

Since watching my mother's reaction to the Retirement Home, my pre-conceived ideas about old people's home have undergone a great change. If well run as is the Japanese Retirement Home, I think they are wonderful. So many of the Issei elderlies, although living with his or her respective family, actually are not a "full-fledged" family member. For most, there is the language barrier which precludes complete participation in the family activities. There are many other problems. Suffice to say here that at the Home, there seems to exist a feeling of togetherness among the residents of like age, and they don't seem to have time to be lonely because their time is so occupied with things of interest suited to their age.

Of course, I think that the Japanese Retirement Home is considerably above the norm, thanks to its many supporters. Fred Wada, as Chairman, heads an impressive array of Directors on the Board. Then, directly connected with the Home, is

# Sequoia wins S.F. Jr. Olympics

But, I sure had miscalculated the ability and the tremendous drive this man possesses because in a matter of just a few months, he rallied around the idea of a Japanese retirement home, literally thousands of the top Nikkei in the Southland and in one of the best organized fund-raising campaigns I have ever witnessed, he raised the vast sum of \$1,000,000 and took possession of the Jewish Old Peo-

Marina del Rey, Ca.

Fred Isamu Wada is a well-

snown name here in Los An-

geles because he was the on-

y Japanese American to be

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y; his involvement in the

Keiro and the Minami Hos-

pitals; and his many other

Now, he has added to the

above long list, the establish-

ment of the Japanese Retire-

Fred and I used to fly to-

gether quite often since we

both served as Directors of

the California 1st Bank (for-

merly the Bank of Tokyo).

On one such occasion about

three years ago, I remember

Fred telling me he had

learned that the Jewish Old

Peoples Home was available

for a mere \$1,000,000 and

that he thought this was a

great opportunity to get

something the Japanese

would definitely be needing

very soon. "Wow, raise a

\$1,000,000 from the already

burdened Japanese commu-

nity? Impossible!" I thought

to myself.

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ment Home.

Editor's Note: This was written a couple of weeks ago before Mother Masaoka, mentioned in this story, passed away

(Special to The Pacific Citizen) OAKLAND, Calif .-- The Sequoia JACL track & field team coached by Jay Sasagawa went home with the most medals and ribbons from the annual San Francisco JACL Jr. Olympics to earn the overall NC-WNDC honors as the outstanding team of the day.

Janice Matsuoka of Reedley, a junior-teen speedster, was picked the outstanding athlete of the meet after setting two records, the 6.5s. in 50-yards and 28.1s. in the 220. Overall, girls broke eight of their records, the boys four. Jim Okazaki, Orange County JACL track coach, and Dr. Robert Okazaki, perennial organizer of the So. Calif. Nisei Relays, watched the meet here at Laney College. They came to work out final arrangements for the first all-California JACL track meet scheduled for June 25 at West Los Angeles College.

It now appears the first four finishers in the A, B, C, D, men's, women and girl's events at the PSWDC Nisei Relays will be invited to participate, Okazaki said.

The JACL Jr. Olympics

#### summaries: **OPEN DIVISION**

OPEN DIVISION Mile—Curtis Miyagi, Con, 4:53; Stan Ouchida, Tri-C; 100—Bryan Motooka, Seq, 10.4s; Greg Daigojo, unat; 220— Martin Toyama, Sac, 22.9s; Tom Ito, SJ; 440—Martin Toyama, Sac, 50s; Ron Sa-saki, SF/12; 880—Ronald Sasaki, SF, 2:14; Darrel Doi, SF/12; 120 Low—Mar-tin Toyama, Sac, 14.8: Bryan Motooka, Seq; LJ—Greg Daigojo, unatt, 22 ft-3 (new record); Bryan Motooka, Seq; Ron Nakagawa, unatt.; HJ—Todd Fong, Sac, 5-8; Bryan Kumagai, Seq; 880 Relay—Contra Costa, 1:34.5. LIGHTWEIGHT DIVISION LIGHTWEIGHT DIVISION LIGHTWEIGHT DIVISION Mile—Ken Takao, unatt, 4:46.2; Stan Adachi, Sac; Darrel Doi, Tr 12; 50 — Robert Kajikami, SMat, 5.8; Jess Sa-sagawa, Seq; 100—Robert Kajikami, S Mat 10.8s; Jess Sasagawa, Seq; 440— Ron Sasaki, Tr 12; 55.6; Darrel Doi, Tr 12; 120 Low—Andy Iseri, Sac, 17.3s; Jess Sasagawa, Seq; LJ—Kobert Kajikami, SMat, 19-8; Terry Chinn, Con; HJ— Steve Yoshioka, SJ, 5-8; Bob Kuwada, Con; 440 relay—Tri-City, 48.5s. HINDOR DIVISION JUNIOR DIVISION 50—Scott Ichimaru, SMat 6.0s; 100 —Scott Ichimaru, SMat, 11.3s; 440— Stew Kawasaki, WVa, 1:00.3; LJ— Dean Kumagai, Seq, 194; HJ—Michael Hiyodo, Seq, 4-10; 440 relay—Sequoia, 51.6s 51.69

JUNIOR TEENS DIVISION SO-Janice Matsuoka, Ree, 6.5s (new); Linda Sakurai, Ber; 220-Janice Ma-tsuoka, Ree 28.1s (new); Beverly Tchenko, SMat; LJ-Beverly Tchen-ko, SMat 14-6; Bsbl Throw-Margie Higa, Th-C, 172 ft-10 (new); 440 Relay -S.F. Associates, 59.1s (new).

SUBTEENS DIVISION

40—Christine Hiyodo, Seq, 5.55s (new); LJ—Jill Oishi, Marin, 12 ft-8; Bsbl Throw—Jennifer Shimaura, SFA, 112 ft-9; 220 Relay—S.F. Associates 31.4s (new).

#### Sports

Canada's volleyball squad eyeing the 1980 Olympics is being coached by Ken Maeda, Tokyo coach of the Yashica women's team in the world famous Japan First League. He had been coach the past two years of the Pakistani national volleyball squad ... An overwhelming choice by

coaches in North San Diego County's Avocado East League, Debbie Sato of Poway High was named the Girl basketball player of the year and firststring all-league. She captained the Titans to a 20-4 overall season.

### Horinouchis appear on 'Family Feud'

an organization called Friends of the Japanese Retirement Home which performs yeoman work such as raising funds because funds are constantly needed to refurbish more rooms and other facilities. Also, there are a host of other organizations and individuals who contribute their money and time to this most worthy project.

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speak highly enough of these wonderfully devoted people. But, let me say that they can certainly use any and all additional assistance in the way of funds and volunteer service. Any help you can give will be gratefully accepted by the Japanese Re/ tirement Home, 325 S. Boyle Ave., Los Angeles, Ca 90033.

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PEEWEE DIVISION 40-Ronald Hashimoto, SMat, 5.9s;

LJ-Marc Neal, Tr 12, 13 ft-2 (new) Bsbl Throw-Stanton Sasaki, Tri-C, 152 ft; 220 relay-Tri-City, 32.8s. WOMEN'S TEENS DIVISION 50-Natalie Sasaki, WVa, 6.7s; Re-nee Chew, unatt; Alison Fukuda, SF Associates (SFA); 220-Natalie Sasa-ki, WVa, 28.1s; Karen Ueda, unatt; Re-nee Chew, unatt; LJ-Karen Ueda, (Gardena) 17 ft-2 (new); Alison Fuku-da, SFA; 440 Relay-West Valley JA-CL, SFA; 6 (new). CL, 54.6 (new).

LOS ANGELES-The Isao Horinouchi family appeared on ABC-TV's "Family Feud" for five segments (June 7-9, 12-13) and went home to Loma Linda with total winnings of \$12,528. Dr. Horinouchi, gerontologist for the Loma Linda University School of Health, was joined by his son Dean, recent School of Theology graduate at Loma Linda; Dean's wife Cathy (Arase), son Gary, an electrician at

LLU; and son Keith, pre-med

student at La Sierra. "I plan to give some of my winnings to our gerontology research. Rest will be for a trip to Japan for my wife and me to attend the 11th International Congress of Gerontology in Tokyo," the family head said. (Isao was one of the JACL-JAL summer fellowship winners in 1968.)



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### Midwest Comments **Unfilled Again**

Elsewhere on this page you will read about the resignation of Thomas J. Hibino as Midwest Regional Director. Tom came to Chicago almost five years ago to take the position which had been unfilled for many years.

The late Dr. Tom Yatabe, known as the "Granddaddy of JACL", opened this office in 1943, and since Dick Akagi left in 1953 thereabouts, the office has been staffed by an Executive Secretary. Esther Hagiwara has held this job for over 20 years.

Convention action in 1972 reestablished the regional director's position. Convention action in 1976 jeopardized that position as insufficient funds were allocated for the Midwest Office. It is only because of the commitment of the Chapters in the Midwest that professional staff was maintained.

Because of our conviction that a national JACL presence must exist in the heart of America, MDC chapters contributed 3 dollars more per member to keep the office opened with a Director. The 1978-80 budget does not include enough funds to maintain this office as it should be. Anticipating the thrusts that JACL will be taking, e.g. redress campaign, more membership services, programs conceived of and directed by youth, etc., it will be necessary that a qualified professional staff work out of the Midwest Office. We support efforts being made by other Districts for opening regional offices.

Back to Tom. From intellectually "elite" Oberlin College, Tom came to us with interest in the Asian American movement, a keen and analytic mind, excellent writing skills, experience in Asian American studies, but little experience in the Nikkei community. He learned and made his contribution. Tom says the District is not losing a staffperson as much as we are gaining a volunteer. So it is "thanks Tom" but not goodbye.

> -LILLIAN KIMURA **MDC** Governor

### ANTI-NAZI

#### **Continued from Front Page**

ans a permit to parade. "The Skokie laws require anyone who wants to speak, parade or demonstrate to apply first for a permit and they grant the village officials the power to deny a permit if in their opinion the proposed speech portrays a

'lack of virtue" in others or 'incites hostility',' Goldberger explained.

As for the insurance requirement, Goldberger felt underwriters rarely write such insurance which in effect "prohibits everyone's free speech"

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### MDC in search for regional director

derway to begin a search for a new Midwest Regional Director. The vacancy occurred with the resignation of Thomas J. Hibino as of May 31, 1978.

"The selection of a new Midwest Regional Director must be in accordance with the JACL personnel procedures manual," said Karl Nobuyuki, National Executive Director. "The position must be advertised for at

CHICAGO-Plans are un- least 30 days in publications such as the Pacific Citizen.

> 'Therefore, the timeline concerning the filling of this vacancy is the choice of the District," he added. "While advertising and selection take a certain amount of time, the decision about when a new director will take over is in the hands of the District.

"I recently sent Lillian Kimura (MDC Governor) a letter detailing this information and recommending that an ad hoc committee at the District level be set up to handle the details, make the selection, and forward that recommendation to National Headquarters for approval," said Nobuyuki.

Assuming that delegates at the National Convention in July vote sufficient funds to continue the Midwest Office with a professional staff person, it is hoped that a new director will be on board during the summer.

The district hopes that the position will be continued, and that the new director will become more a part of the national JACL structure, working on programs for the national organization as well as those for the midwest region

Hibino, who stated that the concerns of the organization will continue to remain his, both professionally and as a volunteer, was regional director for nearly five years.

### JAYS workshop enthusiastic, 7 of 9 chapters represented

By LINDA PETERSON St. Louis JAYS Adviser

ing pots to throwing bodies" MDC chapters were represented by either JAYs and

laws and requirements be struck down, because there is no way to limit them ... (Otherwise) towns everywhere will have the legal power to pass identical laws and to use them to prohibit whatever they believe is offensive," the ACLU attorney

or advisers.

A discussion group, led by "Everything from throw- Dr. Toaru Ishiyama of Cleveland, was held on was the topic of the Spring Saturday for JAYs advisers Workshop hosted by the De- and other interested pertroit East Lansing JAYs dur- sons. It dealt mainly with ing Memorial Day weekend. Japanese American identity Held at Michigan State Uni- crisis and whether we (as the versity in East Lansing, the JACL) should attempt to workshop provided a variety build the JACL/JAYs into a of craft classes and demon- reference group in order to strations. Seven of the nine meet and help solve some of these problems (More on this subject will be seen at a later date.)

Saturday night had a touch of its own "fever" when everyone (advisers included) learned some of the latest "disco" dances, taught to us by a select group of JAYs, led by Chris Doering, Detroit JAYs President.

The JAYs workshop, held on Sunday, included lectures, demonstrations and audience participation in origami, kendo, tea ceremony, aikido, pottery, and ikebana. The workshops were enthusiastically received, especially aikido, demonstrated by members of the Midwest Aikido Federation of Chica-

The weekend ended with an awards banquet at Long's Restaurant. Those honored

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were the parents and boosters, instrumental in the reestablishment of JAYs in the Detroit East Lansing area. A dance, featuring "Contraband", a Detroit group, fol-

lowed the dinner. The interest and enthusiasm shown this weekend demonstrates that JAYs, as an organization, is certainly not dead. Understandably, it takes time and effort but most of all it needs support, especially from the adult group. A weekend such as this shows that the JAYs can be a viable organization. All they need is a "little help from their friends.





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### WHITE WRITERS' PERCEPTIONS OF EARLY ISSEI 'The Great American Kiss'

#### By JUDY TACHIBANA

Prior to 1924, several lengthy novels were written which were thin disguises of propaganda against Japaese. Such works as The Pride of Palomar and Seed of the Sun possibly aided the passage of the Immigration Act of 1924. But in addition to these works, other pieces of fiction were written about Japanese. California's popular Overland Monthly carried short stories which occasionally concerned Japanese characters. Although not a large number of short stories relating to Japanese were published in the Overland Monthly before 1924 (there were none in Land of Sunshine, Touring Topics, Grizzly Bear and Out West), even this small sampling furnishes us with the various types of images of Japanese which were being circulated at that time.

Rather than feeling enriched by the diversity of a wide range of customs and cultures as is supported by today's belief in cultural 

pluralism, America of the Miss Ritchie's True Light early 1900s encouraged immigrants to leave behind their native values and blend in with the American mainstream. Two short stories direct the reader's sympathies toward the Japanese female character while she is trying to win the man of her choice. Both women favor the American custom of choosing their own marriage partners, rather than having the marriage arranged for them as was the Japanese custom.

In "The Little Picture Bride" (1918), Oharu is not seen as a passive, docile, helpless woman who simply obeys without questioning. Even while in Japan, Oharu seeks to become Westernized as her mother complains that all day she "studies the Western tongue, and even tries to teach it to us, her parents. She apes the unmannerly ways of Western women, scoffs at our revered customs, prates immodestly of marriage for love." A former student of

Seminary in Tokyo, Oharu successfully escapes her parents' demand that she marry older, pock-faced Takanushi, a wealthy and powerful man in Honolulu. After an unsuccessful suicide attempt Oharu devises the plan which will enable her to marry the young man she loves, Phillip Yamamoto. She frightens the superstitious Takanushi into believing that the spirit of the wicked fox witch has entered her.

Thus she designs her own future rather than submit to that which her parents have planned for her.

In "The Confidences of Sumi" (1920), Sumi, who lives with the Japanese Christian minister and his wife, is another Japanese woman who has adopted American customs. She sees it as her duty to lead other Japanese women to Americanization.

'I must teach them (to) drink tea in big cups with sugar and with cream or lemon. In all their customs, I must lead them to Americanization. Such is my sublime duty. You see I am Japanese bachelor maiden and my career is to be a women leader to these wives

#### SAIKI **Continued from Page 4**

been replaced by electric trains, you travel by "densha" and stop at "eki", not "teishaba". Ever since the days of the talkies, the movies are called "eiga"

The Issei referred to streetcars as "densha" but these are called "toden" in Tokyo (practically gone now) and "shiden" in othercities. Except in the provinces, the word "benjo" is practically never used for

of poor minds now knowledgeful only of cook rice and tend baby

She acknowledges her dual culture and enjoys both worlds.

"So I must forget lonesomeness and try to run gay once more again with my hands out to both my dear worlds of America and Japan. Sometimes I feel sorry for such people as (they) possess only one world for loving when I enjoy this muchness of rich with two.

ing.

Hana wears traditional Japa-

nese dress. Mrs. Brayton ap-

preciates the pretty picture

about, demure and graceful

in her pretty kimona." In

this costume Hana serves as

a display, and Mrs. Brayton

dreams about "the sensation

she would create walking

abroad with Miss Almond

Eyes in Oriental garb beside

"flitting

Hana creates.

Sumi, too, has embraced the American custom of choosing marriage partners in lieu of arrranged marriages. Through her six letters to Tamotsu, who returns to Japan for an arranged marriage, Sumi convinces him that the "American love story" is more desirable than a prearranged marriage. Tamotsu becomes jealous when Sumi meets an American man although she informs him that she has not indulged in the "Great American Kiss." Tamotsu ultimately returns to Sumi instead of proceeding with the arranged marriage.

Although extreme in her imperfect use of the English language-"I will teach her make American cake. All Japanese lady crazy after learn."-Sumi projects an interesting figure whose only negative fault is not so much her Japanese ancestry but her feminine guile.

In contrast to Oharu and Sumi are two other women who were viewed as objects. They are stereotyped as the dainty, porcelain geisha girl who is valued for being exotic and entertaining rather than for her qualities as a human being. The Anglo characters cannot or do not want to see beneath the surface of their "Oriental exhibit.

A woman who is treated as an object is Nita in "Nita, Child of the Sun" (1908). She is a geisha, "dainty, piquant, sweet-ready to entertain,

### KONOMI

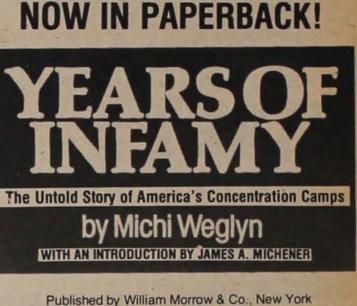
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her." In a letter she dewho is in love with Bob Cunningham although he does scribes Hana to her son, not really love her. Although Paul. "Her accent is perfectshe is very ill, she consents to dance at his mother's dinner party because he asks her to. It is there that Bob realizes that he loves her, but she dies while she is danc-In Mary Gibbons Cooper's "The Transformation of Hana" (1913), at the request of her employer, Mrs. Brayton,

ly fascinating. Then, too, she is always smiling-that is a part of their religion, you know." When Paul returns home, he and Hana are attracted to one another. "He was captivated by the artistic picture she made in her pretty Oriental costume, as she half patterned, half glided across the room to his side." He almost forgets the girl he left at college in favor of this "darling little heathen."

When Mrs. Brayton notices what is beginning, she stops it by suggesting to Hana that she wear American clothes and hair style be-**Continued on Next Page** 

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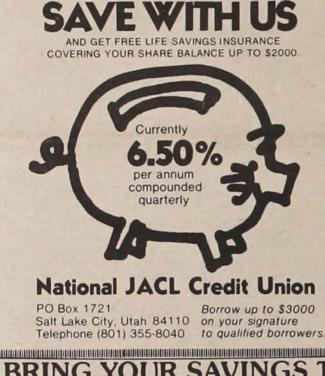
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cause she realizes that it is only Hana's appearance with which Paul is infatuated. When he sees her outwardly Americanized, he is puzzled, disappointed, almost disgusted." This geisha girl image-and the image is all that the Braytons react tois a negative, sexist one which still plagues Asian American women.

Another image of the Japanese immigrant is that of the hardworking, persecuted worker. "Little Madam Na-Mura" (1909) is the most overtly sympathetic short story in its dramatic view of the plight of the Japanese immigrant. The editor of the Overland Monthly lends his sympathy by informing the reader that "This story is a sermon. It is a rebuke to the white man



and woman. It spells a tale of sorrow." The entire plot is devoted to the hardships and pain that are borne by Na-Mura and his wife. In Japan, Na-Mura might have become a teacher, but in Vancouver he worked as a driver of a scavengers cart. Some whites were jealous of his having even this job.

The Vancouver bullies yelled "Down with the yeller men! Down with the Japs!" and though he had hindered no man, and gave offense to no man, the bullies spied him perched on the high wagon; they saw he was small and weak and alone, and they set upon him, seeing no policeman in sight. Arnid the flying debris which Na-Mura tried to dodge while directing his horse along, was a huge stone; this went with direct aim and spt! over went the litle Jap, the life knocked out of him, and not a breath left to tell he was living! This was more than the bullies wanted. They only meant to scare him from taking a white man's job.

Ultimately, the "bullies won the fight against Japanese labor, backed by certain political views (all highly edifying and 'patriotic')." Na-Mura begins to work on the Canadian Pacific Railway, doing work which "the bullies did not want to do. It was hard work, killing work, 'good enough for Japs,' so they were allowed to do it without being beaten." He is killed by a falling tree, after working very hard in spite of his physical limitations caused by his previous beating.

Na-Mura's Japanese coworkers are filled with sympathy for Madam Na-Mura and her three children, as is the white foreman whose ... heart was kind when he looked at the fatherless brood and thought of them just as if they were white, like your child or mine. The little brown-faced men understood it all just as if they were white, like you or I.

The foreman hires Madam Na-Mura to cook for the camp and all the men work harder to help her with her financial problems and children.

Although the characters are one dimensional in this dramatic plot, the story is credited with its rare view of the difficulties in the life of the immigrant. And yet, there is a tone of condescension. Understanding and sympathy are attributed to

#### Theater

"An Evening on the East River", a new musical by Catherine Okada Robin, is opening June 22 at the Nasand toward Japanese characters "as if they were white." The author, perhaps unintentionally, patronizingly suggests that the closer one comes to being like an Anglo the closer one comes to being a sensitive and understanding human being.

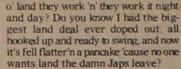
Some short stories reveal events which result in a change of attitude toward the Japanese characters after denouncing them through most of the plot.

In "The Bagley Kidnapping" (1893), the Anglo characters discover that the Bagley baby is missing, and their suspicions immediately turn to that "crazy acting Jap" who is described as a "short thick-set kind of fellar, powerful crazy,-wanted something to eat, and talked and laughed to himself." The baby's father would like to hang the Japanese man, but the local minister assures him that "I've had some experience with these daft folk and like as not you'll find him nursing and crooning over the baby.' They finally discover the unnamed Japanese character

who has been taking good care of the baby. He cautions them, "You too muchee noise, him sleep.

In "A Touch of Nature" (1920), politically powerful John Michael Flynn changes his stand toward the "damn Japs" when his fiveyear-old son is saved from drowning by a Japanese boy. Previous to the accident, Flynn has begun to pressure Senator Ilkins to support an anti-Japanese immigration bill despite the Senator's belief that "under our Constitution and by all the sacred traditions of our land, such ruthless discrimination as that bill invokes is lawless!" Flynn is determined that the bill be passed, and he is willing to go to any lengths, legal or otherwise, to assure its passage. His resentment stems from the fact that the Japanese were hard workers. Through their persistence, he believes that they are causing his economic demise.

Do you know I had a combine all lined up t'control the vegetable trade on the hull Coast, and they kicked the stuffin' outa that? Do you know they've got a finger in every pie? Do yuh Do yuh know they ruin every acre



But after his son is rescued, his attitude changes and is demonstrated by Flynn's call to Ilkins with orders that the bill be killed.

In "Taka" (1921), mixed feelings are shown toward the Japanese servant. He is hated by the new wife and appreciated and loved by his long time master. Taka, Fred Robinson's "Jap servant" is unquestionably devoted to his employer. With 'doglike faithfulness" Taka worked for Robinson before the latter married Miriam who is terrorized by the "awful Jap." She wants her husband to let "that yellow dog" go, but he has no reason "and no one has ever rendered such excellent service." Besides, Taka is liked by Robinson.

The narrator depicts Taka with his "sinister countenance" as an evil and deceitful man who tried to ruin the Robinson marriage so that he could again have Fred to himself. Taka and Miriam realize that one of them must leave. Miriam offers Taka money to return to Japan, but he refuses and almost stabs her with a small twoedged dagger. But a vase falls, attracting Fred to the scene, so Taka kills himself. Despite the knowledge of what Fred knows had almost occurred, a flash of grief passes over his face. Miriam had won, but Taka will not be forgotten by Fred.

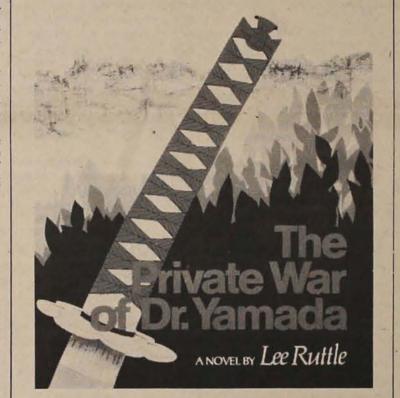
The author makes it clear that Taka is the villain in the story. But rather than changing his attitude toward Taka, Fred does not waiver in his commitment to his loyal friend.

Finally, there are short stories which created images of the Japanese which are totally negative. This image is generally pro-

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In "Somewhat Different" (1921), Mr. Nakahara sails to San Francisco. From the content of the messages, they suspect that he is plotting to blow up the ship because of the larger number of war goods which are on board. They inform the captain, who demands a full confession from Mr. Nakahara.

The "Japanese artifice", the Nakahara denies charges and challenges them to search the ship for explosives. They find none, but their suspicions are renewed when they discover that Nakahara has carrier pigeons. Under the threat of physical violence, the "yellow demon" confesses, not to plotting to blow up the ship, but rather to using the pigeons to fly the diamonds in, duty free.

In Joseph Blethen's "A Matter of Translation" (1921) other Japanese characters unethically try to make monetary gain. Because there were no available Chinese domestic servants, the Japanese employment bureau sends Sonamo Hayashi to work for Marion Rose. Hayashi, who wishes to be called Charley, does

#### HOSOKAWA **Continued from Front Page**

covers the first 10 years of his columns which tell of "Indignant Times, Relocation, Exile's Return, the Nisei GIs, On the Move, and the Growing Family (of his)".

The columns are properly introduced with the background and tenor of the times in which these pieces were written.

Hosokawa has regrouped the rest of them into such chapters as "Of Travel and Vittles, Nostalgia, Of Language and Things, the Growing Family (part II), More Observations, Some Favorites, (and) To the Present".

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Marion perceived that he did not understand, and thought him laughing to be polite. It was such a quick, soft, throaty laugh. He was a cute Jap, anyway. In a white coat he would look as neat as a doll.

When "Charley" begins to have difficulties and asks if his friend Saki could come to help with the dinner party, Marion agrees. Her guests arrive and recognize Saki as their former servant. They explain that the Japanese servants have a scheme whereby they are able to make more money by changing jobs frequently and then that his men want to go into asking that a friend come to town for the night, but Neal

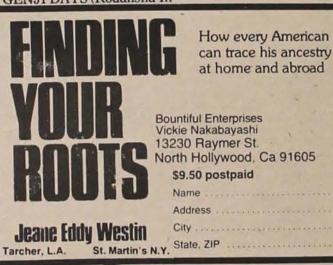
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While in the process of translating and publishing "The Tale of Genji" into English over a period of 10 years, Edward G. Seidensticker also kept an interesting diary, which unfolds in GENJI DAYS (Kodansha In-



cy also makes a profit. Thus the entire cast of Japanese characters is condemned for deceit and cunning.

The small section which concerns Japanese in "When the Gods Intervene (1909) is sufficient to paint a negative image of them. The Japanese grape pickers in the San Joaquin Valley seem like the enemy rather than the workers that they are.

The whole crew of Japanese grape pickers each armed with his knife, sprang into full view from behind the vines, as though like the army of the dragon's teeth they had sprouted from the earth.

The Japanese contractor tells the owner of the ranch help. The employment agen- wants half of them to stay so

> ternational, \$15). Here's a companion for Seidensticker's translation of Murasaki Shikibu's novel of nearly 1,000 years ago, or what it takes to be a successful translator of great works of Japanese literature. Spontaneous, unapologetic and anecdotal, it allows one to share in his progress and to relive an unusual experience. While dates skip, the string of thought remains connected-as if to beckon one to read again his "Tale of Genji" (or in our case for the first time).-H.H.

#### Japan politics

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he won't be left without any men if he needs them. The unnamed contractor assures him that they will stay, but later when it begins to rain and the Japanese workers are needed, the white owners find that they have all left. Thus they are seen to be untrustworthy and sly, in addition to seeming warlike.

These then were the images of Japanese immigrants as viewed in short stories by non-Japanese authors. They depict neither a realistic nor representative view of the immigrants. While these stories and authors have not been long remembered in the literary field, during their time they contributed to the distortion of the public's view of the Japanese immigrants.

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dismantling of the arsenals, starting with ICBMs, followed by missiles on naval ships, then warheads for use by aircraft.

On-site dismantling of warheads would be performed simultaneously in each country and warhead stockpiles would be moved to a storage place by the inspection team, under Sakamoto's plan. Plutonium would be safely stored under the direction of the Japanese government.

When the stockpiles are completely dismantled and stored, the inspection team would continue to monitor the countries.

Sakamoto, who was born in the U.S. but spent the war years in Japan, originally devised his plan two years ago. He realizes the resistance

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#### Business

For the fourth consecutive year, two Downtown L.A. JACLers Frank Chuman and Ed Matsuda were elected to the Founders Savings & Loan Assn. board of directors. Chuman will continue to serve as board chairman and Matsuda as treasurer. Founders has grown from a \$7 million institution in 1974 to \$33 million by year end 1977 ... The Sumitomo Bank of California increased membership of its board of directors to inclue its first woman member, Mrs. Sakae Aratani of Los Angeles, wife of George Aratani, president of Kenwood Electronics and board chairman of American Commercial Inc. Masao Tsuyama, chairman of Cali-

fornia First Bank, San Francisco, has been elected chairman of The Overseas Bankers Association in California. It is composed of international bankers representing more than 60financial institutions in California and is affiliated with the Institute of Foreign Bankers in New York

San Diego-born Steve Kawagishi is assistant v.p.-mgr. of the new Sumitomo Bank of California's 44th office just opened at Hacienda Heights in the City of Industry, Los Angeles County

#### Honors

Tozo Yahata, community leader in West Los Angeles, was one of Councilman Marvin Braude's nominees for the Outstanding Older American award of the county Department of Senior Citizens Affairs. Yahata, 70, has been active in community work since 1928, when he helped establish the Young Men's Club of L.A. He is president of the West L.A. Japanese Community Council and member of the Japanese Institute advisory board. He and his wife, Tsuneko, have five children and three grand children. ... Keiji Doizaki, 23, of Rio Oso, Calif., was elected student body president of the Univ. of Pacific, Stockton. A graduate of East Nicolaus High, he is a senior in pharmacy. Momoe Katano of Visalia, twoterm president of the Royal Oaks School PTA, received the Honorary



**Ralph Sakamoto** 

to such a plan from government and business circles and also acknowledges the dangers of nuclear proliferation in counries other than the U.S. and USSR.

He also feels, however, that there is a woeful lack of awareness of the nuclear threat in the U.S. and says that outside the Hiroshima and Nagasaki areas "the people of Japan don't think about the problem seriously. "I'm not building an

organization or seeking

Service Award for her volunteer roles as room mother, classroom aide and work with book review committee and mentally gifted minors Julie Takata, College of Sequoia business major, won the \$150 Sequoia Chapter of American Business Women's scholarship. Widow of the late Fred Takata, mother of four children, she has been active in the PTA, Campfire and Bluebirds, volunteer teaching and with youth groups at the Dinuba Methodist Church and Tulare County JACL Sen. Spark Matsunaga was award-

ed the honorary Doctor of Laws degree by Eastern Illinois during the 1978 spring commencement held in Charleston, Ill., for his "distinguished" career as a statesman and as a scholar. A graduate of Harvard Law School with a Juris Doctor degree, the Hawaiian Democrat has two other honorary LLD degrees from St. John's (N.Y.) University and from Soochow University, Taipei ... When Japanese Ambassador to the U.S. and his wife Fumihiko Togo visited Albuquerque recently, he was hosted at the home of Mayor David Rusk (son of the former Secretary of State Dean Rusk) and his Argentine-born wife Delcia. Among the guests were Mrs. Ruth Hashimoto, former president of the Sister Cities committee.

#### Organizations

Mrs. Tayako Kato, who together with her late husband, Tadanori, pledged \$2,000 to the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, recently completed the contribution. JACCC Board Chairman Katsuma Mukaeda and President George Doi-zaki accepted the check. Mrs. Kato, a native of Hiroshima-ken, is a past recipient of the Fifth Degree Order of the Sacred Treasure for her philanthropic activities. Others who have contributed to the Little Tokyo structure include: Mrs. Takako Fujimura and Ikuo Yamamoto in memory of their parents Tajibei and Kuniye Yamamoto, \$1,000; Mrs. Tsuta Matsumoto in memory of her husband Yaemon, \$500; Take and Thom Nakahara, in memory of their mother, Mrs. to get the individual interested, to do something.'

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