

## S 1647—COMMISSION BILL

### Marina city council was first

Marina, Ca.

The Marina City Council apparently was a week ahead of the San Francisco City and County Board of Supervisors to be the first civic body to go on record in support of the JACL study bill for redress, S. 1647, as Mayor Robert Ouyé signed the resolution adopted Aug. 7.

Ouyé, a Monterey Peninsula JACLer and only Nikkei mayor in the central California coast area, also contacted nearby city councilmen to support S. 1647, which had been introduced Aug. 2 by Senators Inouye, Matsunaga (of Hawaii), Hayakawa, Cranston (of California), Church and McClure (of Idaho).

The City of Seaside, on Sept. 6, joined Marina in support of S. 1647, it was learned. Monterey, Pacific Grove, Carmel and other cities have been asked.

## Fresno Nikkei bid for votes

Fresno, Ca.

Five Fresno County Nikkei are candidates for school and special district elections Nov. 6.

Incumbent Harry Hiraoka of Fowler is being challenged by one candidate for State Center Community College District seat No. 3, a post he has held for the past 13 years. He has been serving on various school boards since 1950, starting with an elementary school trustee post in his hometown. This year he is president of the statewide Community College Trustee Assn.

Roy B. Sakamoto, real estate appraiser, faces two opponents for seat No. 5 of the Clovis Unified District.

Incumbent Harry Nagata is in a four-way race for two contested seats of the McKinley-Roosevelt School Dis-

trict board.

In the Kings River Conservation District, farmer George Kitahara and engineer-farmer Mike Yoshimoto are challenging incumbent Mesrob Mirigian for the No. 2 post.

Hiraoka's reported comments about the Mexican American community in a Fresno Bee interview appeared Aug. 19 that "they just don't have it" with respect to overcoming barriers due to racial discrimination, shocked Roger Mahony, Auxiliary Bishop of Fresno, to react in a letter to the editor.

Calling Hiraoka's remark unfortunate but also revealing a deep-seated racism, Mahony assured the Mexican Americans they "have it" in so many beautiful ways to building up communities of peace and harmony.



Sen. Daniel Inouye (left) and George Kodama  
Toyo Miyatake Photo Studio

## SAN FERNANDO VALLEY'S 'NIKKEI VILLAGE'

### HUD approves retiree housing

Pacoima, Ca.

Another Japanese American retirement housing plan has been approved by HUD, with the approval of Nikkei Village, a 100-unit, rent supplement facility here at the San Fernando Valley Japanese Community Center.

Several years ago, the Coordinating Council of the Center organized a campaign to bring the housing facility to the Center. A non-profit

corporation, Nikkei Village, was organized, and an acre of land adjacent to the community center was purchased with an option of another adjacent acre.

This two-acre property will house a three-story, 100-unit structure, which will have access to the many Center programs and facilities. Some 15 organizations, including the San Fernando Valley JACL Chapter, are sponsoring or-

## Up to Nisei to shut WW2 chapter on Evacuation

By CECIL SUZUKI  
(Rafu Shimpō)

Norwalk, Ca.

Nearly 500 persons were jammed into the Southeast Japanese Community Center Sept. 9 to hear one of Japanese America's most charismatic figures speak.

He was Hawaii Senator Daniel K. Inouye, who took time out from his busy schedule to help supporters of the 53-year-old center retire its mortgage on the new complex situated in the heart of what was a major Japanese American farming community prewar.

Inouye brought home to Southland Nikkei his current struggle to have Congress pass his bill, S. 1647, to create a presidential commission to study government relocation

and internment of civilians during WW2.

"I am not here today to convince you that a wrong was committed by our government against those of you who were relocated and interned as a result of Executive Order 9066 ... I don't have to go over all the gory details," he declared.

Nor was he here to debate the merits of his approach toward redress for wartime internment of Japanese Americans. "There is time for that later," he assured.

"I would like to have a few minutes to remind you of something that is not news—that a lot of people are not sympathetic to the reparation issue," Inouye continued. "We should keep it in mind as we consider a resolution to the tragedy of internment." And the audience got a sampling of correspondence he had received—most of it negative—since the bill was introduced.

Nonetheless, Inouye insisted the WW2 detention of Japanese Americans is "an unfinished chapter in American history that needs to be adequately addressed ... It's up to us Nisei to close this chapter for our comrades who gave their lives in France, Italy, Germany and in the Pacific, and for internees who have since passed on. We must also do this for our Sansei, so that they can go forth as Americans with this legacy resolved."

A National JACL plaque in appreciation of his "leadership" bringing to public focus the Evacuation and internment experience of Japanese American was presented by George Kodama, nat'l treas.

In his brief remarks, Kodama credited the Senator's introduction of S. 1647 for making the redress issue a concern for all Americans. Present were:

Muni. Judge Richard Hanki, Long Beach Councilwoman Eunice Sato, and Carson (City) clerk, Helen Kawagoe.

## FULLILOVE VS. KREPS

### Supreme Court to hear 3rd affirmative action case

Washington

H. Earle Fullilove, a trustee of the New York Building and Construction Industry board, is challenging the federal government program of special help for racial minorities and the cause of affirmative action.

When the Supreme Court resumes its term in October, the Fullilove case may remind people of Bakke and Weber. A Justice Dept. lawyer who worked on the Fullilove case feels "the stakes in this one are just as high, maybe higher" than Bakke or Weber. At issue is:

Whether Congress can require (through the Constitution and the Civil Rights Act of 1964) that 10 per cent of each grant awarded under a Federal public works program go to minority contractors.

While the answer will have no practical effect on the program, since the legislation providing for it expired last December 31 and virtually all of the \$4 billion authorized by the Public Works Employment Act of 1977 has been spent, the case raises broader issues:

—Under what circumstances

can Congress condition the awarding of Federal largess on a purely racial classification?

—What kind of race-conscious policies may the Government require of private employers?

While the Fullilove case may not answer these questions, the same potential for further straining relations between blacks and Jews at a time of tension over resignation of Andrew Young at the United Nations is seen.

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith has filed a friend-of-the-court brief urging the justices to strike down the program. Some black leaders, on the other hand, have expressed resentment over a similar position taken in the Bakke case by the ADL, American Jewish Congress and the American Jewish Committee. ADL also filed against Weber, but the two organizations stayed out of the latter after considerable debate. The two organizations also decided not to file briefs in the Fullilove case.

The NAACP Urban League and the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund were among civil rights groups planning to file briefs in support of affirmative action.

Fullilove vs. (Secretary of

Commerce) Kreps began as one of a number of lawsuits filed by contractors across the country. Twelve Federal district courts upheld the program's constitutionality, three declared it unconstitutional.

The U.S. appellate court in New York decided last year

to uphold affirmative action in the Fullilove case, and it became the first to reach the merits of controversy.

The Justice Department, in earlier cases, argued that 10% set-aside fell within the authority of Congress to fix the terms and conditions under which it grants money. #

## Ventura D.A. faults Filipino American doctor with perjury

By VIRGINIA HOM FUNG  
(Pan Asian Bulletin)

San Diego, Ca.

Dr. Bienvenido (Ben) Alona, 37-year-old physician on active duty with the U.S. Navy, has been charged by the Ventura County district attorney's office for perjury. Case is scheduled for trial Sept. 25.

On Aug. 28, 1978, Dr. Alona treated Nicolle Read, 16 months old, for sunburn at the Ventura (Port Hueneme) Naval Hospital. That night she died, a victim of child abuse caused by burns inflicted by her stepfather, Timothy Read, who was later convicted of manslaughter.

The district attorney's

charge of perjury stems from testimony by the FBI agent who first interrogated Alona about the treatment and cause of death of the child.

Dr. Alona said he did not suspect child abuse and repeated this under oath at Read's trial. However, the FBI agent testified that Alona had told him during the questioning that he had suspected child abuse.

The Navy's Judge Advocate General, after investigating the Dr. Alona case for five days regarding his care of Nicolle, completely exonerated the Filipino American physician of any negligent treatment.

Representatives of the Union

of Pan Asian Communities here are puzzled by the fact that several doctors and other Navy personnel had treated Nicolle, but not one of them has been charged or "scape goated". The evidence is also highly suspect since the conversation between the FBI agent and Dr. Alona is subject to question. Some feel the FBI agent may have possibly misunderstood the answers.

The Dr. Alona Defense Trust Fund, P.O. Box 1137, San Diego, Ca. 92112, has been established to receive contributions for his defense. Filipino Americans in New York, Chicago, San Diego, Oxnard and the City of Carson have rallied to his cause.



Latest JACL Diamond Corporate Club member, California First Bank, is welcomed by JACL. Pictured are (from left) Steve Doi, 1000 Club chair; Karl Nobuyuki, exec. dir.; Dr. Clifford Uyeda, nat'l pres.; Toshio Nagamura, pres., Cal 1st Bank; and Mike Iwasaki, v.p., Cal 1st Bank.





DOWN TO EARTH: Karl Nobuyuki

## 'Operation 80s' launched on NC-WN

the drive to Turlock was a lot of fun. We laughed most of the way.

On the personal side, I had a special reason for wanting to go to Turlock. My parents were interned there for a few months with my older twin brothers (Kenneth and Kevin). I heard a few stories of their stay in Turlock and I wanted to see what the area was like. I remember trying to place myself in the shoes of my mom and dad as they arrived carrying my two brothers after a long ride from Los Angeles. It was a good feeling. Yet at the same time I felt the irony of arriving in Turlock 37 years later.

On the business end, I was a bit apprehensive. I was to launch the first test of Operations 80s, and I wasn't sure of what the reaction would be. I knew it was important not to give the wrong impression in presenting Operations 80s. I didn't want the membership to think that this was something they had to do, but to view this as a long-range plan that staff and volunteers can work on and make happen.

The Cortez chapter is a proud owner of a handsome JACL building. The volunteers were on hand to assist their fellow district guests, and the meeting got underway on schedule. Chapter

president James Miyamoto could not be with us because he was busy working in the field that day, so the duties were assigned to v.p. Roger Masuda. Roger's words set the tone for the day, and the quarterly meeting moved in the business of the day.

NC-WNDC, I must note, hosts some very spirited meetings. There's always a good discussion. Delegates are active participants and not the type to hold back when something is on their mind. NC-WNDC Governor Ben Takeshita runs a good meeting. The agenda moves along well, and the committee chairs get right to the point.

The lunch break was like a banquet. It was one of those lunches where you never have enough room on your plate, let alone your stomach, to put it all. The Cortez Chapter scheduled a program that gave the delegates a chance to see how the almonds are packed and work off some of the lunch. I felt very good about the group's reception to Operation 80s and youth director Bruce Shimizu's reorganization of the youth program. There seems to be a sincere willingness on the

part of the membership to give this proposal a try. I was greatly encouraged when the NC-WNDC passed a motion accepting and approving the proposal of Operations 80s. I knew we were on the right track and while there was still much to be done in terms of solidifying the various sub-components of the plan ... we were off and running.

Next week I shall be up in Idaho for the Minidoka memorial and the IDC meeting. It was rewarding to know that one district was behind the plan. We would soon know what the reaction would be from the next district—the Intermountain #

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## Stars set for Seattle benefit

Seattle, Wa.

A campaign to raise \$15,000 in less than a month to charter a plane to fly to Minidoka for a Day of Remembrance at the WW2 campsite is being inaugurated through Seattle JACL.

Three Asian American entertainers, Mako, Pat Suzuki and Tina Chen, will join in a concert reading of Frank Chin's "The Year of the Dragon" Sept. 29, 8 p.m., at Nippon Kan. Checks may be sent to:

Seattle JACL, c/o Day of Remembrance, PO Box 12230, Seattle, Wa. 98102.

## Deaths

**Aiko Tashiro Hiratsuka**, of Arlington, Va., died Sept. 8 while visiting relatives in Oakland, Calif. Longtime JACL member and well-known pianist, she is survived by h Shigeki, s John, br Aiji Tashiro (Wilkesboro, N.C.), Arthur Tashiro (Cupertino, Ca.) nieces and nephews.

### CARD OF THANKS

#### The Family of the Late Hayao Rex Miyahara

acknowledges the many kind expressions of condolence and sympathy from friends and relatives. Hayao, 58, a veteran of 442nd RCT, died of lung cancer Aug. 6 in Chicago, and is survived by widow Tina; daughters Dorothy, Rexine, Tami; mother Shige, sisters Ito Miyashita (De-Soto, Tx.), Teru Suehiro.

### CARD OF THANKS

#### The Family of the Late Aiko Tashiro Hiratsuka

acknowledges the expressions of sympathy and condolences received from many friends. The longtime member of the Washington, D.C. JACL passed away Sept. 8 in Oakland, Calif., where she was visiting relatives. Services were held Sept. 11 at McNarey Morgan Chapel. The cremated remains have been interred at Chapel of Chimes, Oakland.

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## EEOC pilot program to reduce backlog of job bias complaints

Washington

The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) has initiated a pilot program designed to overhaul the backlogged system for investigating employment discrimination complaints in federal agencies, the JACL has learned.

The five agencies involved in this pilot program, and who collectively represent more than 50 percent of the total federal Title VII complaint workload are:

The U.S. Postal Service, Veterans Administration, Dept. of Transportation, Nuclear Regulatory Agency, and Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare.

The EEOC enforces Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits employment discrimination based on race, sex, color, religion, or national origin; the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, the Equal Pay Act, and in the Federal sector only, handicap discrimination.

The eleven pilot cities with EEOC district offices and

large concentrations of federal employees are:

Washington, Baltimore, Dallas, Houston, Chicago, Memphis, Philadelphia, Miami, Seattle, Cleveland, and St. Louis.

Comments from federal agencies, complainants, and the general public, during the period that the pilot program is in effect should be addressed to:

Marie Wilson, Executive Secretariat, U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, 2401 E Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20506.

## Uwate classes

Los Angeles

Two special Japanese cooking classes by Matao Uwate are scheduled the first two weeks of October only: shabu-shabu and tempura on Wednesdays, sushi on Saturdays at the Zenshuji Temple kitchen. Early registration is urged as class size is limited.

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### Aki Matsuri dancers . . .

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## news briefs

### Los Angeles

The So. Calif. Young People's Christian Conference, formed in 1961 for Asian American young adults, will host a reunion Sept. 29, 6 p.m., at Luminaria's Restaurant, Monterey Park. For reservations, call Ralph & Kimi Fujitani (284-7914).

The JACCC board of directors will have its annual meeting Oct. 17, 7:30 p.m., at the Little Tokyo CRA Project Office.

Forty-five visitors from Bruyeres, France, will be welcomed by the 442nd Veterans Assn. Oct. 3, 7 p.m. at General Lee's, Chinatown. Col. Young Kim, who visited Bruyeres last

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## EXECOM MINUTES: Sept. 7-9

# FY 1980 budget trimmed \$110,000

### San Francisco

In face of mounting costs of operations and reduction of membership revenues, the JACL Executive Committee at its Sept. 7-9 meeting trimmed the FY 1980 budget from \$806,500 to \$696,000—roughly 14%.

(PC's "contribution" to maintaining the JACL budget is nearly double by taking a \$76,000 cut or 27% of the original \$282,000 expenditure budget, while PC's income at \$91,000 remains unchanged. The budget revisions, therefore, are not 14% across the board. Youth programs took a 53% cut, but much of the \$24,200 cutback could be restored if membership revenue allows by April, 1980.)

Dr. Clifford Uyeda, national president, presided at the EXECOM meeting. All voting members were present:

Dr. Jim Tsujimura, Floyd Shimomura, Lily Okura, Steve Nakashima, George Kodama, Ben Takeshita, Cathy Hironaka.

Brief summary of the EXECOM actions are indexed in alphabetical order for handy reference as follows: (c) Consent calendar action.

### A-Bomb Survivors Bill

Washington JACL representative Ikejiri indicated this session may be the best to date for House passage of the bill to aid A-bomb survivors in the U.S. A coordinator or a coalition is needed.

### Aging and Retirement

With the understanding that Nat'l JACL will not sustain any cash outlay (in face of budget revisions), EXECOM approved a \$357,395 three-year proposal to be submitted to the Administration on Aging involving data collection on aging Japanese Americans and ascertaining of optimum Nisei retirement program planning. JACL would be recipient organization; Dr. Minoru Masuda, principal investigator.

### Awards/Recognitions

Responding to Emi Somekawa's request for clarification of the Founder's Award (first series to be made at 1980 Convention), EXECOM found guidelines in the 1978 Convention minutes adequate but asked Dr. Jim Tsujimura, v.p., to determine overall cost of the award program to help set the required fee to cover costs.

### Budget (Revised FY 1980)

Adopted, in view of drop in membership support, but with understanding that cutbacks would be restored if warranted by end of April, 1980.

### REVISED BUDGET 1979-80

| REVENUE                | Original   | Revised   |
|------------------------|------------|-----------|
| Membership:            |            |           |
| Regular                | \$560,300  |           |
| Thousand Club:         |            |           |
| Fifty                  | 80,000     |           |
| Century                | 5,600      |           |
| Corporate              | 8,000      |           |
| Student                | 2,500      |           |
| Total Memb             | 656,400    | \$560,800 |
| Pacific Citizen        | 91,000     | 91,000    |
| Endowment Fund         | 30,000     | 25,000    |
| Miscellaneous:         |            |           |
| Unrestricted Donations | 11,700     |           |
| Pins and Awards        | 1,500      |           |
| Book Sales             | 1,000      |           |
| Travel Program Fees    | 5,000      |           |
| Total                  | 21,800     | 19,200    |
| Unidentified Items     | 7,300      |           |
| Total Revenue          | \$806,500  | \$696,000 |
| EXPENDITURES           | Original   | Revised   |
| Pacific Citizen        | \$282,000  | \$206,000 |
| Headquarters           | 179,000(a) | 163,100   |
| District Support       | 119,000(b) | 112,800   |
| General Operations     | 92,000     | 90,000    |
| Memb. Campaign         | 13,500     | 13,500    |
| Wash. Office           | 53,000     | 53,100    |
| Youth Program          | 45,000(c)  | 20,800    |
| Student Aid            | 3,000      | 1,000     |
| Redress                | 12,500     | 12,500    |
| Retirement Plng.       | 5,000      | 2,500     |
| Constitutional Rev.    | 2,500      | 2,500     |
| Prog. & Legal Director | 18,200     |           |
| Total                  | \$806,500  | \$696,000 |

### California

Asian American Bar Assn. of the Greater Bay Area, chaired by Michael T. Ito of San Francisco, met Sept. 11 with candidates running for San Francisco district attorney.

A Consumer Co-op of Berkeley exhibit of Japanese children's art celebrating the International Year of the Child and Co-op Month during October will be premiered at the University Ave. Co-op Sept. 30, 1-4 p.m.

Tenth annual Sacramento Japanese United Methodist Church food and craft bazaar will be held on Saturday, Oct. 6, from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. at the church grounds, 6929 Franklin Blvd. Co-chairperson for this huge event are Charles Kobayashi and Art Imagine.

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Cutbacks would be restored in (alphabetical) order by April 30 if FY 1980 membership dues permit.

### Committee Expenditures

Approved Sept. 26, 1978, Guidelines for Committee Activities. Emphasis on committee operations and finances, especially in view of current financially tight situation.

### Constitutional Revision

Supported committee's role to revise current constitution and add proposals. On July 29, the chapters received the committee's draft, which must be re-

## Assertiveness

### New York

A workshop on "assertive behavior" will be held Sept. 29, 6:30 p.m., at the Japanese American United Church. Follow-up courses for those interested will be available, according to Ruby Schaar, president, New York JACL.

turned by Nov. 28, 1979. On the question when the new constitution becomes effective must be stipulated in advance.

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## Radio documentary

### San Francisco

An hour-documentary on "Japanese Americans—Four Generations of Assimilation" has been completed by Western Public Radio for its 220-network station.

Forty Nikkei community leaders and specialists discussed such issues as intermarriage vs. ethnic suicide, effects of the WW2 evacuation and camps, and the JACL. It is scheduled to air on KQED-FM on Monday, Oct. 8, 4 p.m. (Copy of cassette, \$7, Western Public Radio, Ft. Mason Center, San Francisco 94123.)

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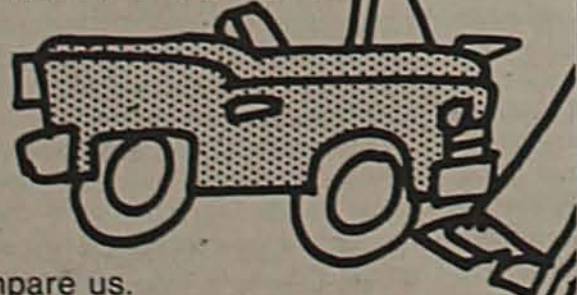
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PRESIDENT'S CORNER: Clifford Uyeda



## Justice

Wendy Yoshimura has been sentenced to one to fifteen years in prison for renting a garage in which her friends stored illegal weapons and explosives. According to the judge, Wendy's later association with Patricia Hearst and her alleged association with the Symbionese Liberation Army (SLA) played a major role in her conviction although these associations came long after the garage incident for which she was indicted.

The defense claimed it was outrageous to be convicted on the basis of guilt by association, that our legal principle only permits trial for specific charges against an individual and not for alleged crimes of other people a person may know.

Both the California Court of Appeal in April 1979 and the California State Supreme Court in June 1979 refused to her her appeal. The U.S. District Court in July 1979 rejected her appeal for a temporary delay in imprisonment. Judge Pulich cited the recent California State Supreme Court's Tanner decision and stated he has no power to grant probation and that imprisonment is mandatory despite Miss Yoshimura's "exemplary conduct" since being free on bail for two years.

The Tanner decision upheld the "use a gun, go to jail" law. Miss Yoshimura at no time used a weapon in the commission of any crime. She was charged with possession of illegal weapons and explosives because the garage she rented held these materials.

Patricia Hearst, in spite of her deep involvement in the SLA criminal activities with the use of weapons, is completely free on presidential clemency. Those who stored illegal weapons in a garage rented by Miss Yoshimura are free on probation; two of the three did not serve any time in prison. The least involved of all, Wendy Yoshimura, began her prison term on July 17, 1979.

The Wendy Yoshimura Fair Trial Committee, chaired by the Rev. Lloyd Wake of San Francisco, met with the Governor's legal adviser and his clemency secretary on July 11, 1979.

Is there fair judicial proceedings for all citizens alike? Why should equal justice under the law be so much more difficult for Asians in America? Thirty-four years after the ending of World War II, the question still keeps popping into our conscience.

The discomforts and the fears of the Sansei are understandable. A generation ago their parents' law-abiding record did not entitle them to the protection of the law. In spite of the continued near exemplary record of the Sansei, they are not sure of equal treatment under the law. Justice is color blind? It is a statement of hope, not of fact. It is a chilling thought.



YE EDITOR'S DESK: Harry Honda

## Cutback/Restoration

4—Embarking on an austerity program with a view toward conservation of working capital.

(a) Purchase control and office supply procurement to be single responsibility of one person.

(b) Re-evaluation of HQ production equipment.

(c) Re-evaluation of telephone system.

(d) No new capital expenditures.

(e) No new projects without express approval of Nat'l Finance Committee.

5—Semi-freeze of all JACL Committee meetings except for National Board and EXECOM. To secure HQ funding, committee must submit proposal, budget and expectations of the meeting. (The PC Board meeting scheduled for early FY 1980 has been cancelled.)

6—Careful monitoring of expenditures under immediate supervision of the National Treasurer.

7. If actual revenue exceeds the projection by the end of April, 1980 (when bulk of the 1980 membership dues are received at HQ), the Budget Cutbacks are to be restored in the following order: (a) HQ staff salary increases restored; (b) District funding, especially quarterly allocations that were cut back, to be restored; (c) Intensive review of HQ staff requirements; and (d) Reversion of PC to 12 pages.

Members who were getting accustomed to 12 pages weekly were hit by the cut-

## A Mississippi Nisei's Observations

Editor:

Your headline and report in the August 24, 1979 issue about the Vietnamese refugee's violent involvement with Seadrift, Texas, shrimp fishermen must remind all Japanese Americans of our own past history. These poor unfortunate refugees have my deepest sympathy and we must all try to help them whenever possible.

At the same time, however, we must balance the situation with the knowledge that this is not just a racial problem or effects from the immigration of a large non-English speaking population into a small town. The 150 Vietnamese were desirable workers and welcomed to work at the crab-packing plant of "Bo Brooks of Texas". The problem came about because some of the Vietnamese decided to purchase small fishing boats and go into competition against the local fishermen. The same violent reaction would have taken place if a group of Irishmen from Chicago or New York purchased boats and started fishing in competition with the local fishermen.

The tragedy of the whole situation is that the few Vietnamese who purchased fishing boats should have been advised about the local customs and very delicate fishing situation. The 200 mile fishing limit restriction law that recently became effective around the world was the result partially because of the heavy pressure applied by the U.S. Fishing Industry and Regional Fishing Associations representing local fishermen.

The present fishing war between Washington State fishermen and Canadian fishermen who have confiscated U.S. fishing boats fishing in Canadian waters, has now resulted in the official boycott of all Canadian fish from entering the U.S. Also, recently the U.S. confiscated Russian boats fishing in the crabbing area of Maine and Massachusetts. As you can see, the fishing industry is a very sensitive trade and fishermen can become very volatile people. Hate has nothing to do with the Texas situation. The Vietnamese should have concentrated their talents to the crab packing plant and after several years, they would have become natives in the local community and eligible to become local fishermen on a gradual basis.

I have been working during the past 10 years with the National

Marine Fisheries Division of the Department of Commerce to help solve the ground fish (commonly known as trash fish) problem. We are trying to "upgrade" this fish into a product usable for human consumption. I have been making regular trips to Japan where several distributors and makers of fish products such as Kamaboko, Chikuwa, Oden, etc. have invested their money, machinery and technical knowledge to help us succeed with our objectives.

We have developed good relations with Cajun-French fishermen from the bayous of Louisiana and Gulf Coast fishermen of Mississippi and Alabama. All state officials would be happy to have new fish related industries develop on their Gulf Coasts and Vietnamese refugees would have new sources of employment. I would certainly regret any foolish actions that may change the present sympathetic feelings for the 20,000 Vietnamese refugees that we have in this Southern Gulf Coast area.

Several large Japanese electric appliance firms have located in this area, such as two Sony plants in south Alabama. Toshiba has built a television plant in Chattanooga, Tennessee and Sharp has built a new television plant in Memphis. Sanyo purchased a television plant in south central

Arkansas and has now enlarged it. Mitsubishi has a large airplane plant in south Texas where they produce the very popular MU2 twin turbo-prop executive plane. I'm sure that many Vietnamese refugees can be employed in these new industries, but it will require time and patience—and our help.

The Rev. Moon and his "Moonies" have purchased a thousand acre section of Bayou LaBatre, Alabama which includes a complete fish processing plant and boat building operation. They expect to build 40 fishing vessels and put them into operation. There have been many incidents, confrontations and some violence. I was advised not to visit this area since residents of this area might mistake me for a "Moonie" and beat me up. We have the same problem with the Vietnamese situation since Nisei look like Vietnamese and "Moonies" which is food for thought.

I am a member of the Japan Club of New Orleans which has about 150 members and also the Japan Society of New Orleans since Japan has a Consul General at this number two port of the U.S. Since we do not have a JACL chapter like Houston, Texas, I am a member of the 1000 Club, East Los Angeles chapter where some of my family are members.

Also, I am advisor to the Secretary of Agriculture and Commerce for the State of Mississippi and sometimes work with the Commerce Department for the State of Louisiana.

HERBERT M. SASAKI  
Hattiesburg, Miss.

Sasaki served with the 442nd RCT since its inception in 1943 as training cadre, went overseas to combat in Italy and returned to Hattiesburg where he attended Univ. of Southern Mississippi and has been a resident for the past 35 years.—Ed.

## Short Notes

Editor:

Thanks for the check paying for "Valiant Odyssey" and contributions for the Hibakusha. I appreciate all you did for these causes.

HERBERT V. NICHOLSON  
1639 Locust St.  
Pasadena, CA 91106

We now hear the Rev. Nicholson has become gravely ill. On Sept. 24, he is scheduled for surgery (colostomy). Our hopes and prayers go to the 88-year-old "Yagi-no-Ojisan" for a speedy recovery. He has been a faithful visitor of the Issei folks resting at the City View Hospital, Keiro Home, Keiro Minami Home and at the Japanese Retirement Home. They will be missing him for a while.—Ed.



FROM HAPPY VALLEY: Sachi Seko

## Sticky and Goopy Generation

Salt Lake City

Less than four months remain to the '70s, characterized as belonging to the "me generation". That is reason enough to rejoice at the perpetual and sometimes merciful passage of time.

Some recall the '60s as a period of innocence and spiritual expansion. In our nostalgic yearning, we erase what was wrong with the '60s. We try to make a disconnection between the two decades, denying that time is a river.

The cult of "I" is a legitimate child of flower boys and girls. And in a society that has idolized youth, chronological age has not served as a shield against susceptibility to an erroneous idea. It was an idea that was pushed at us with conviction strongly reminiscent of carnival hawkers who promised a prize with every ring toss.

I clearly remember a National JACL leader, exhorting in the early '70s, that we were all beautiful, capable individuals. "We have among us writers, artists, musicians, architects," he said. "Just give us the opportunity to prove ourselves." Although I was feeling neither beautiful nor capable, I admit the concept was gorgeous. For a moment, it may have even stirred the hope that within each of us lived some creative creature poised to take flight. Was that my resident sprite I felt knocking, instead of heartburn?

But although it may be premature for an accounting, I am willing to wager that most of us are basically what we were at the decade's beginning. And the few who did achieve artistic expression arrived through hard labor and not through self-indulgence. They are also the ones who have always known that such attainment does not beg for opportunity or depend on evangelism.

Another exploration of the "me generation" was the search for identity. Never before were so many lost souls asking, "Who am I?" Often, it seemed we suffered mass amnesia. Reading the muddled writing of some, one surmised that identity was a mystique and not something that is constructed piece by piece.

Part of the probe was directed toward ethnic identity. I confess that reading some of the literature gave me terrible headaches, so convoluted were the messages. Added to my distress was what I can only describe as "an ethnic whine".

The trouble with the "me generation" has been its sugary, sticky quality. After eating even a handful of my favorite candies, I rapidly lose my appetite for them. A steady diet, I know, can make one absolutely ill. Maybe it is time to bring bread and butter back.

in the pacific citizen

## 35 years ago

SEPT. 23, 1944

Sept. 6—Alaska Del. Dimond enters New York Times editorial, Sept. 2, "Not in Blood" (tribute to Nisei war record and loyalty) in Congressional Record.

Sept. 9—Catholic Interracial Council, Los Angeles, asks lifting ban on evacuees.

Sept. 12—Colorado Methodists condemn proposed anti-alien land law.

San Francisco:

A statement which we had anticipated several months ago to explain our sudden and unexplained cutback in the PC format was formally presented and approved at the JACL EXECOM (Executive Committee) meeting here over the California Admission Day holiday weekend (Sept. 7-9). It was a "Memorandum of Understanding" from Karl Nobuyuki to Dr. Clifford Uyeda and George Kodama—the triumvirate designated in the JACL Constitution to handle the JACL reserve fund and also most instrumentals with matters of organizational budget and finance.

As of Oct. 1, 1979 (start of FY 1980), the following points shall be in effect:

1—A pay freeze of Headquarters staff through Sept. 30, 1980.

2—A hiring freeze after current positions are filled. (There are nine positions at HQ.)

3—The Pacific Citizen reduce in size from 12 to 8 pages. (Effectuated June 22, 1979.)





FROM THE FRYING PAN: Bill Hosokawa

## Grandchildren help summer slip by

Denver, Colo.

In mid-August, Hosokawa grandchildren from East and West converged on Denver. That isn't as horrendous an experience as it may sound, because there aren't very many of them.

Ashlyn and Mikey Hosokawa, who live in Columbia, Mo., flew in from Minnesota where they had been visiting another grandmother (It wasn't all fun and games, either. Ashlyn spent a lot of time housekeeping for Minnesota Grandma who is having her problems with arthritis. And Mikey made \$2 an hour as foreman of a crew of youngsters whacking down weeds in the local beanfields.)

Patrick Hosokawa jetted in from Sonoma, Calif. (by way of San Francisco airport), where he lives with his mother. Even at age 9 Patrick is an experienced traveler. Earlier this summer he spent three weeks with his Dad in Portland, Ore.

The three visitors stayed with their cousins, Matt and Jon Harveson, who live in a Denver suburb, and also dropped in on another cousin, Steve Boatright, a little fellow who is just beginning to crawl around his home in still another Denver suburb.

That may sound like an awful lot of people. But considering we had four children in the immediate family, a total of six grandchildren (so far) figures out at only 1.5 grandchildren per offspring. That is not an unreasonable number even in these times.

Unfortunately, the parents of the out-of-town grandchildren couldn't make it here, or perhaps more accurately preferred to avoid the goings-on, and so the local adults were cast in the middle of all the activity.

That word is used advisedly. As any parent knows, the sound and action factor increases geometrically rather than arithmetically when children gather. In other words, if the activity generated by one child is represented by the number 2, it rises to 4 when two kids get

together, and to 16 when 3 are gathered. (That may not be mathematically correct, but you get the idea.)

In any event, we had a lot of sound and fun hereabouts, and it's possible we may not have survived without the wise and thoughtful assistance of the two older visitors, Ashlyn and Mikey. Both are of calm temperament and wise in the way of coping with rambunctious youngsters. One day, when Patrick, Mike and Jon out of sheer exuberance were making minor nuisances of themselves in a curio shop in the mountain village of Georgetown, Mikey took over like a veteran top sergeant.

"All right, you guys," he ordered. "Stand over there against the wall and don't move until Grandpa says it's okay."

That kind of support is invaluable for an old codger like myself who is accustomed to more peaceful companionship and at the same time reluctant to throw his weight around in the company of other people's children.

Another day, however, discipline was no problem at all. That was when Dr. Herb and Ruby Maruyama invited all of us to a fishing club they and their four children belong to. The Maruyama youngsters—H.H., Jan, Eric and Susan—were old hands at trout-catching and quickly taught their visitors how it was done. The lakes are liberally stocked with rainbows, but they were just wily enough to be a challenge. The youngsters kept at it all day with hardly a letup.


Having the grandchildren here is a delightful experience. We see them developing, each in his own individual way—shy, assertive, thoughtful, thoughtless, aggressive, curious, humorous, abrasive or whatever—and wonder what kind of adults they will become. Enjoyment of grandchildren is an experience only we Nisei grandparents can really appreciate, and I hope younger folks whose grandparenting days are still far ahead will indulge an old guy this week.



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REDRESS PHASE 2: John Tateishi

## Dealing with anti-Nikkei Backlash

"who knows how many were disloyal to our government."

We respond with anger and disgust at such racist attitudes and total misconceptions but are reminded that there are some positive sides to this.

We anticipate in this type of situation that non-Japanese Americans will respond in anger and disbelief to these types of statements, which is precisely what has happened in the Torrance newspaper.

Also, such statements give us an opportunity to respond to the questioning of our loyalty, to the misrepresentation of facts involved in our eviction and imprisonment, and to our insistence on being recognized as American citizens. They allow us the opportunity to present facts which might otherwise never surface and be known, and which, it is likely, would remain buried beneath all the falsehoods and racial misconceptions promulgated by the war.

For those who have feared that such a negative response

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In a recent series of letters to a Torrance, Ca., newspaper, we have seen part of the backlash to the Redress issue that we anticipated. These letters are especially disturbing because they are filled with the same type of innuendo, false information and rumor that were largely responsible for creating the attitudes that allowed for our expulsion and incarceration during WW2.

For example, one states that we "worship" Japan, evidenced by the fact that we use chopsticks ("Americans use silverware"), that we bow to each other in greeting ("Americans shake hands"), and that we call ourselves Japanese Americans ("not American-Japanese" ... which shows the intelligence of the letter writer).

And another letter questions our loyalty as Americans based on the fact that a Japanese family was found to have possessed "powerful short wave equipment" (short wave radio? ... which were not uncommon then). The writer then wonders "had they not been incarcerated the future damage that could have been done (along with the many others that were found)." The implication, of course, is that these people were undoubtedly spies for Japan.

And yet another letter states that "there must have been a lot of evidence against them for the government to incarcerate them," a comment prefaced by the remark,

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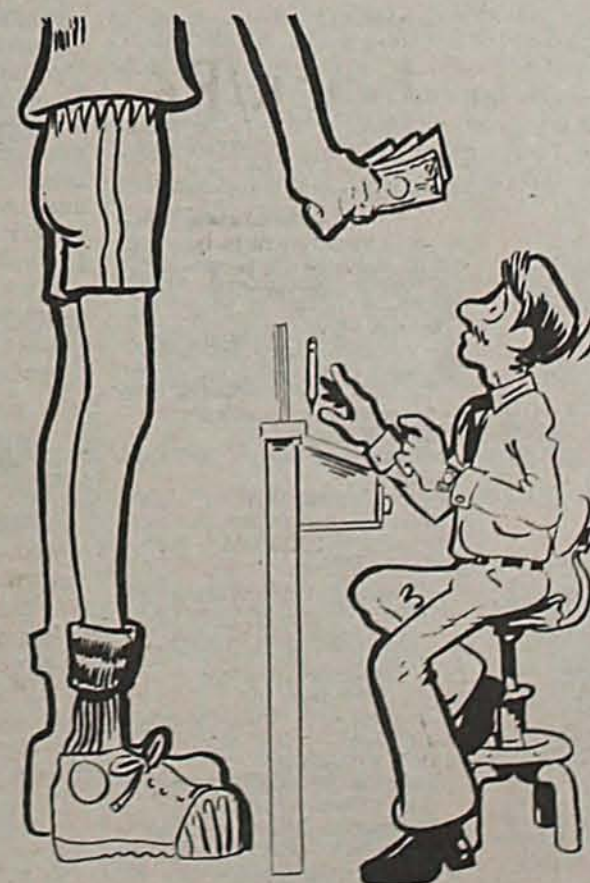
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FROM THE MIDWEST: Bill Yoshino

## JACL's Positive Role

Chicago

A determination of JACL's future cannot be taken into account without an examination of its past. This organization was founded in the belief that an individual be accorded fair treatment with the opportunity of access and pursuit of one's endeavors. Through the years JACL has been actively involved in creating a positive public image of Japanese Americans as well as dismantling barriers to equal opportunity.

Dramatic gains in the Asian population over the past decade will have an increasing effect on Japanese Americans. The population gains of other Asian groups render the Japanese Americans less identifiable by the general populace. More than likely, all Asians, whether foreign or native born, will be lumped into a common group, all supposedly having the same characteristics and heritage. Furthermore, increased instances of defamation and discrimination are likely to occur, notwithstanding public enlightenment and legal rulings.

JACL will thus be faced with many of the problems that initiated its founding. Negative racial attitudes and stereotypical images die hard, in fact they die at all. Heightened awareness through education, however, can soften attitudes and this should be a continuing concern of JACL.

The spirit of cooperation with other Asian ethnic groups must not be shunted aside because of a variance of needs. Hopefully, common goals will transcend momentary self-interest.

Moreover, JACL must accept its role as a force in civil rights. This role has been acknowledged in the past; however, a more aggressive posture should be adopted for the future. Expanded programs of employment referral would complement an aggressive stance on affirmative action cases.

The principles of JACL's past are as viable now as they were at its founding. These principles only need reassertion for dealing with the issues of the future.

## PNW to meet at Puyallup

Tacoma, Wa.

Puyallup Valley JACL will host the next Pacific Northwest District Council quarterly session Sept. 29-30 with an informal Friday supper 6:30 p.m. at Fife's Poodle Dog; and reconvening Saturday at the Rodeway Inn, 6802 S. Sprague, Tacoma.

Listed as "new" agenda items by DC Gov. Harold Bones Onishi are:

Constitutional revisions (Seattle JACL), Minidoka report, Portland JACL's 50th anniversary dinner-dance, Nov. 17.

chapter pulse

### east los angeles

#### Scholarship Ball

East Los Angeles JACL will sponsor its sixth annual Scholarship Ball on Saturday, Sept. 29, 9 p.m., at the Nishi Hongwanji Hall. Tickets are \$6 per person, available at the door or by calling 262-8580 or 665-4995. Eddie Stell and His Music will play.

chapter pulse

### diablo valley

#### Fund-Raisers

The fall season for Diablo Valley JACL is loaded with fund-raisers. This week, the chapter is helping at the East Bay Issei Housing Project bazaar Sept. 22, noon-10 p.m., at 825 Jackson St., Oakland, by running a chicken teriyaki booth.

Next month, the Adobe Savings & Loan fund-raiser luncheon at Park 'n Shop, Concord, on Friday, Oct. 26, 11:45 a.m. will be hosted by JACL. The savings & loan provides the food free as a promotional program, the host organization keeps all the profits. Tickets are \$3 per person, obtainable from board members, according to Alice Kanagaki, chair. Door prizes will also be given.

On Nov. 23, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., the chapter will sponsor a cultural (bonsai) and gift booth at the Soroptimist Christmas Bazaar at the Pleasant Hill Community Recreation Center, 320 Civic Dr. Proceeds go toward the scholarship fund, it was announced by Ed Kubokawa, chair. Professional artists and bonsai creators have been invited to submit items for sale.

It was reported the chapter booth at the recent Flea Market in Concord turned in \$250

profit with \$200 being sent to East Bay Issei Housing project.

chapter pulse

### orange county

#### Emergency Medicine

Orange County JACL's general meeting Sept. 28, 7:30 p.m. at the Orange County Buddhist Church in West Anaheim, 909 S. Dale St., will feature Dr. Michael Baker of the Santa Ana-Tustin Community Hospital. He will speak on "Emergency Management of Cardiac and Respiratory Arrest for the Layman", a topic which provides essential know-how in life-saving measures, according to program chairman, Dr. Luis Kobashi.

The chapter also honored the athletes who participated in the Nisei Relays and brought home the championship cup and for contributing to the Southern California team victory in the North-South track meet at a recent potluck affair emceed by Jim Okazaki at the Buddhist Church courtyard.

Elizabeth Bush, the Orange County Nisei Relays queen, assisted Carrie Okamura present the individual trophies and certificates before a turnout of 60 parents and friends. Appreciation was expressed to Coach Don Burns of Estancia High for helping the track team. Chapter president Ken Hayashi and other board members were introduced. A disco dance followed.

chapter pulse

### san jose

#### Help Wanted

Perhaps the part-time positions have been filled, but the San Jose JACL earlier this month announced two part-time positions were open: membership administrator (to process applications and renewals) and Blue Cross Health Plan administrator (bilingual preferred). Applicants were to call Dr. Tom Taketa (241-1880).

chapter pulse

### tulare county

#### Fall Calendar

Tulare County JACL opens the fall season with a general meeting Sept. 24, 7:30 p.m. at the Visalia Buddhist Church. Agenda will be planning the fall-winter activities. On tap Oct. 26-28 is the Las Vegas charter bus trip with all seats taken at \$125.50 per couple

with overnight lodging at the Fremont Hotel.

Maude Ishida, chapter president, was recently elected president of the newly-formed 24th VFW Ladies Auxiliary District, comprising the Kings and Tulare counties.

chapter pulse

### west valley

#### Talk on S. 1647

John Tateishi of the Marin Chapter JACL and the prime mover on the redress campaign will be guest speaker at the Sept. 22 meeting of the West Valley JACL. Tateishi will speak on the Redress legislation recently introduced in the United States Senate. The meeting will be held at Grace Methodist social hall, 19848 Prospect Rd., San Jose, from 7:30 p.m.

## 1000 Club

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IDAHO FALLS: 7-Hid Hasegawa.  
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SAN DIEGO: 2-Alcala Travel.  
SAN FRANCISCO: 4-Harry Fujikawa.  
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WEST LOS ANGELES: 17-Dr. T. Scott Miyakawa.

#### CENTURY CLUB\*

2-Alcala Travel (SD), 4-Harry Fujikawa (SF).

## MARINA IN BIG LEAD

### Membership derby ends 9/30

The new Marina Chapter based near Venice-Culver took the lead as of Aug. 31 membership figures for the \$300 prize for the best percentage increase since May 31, 1979. Coachella Valley added another 51 to place 2nd in a derby that is likely to see further surprises in the ranking. Both of these PSWDC chapters were back in the pack a month ago.

While the number of chapters topping their previous year total came up to 22, Reno is still leading with a 122.7% for the \$100 prize to the best percentage over 1978.

San Francisco and Seattle have been tangling in the

derby for the other \$100 prize for largest increase numerically since May 31.

### Top Tens: Aug. 31

For \$300 Prize: Best Percentage Increase Since May 31, 1979

| (5/31 Total in Paren)       | Pct      |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| 1. Marina (49) .....        | 92 87.8  |
| 2. Coachella (109) .....    | 160 46.8 |
| 3. South Bay (109) .....    | 158 45.0 |
| 4. Seabrook (134) .....     | 189 41.1 |
| 5. New Age (36) .....       | 48 33.3  |
| 6. Seattle (539) .....      | 710 31.7 |
| 7. Cincinnati (126) .....   | 160 27.0 |
| 8. Berkeley (340) .....     | 431 26.7 |
| 9. Fremont (108) .....      | 134 24.1 |
| 10. Wasatch Fr N (53) ..... | 65 22.6  |

—Compiled by PC.

For \$100 Prize: Best Percentage Increase Over 1978 Total

| (1978 Total in Paren)     | Pct         |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| 1. Reno (66) .....        | 82 122.7    |
| 2. South Bay (136) .....  | 158 116.2   |
| 3. Sacramento (894) ..... | 1,027 114.9 |
| 4. Carson (82) .....      | 93 113.4    |
| 5. Pocastello (113) ..... | 122 108.0   |
| 6. Gilroy (146) .....     | 157 107.5   |
| 7. San Diego (583) .....  | 623 106.9   |
| 8. Seabrook (179) .....   | 189 105.6   |
| 9. Delano (56) .....      | 59 105.3    |
| 10. Boise Vly (173) ..... | 181 104.6   |

For \$100 Prize: Largest Numerical Increase Since May 31, 1979

| (5/31 Total in Paren)      | Up        |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| 1. San Fran (1,751) .....  | 1,409 179 |
| 2. Seattle (539) .....     | 710 171   |
| 3. Berkeley (340) .....    | 431 91    |
| 4. San Diego (539) .....   | 623 84    |
| 5. San Jose (1,296) .....  | 1,372 76  |
| 6. West L.A. (1,254) ..... | 1,329 75  |
| 7. Salinas Vly (354) ..... | 429 75    |
| 8. East L.A. (572) .....   | 645 73    |
| 9. Seabrook (134) .....    | 189 55    |
| 10. South Bay (109) .....  | 158 49    |

## Ichiban Honors

Ranked by Aug. 31 Totals

| (1978 Total in Paren)        | Pct         |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| 1. San Fran (1,751) .....    | 1,409 80.5  |
| 2. San Jose (1,515) .....    | 1,367 90.2  |
| 3. West L.A. (1,351) .....   | 1,329 98.3  |
| 4. Gardena Vly (1,585) ..... | 1,197 75.5  |
| 5. Sacramento (894) .....    | 1,027 114.9 |
| 6. Chicago (1,065) .....     | 985 92.5    |
| 7. Sequoia (955) .....       | 756 79.2    |
| 8. Seattle (770) .....       | 710 92.2    |
| 9. San Mateo (712) .....     | 680 95.5    |
| 10. East L.A. (747) .....    | 645 86.3    |

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FROM PACIFIC SOUTHWEST: John J. Saito

## Terminal Island

When I was a child growing up in Boyle Heights, I thought there were just two places in the world. One place was where I was at (USA), and the other place was Japan (somewhere up in the sky). As I entered kindergarten, that preconceived notion was shattered one day. On the day before that eventful date, I had told my kindergarten teacher that I was going to Japan but I would return the following day.

When the big day arrived, family friends picked us up and drove what seemed a long ways down Alameda Street, through many towns, and over a draw bridge and finally on to an island. What I saw then convinced me that Japan was not up in the sky but here on this island . . . I found out later that the Issei called this place, TA MI NA RU AI RAN DO. (Terminal Island).

There are still things about Terminal Island that we are not quite aware of. Recently, I was told that JACL did something in early 1942 that made the Terminal Islanders boiling mad and which might have something to do with their poor representation within the present JACL ranks.

Currently, there is a three-way effort within our district to sponsor a documentary film on what happened to 500 Japanese families that lived on Terminal Island in 1942.

On Aug. 18, our district committee met with some members of the Terminal Island committee and Trevor Greenwood, cinematography professor at USC, to discuss whether

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## calendar

### SEPT. 22 (Saturday)

Oakland—East Bay Issei Housing Project bazaar, Buddhist Church, 12n.  
West Valley—Mtg, Grace Methodist Church, San Jose, 7:30pm; John Tateishi, spkr, "Redress".

Monterey—MIS dnr mtg, Hitching Post, Ft Ord, 5pm.

### SEPT. 23 (Sunday)

West Los Angeles—Issei Appr Day, Felicia Mahood Ctr.  
Chicago—Fuji Festival dnr, O'Hare Marriott, 4:30pm.

San Francisco—UCB Japanese Alumni mtg, Cal 1st Bank Japantown, 2:30pm; Richard Erickson, spkr.

### SEPT. 26 (Wednesday)

Oakland—EBJA forum: Alien rights and public benefit, Sumitomo Bank, 7pm.

### SEPT. 28 (Friday)

Orange County—Gen mtg, Buddhist Church, 7:30pm; Dr. Michael Baker, spkr, "Emergency Medicine".

### SEPT. 29 (Saturday)

New York—Assertiveness tng, J.A. United Church, 6:30pm.

PNWDC—Qtrly sess, Puyallup Valley JACL hosts: Sat dnr, 6:30pm, Poodle Dog, Fife; Sun mtg, Rodeway Inn, Tacoma, 9am.

East Los Angeles—Scholarship ball, Nishi Hongwanji Hall, 9pm.

Seattle—Day of Rememb bnft, Nippon Kan, 8pm; concert reading of Chin's "The Year of the Dragon".

### Cleveland—Family outing

Sacramento—Community Talent Parade, Burbank HS auditorium.

\*Oakland—Asn Comm Library open house, 12-5pm.

Alameda—Reno trip, Iv 7:30pm.

\*Los Angeles—Bazaar, Japanese Union Church, 12-9pm.

\*Tacoma—Asian Day Festival, Lakewood Comm Cntr, 11am-5pm.

### SEPT. 30 (Sunday)

Stockton—Golf tourney, VanBuskirk Country Club.

### OCT. 3 (Wednesday)

Berkeley—Japan-U.S. women's volleyball, UC Berkeley Harmon gym, 7:30pm.

Chicago—Bd mtg, JACL Office, 7:30pm.

\*Los Angeles—442nd Assn. welcome dnr of Bruyeres visitors, Gen. Lee's Restaurant, 7pm.

### OCT. 5 (Friday)

Cleveland—Bd mtg, Buddhist Church, 8pm.

### OCT. 6 (Saturday)

Alameda—Issei dnr.  
Contra Costa—Ladies night.  
Washington, D.C.—Picnic.

\*Sacramento—Bazaar, Japanese United Methodist Church, 11am-6pm.

### OCT. 7 (Sunday)

NC-WNDC-Marin County—Volleyball tourn, Terra Linda High.

St. Louis—J/School picnic, Tilles Park.

\*Anaheim—Rev Satoshi Hirata testimonial dnr, Grand Hotel.

\*Cleveland—Chow mein dnr, Buddhist Church.

### OCT. 9 (Tuesday)

Stockton—Nomin mtg, Cal 1st Bnk, 8pm.

### OCT. 10 (Wednesday)

Washington, D.C.—Bd mtg, Tsutsumida res.



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# Ex-Arizonan heads Eastern District

**Bloomington, Mn.**  
Cherry Y. Tsutsumida of Washington D.C. JACL was elected the new District Governor of Eastern District Council of JACL for the next biennium at the special session for EDC during the joint Eastern and Midwest District Council Convention here, Aug. 24-26.

Miss Tsutsumida is director of Congressional Affairs

of the Health Care Financing Administration of Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare. She is former president of Arizona Chapter JACL, board member of San Francisco Chapter, and a recipient of Frank Ben Masaoka Scholarship of National JACL.

Other members of the newly constituted EDC Executive Board are:  
Vice Governors—Ellen Nakamura, Seabrook; Hiroshi Ueyehara, Philadelphia; and Ruby Schaar, New York City; treasurer—George Higuchi, Philadelphia; and past gov.—Seiko Wakabayashi, Washington, D.C.

Vernon Ichisaka, official delegate of Seabrook JACL, served as chairman of nomination and election.

This new EDC board was officially installed together

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# Midwest District Council

Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Dayton, Detroit, Hoosier, Milwaukee, St. Louis, Twin Cities

# Anti-Nikkei bias worries JACL

**Bloomington, Minn.**  
Establishment of a JACL civil rights education and support project to combat racial discrimination affecting the employment of Japanese Americans and to promote affirmative action which may benefit Japanese Americans was recommended as a national effort at the joint Eastern-Midwest District Council convention here Aug. 25-26.

(Detroit JACLer Dr. Kaz Mayeda was elected Midwest district governor, succeeding Lillian Kimura, Chicago. The new vice governors are Dr. Kaz Kimura, Dayton, and Gloria Kumagai, Twin Cities.)

Project would assist chapters and train individuals in working with discriminatory cases involving Japanese Americans.

It appeared to be one of the most questioned issues because of the funding aspect. The resolution presented by Wesley Iijima had requested the project be financed through regular JACL dues if outside funding failed to materialize. The funding proviso was deleted and the resolution unanimously passed.

Karl Nobuyuki, national executive director, pointed out Lorrie Inagaki, who is an attorney and on staff at Headquarters, has done some work in this area and could be deployed to get the project off the ground.

In this connection, Dayton JACL and the Midwest District Council through its affirmative action workshop related the personal case of Mas Yamasaki, noted JACL leader, who was demoted last year from sales manager to salesman after being 36 years with his firm, the Borden Co.

"The treatment seems related to his race and perhaps his age," the EDC-MDC resolution in support of Yamasaki indicated.

Lillian Kimura shared in part the recommendations of her 1976 ad hoc committee on organizational structure during the discussion on constitutional revisions, such as deletion of the citizenship clause to JACL membership, and dropping of all district youth chairpersons from the National board.

Gerald Yamada also shared proposed constitutional changes from his Eastern District committee.

The joint convention representing 13 chapters also:

—Endorsed fund-raising activities in support of the Spokane JACL efforts against Washington State.

—Recommended Nat'l JACL establish programs of awareness to strengthen ties between Japanese Americans and the people of Japan.

—Recommended all-out support for Wendy Yoshimura through letters to Gov. Brown for executive clemency, funds to her Fair Trial Committee and passing information concerning her situation.

—Endorsed the bills to provide limited medical care for atomic bomb survivors in the U.S.

—Recommending National JACL intervene for Mas Yamasaki of Dayton, who was demoted from sales manager to salesman April, 1978; the treatment apparently related "to his race and perhaps his age".

—Thanked the Twin Cities JACL for hosting the biennial EDC-MDC convention.

Official delegates were:

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Ruby Schaar, New York; Grayce Ueyehara, Philadelphia; Vernon Ichisaka, Seabrook; Cherry Tsutsumida, Gerald Yamada, Washington, D.C.; Seiko Wakabayashi, Hiro Ueyehara, EDC.

**MIDWEST DISTRICT**  
Mike Yasutake, Chiye Tomihiro, Hiro Tokubo, Chicago; Jackie Vidourek, Cincinnati; George Nishimoto, Yoshiko Ikuta, Cleveland; Vicky Mikesell, Kaz Kimura, Dayton; Jerry Shimoura, Kaz Mayeda, Detroit; Shirley Nakatsukasa, Yoshiko Matsumoto, Hoosier; Sat Nakahira, Milwaukee; Sam Nakano, St. Louis; Tosh Abe, Sam Honda, Twin Cities; George Sakaguchi, Gordon Yoshikawa, Wade Kojima, Ross Harano, Lillian Kimura, MDC.

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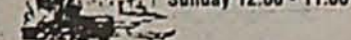
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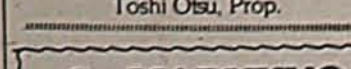
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## Carter & the Energy Crisis

**Tokyo**  
In his July 17 presentation, President Jimmy Carter mused about the malaise of the American people in pushing his energy policy for the coming years. He attributed the U.S. downhill trend to events of the past, citing the Vietnam War, Watergate and OPEC oil price raises. He pointed to the divisiveness, the lack of confidence and ennui of the American people and asked on TV for the support of all citizens in the fight against the energy crisis.

As mentioned in my item in PC's Fourth Friday Focus, October 27 last year, the effects we are now feeling in the United States are the results of causes that began much further back. The trends started in the war and postwar years. They have accelerated during the past three decades.

For the past 50 years, every administration that we have had has concentrated on minimizing the effects. President Franklin Roosevelt with NRA, CCC, WPA and TVA did reach out to decimate some causes, and some credit must be given to President Harry Truman for Lend-Lease, CARE and economic programs.

But an objective review of all administrations will show that each had administered primarily to meet the current effects and had scarcely touched the causes. To some extent, we cannot criticize too severely the wartime administrations, which were faced with the question of winning the wars.

The tendency is for all governments to deal pragmatically with the visible effects of their national problems. The actions taken seldom deal with the causes. Official measures are taken to reduce or relieve the most pronounced effects. We bind and bandage the wounds and do almost nothing that is preventive.

Our Congressmen provide temporary succor to get

themselves elected for another term. Thus, no real national assessment has been made since the Depression of 1932. We have been operating a patchwork government for the past 50 years, at the exorbitant cost of \$900 billion in Federal debt. While vast sums were spent to meet the material needs, we haven't removed the moral and spiritual causes. For most of us, we have assumed that our responsibilities ended with the payment of our taxes.

What we have lost is the spirit of benevolence. The continuing feeling is that we need to have for our fellow men, like the spontaneity that prompted the 19th century parishioners to give tithes to the churches or the community help and neighborliness that highlighted the pioneering decades. The Nihonmachi and the other ethnic ghettos were enclaves that provided such mutual support and assistance in the past. As the Nihonmachi continue to dissipate, what will fill the vacuum that had been a great part of their values? #



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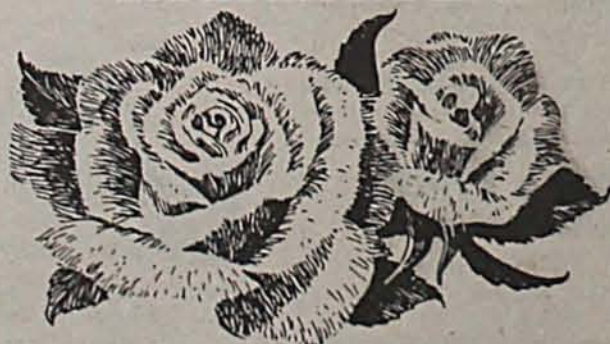
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### Convention: 1978 Report

Directed the National President to express EXECOM's concern over delay in filing the 1978 Convention financial report as National HQ is anxious to receive its 50% share of convention profits immediately. (Unconfirmed report indicates

about a \$8,000 profit. "If there were a loss, EXECOM would have heard from them much earlier," one official quipped.)

### Crystal City Memorial

Accepted report from Alan Taniguchi, architect in Austin, Tex., who was asked to design memorial at Crystal City, Tex., a WW2 internment camp now belonging to the local school district.

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with Midwest District Board by National JACL President, Dr. Clifford Uyeda of San Francisco, at the convention banquet with some 200 JACL delegates and Twin City Convention committee members at the Thunderbird Motel.

Convention focused on future programs for JACL. On the topic of "The Eighties and Beyond", keynote speaker for the Friday luncheon program, Penny Damlo, Research Associate of Future Systems, Research and Planning for the Future of Minne-

apolis, presented interesting predictions for the future that will affect organization and business long range planning.

President Uyeda's keynote address was "Whither JACL"—considering the direction of the National JACL program planning for the future.

Ron Ikejiri, JACL Washington Representative and Karl Nobuyuki, JACL National Director, participated in the workshop and general sessions of the Joint District Councils. #

## TATEISHI

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would be created by the Redress issue, there can be an "I-told-you-so" attitude. However, the fact remains that the attitudes expressed in these letters would have been there regardless of whether or not we had pursued the issue.

If it's out-and-out racism, then we may not be able to do a heck of a lot about it because you just can't change a hog into a swan. But if it's based on misinformation—which a lot of it seems to be—then we CAN do something about it. "Such nice Japanese people..." one letter says, but look at what they did to us!

If we turn our backs on the racism and stand ostrich-like pretending it's not there, we have only ourselves to blame.

Redress isn't big enough of an issue to create racism; all it does is bring out what's already there and gives us a chance to deal with it face to face. But we have to be willing to. Otherwise we end up with a bunch of sand in our mouths. And sand leaves a bad after-taste. #

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## SAITO

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JACL and the Terminal Island group could work together in view of what we heard happened in 1942. We were assured that if there were any bad feelings, they were surely erased with the passing of 37 years and that their committee was very anxious to have JACL cosponsor this film project.

Once we were over the hump of whether we could work together, we were all confronted with the problem of finance.

Trevor had previously received some monies from the California Council for Humanities to research and develop the manuscript. The same funding agency was willing to put up additional monies for the filming provided Trevor could come up with matching monies. The California Council would put up \$25,000. Trevor would have to come up with \$30,000.

Our district agreed to take on the task of raising \$10,000 as our portion.

One of the Terminal Island committee members said they would be pleased if a documentary film on Terminal Island were done, and if JACL supported its production maybe more Terminal Island people would join JACL.

It would be nice if we had more membership, but I believe a quality documentary film about what happened to Terminal Island people in 1942 is justifiable in itself.

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