Fresno Nikkei bid for votes

Fresno, Ca.
Five Fresno County Nikkei are candidates for school board 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 15 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 California Community College Trustees 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 Mc Kinley-Roosevelt School District board.

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

Hirako’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 assuaged the Mexican Americans they “have it” in so many beautiful ways to building up communities of peace and harmony.

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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 rekindle the debate of people of Bakke and Weber. Justice Potter Stewart, who worked on the Fullilove case feels “the stakes in this one are just too high, maybe higher” than Bakke or Weber. At issue is whether Congress can require federal programs to set aside jobs for minority groups.

Whether Congress can require federal programs to set aside jobs for minority groups is the central issue in Fullilove v. Kreps. The Fullilove case is one of a number of lawsuits filed by contractors across the country. Twelve Federal district courts uphold the program’s constitutionality, while just one declared it unconstitutional.

The U.S. appellate court in New York decided last year that the Fullilove case must be heard by the Supreme Court. Fullilove case is one of the most important and highly anticipated cases of this term. The Fullilove case is one of the most important and highly anticipated cases of this term.

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SAN FERNANDO VALLEY'S 'NIKKIE VILLAGE'

HUD approves retiree housing

Pacoima, Ca.
Another Japanese American retirement housing plan has been approved by HUD, with the approval of Nikkei Village, 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 nonprofit 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 2-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 organizations, with representation on the Nikkei Village Board. JACLs who actively supported the project included John Nishikawa, Roy Kimura, George Kodama, Yoshimi Tsuchida, and Tsugio Ida.

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Stars set for Seattle benefit

Seattle, Wash.

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

Three Asian American en- trepreneurs—Mitsuhiko 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, P O Box 1220, Sea-attle, Wa. 98102.

Beauties

Aiko Tashiro Hiratsuka, of Arlington, Va., died Sept. 8 while visiting relatives in Oakland, Calif. A longtime JACL member and well-known pianist, she is survived by her husband, John, her Aiko 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. He was a veteran of WWII, a World War II veteran. He died of lung cancer Aug. 6 in Chicago and was survived by his widow, Tish, daugh- ters, Ronie, Anice, and Sarah, mother, Sheila, sister, Aiko Tashiro (Wilkesboro, N.C.).

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The 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 backlog 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 Em- ployment Act, the Equal Pay Act, and in the Federal sector only, handicap discrimina- tion.

The eleven pilot cities with EEOC district offices and large concentrations of federal employees are: Washington, Baltimore, Dallas, Houston, Chicago, Memphis, Philadelphia, Seattle, Cleveland, and St. Louis.

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


Uwate classes

Los Angeles

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

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**Executive 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 $906,500 to $696,000—a roughly 14% decrease.

(PCA) contribution to maintaining the JACL budget is nearly double by taking $76,000 cut on 27% of the original $282,000 expenditure budget, while PCA’s income at $91,000 remains unchanged.

The budget revisions, therefore, are not 14% across the board.

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

Dr. Jim Tsujimura, Floyd Shimomura, Lily Okura, Steve Nakashima, George Kondama, Ben Takeshita, Cathy Hirunaka.

**Summary of the Meeting**

The Executive Committee meetings are currently available in most shops.

**News Briefs**

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**Los Angeles**

The So Calif. Young People’s Christian Conference, formed in 1961 for Asian American youth, will host a reunion Sept. 29, 6 p.m. at Lummatar’s Restaurant, Monterey Park. For reservations, call Ralph K & Fujiki Suyinuma (284-9714).

The JACC board of directors will have its annual meeting Oct. 17-23 p.m. at the Little Tokyo CRA Project Office.

Forty-five visitors from Bruyeres, France, will be welcomed by the 42nd Veterans Asso., Oct. 3, 7 p.m. at General Lee’s, Chinatown. Col. Young Kim, who visited Bruyeres last year, heads the welcome committee. Tickets are $12.50 (call 623-478, 2349-6444 days, or 628-7279 by Sept. 29). The French mountain town was liberated during WW2 by the 442nd and the friendship tent between the two groups still flourishes.

East L.A. College is offering five courses in Asian American studies and Japanese starting with the fall semester opening Sept. 18. Reports Kay Tanegashi, instructor, The 3-unit Asian American Studies are: AAS 1—The Asian in America: AAS 3—Peoples and Cultures of Asia; AAS 4—Asian Influences on American Culture. The 3-unit Japanese courses are: JI—Elementary Japanese; J2—Elementary Conversational Japanese. For schedule and admission information, call 265-8861.

**California**

Asian American Bar Assn. of Northern Calif. will be celebrated by Michael T. Ito of San Francisco, next Sept. with dates 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 Child Month during December will be premiered at the University Ave. Court, 1st St.

Tenth annual Sacramento Japanese United Methodist Church’s oshogatsu will be held on Saturday, Oct. 6, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the grounds, 6929 Franklin Blvd. Co-chairperson for this huge event are: Kobayashi Robert and Art Imagery.

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Cutbacks would be restored in an alphabetical order by April 30 if FY 1980 membership figures are 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 Trimmed FY 1980**

Adopted, in view of drop in membership support, but will understand that cutbacks would be restored if warranted by future membership activity.

**REVIEWED BUDGET 1979-80**

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**Summary of the Meeting**

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**Radio Documentary**

An hour-long documentary on “Japanese Americans—Four Generations of Assimilation” has been completed by Wester Public Radio for its 220 network stations.

Forty Nikeski community leaders and specialists discussed such issues as intermarriage vs. ethnicity 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. Matson Center, San Francisco 94123).

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An Evening with Ye Editor

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(Applied proceeds go to PAC, Malt Market Restoration)

PRIVATE DISSERTATION FORM

(PC/Golden Anniversary Committee

1414 American, Los Angeles, Calif.)

Why should equal justice under the law be mandatory despite Miss Yoshimura's "exemplary conduct" in prison. The least involved of all, Wendy Yoshimura is completely free on presidential clemency. Those who stored illegal weapons in a garage rented by Miss Yoshimura may know.

It is a chilling thought.

As a member of the Japanese Club of New Orleans which has about 150 members and also the Japanese Society of New Orleans which has received at this number two port of entry for Japanese immigrants, the knowledge that "Yagis-Odizan" for a speedy reentry, the Japanese Club of New Orleans and the Japanese Retirement Home, they will be missing him for a while.—Ed.

FROM HAPPY VALLEY: Sachi Seko

Salt Lake City

Less than four months remain to the "76 change of era" which belongs to the "me generation". That is reason enough to rejoice at the perpetual and sometimes merciful passage of time. Some recall the '70s as a period of innocence and spiritual expansion. In our nostalgic yearning, we erase what was wrong with the '70s. We see the connection 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 the '70s it has also been the iconic product of the crab packing plant and after several years, the generation is about to become natives in the local community.

We are putting J.D. Hollowna, associate national director of JACL, in charge of the task of putting to rest the details.

in the pacific citizen

35 years ago

SEPTEMBER 23, 1944

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 EXCOM (Executive Committee) meeting here over the California Administrative Day holiday weekend (Sept. 7-9). It was a "Memorandum of Understanding" between the JACL, the Nisei leaders, and the California Asahi. The statement is a "reaction to the recruitment of National Security volunteers by Noyubu to by Dr. Clifford Uye­da and George Kodama — the triumphant conclusion to the JACL Constitution to handle the JACL reserve fund and all other instrumental matters of organizational budget and finance.

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

2. A hike freeze after current positions are filled. (There are nine positions at HQ.)
3. The Pacific Citizen reduce in size to 4 pages per page June 22, 1979.)

SAN MIGUEL NISEI'S OBSERVATIONS

Editor: For your headline and report in the August 24, 1979 issue about the Vietnam in­volvement with Seaweed, I wish to bring to your attention that we remind all Japanese Americans who served in Vietnam that they are not alone in this battle. Poor unfort­unate refugees and people involved in our society must all try to help each other.

At the time of writing, however, we must balance the situation with the understanding that just a racial problem or effects from the emigration of large numbers of Japanese Americans has a large impact on us. We are trying to "upgrade" this fish into a product usable for human consumption.

I have been making regular trips to Japan where several of our fishers and makers of fish have mentioned interest in the local communities. We have invested together in the knowledge to help us succeed with our objectives.

We have developed good rela­tions with Cajun-French fish­ermen in the bayous of Louisiana and Gulf Coast fishermen of Mississippi and Alabama. All state officials who have been looked to for specific charges against an individual may know.

The Tanner decision upheld the JACL Constitution to handle the JACL rationale but served as a shield against the knowledge that a Mississippi Nisei's Observations was too subtle to deter the projection by the end of 1980.

Cutback of equipment and expenditures under immediate super­vision of the National Treasurer.

If actual revenue exceeds the projection of the end of 1980, the cutback of the 1980 membership dues are restored. The 1979 cutbacks are to be restored in the case of the 1979 budget, any increases restored; (b) Dis­bursements for the fiscal year, after­the-allocations that were cut back, to be restored; (c) Intensive re­views of all projects before the year-end, and (d) Reversion of PC to 12 pages per page.

Members who were get­ting assistance or who were weekly hit by the cutback, the rationale being that they would like to see them become a team membership was needed. As abrupt the change might have been to me, this habit, judging from reactions coming to us second or third­hand from the JACL, was not that apparent for it was too subtle to com­pare with the philosophy of Understanding, perhaps, that was the most significant declaration of the Assembly. We状态下, of course, is the staff determination to boost membership, at least for the time being, that is an accomplished program—and that cuts down to the bottom line. We are putting J.D. Holly­lowna, associate national director in charge of the task of putting to rest the details.

YE EDITOR'S DESK: Harry Honda

Cutback/Restoration

Sticky and Gooey Generation

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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. We've all 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, so I am told, have we had such a solid identity complex as the American. "Who am I?" Often, it seemed we suffered mass amnesia. Reading the muddled writing of some, one surmised that identity of the present generation have almost always known that such attainment does not beg for opportunity or depend on evangelism.

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Grandchildren help summer slip by

Denver, Colo.  
In mid-August, Hosokawa grandchildren from East and West converged on Denver. That isn’t as horren-dous an experience as it may sound, because there aren’t any 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 whocking down weeds in the local baseball fields.)

Patrick Hosokawa jetted in from Sonora, 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 most 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 involved 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 heretobefore, and it’s possible we may not have survived without the wise and thoughtful assistance of the other 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 exhaustion 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-catchng 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 grandparentsitting days are still far ahead will indulge an old guy this week.

Dealing with anti-Nikkei Backlash

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, “who knows how many were loyal 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 the falsehoods and racial misconceptions promulgated by the war.
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 60 years ago for the purpose of fighting against discrimination and for the benefit of the Japanese American community. In this respect, JACL has been involved in creating a positive public image of Japanese Americans as well as dismantling barriers to equal opportunities.

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Tacoma, Wa.

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Sponsor a Film Fundraiser

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Ex-Arizonan heads Eastern District

Bloomington, Minn.

Cherry Y. Tosti (from Tucson, Ariz.) has been elected the next District Governor of the Eastern District Council for the 1977-78 biennium.

The joint convention of the organizations for the Minnesota district was held in Minneapolis on Jan. 21-22.

Miss Tosti is president of the Arizona Chapter JACL and a recipient of the Frank Ben Masao Scholarship from National Headquarters.

She is a former member of the National JACL board of directors.

Other members of the newly constituted EDC Executive Board are: Vice Presidents—Elmer Nakamura, Seabrook; Hiroshi Uehara, Philadelphia; and Ruby Scher, Chicago. The new president-elect is George Higuchi, Philadelphia.

Senior Vice President (serving as chairman of the EDC board) was officially installed together.

Midwest District Council

Chicago, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Dayton, Detroit, Hoosier, Milwaukee, St. Paul, and St. Louis

Anti-Nikkei bias worries JACL

Bloomington, Minn.

Established to provide political action which may benefit Japanese Americans, the Midwest District Council (MDC) civil rights education and support project to combat racial discrimination affecting the employment of Japanese Americans and to promote improved community relations. The organization was created by the joint effort of the three Midwestern JACL councils.

The joint convention representing 13 chapters also: Endorsed fund-raising activities in support of the Spokane JACL efforts against Washington State.

Recommended that JACL establish programs of awareness to strengthen ties between JACL and the people of Japan.

Recommended joint action. To provide limited medical care for atomic bomb survivors in the U.S.

Recommending National JACL intervention for Masa Yasuda, Dayton, who was deport

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Ross Harano, Vice President— Loans and Marketing
Yukio Hashiguchi, Operations Officer

**EASTERN DISTRICT**

Ruby Schaer, New York; Hayche Uehara, Philadelphia; Vernon Ishimoto, Los Angeles; and Gerald Yamada, Washington, D.C., were elected to the Eastern District Council.

**MIDWEST DISTRICT**

Mikio Murakami, Chal-Tombor, Hiko Tsuboi, Chicago; Jackie Vickers, Cincinnati; George Nishimoto, Yokohama; Roxytha Reta, Cleveland; Yvonne Moore, Kaz Kimura, Dayton, Jerry Shimura, Kazu Matsumi, Denver; Shirley Nakatani, Yoko Uno, Minneapolis, Honolulu; Sani Nakano, St. Louis; Tosh Abe, San Joaquin, Twin Cities; Reiko Yoshida, Gordon Yasuda, Wa, Sadako Iwamoto, Ross Harano, Lila Kimura, MDC.

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Energy Crisis

In his July 17 presentation, President Jimmy Carter made the sale of the American people in running his energy policy for the coming years. He attributed the U.S. oil party to the effects of the past, the citing Vietnam War and the OPEC oil price raises. To the present, the lack of openness of the American people and asked for TV for the support of all citizens against the energy crisis.

As mentioned in my story in PC's April First Focus, October 27 last year, the events were now feeling the United States the results of causes that began much further back. The trend started in the war and post-war 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. Pres. Franklin Roosevelt with NRA, CCC, WPA and TVA did reach out to decimate some causes, and some credit must be given to Pres. Harry Truman for Lets 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 weaknesses of the administrations, which were faced with the question of winning the wars.

The tendency is for all governments to deal pragmatically against the visible effects of 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.

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NISEI IN JAPAN: Barr Y. Seiki

Carter and the

Took

In a presentation at the people. Some real national assessment has been made since the Depression of 1929. We have been operating a patchwork government for the past 50 years, at the exorbitant cost of $900 billion in Federal debt. While some 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 man, like the spontaneity that prompted the 19th century philanthropists to give their lives or the churches or the community help and neighborliness that highlighted the pioneering decades.

The Nihonmachi and the other ethnic ghettos were enclaves that were 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 anything to cure it. Because you just can't change a human being. But if it's based on misinformation—what a lot of it seems to be—then we can do something about it. Such nice Japanese people...one letter says, let's look at what they did to us!

If we turn our backs on the racism, that's just wishful thinking. Pretending it's not there, we have only ourselves to blame.

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But the real big enough of an issue to create racism; all attitudes are based on what's in our minds, and that's already there and you give us a chance to deal with it face to face. But we have to be willing to. Otherwise we wind up with a bunch of sand in the mouths. And sand leaves a bad after-taste.