Hiraoka retains community college seat

Sandra, Calif. — Harry E. Hiraoka of Fowler was one of the three State Center Community College district's incumbent trustees returned to office following the Nov. 6 general elections. He received 32,762 votes (69.6%) for his opponent Alexander Ren­

Hiraoka, 68, seeking his fourth term, kept a vow made at the start of the race not to campaign, maintaining that his friends intended in backing him were free to campaign as they wished and that voters could judge him on his record.

During the last week, Hiraoka said the vote was pre­
cisely what he attributed his victory in part to be "really surprised at that big a margin." He regarded it as a "real victory of the people." He keep doing the same".

Although board candidates had been scheduled to be on hand, no one was present to represent, voters through­

Hiraoka represents area 3, which includes Tulare, Kingsburg, and Selma in eastern Fresno coun­

Harry E. Hiraoka

The Fowler-born Nisei this past year was also president of the statewide association of community college trustees.

In 1959, Hiraoka was elected to his first post on the Fowler Elementary School Board and re-elected three times after that. In 1966, he was de­

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“Concentration camp” prepared him for future challenges. "The government made him bitter at the time. I couldn’t understand why it would have imprisoned its citizens," he added, "it made me stronger, more determined for anything. I don’t think there are such things as pains in a Constitution or anywhere else. Time decides what’s what.”

In Denver, the Mountain Plaines JACL District Council in session Nov. 9-11 greatly developed its role in the U.S. on the Iranian issue were "a reawakening of a national hysteria" which, in 1942, led to internment of Japanese American citizens. In a 100-page report written by Ta­kashi Mayeda, MDPC vice-president, and Minoru Yasui, Mil-HJ Council secretary, the district called for protection of individual human rights, including those of foreign visitors who might be Iranian students, and for national legislation to prevent such action for actions against individuals. -The Denver Commission on Community Relations, in a Nov. 14 resolution, urged adherence to principles of human rights for all individuals and for media to redress the sensationalism inherent in the events now occurring.

In Berkeley, the Daily Californian Nov. 14 commented on the trouble in Iran. Its editorial said: "The calls for vengeance against all Iranians reflect the ignorance of the impact of Japanese American internment camps during World War II. Before the American people work themselves up into a self-righteous war, the press and politicians should make them aware of what preceded the current events in Tehran.”

Accurate portrayal of Asians by TV industry urged by Mori

SACRAMENTO, CA.-Calling for more accurate representation of minority roles by the television industry, Assembly­man John P. Mori (Dem.-Swanton) reminded TV producers to "tell it like it is" because the viewers are being "systematically deceived" by what they are shown. His remarks were made in support of the Screen Actors Guild designating Oct. 14 International Television Day, with a purpose of improving industry programming.

Mori, whose Assembly bud­get and finance subcommittee holds the purse strings of the Motion Picture and California Arts Boards, has repeatedly called for more accurate minority representation and affirmative action in the industry. Mori also promoted media and arts in California as being part of his campaign for human understanding.

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WRA camp-born Sansei warns Nisei against delusion about Evacuation

By ROY YOSHIDA

PENNY Ca. — People must protect the government, just as the government must protect the people. But the government "in one of the greatest tests of the American political system in modern times," according to the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, "has disavowed its responsibility when it carried out Executive Order 9066, uprooting some 10,000 persons of Japanese ancestry from the West Coast and confining them to concentration centers (actually euphemism for concentration camps)."

This in essence was a test of the "ability of the Constitution to protect its own basic tenets as defined under the nation's code of ethics but history has shown that the government knocked down to political pressure and the conflicting interests of national security rights of Japanese Americans. With no declaration of martial law and no forcible evacuation of Japanese Americans on the West Coast, the Nisei were forced into the internment camps."

Cal. high court with Enomoto on hiring plan

SAN FRANCISCO — The California supreme court Nov. 9 held that public employers have a special consideration to hiring and promoting women and minority groups in their affirmative action plan guidelines. The 4,000-member California National Guard sought the hearing in the case, but the denial lays end to a 1979 landmark state court of Appeals ruling, which overturned a 1977 decision by the San Francisco superior court judge Byron Arnold in the Mimmick case. Jerry J. Enomoto, a past national JACL president, was respondent and appellant as director of the Dept. of Corrections.

Arnold had ruled for the plaintiffs that mere adoption and treatment was reverse discrimination and unconstitutional. The appeal was held, the affirmative action program meets the constitutional tests set by the United States Supreme Court in its Bakke decision.

News Briefs

• Pennsylvania

A JACL chapter has been added to the North Penn YMCA, Lansdale, Pa., recently. A gift of David K. and S. John Winburn and a founder of American Chick Secking Assn., respectively was designed by Takahayama Interior Designs of New York City and Herbert Nagari of Harleysville, Pa.

Heirs sought

Sacramento, Ca.

Heirs or information of heirs of the late Henry J. Ishii, 84, who was a hit & run automobile accident victim Dec. 18, 1969, have been sought by the State Controller's Div. of Unclaimed Property, P.O. Box 1019, Sacramento, Ca. 95808. He left a $500,000 bank account.

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In some culture people nibble constantly all day. In others people partake of only one meal a day. There are people who are vegetarians, who eat only plant products, or who are carnivores, who eat only animal products, or who are pescatarians, who eat on a purely vegetarian diet. There are those who derive practically all their nourishment from animal meat and fat. People have successfully adopted to very different dietary régimes.

Some have maintained themselves in caloric and protein balance on diet that would have meant starvation for most civilizations. The consumption of protein and fat has increased by ten folds (not percent).

During the past decades the consumption of protein on a

Nuclear Shell Shock

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BY SHERIDAN TATSUNO

As a member of the Hiroshima Survivors Committee, I read Prof. Kikuchi's book, "Three Mile Island" (NC, Nov. 2) with great dismay. Not only does he underestimate the significance of Three Mile Island, he also takes an extremely narrow view of the options available to America.

First of all, it distresses me that Prof. Kikuchi so lightly dismisses the cries of anti-nuclear advocates and "some Japanese Americans" as "unthinking emotionalism". Surely, as a nuclear scientist, he must be aware of the serious, yet unexplored problems facing nuclear power, such as the uncertainties of waste storage and the shortage of large amounts of radioactive waste some of which will remain hazardous for 40,000 years and the destructive effect of nuclear plant multiplication.

One can only run out of storage space for their spent fuel rods. But the Department of Energy is not saying that storage sites will not be ready until 1980 - at the earliest. What are we supposed to do with the wastes unprocessed by the DOE except accept them as "unthinking emotionalism"?

Second, I must disagree with Prof. Kikuchi's argument that the emotional reaction is being stifled by some anti-nuclear activists is similar to that which went up in concentration camps. The World War II camps were built because of racist public hysteria and government ifoam aimed at a particular group. The nuclear movement has evolved out of civility and conscience towards corporate arrogance and government indifference.

There is a difference between the two.

What bothers me most, perhaps, is Prof. Kikuchi's assertion that one must be "careful about unwarmed emotional connections" with the nuclear issue - whatever that means. As the man who is "out-reaching" to Sansei and from a plant meltdown as opposed to government policies related to Operations for the 1980s. Due to the heightened discussion of nuclear regulatory procedures related to Operations for the 1980s. Due to the heightened discussion of nuclear regulatory procedures related to Operations for the 1980s.

A sincere conviction spent a generation and more productive in arts and sciences.

There is no sure safety in natural foods. Potentially they are as dangerous as processed foods. There are many nongovernmental agencies advocating animal species or another. Potentially dangerous substances are present in practically all natural foods. If the standard tests used to test man-made chemicals were applied to natural foods, one wonders what percentage of the human food supply would have to be abandoned.

Nutritional advice through public media in the form of product advertisements still has much to be desired.

DOWN TO EARTH: Karl Nobuyuki Mochizuki

'Another Look'

our national officers expressed a sincere conviction that if JACL were to successfully launch a program in 1980, the organization would clarify its objectives as a meaningful national, educational, civil, human and civil rights organization. They felt that a program of such a proposal would require a tremendous effort and resources for both headquarters and districts to share in the evolution of Op80s, and the major challenge would be to involve all our membership in the process without sacrifice. If we are not to repeat the misfortunes of three and four years ago, we must embark on a new course to take us off "out-reaching" to Sansei and from a plant meltdown as opposed to government...
Shoyama's 34-year service to Canada

Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

The year was 1938, and Tom Shoyama graduated magna cum laude from the University of British Columbia in Vancouver with two bachelor's degrees. It was time to go to work. So he took the only job he could find, a laborer in a pulp mill where he had worked every summer while going to college. As a laborer he dug ditches, unloaded sulfur and chunks of limestone from the holds of rusting ships and took on almost any other chore that required a strong back and not much brains. There wasn't anything else for a Nisei to do in that Depression year when anti-Oriental prejudices were being fanned by economic hard times.

When he had saved $300, Shoyama launched a small weekly newspaper. A friend named Shinsho Higashi provided the equipment and took, and another friend named Ed Ouchi sold ads and subscriptions. They named it the New Canadian. Higashi soon acquired a wife and an infant son, by which time the Nisei could pay for his own burial. He took his family to Japanese-occupied Manchuria where the promise of eating regularly was brighter. (Higashi was imprisoned by the Russians after World War II, sent off to a Soviet prison camp in Siberia, eventually got back to Tokyo where he is now an executive in the Associated Press bureau.)

Shoyama and his newspaper were evacuated to Canada's version of a relocation camp at Kaslo, B.C. Ironically, it was at Kaslo that the New Canadian prepared for the first time. Like Japanese Americans elsewhere on the border, Canadian Nisei and Issei were scattered across the country. They wrote to Shoyama and his Japanese language editor, Tatsuki Umenzaki, who rewrote the information into news items. The New Canadian enabled the evacuees to keep in touch with each other.

It took the Canadian Army until 1945 to realize that Nisei would be valuable as interpreters and translators. Shoyama was studying the Japanese language when the war ended. The next year he went to Regina, the capital of Saskatchewan, where a charismatic political leader named Tommy Douglas had launched the Cooperative Commonwealth Federation party. Douglas was espousing such wild ideas as prepaid health insurance for everyone, and Shoyama joined his movement. Shoyama had become interested in politics and government during his Vancouver days when the Nisei, citizens under the law but without the right to vote, were agitating for equality. He learned about the workings of city hall when he went to fight for business licenses that had been denied Issei because of race. Shoyama joined the planning board in Douglas' provincial government and then became Saskatchewan's economic adviser. In 1974 he was named deputy minister of the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources.

The deputy minister of a cabinet department is the operating chief, the top civil servant who oversees the bureaucracy, working directly under the politically appointed minister. By 1975 he was back in the Department of Finance as deputy minister. When Pierre Trudeau's Liberal government was succeeded early this year by the Conservative Joe Clark government, Shoyama figured it was time to move on.

But the government asked him to serve Canada one more time in two key jobs. He was named Special Adviser on the committee studying revision of the Constitution. And he was made chairman of the board of Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd., a government corporation responsible for development of nuclear power, export of nuclear technology, and a $130 million annual research program into nuclear energy. But the arrangement didn't quite work out. A few weeks ago, citing policy differences, he submitted his resignation after 34 years service to his nation.

Now, he'll rest a while, catch up on his reading, perhaps travel, and then consider some of the many job offers that have come his way.

One recent evening, on the eve of his departure from government, he contemplated a question: Did the fact of your being Japanese help or hinder your remarkable career?

He didn't hesitate. Helped, he said with a characteristic smile. He learned the Japanese work ethic. And because of race he stood out from the faceless ranks so that his membership in the minority was noticed by him. Then he added as an afterthought: "Of course it wasn't enough just to be noticed. In addition you had to have something substantial."
No Hill Too Steep

By JOHN Y. TSUOMI

Chairman, 1980 National JACL Convention

Do you realize that JACL will be celebrating its 75th Anniversary in just nine short months? Yes, your Host will be the San Francisco Chapter.

It is unmistakable that San Francisco, generally accepted as the birthplace of JACL, will be the site of the 1980 Biennial Golden Anniversary Convention. This momentous event is scheduled from July 28 to August 1, 1980, with headquarters at the unique Jack Tur Hotel near Japan Town.

The Convention Board is busy developing plans for this “family type” gathering since San Francisco is known as “Everybody’s Favorite City.” The important Constitutional Convention will be held the first day followed by four days of deliberation on many important issues facing our organization. Workshops are in the plans to cover JACL’s current topics of concern such as Redress, Political Awareness, Legal, Education, etc. The boosters’ program will be “Familiy” oriented so please make plans now to bring your whole family since the last week in July is the prime-rib dinner buffet style served from 7:30 to 10 p.m. for $15 per person. Reservations at $7.50 (postage and handling) will be accepted for a total of 2,400 copies. I, S.450, S.1.00 postage and handling S.50.

As we go into the more detail planning stage, our Convention Board is requesting all JACLers and Districts to submit any program suggestions to incorporate in this Golden Anniversary Convention. Please write to me at 2000 Greenwich St, San Francisco, Ca. 94123. You will be assured that all suggestions will be considered by the Board.

By our Convention theme, “No Hill Too Steep”, we want to convey the feeling that despite this Convention, we will be willing to accept all challenges facing JACL as we enter the 1980s. Plan to join us and be part of this “Once in a Lifetime” Convention.

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The ‘No-no Boy’ Who Persisted

Author Miyakawa’s confrontation with this past resulted in an emotional, sometimes angry, but never apologetic, depiction of how it felt to be a Japanese American during World War II ... The unearthing of these feelings — whether it occurs through writing, conversation or a speech at a memorial service — can be valuable to the audience as it is for the individual. History should be learned from those who lived it.

—Edward I. Sora Staff Writer Post Intelligence

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Chapter Pulse

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"the old JACL Hall can't take anymore". A second class is being organized.

Pet Nakasato is now organizing a song that will put off the ground in early 1980.

The newsletter also announced its 1980 International Jurisdictional Banquet
held Jan. 19 at the Marine Arctic Museum.

Monterey Peninsula JACL had a number of fall activities, starting with the annual
barbecue Oct. 14 at the Toro Regional Park. JACL mem-
bers were special guests. Then followed the talk by Judge
Graham of the Social Security Office
Oct. 20 at the conclusion of a series of pre-retirement plan-
nings meetings at the JACL Hall.

Chapter pulse

new mexico

A Busy Year — 1979 in New Mexico chapter JACL has had a busy and successful
year thus far. With over 125
members, it hosted the Sun-
tain Plains District Meeting in
late March, held a pot luck
honoring the Israel in April, a picnic in June, participated in an Anchorage city sponsored
"Downtown Saturday Night" in September donating
$500 of the proceeds to the Jewish Levies Muscular Dystrophy Fund, and topped it all with a highly
successful membership drive on Oct. 27.

It was a great year for New Mexico chapter JACL.

From Nobuyuki Nakama

Retirement Community Proposal

Cleveland, Ohio

This is the final segment of a series speaking to building retirement communities somewhere in the U.S. for the people
from Japan who have moved to the U.S. to retire. I have pointed out that Japan has an aging population and
massive communities because family living patterns in Japan have changed and the older generation— a large segment in Japan— have retired from the labor force.

The Japanese, being meticulous planners, are capable of designing entirely new communities which can also serve a large nation. The facilities are still
new land, where people welcome something new and on
a big scale. Therefore, it is in logic and economics and becomes retirees communities in the U.S. for the Japanese. It may require legislation both in Japan and the U.S. For

... phrasing... and support personnel must be a part of the retirement community.

Restructuring changes are necessary for society to provide
opportunity to all. New opportunity invites people to partici-
pate and contribute their best. This rejuvenates the whole
community. Through the building of this type of social program for some time. Both U.S. and Japan need to extend proper care to the elderly. I hope everyone can see the immense
returns from the success of building special communities for the
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des, organized the Japanese American Society of St. Louis and had been a highly congal general of Japan.

The Maruyamas, who will continue to live here, are JACL's. Their only son Ken lives in Washington, D.C.

Yale Recruitment

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A Taste of Rice

By GEORGE IGE
(East Los Angeles JACL)

Upon our return from the 1979 Tour of South America, the question asked most by colleagues and friends has been: "Why South America?" The answer was that it was a personal quest for answers during our travels in Japan. Why do we, who, like my parents, left their homeland many years ago, and while my parents were alive, mother related on many a rainy day sitting near the fireplace in our home in Kin Munra on Okinawa as a picture bride to Hawaii, she and her best friend who left for Peru vowed to return some day and have their children marry each other. Of course, as things happened, mother never made it back until 50 years later. She lost contact with her best friend and mother's children became westernized and found loved ones without her help.

My wife Ruth and I found the above common to many Nikkei families in South America, (George Ige, a past mayor of Monterey Park, is a public school administrator.)

ricese, whose parents had come in the early 1900s, struggling as pioneers, enduring abuses and harassment, living in a life of poverty with eternal hope for a better life tomorrow, while painfully witnessing the dismantlement of the Japanese culture and society, which makes it "back home" only to return to a strange home. The Issei, as we called them, are passing away in South America too. Therefore, most of the leadership of Nikkei oriented organizations are dependent upon the post WW2 immigrants. They, as our parents did, are trying to continue the cultural ties with Japan. They have Japanese schools, speak Japanese to their offspring, have cultural events, but as with the Issei and Nisei they are part of it only in passing. Also, the immigration has not trickled down equally but due to the economic well being of South America.

Interracial marriages are common. Many Sansei and Yosei do not understand or speak Japanese, forcing some to adjust to learning the native tongue. Here positive effect is that the Sansei and Yosei are more assertive in integrating themselves into the native culture, which appears to have less obstacles of ethnic prejudice than in the United States. The disruption of the "old tradition" of cultural purity has saturated the borders. But, as it is with immigrant groups, they are reluctantly accepting the slippage of "mestizaje".

Ruth and I had lunch with an Issei family who had lived in the telephone book in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The father had migrated in the early twenties and passed on, and the mother who spoke both Spanish and Japanese while carrying on the dry cleaning business left her husband. (Dry cleaning business is the way Okinawa immigrants, I learned.) Her son, in his thirties, is an architect married to an Italian Argentine, spoke only Spanish. Therefore, our conversation was in Japanese with the mother who interpreted our questions to her son. Our interpretation was translated back to us in broken English by a student of Apropos who was a very interesting lady! However, it is not similar with us to offer a Nisei family in South America should visit?... .

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