

JACL deplores mob actions brewed by Iranian issue

SAN FRANCISCO — The national Japanese American Citizens League last week (Nov. 15) declared it was aware of references being made that there exist similarities in the actions against Iranian visitors and / or Americans of Iranian ancestry. These references have arisen from the disturbing developments in Iran since Nov. 4 involving the safety and well-being of American citizens.

"For the record, our organization, long known for its efforts in advocating civil rights, deplores the acts of tyranny and

violations of human rights perpetrated on this country's diplomatic corps in Iran," JACL national executive director Karl Nobuyuki declared in his telegram sent to President Carter on Nov. 14. (The text of telegram appears in full on page 4.—Ed.)

JACL called for the immediate release of Americans being held hostage. "We consider the incident in Tehran outrageous, deplorable, and least of all, an outright violation of diplomatic relations," Nobuyuki said.

(World support was similarly mounting for the U.S. hostages in Iran as statements the same week from Moscow condemned

the practice of taking and holding the hostages.)

JACL also implored the American public to maintain a peaceful vigilance in this terrifying moment of crisis. "We must rally to support our President. As a Nation of law, it is imperative that the actions of the United States, its government and people uphold the spirit of our Constitution."

The official JACL position statement on the Iranian issue was distributed to the media Nov. 15 after being asked to comment on the matter and hearing about calls for vengeance against all Iranians in the U.S. It continues:

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Hiraoka retains community college seat 3-step redress push 'at this time' stated

FRESNO, Ca. — Harry E. Hiraoka of Fowler was one of the three State Center Community College district's incumbent trustees returned to office by wide vote margins in the Nov. 6 general elections. He received 32,270 votes (63% of the total) to 18,929 for his opponent Alexander Rendon, who had conducted a well organized and most active campaign.

Hiraoka, 68, seeking his fourth term, kept a vow made at the start of the race not to campaign, maintaining that his friends interested in backing him were free to campaign as they wished and that

voters could judge him on his record.

Morning after the election, Hiraoka said the vote was precisely what he attributed his win to, but admitted he was "really surprised at that big a margin". He regarded it as a "mandate of the people (to) keep doing the same".

Although board candidates must live in the area they seek to represent, voters throughout the district cast ballots in each race. Hiraoka represents area 3, which includes Fowler, Kingsburg, Laton and Selma in eastern Fresno county and the northern tips of Kings and Tulare counties.



Harry E. Hiraoka

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

In 1950, Hiraoka was elected to his first post on the Fowler Elementary School Board and re-elected three times after that. In 1966, he was defeated in his bid to the joint school board when Fowler elementary and high school districts were unified, but three months later he was called back into duty when the State Center Community College trustee representing Area 3 was killed in a car accident. The board asked Hiraoka to fill out the term. He accepted and has been returned to the seat in elections since then.

He fully retired from farming three years ago. He never himself attended either colleges (Reedley College or Fresno City College) he now helps set the course for. A 1930

graduate of Selma High, where he was an all-A student and top football player, he was offered a scholarship at Stanford but since it only provided book money without living expenses, he stayed at home and enrolled at Fresno State.

His father's illness forced him to quit college and take over the family's 80-acre ranch. "My brother was two years behind me and Dad said 'he's not a farmer, so you better send him through (college)'," Hiraoka recalled. Hiraoka did and helped his other two younger brothers and three sisters to attend college as well.

The Hiraokas were interned at Gila River during World War II. He believes the WW2 experience in what he calls

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Sibonga polls 71,000 to win

SEATTLE Wa. — Dolores Sibonga, 48, past deputy executive secretary for the Washington State Human Rights Commission, was elected Nov. 6 to Position 2 in the City Council race, with 71,216 votes (55%) while school teacher Paul Horiuchi, 42, was a longshot challenger in the Position 4 run-off against three-term black incumbent Sam Smith who handily won with 92,000 votes. Horiuchi polled 34,653 votes (27.8%).

Mrs. Sibonga becomes the first Filipino American and minority woman elected to the city council. She previously served four months on the city council as an appointee in the fall of 1978. She is also a Seattle JACL board member this year.

SAN FRANCISCO — JACL's official position "at this time" on redress was announced this past week (Nov. 16) by John Tateishi, national redress chairperson, as follows:

1—Advocate creation of the presidential commission to review the issue of Evacuation and internment of American civilians during World War II.

2—Advocate appointment of minority members, including Japanese Americans, to the commission and its staff.

3—Raise \$120,000 to meet the projected budget to help pass S 1647 and HR 5499, congressional bills to establish the commission.

Tateishi had earlier requested the JACL Executive Committee (EXECOM) to establish an official JACL position for the current phase of the redress campaign. EXECOM, chaired by Dr. Clifford Uyeda, national president, met in special session Nov. 10 here at JACL Headquarters to consider the redress committee's recommendations.

Details for redress presentation to EXECOM were developed earlier in the day by the JACL political education committee, chaired by Cherry Tsutsumida, Eastern District Council governor, Mike Masakawa and Kaz Oshiki, all of Washington, D.C. Also present were:

Bob Kiyota, adm. asst. to Rep. Phil Burton (D-Ca), San Francisco; Ron Ikejiri, Washington JACL Representative; Dr. Jim Tsujimura, nat'l v.p., res & sv; Frank Iwama, nat'l legal counsel; Karl Nobuyuki, nat'l exec dir; George Kondo, NC-WN reg dir; and Debbie Nakatomi, Hq staff.

Tateishi noted EXECOM

unanimously accepted the political education committee's recommendations.

In advocating passage of the internment commission bills (S 1647, HR 5499), JACL would exclude any discussion of compensation "because of an inconsistency of views among the JACL membership," Tateishi explained. However, the current position on redress was taken with the Salt Lake City convention guidelines in mind.

"It was felt the primary objective is to seek establishment of the commission and that the commission would, in turn, recommend compensation," Tateishi added.

Another major question was whether JACL should advocate appointment of Nikkei to the commission. EXECOM, after lengthy discussion, accepted the recommendation that "JACL advocate the commission include members of minority groups including Nikkei".

JACL also decided to call for

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Jury acquits Seadrift Viet refugees of killing

SEADRIFT, Tex. — Tension remained high between local fishermen and Vietnamese refugees after two refugee brothers were acquitted Nov. 2 by a state jury of murdering a local crabber.

The case arose from a dispute between Vietnamese and white fishermen over local crab fishing customs, the dockside shooting death of Billy Joe Aplin, 35, touching off violent reprisals against the 150 Vietnamese residents including fire-bombing of four Vietnamese fishing boats and a house.

Nguyen Van Sau, 21, a

former South Vietnamese marine, and his younger brother Ngyuen Van Chinh, 20, were charged with murder after the shooting. Trial was held inland 90 miles at the Guadalupe County courthouse at Seguin. District Judge Clarence Stevenson presided.

Defense attorney Pat Maloney had told the court they had acted in self-defense against a backdrop of racial hatred after Aplin repeatedly threatened to kill them if they did not leave town. Prosecutor William Day said in final arguments it was "a clear case of murder", and not a Vietnamese problem.

Witnesses testified that Sau fired only moments after being beaten by Aplin, described as a 6 ft.-1 and 200-lb. "brute and bully". Sau is only 5 ft.-5 and 115-lb.

The judge, responding to a defense appeal for an instructed verdict, said, "The state just didn't come up with anything substantial against Chinh." He added it was the first time in his two years as judge that he granted a motion for an instructed verdict in a murder trial.

The brothers were very moved and grateful by the decision and have since moved to an unannounced destination. They had been in jail since early August for personal safety reasons. #



Sam Sakaguchi

Sakaguchi elated by wide vote margin

Special to The Pacific Citizen

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho — Incumbent Sam Sakaguchi was surprised by the wide margin given him on election day (Nov. 6) as he finished on top of a 14-way race for three city council seats with 4,244 votes (52.9%). Fellow JACLers here were even more proud of the results.

It was Sakaguchi's first election, having been appointed two years ago by Mayor Thomas Campbell to fill a council vacancy.

Although soft-spoken, Sakaguchi has had high visibility by being active in a number of local programs, including the YMCA, JACL, American Legion and the War Bonnet Round-up. He is co-chairing the IDC Convention here

this weekend.

As for the wide margin (the No. 2 man, Wesley Deist, polled 2,878 votes), Sakaguchi described the election "as a vote of confidence for the administration". The central campaign issue had been whether the administration was being fair to city residents.

Sakaguchi, general manager of Golden West Irrigation, led the ballot in 20 of the city's newly aligned 26 precincts. Of the 19,800 registered voters, 7,861 cast ballots for a low percentage. The new council year begins in January; councilmen serve four-year terms and are paid \$4,800 a year.

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IRANIAN ISSUE

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"In the United States, some Iranian nationals are conducting demonstrations. Their right to do so is protected under the laws of this nation. Such individuals should be handled in the manner prescribed by law. To take action against people on the basis of ancestry is wrong, but to act swiftly against those individuals who choose to act outside the law is just."

"As an organization of American citizens who were at one time subject to the suspension of civil liberties as a group, solely on the basis of ancestry, JACL cautions the American public to only address those individuals who are violators of the laws of this nation."

"Public anger and frustration are understandable and justified. It is tempting to draw a parallel based on a motion engendered. What is important now is to prevent the revocation of civil rights. The American compassion for the suffering, for political prisoners and for all innocent victims of violence, wherever they may be, must not be diminished."

In Denver, the Mountain Plains JACL District Council in session Nov. 9-11 grimly noted how developments in the U.S. on the Iranian issue were like "a reawakening of a national hysteria" which, in 1942, led to internment of Japanese Americans. In a 500-word statement submitted by Takashi Mayeda, MPDC vice-governor, and Minoru Yasui, Mile-Hi JACL secretary, the district called for protection of individual human rights including those of foreign visitors who might be Iranian students, and that national origin or ancestry should never be used as a criterion 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 reduce 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 dangerous type of xenophobia that put Japanese-Americans in internment camps during World War II. Before the American people work themselves up into a self-righteous war-lust, 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

Deaths

George Tatsuo Nagano, 88, of Los Angeles, died Nov. 13. Born in Victoria, B.C., his father is remembered as Canada's first Japanese immigrant, Manzo Nagano, who settled in 1877, and for which the Canadians nationwide observed its centennial in 1977. Surviving are s Tyrus, Jack, Dr Paul (Seattle), d Junko Morisaku, and gc.

Lt Col Timothy Osato, 54, of Colorado Springs, Colo., died Oct. 7. A 442nd veteran who later taught history and political science at West Point (1953-56) and at the Air Force Academy (1962-65), he also saw action in Korea, Vietnam and retired in 1971. Surviving are w Ruth, 3 d and sis Sono Elmaleh (New York). (His ballerina sister Sono starred on Broadway during WW2 in "On the Town".)

television industry, Assemblyman S. Floyd Mori (D-Pleasanton) 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. 10 as a day of protest for socially meaningful programming.

Mori, whose Assembly budget subcommittee holds the purse strings of the Motion Picture and California Arts Council, has repeatedly called for more accurate minority presentation and affirmative action in the industry.

Mori also promoted media and arts in California as being critical education tools for human understanding. #

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ELECTIONS

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"concentration camp" prepared him for future challenges. While internment made him bitter at the time, "I could not understand why it would happen to a citizen", he added, "it made me stronger, ready for anything. I don't think there are any guarantees, in spite of a Constitution or anything else. Time decides what's what." #



Rocky Teranishi

In Madera County, Rocky Teranishi received 1,770 votes to his opponent's 1,014 to become the county's first Japanese American elected to a public office as the Madera Irrigation District Div. 1 director.

The 44-year-old Nisei bachelor, who worked for 15 years as water conservationist for the district and as chief of water operations till he quit in June, 1978, to go into private business, ran against Aubrey Baker, longtime county farmer who has been appointed to many state and local agriculturally related committees. Teranishi is a Madera High School and Fresno State College graduate, and a past vice-chairman of the Madera Japanese American Community Center.

In other Central California races, newcomer Mike Yoshimoto squeezed past incumbent Mesrob K. Mirigian and challenger George Kitahara to win a tight three-way race for a seat on the Kings River Conservation District Board. Yoshimoto received 6,817 votes; Mirigian 6,578; and Kitahara 6,554.

The 46-year-old Fowler farmer-engineer had evidently convinced the voters, "I should have a little more savvy than the others." The district recently opened bids for heavy equipment for its first hydroelectric power plant on the Kings River at Pine Flat Dam. He became interested in seeking office after reading about the move into power generation. District includes parts of Fresno, Kings and Tulare counties.

Kitahara, 60, a Parlier farmer and past president of the Fresno County Farm Bureau, and Yoshimoto were making their first bid for public office.

Roy Sakamoto was defeated in his bid for the area 5 seat on the Clovis Unified School District

Board. There were five candidates vying for three seats with two incumbents being re-elected easily. Sakamoto polled 1,342 votes (28.3%) and finished fourth—or 474 votes shy.

In San Mateo County, incumbent Mrs. Leslie Kaji, a former teacher, won a full four-year term on the Belmont School district board in a three-way race for two positions. She received 2,638 votes to winner J. DeLuca's 3,444.

In Santa Clara County, Dorothy Sakazaki won the third seat on the Mountain View Sanitation District board on 814 votes. Tom M. Matsumoto had 1,260 votes to be elected to the Evergreen School board in a four-way race for two seats. In San Jose, William Fujino won by 23 votes, 797 to 774, in a contest for two seats on the Franklin-McKinley School district board. Victor Nakamoto trailed in the bid for two openings on the Alum Rock School district board.

In Marin County, Casey Kawamoto of Tiburon received 372 votes in the Tiburon Sanitary District election, but failed by 13 to win the third open seat.

In Sacramento County, incumbent Paul K. Shimada was elected to the Natomas School board with 198 votes (24.6%).

Government

Mas Fukai, Gardena city councilman, was promoted assistant chief deputy to Supervisor Kenneth Hahn and will be in charge of office

administration, plus continuing to work with the Asian American community, special assignments and all county departments.

Genevieve Okinaga of Honolulu, director of the Hawaii State Office of Children and Youth, was appointed by HEW Secretary Patricia Harris to serve on the National Advisory Commission on Child Abuse and Neglect.

San Francisco architect Robert M. Tanaka of Mill Valley was commended by the Marin County board of supervisors upon completion of six years of service on the Tamalpais Design Review Board, an advisory group to the county planning commission. He is also a Marin County JACL board member and active with local community groups.

Don L. Hayashi of San Francisco, former JACL Headquarters staff member, was appointed by Gov. Brown to the California Water Commission. The 33-year-old Sansei is a project leader with Human Resources Corp., a minority-owned management consultant firm. His term expires Jan. 15, 1983.

Mary Ann Yoden, daughter of the Bill Yodens of Blackfoot, Idaho, is deputy director of the SALT II Treaty working group, headed by Alan Harris of Washington, D.C.

Organizations

Toastmasters International, at its 28th convention in Minneapolis last August, recognized 35 of

its districts as "distinguished", including District 36, chaired by Toshio Hoshide of Washington, D.C. A charter member of the Washington, D.C. JACL, he also has a Toastmasters' class for JACLers. He is with the Defense Mapping Agency.

New York JACLer George Yuzawa was elected president of the Japanese American Help for the Aging ... Alameda JACLer Hi Akagi is president of the Golden Gate Optimists ... The Orange County philanthropic club, the Dames, is headed by Mrs. Laura (Yuichi) Ito. It recently held its "Country III" benefit for the L.A. Japanese Retirement Home.

Oxnard Buddhists hold 50th anny.

OXNARD, Ca. — The Oxnard Buddhist Church observed its 50th anniversary in a day-long program attended by some 600 members and guests Nov. 17 at 250 S. H Street.

Church was founded at 234 E. Sixth St. in 1929 and moved to its present site in 1966.

Taka Moriaki, 1979 board chairman, is the son of the late Tokutaro Moriaki, one of the 15 charter board members. Oxnard Mayor Dr. Tsugio Kato, board chairman in 1972, presented a resolution on behalf of the city. Bishop Kenryu Tsuji of the Buddhist Churches of America presided; the Rev. Masami Fujitani is resident minister.

Religion

Rev. Nick Iyoya of El Estero Presbyterian Church, Monterey, has been elected moderator of the Presbytery of San Jose, commencing January, 1980. Christ Presbyterian Church of Hollywood announced the calling of a Japanese-speaking assistant, Mitsugu (Tony) Honda, to assist the Rev. Yusuke Hidaka. A student pastor in the summers of 1972-74, Honda received his master's in theology and divinity from Princeton (N.J.) Theological Seminary and in Asian American Studies from Seton Hall University, South Orange, N.J.

Army salutes Nikkei officer for heroic rescue

SPOKANE, Wa. — For his actions in saving injured soldiers last December during training exercises at Ft. Sill, Okla., recently promoted Maj. Lawrence Yamaura of Spokane was awarded the Soldier's Medal, the Army's highest medal for peacetime valor.

One of the cargo carriers in a convoy exploded and burst into flame as if it had hit a land-mine, Yamaura recalled. Reaching the vehicle, he said the carrier's fire extinguishing system didn't function and began to beat the flames

out with his hands and helped pull two men free. A graduate of Seattle University where he gained his commission through Army ROTC, he is the son of Eugene Yamauras.

Recently-installed King County superior judge Richard Ishikawa of Seattle is also commander of the 6th Judge Advocate General Detachment, Military Law Center, at Ft. Lawton, Wa. He is a colonel in the Army Reserves.

Big. Gen. Theodore S. Kanamine, 50, of Los Angeles has been reassigned from his European post to be chief of staff, First Army, under Lt. Gen. Jeffrey Smith, at Ft. Meade, Md.

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WRA camp-born Sansei warns Nisei against delusion about Evacuation

By ROY YOSHIDA
PENRYN 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," although duty-bound by the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, wantonly disavowed its responsibility when it carried out Executive Order 9066, uprooting some 110,000 persons of Japanese ancestry from the West Coast and herding them into relocation centers (actually euphemism for concentration camps).

This in essence was a test of the "ability of the Constitution to protect its own citizens" as defined under the nation's code of ethics but history has shown that the government knuckled down to political pressure and subverted the citizenship rights of Japanese Americans. With no declaration of martial law and no for-

mal suspension of constitutional rights, they were rounded up without being charged with any specific criminal act and without due process were incarcerated in camps surrounded by barbed wire fences and machine-gun towers.

Foregoing was the focal point in the stirring address delivered by Karl Nobuyuki, national JACL executive director, at the 39th annual Goodwill Dinner hosted by Placer County JACL Oct. 27, at the Placer Buddhist Hall here with James Makimoto as the toastmaster.

Chapter president Cosma Sakamoto and Chairman Alex Ferreira of the County Board of Supervisors extended words of welcome and greetings to some 160 members and guests, including leaders in government, education and business.

Vocalist Gene Scott of Auburn rendered the National Anthem. Alfred Nitta led in the pledge of allegiance and Rev. Richard Ernst of Loomis Methodist Church gave the invocation.

The guest speaker was introduced by George Kondo, JACL regional director for Northern California-Western Nevada District Council.

Nobuyuki, 34, Sansei native of Gila River Relocation Center in Arizona, noted that many unthinking Nikkei are deluding themselves into believing that the Evacuation cannot happen again and, consequently, passage of time has allowed the harrowing incident to fade from their memories. Actually many are prone to stonewall the Evacuation experience, liking it to a family skeleton.

The speaker went on to say that "many Japanese Americans have failed to learn the lesson of incarceration." This ignorance has had a deleterious impact upon the Nikkei youth because internment "has a negative connotation

attached to it," stigmatizing them with the heritage of being second class citizens. But worse, he added, was that some Japanese Americans hold to the presumption that it (Evacuation) was justifiable.

Nobuyuki stated that "it is time to rebut that presumption" because there definitely is "the danger of that legal precedent that still exists." That history can repeat itself, he cautioned, quoting George Santana: "Those who don't remember the past are doomed to repeat it." After all these years nothing has been done to protect defenseless citizens from the same unconstitutional internment that took place in 1942 to the Japanese Americans. It is of paramount importance that we all recognize that such an act of injustice must not happen again.

Touching upon JACL's current redress movement, the director declared that "thirty-five years have passed and American citizens have yet to be indemnified," thus decrying the losses suffered by the internees through evacuation. In the same vein, he plainly stated that the redress effort was not just a matter of monetary recompense but more importantly a matter of justice, of bringing to the attention of fellow Americans the historical facts of Evacuation.

Nobuyuki disclosed that two bills on redress have been introduced in the Congress titled Commission of the Internment and Relocation of Citizens Act. The act calls for a 15-member fact-finding panel to fully investigate Executive Order 9066, with the resultant possibility of the inquiry making recommendations for legal changes and indemnity for the evacuees. The JACL, he added, was going all out for the passage of the twin bills, now being studied by respective legislative committees, during the present session of Congress. #

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, at Sutter and Laguna St., San Francisco, were being sought by the State Controller, Div. of Unclaimed Property, P.O. Box 1019, Sacramento, Ca 95805. He left a \$60,000 bank account.

News Briefs

● Pennsylvania

A Japanese garden has been added to the North Penn YMCA, Lansdale, Pa., recently. A gift of David K. and S. John Nitta, owner and founder of American Chick Sexing Assn., respectively, it was designed by Takashimaya Interior Designs of New York and installed by Herbert Nogami of Harleysville, Pa.

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Pennsburg (Pa.) Town and Country Photo
ART CONTEST WINNERS—Joanne Nitta (standing, next to right), art teacher for the Upper Perkiomen School District, and school principals Hubert Seeman (top left) and Donald Moyer (top right), are shown with eight youngsters who won awards at the ninth international Children's Art Exhibition held in Tokyo. Joanne, daughter of S. John Nitta, founder of American Chick Sexing Assn., is a graduate of Moore College of Art.



Bill Kurtis

chapter pulse

eden township

Successful Inaugural

Eden Township JACL and Asian American Youths held a joint installation dinner Nov. 3 with about 100 members and guests present. Highlight was the Silver Pin presentation to Mrs. Jean Kawahara.

John Tateishi, guest speaker, spoke on the reasons for the Redress campaign and why it was important for Congress to pass the bills now before it. Dr. Clifford Uyeda, national president, installed the new officers led by John Yamada, 1980 chapter president, and Scott Hashimoto, AAY president.

Harry Tanabe was emcee. Past president Ich Nishida chaired the dinner, which was attended by local area dignitaries:

Assemblyman and Mrs. Floyd Mori, San Leandro Mayor Valance Gill, Union City Mayor and Mrs. Tom Kitayama, Rev. and Mrs. James Toda of San Lorenzo Holiness Church; Rev. and Mrs. Ryo Imamura of Alameda Buddhist Church; and Ron Nakayama, Fremont JACL.

TV newscaster to address 35th Chicago JACL inaugural

CHICAGO — Bill Kurtis, Channel 2 anchorman, will be guest speaker at the Chicago JACL's 35th inaugural dinner-

dance Saturday, Dec. 1, at the Orrington Hotel, Evanston.

Kurtis has been personally involved in some of the issues closest to the Japanese American community. His efforts to tell the story of Iva Toguri d'Aquino's struggle contributed to her eventual pardon in 1977. This work is the basis of his upcoming book "Tokyo Rose".

The dinner-dance will begin with cocktails at 5:30, dinner at 6:30. Music will be provided by "Soundpost" at 9:30.

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fremont

Installation Dinner

Fremont JACL's installation dinner, which will be featuring two guest speakers, John Tateishi on redress and George Kondo on National JACL programs, is scheduled Dec. 1, 7 p.m., at the Centerville Community Center.

Besides after-dinner entertainment, Santa Claus is scheduled to come. For reservations, call 793-2744, 651-7983 or 792-6710.

Immediate past chapter president Dr. Walter Hashimoto helped to formalize sister city ties between Fremont and Fukaya (Saitama-ken) during his recent visit of Japan. A delegation from Fukaya will be honored by the Fremont City Council and sister city committee during their visit here Nov. 29-Dec. 1.

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watsonville

Installation Fete

Watsonville JACL will install its officers at a dinner-dance, Dec. 7, 7 p.m., at Aptos Seaside, with Assemblyman Floyd Mori and KPIX "Evening Show" co-host Jan Yanehiro sharing the guest speaker roles, it was announced by dinner chairman Shig Hirano. Tickets at \$15 and reservations may be obtained from Wally Osato (722-3945).

The 1980 officers are:

WATSONVILLE JACL

Dr. Arthur Hayashi, pres; Larry Shikuma, 1st vp; Tommy Sakata, 2nd vp; Betsy Shikuma, treas; Esther Ura, sec; Yoko Umeda, cor sec; Ben Umeda, aud; Mike Mayekawa, Mas Hashimoto, youth; Paul Hiura, 1000 Club; Tom Tao, del; Tom Nakase, Mr. Kizuka, Sr Cit.

A call was made for the last installment of pledges to the chapter building fund, thus helping to close the campaign and give JACL ownership.

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Eating Habits

Mankind's eating habits vary widely. Since childhood Americans are raised on the concept of three square meals a day. We have come to accept this as essential to our health.

In many European countries the substantial meal is at noon. The "continental" breakfast is anything but substantial. Supper is often a desultory affair.

In some culture people nibble constantly all day. In others people partake of only one meal a day. There are people who are healthy and develop wonderful physique 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 regimens.

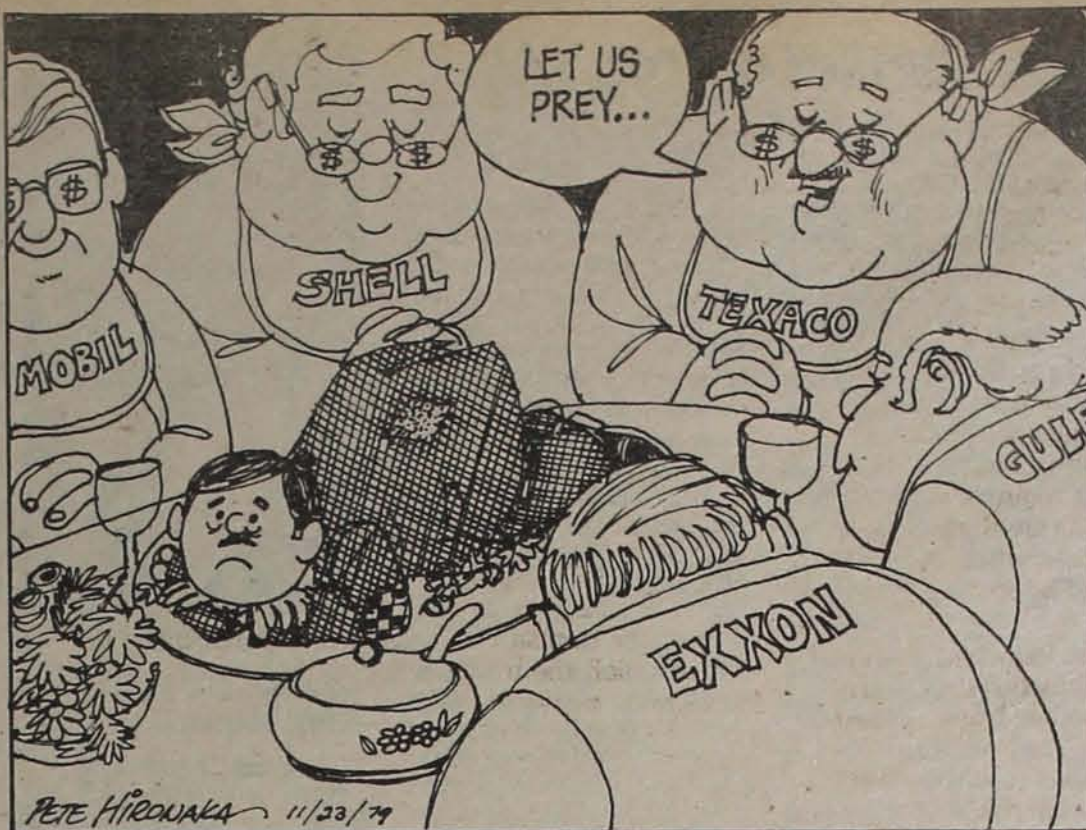
Some have maintained themselves in caloric and protein balance on diet that would have meant starvation for most Americans. These people often live to a good old age.

Within one generation the average height of Japanese teenagers and young adults has increased by four inches. This is due to the profound changes in the Japanese diet that occurred during the past few decades. The consumption of protein and fat has increased by ten folds (not percent).

The pre-war Japanese had adopted biologically to low intake of protein and fat by maintaining a small size. It does not mean, however, that the taller post-war Japanese will live longer than their parents, be happier or become more productive in arts and science.

There is no sure safety in natural foods. Potentially they are as dangerous as processed foods. There are many constituents of natural foods that can cause cancer in one animal species or another. Potentially dangerous substances are present in practically all natural foods. If the standards used to test man-made chemicals were applied to natural foods, one wonders how much 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.



Nuclear Shell Shock?

BY SHERIDAN TATSUNO

As a member of the A-Bomb Survivors Committee, I read Prof. Chihiro Kikuchi's comments (PC, Nov. 2) with great dismay. Not only does he underestimate the significance of Three Mile Island, but he also takes an extremely narrow view of the energy options available to America.

First of all, it disturbs me that Prof. Kikuchi so blithely dismisses the criticism of anti-nuclear advocates and "some Japanese Americans" as "unthinking emotionalism". Surely, as a nuclear scientist, he must be aware of the serious, yet unresolved problems facing nuclear power, such as the uncertainties of transporting and storing large amounts of radioactive wastes (some of which will remain hazardous for 40,000 years) and the possibility of a power plant meltdown.

Nuclear plants are already running out of storage space for their spent fuel rods. But the Department of Energy's underground storage sites will not be ready until 1986 - at the earliest. What are we supposed to do with the wastes until then? And what if the sites being considered by DOE are not acceptable, environmentally or politically?

As for comparing Hiroshima with nuclear plants, I believe the idea is not farfetched. Two nuclear experts at Princeton recently concluded that, in a worst-case scenario, as many as 23,000 people living outside a 50-mile radius of Three Mile Island would have died of cancer caused by the drifting radiation from a meltdown (NY Times, Oct. 7, 1979). For the victims, is there a difference between dying from a plant meltdown as opposed to a nuclear explosion? And can we blame people for "getting emotional" when experts from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission didn't even know what to do during the first critical days of the accident? Indeed, the Kemeny Commission (a 12-member commission appointed by President Carter to find out what went wrong at the Three Mile Island and headed by Dartmouth College president John Kemeny), just is-

sued a report blasting the NRC for being "so preoccupied with licensing of plants that it has not given primary consideration to overall safety". One commissioner said: "We were damn lucky. No one understood what was going on at the time, and it scares the hell out of me." (Newsweek, Nov. 5, 1979).

It is easy to throw stones from an ivory tower when one doesn't live next to a nuclear plant.

Second, I must disagree with Prof. Kikuchi's argument that the emotional reaction being exhibited by some anti-nuclear activists is similar to that which sent us to concentration camps. The World War II camps were created because of racist public hysteria and government deceit aimed at a powerless minority; the anti-nuclear movement has evolved out of citizen outrage over corporate arrogance and government indifference. There is a big difference between the two.

What bothers me most, perhaps, is Prof. Kikuchi's assertion that we Japanese Americans should be "careful about unwarranted emotional connections" with the nuclear issue - whatever that means. Is he asking us to be "quiet Americans" and "leave it to the experts"? As citizens and taxpayers, I feel we have a right and a responsibility to enter the national debate over nuclear power. For too long we Japanese Americans have been excluded from the mainstream and it is about time we started asking the experts some hard questions and expressing our beliefs. We have suffered much at the hands of government and we cannot let this happen to other groups.

This is why our Committee is working so hard to educate the public. Most of the survivors do not oppose nuclear power outright since they feel it may be a necessary evil. But they do not want the government to deceive us about the dangers of radiation - as it has done with Hiroshima, the Pacific and Nevada tests, and nuclear plants - nor to forget the plight of the victims. Having suffered one of

Dear Mr. President:

Here is the text of a telegram sent President Carter Nov. 14 regarding the Iranian crisis.

Dear Mr. President:

For the record, the Japanese American Citizens League, long known for its efforts in advocating civil rights, deplors the acts of tyranny and violations of human rights perpetrated on this country's diplomatic corps in Iran. Further, we have called for the immediate release of Americans being held hostage. We consider the incident in Tehran outrageous, deplorable, and least of all, an outright violation of diplomatic relations.

As we rally to support our President, JACL implores the American public to maintain a peaceful vigil in this terrifying moment of crisis. As a nation of law, it is imperative that the actions of the

United States, its government and people uphold the spirit of our Constitution.

In respect to the Iranian students in the United States, who attend our universities and who may choose to abuse the privileges of the United States by disruptive activity, JACL supports the position that such individuals be handled on an individual basis as prescribed by law.

As an organization of American citizens who were at one time subject to the suspension of civil liberties as a group, solely on the basis of ancestry, JACL cautions the American public to only address those individuals who are violators of the laws of this nation.

Respectfully Yours,
KARL K. NOBUYUKI
National Executive Director JACL

COMMENTS & LETTERS

Redress: Pro and Con

Editor:

In response to Senator Inouye's speech which stated that it is up to the Nikkei to shut WW2 chapter on the Evacuation, I strongly suggest that the Nikkei rise above themselves and shut the chapter on this issue by offering: FORGIVENESS!

Such an act on the part of the Nikkei would make a tremendous and lasting effect on the entire American public as well as the world!
HASHIME SATTO
Tucson, Ariz.

Editor:

I am positive that only all Japanese Americans can win redress—I prefer "Reparations"—which is long overdue, is by having Sen. Inouye, Congressmen Rodino, Mineta, Matsui, etc., constantly receive letters, telegrams, phone calls and many petitions with valid voter signatures urging reparations for all J.A.'s before the 1980 elections.

SAM BLOWITZ
San Francisco JACler

Editor:

Seeking money as compensation for injury or loss of property seems to be such a typically American approach for obtaining justice. Granted, there are many Issei and Nisei who can use the money should the campaign for reparations become successful. However, how can money be of aid to people like my grandparents?

By the time of Evacuation, my grandparents had a small but successful business. They believed in hard work and in obedience of the laws, and they raised their children to follow those beliefs.

Because of Evacuation, my grandparents lost their business, and their years of hard work became nothing. Moreover, they lost their faith in this country and their dreams for a better life for their children. They felt a deep sense of betrayal, and in the last years of their lives, they carried a great feeling of disappointment and shame.

If the redress campaign succeeds, money can help a great deal of people, but it will be too late for my grandparents. To honor the memory of people like my grandparents, it seems to me that the objective of the effort for redress should include something more substantial than money. I would like to suggest that a library be established in Washington, D.C., which would contain books and photographs that describe the injustices and hardships that all minorities have experienced in this country.

WALLACE SASAKI
South San Francisco, Ca.

Ms. Liberty

Editor:

To Mr. N. Nakajima's thesis (Oct. 26 PC) on Japan, Inc. and its senior citizens, I quote that famous verse written in 1883: "Give me your tired, your poor huddled masses yearning to breathe free the wretched refuse of your teeming shore."

Ms. Liberty is still around very much "alive n' kickin'".

ROY IWAKI
New York City

35 Years Ago

NOV. 25, 1944

Nov. 14—Re-elected Rep. John Anderson (R-San Jose, Ca.) "will look into" reports evacuees will be returning to West Coast by Dec. 1; had campaigned against evacuee return.

Nov. 14—Names of 13 Yuba-Sutter area Nisei soldiers added by Legion Post to its honor roll; hostile criticism from irate residents reported.

Nov. 15—Citizens group formed in Minneapolis to protect Nisei rights as city council prepares to investigate neighborhood controversy over location of chick-sexing school, operated by Nisei.

Nov. 16—FBI confirms papers of first alien evacuee resident (K. Osada) back in Sacramento in proper order to stay permanently.

Nov. 17—Calif. State Guard chief says returning evacuees will be protected against violence.

Nov. 17—Western Defense Command explains policy of evacuee return to west coast: "Cases involving mixed mar-

riages, families with individuals in armed forces, illness or other specially meritorious cases" are granted permission to return.

Nov. 18—Majority of 101 Nisei casualties in southern France (Vosges Mountains) from California.

Nov. 18—Calif. Gov. Warren says California will give "full recognition" to Nisei citizens upon return; state powerless to prevent return.

Nov. 19—American Legion National Committee urges Congress defer return of Japanese aliens and citizens to west coast till after the war.

Nov. 20—Berry farmer James K. Yamamoto returns to pre-evacuation home in Cupertino (San Jose); first evacuee back in Santa Clara county.

Nov. 21—President Roosevelt praises "wonderful" combat record of Nisei GIs at White House press conference; reiterates support of WRA resettlement program.

DOWN TO EARTH: Karl Nobuyuki

'Another Look'

our national officers expressed a sincere conviction that if JACL were to successfully launch such a proposal in 1980, the organization would clarify its objectives as a meaningful national, educational, civil, and human rights organization. They indicated that the success of such a proposal would require a tremendous effort on the part of chapters and districts to share in the evolution of Op'80s, and commented that this type of involvement would be one of the most effective means of enhancing participation and "out-reaching" to Sansei and Yonsei. In short, it would be a real challenge.

The multi-faceted nature of the Op'80s proposal will require free-flow discussion among our membership.

To this extent, Associate Director J.D. Hokoyama, National Youth Director Bruce Shimizu, and all Regional Directors, have committed to do their best to carry forward to the membership the narrative explanation of the plan. It is hoped that the JACL membership, through the local chapters, will aid in developing Op'80s so the eventual presentation of the plan will be reflective of the interests of the membership.

In future columns, we shall attempt to address some of the specifics of the plan and share the feedback that we receive from our presentations. Most of us agree that there are still "bugs" in the proposal, but we know that with the help from our membership, we can develop a viable action plan for JACL. And, it will be the basis of this plan that JACL shall enter into the decade of the '80s.



Some time ago, I attempted to share with you the preliminary procedures related to Operations for the 1980s. Due to the heightening activity in reference to the Redress Campaign, we were temporarily sidetracked. So, maybe now we can re-focus on the Operations for the '80s scenario.

As most of our membership is probably aware, the National Executive Committee did approve and endorse the concept of Operation '80s. The resolution indicating their endorsement is presently being circulated with the schematic diagram of the proposal.

The objective here is to further develop the Op '80s plan and present it before the National Convention in San Francisco in late July for National Council approval.

In its present state, Op'80s is merely an operational diagram of JACL. It is an overview of the thoughts, dreams and operations of JACL today for implementation in the future. Each component is based upon suggestions, input, and demands made upon the JACL over the past 20 years. To a very large extent, the basis of the proposal is rooted in recommendations made by the JACL Planning Commission of the 1960 vintage. At that time, the commission was chaired by Mr. Shig Wakamatsu, and assisted by the popular Abe Hagiwara.

In the discussion of Operation '80s among the EXECOM,

FROM THE FRYING PAN: Bill Hosokawa

Shoyama's 34-year service to Canada

Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

The year was 1938, and Tom Shoyama was 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 old anti-Oriental prejudices were being fanned by economic hard times.

When he had saved \$300, Shoyama launched a small weekly newspaper. A friend named Shinobu Higashi provided the editorial know-how, 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. They couldn't survive on what the New Canadian could pay. 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 carried on until he 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 prospered for the first time. Like Japanese Americans south of the border, Canadian Nisei and Issei were scattered across the country. They wrote to Shoyama and his Japanese language editor, Takaichi Umezaki, 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 all he served the Saskatchewan government for 18 years.

In 1964 Shoyama moved to Ottawa and joined the Economic Council of Canada. Three years later he entered the Department of Finance, the equivalent of the U.S. Treasury Department, as director of fiscal policy. 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 people remembered him, took notice of 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."



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EAST WIND: Bill Marutani

Those Joyous Sounds

(ARA, DOKKOI SHO!)



AMONG THE UNKNOWN, Orientals are generally viewed as being stoic, phlegmatic, uncomplaining and humorless. Those of us who are, and have been, part of the Oriental scene, know only too well how inaccurate such a characterization is. As youngsters, standing unobtrusively by (that was the only respectable posture for us), how many times have we glimpsed revelations of the human, warm nature of our parents. All one needed to do was stay alert and pay attention.

ALL CHILDREN HAVE "big ears", that is such acute reception that declarations not intended for such tender ears, or "years", are grasped with dismayed clarity. For example, we can shout our lungs out directing a child to straighten up his/her room, or feed the dogs, etc., and nothing moves; but if late at night, while the parents are seated in another room and uncork a bottle of soda ... well, need I finish that sentence for you? (That little sssp sound from the carbonation must resound like a stick of dynamite throughout the house.)

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Wholly:

As we age, we become more mellow,

The echo from the sounds of life becomes louder,

Does not mean we become more hollow.

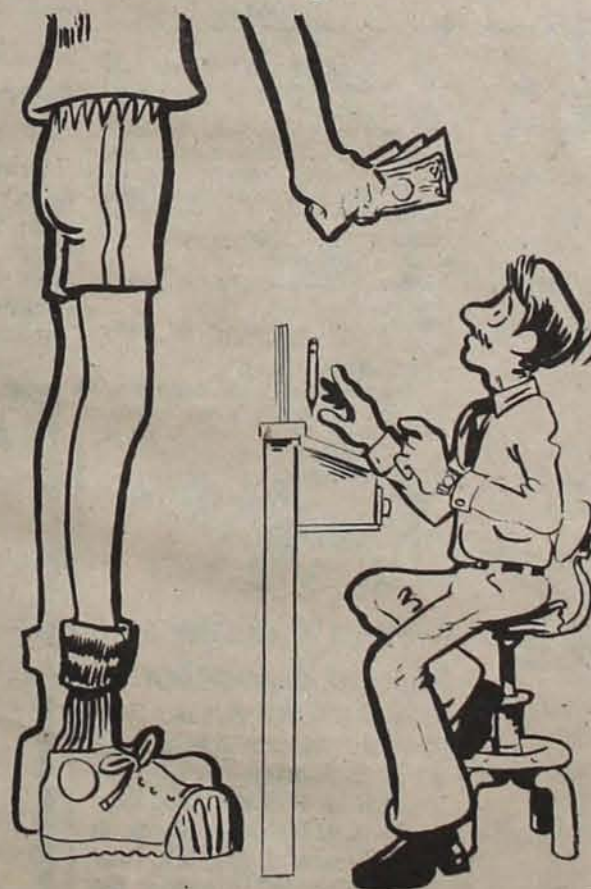
WE NISEI AS children had no less sensitive auditory faculties. And hence disjointed idioms have continued to adhere to my memory bank but somewhat without clear-cut meanings. Whenever I heard an exclamation "Ara, dokkoi-sho!" I sensed that it was a robust, joyous cry. And when some Issei, during amateur night or during a "shibai", shouted from the audience "Ummmai-zo!" I knew it was tantamount to "Bravo!"—and as an adjunct thereto that the declarant was not a stranger to sake that evening.

AND THEN THERE'S that lilting alliteration, rhythmically chanted during an energetic "odori" as things are beginning to warm up. We've all heard it: "A-yoi-yoi yo-ya-satto!" (Darn if that doesn't sound cheerfully uplifting, all by itself.) Out here in these parts, we do not have the various festival celebrations that other parts of the land have. Except out in Seabrook, in New Jersey, they do have a "bon odori" annually at the Seabrook Buddhist Church. Have been meaning to make one of those events.

THERE ARE NO translations for these joyous sounds, at least translations that carry over the flavor of these sounds. I thought a bit about them and when I came up with "Right on!" for "Ummmai-zo", I knew I wasn't going to get far.

THEY ARE SOUNDS that one has to live, to be part of, to see the joy, the ecstasy associated with them. All ethnic groups have them, I'm sure. But I don't know how many years hence we will hear "Ara, dokkoi-sho!" Kinda sad, come to think of it.

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REDRESS PHASE 2: John Tateishi

What It Takes

San Benito County, \$75; West Valley, \$352; Parlier, \$135; Riverside, \$150; Dayton, \$200; Fremont, \$100; Santa Maria, \$108; Detroit, \$211; Mile-Hi, \$100; Eden Township, \$100; Clovis, \$145; Stockton, \$400.

There are a number of other chapters which have pledged their support. And I have been told still others would be meeting to discuss this matter.

I've said it before and it still remains true: we cannot effectively run a campaign without adequate funds. Our projected budget calls for \$120,000 in order to seek passage of the bills presented in Congress and to work on selection of commission members and their staff.

As an organization, we've taken on the issue. And being the only national organization for JAs, we're best suited to see this through.

We can talk redress forever, but when it comes down to the headline issue, we have to do more than merely echo the words that would get us there. We have to put our money where our mouths are!

San Francisco
The alacrity with which many chapters have responded to the current "dollar per chapter member" fund drive has been very encouraging. To date, 30 chapters have contributed for a total of \$6,604.

This is far short of our \$30,000 goal, but it's an excellent start. As has been noted previously, Diablo Valley Chapter was the first to respond and following on their heels was the Sequoia Chapter that far exceeded their membership quota.

Since our last report, the following chapters have contributed to the current redress fund campaign:

Hollywood, \$250; Monterey Peninsula, \$500; Lodi, \$300; Tulare County, \$256; Watsonville, \$250; Selanoco, \$200; Marysville, \$300;

chapter pulse

alameda

Fall Program

Alameda JACLers celebrated Mr. Takano's 88th birthday at the Issei appreciation dinner held Oct. 6. Other Issei in their 90s were also honored.

Chapter members also assisted at the East Bay Issei Housing benefit bazaar Sept. 22 at the Oakland Buddhist Church by selling barbecued chicken.

The chartered fishing trip in September in San Francisco Bay saw Yas Koike land the only striped bass for the day.

chapter pulse

fresno

New Year's Eve

Fresno JACL's benefit New Year's Eve dinner-dance at Palm Lakes Country Club on E. Dakota Ave. will start with a no-host cocktail hour at 6, a

prime-rib dinner buffet style from 7 and end with dancing to the music of the versatile Silver Cup band from 9 till 1 a.m. For tickets at \$18.50 per person, call:

Kathy Kaneichi 264-7413 or Donna Olivette 439-3476.

chapter pulse

marin county

Installation Dinner

Marin County JACL will have its annual installation Dec. 9, 6 p.m., at Dominic's Harbor Restaurant, 507 Francisco Blvd., San Rafael with dinner to be served from 7. Paula Mitsunaga will emcee and Phillip Gotanda will sing his folk songs.

Reservations at \$12.50 per person (\$7.50 for students) are being accepted by: Jim Patterson, 1519 Buchanan, Novato, Ca 94947.

* non-JACL event

Calendar

- NOV. 23 (Friday)
IDC-Idaho Falls—Dist conv (2da), West Bank Motel, Idaho Falls.
- NOV. 24 (Saturday)
Diablo Valley—Holiday bazaar, Pleasant Hills Comm Rec Ctr.
- NOV. 24 (Saturday)
M-EDYC/Detroit—Fall workshop (3da), Southfield Sheraton.
- NOV. 24 (Saturday)
Sacramento—Inst dnr, Sacramento Inn, 7pm; Harry Kubo, spkr; past pres "roast": Percy Masaki, Judge Mamoru Sakuma, Katsuro Murakami.
- NOV. 24 (Saturday)
Milwaukee—Gen mtg, Int'l Inst, 7:30p.
- NOV. 26 (Monday)
Tulare County—Gen mtg, Visalia Buddhist Church, 7pm.
- NOV. 30 (Friday)
Cincinnati—Int'l Folk Festival (2da), Conv Ctr.
- NOV. 30 (Friday)
San Francisco—Schol brft dnr-dance, Sons of Italy Hall, 5051 Mission St, 6:30pm.
- DEC. 1 (Saturday)
Chicago—35th Inaugural dnr, Orrington Hotel, Evanston; Bill Kurtis, spkr.
- DEC. 1 (Saturday)
Marina South—Inst dnr, Rep. Norman Mineta, spkr. (place to be set).
- DEC. 1 (Saturday)
Hoosier—Inst dnr, Carefree Catering, Riley Tower, Indianapolis, 6:30pm.
- DEC. 1 (Saturday)
New York Fund-raiser.
- DEC. 1 (Saturday)
Washington—APAFEC Conf: "Moving In, Moving Up", Hyatt Regency.
- DEC. 1 (Saturday)
Fremont—Inst dnr, Centerville Comm Ctr, 7pm; John Tateishi, George Kondo, spkrs.
- DEC. 2 (Sunday)
Seabrook—Sr cit appreciation day, 6 pm; Buddhist Church hall.
- DEC. 5 (Wednesday)
Chicago—Bd mtg, JACL Office, 7:30 pm.
- DEC. 7 (Friday)
Watsonville—Inst dnr-dance, Aptos Seascap, 7pm; Assemblyman Floyd Mori, TV host Jan Yanehiro, spkrs.
- DEC. 7 (Friday)
Cleveland—Bd mtg, Buddhist Church, 8pm.
- DEC. 8 (Saturday)
PNWDC/Seattle—Qtrly sess, elections (a/nt), NVC Clubhouse, Sat. 7:30pm; Sun 9am.
- DEC. 8 (Saturday)
*Sebastopol—Rev G Abiko farewell/ testimonial dnr, Enmanji Hall, 2pm.

Mineta to address Marina installation

SANTA MONICA, Ca.—Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Ca) will speak at Marina JACL's first installation dinner-dance Dec. 1, 7 p.m., at Miramar-Sheraton here. Washington JACL Rep. Ron Ikejiri will introduce the mainland's first Nisei congressman.

Karl Nobuyuki will speak on the future of JACL. Entertainment will feature Arthur Nakane's one-man band. Tickets at \$15 per person may be reserved with:

Paul Suzuki 383-9122, Virginia Kodama 822-5528, or Dorothy Shimizu 384-9689.



1980 CONVENTION BOARD — Front (from left): George Kondo, Connie Arimoto, John Yasumoto (chair), Yo Hironaka, Steve Doi; —rear: Nob Mihara, J.D. Hokoyama, Bruce Shimizu, Hats Aizawa, Peter Takeuchi, Greg Marutani and Bob Teshima.

'No Hill Too Steep'

By JOHN T. YASUMOTO

Chairman, 1980 National JACL Convention

Do you realize that JACL will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary in just nine short months. Yes, your Host will be the San Francisco Chapter.

It is befitting that San Francisco, generally accepted as the birthplace of JACL, will be the site of our 26th Biennial Golden Anniversary Convention. This momentous event is scheduled from July 28 to August 1, 1980, with headquarters at the unique Jack Tar 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 current topics of concern such as Redress, Political Awareness, Legal/Legislation, etc. The boosters' program will be "Family" oriented so please make plans now to bring your whole family come the last week in July of next year.

As we go into the more detail planning stage, our Convention Board is requesting all JACLers and/or District Councils to submit any program suggestions to incorporate in this Golden Anniversary event. Please write to me at 2060 Greenwich St, San Francisco, Ca 94123. You can 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 during 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.

chapter pulse

milwaukee

The general meeting will be held Nov. 24, 7:30 p.m., at International Institute, followed by a Folk Fair resale for members only.

chapter pulse

orange county

Election Meeting

Orange County JACL will meet Dec. 12, 7:30 p.m., at Calif. First Bank's hospitality room, 501 N. Main St., Santa Ana, to elect its 1980 board members, who in turn will elect the chapter officers.

chapter pulse

monterey peninsula

Yoga Class Next?

Monterey Peninsula JACL has found sufficient interest among its members recently to initiate a weekly class in Japanese cooking and disco dancing. Chef Komatsu of Ichi Riki Restaurant is teaching for eight weeks starting Nov. 11 on Sunday afternoons at the JACL Hall with Goro Yamamoto in charge.

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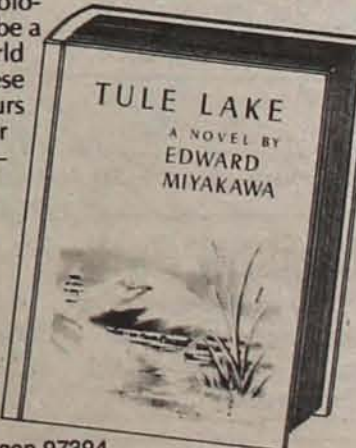
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"the old JACL Hall can't take anymore". A second class is being organized.

Pet Nakasako is now organizing a yoga class that will get off the ground in early 1980.

The chapter announced its 1980 installation dinner will be held Jan. 19 at the Marina American Legion Hall.

Monterey Peninsula JACL had a number of fall activities, starting with the annual steak barbecue Oct. 14 at the Toro Regional Park. Issei Kai members were special guests. Then followed the talk by Judy Graham of the Social Security office Oct. 20 at the third of a series of pre-retirement planning meetings at the JACL Hall.

chapter pulse

new mexico

A Busy Year — 1979
New Mexico chapter JACL has had a busy and successful year thus far. With over 125 members, it hosted the Mountain Plains District Meeting in

late March, held a pot luck honoring the Issei in April, a picnic in June, participated in an Albuquerque city sponsored "Downtown Saturday Night" in September donating \$500 of the proceeds from its Japanese food, arts and crafts booths to the Jerry Lewis Muscular Dystrophy Fund, and topped it all with a highly successful Potluck Membership dinner on Oct. 27.

Highlights were a gong show at which lovely Shanna Kudo won first prize with her ballet dance, and a Japanese sword display exhibited by JACLers Ron and Randy Shibata and Ken Yonemoto, who won the Best of Show Award at the recent New Mexico Gun Club Show.

Next will be the biggest event of the year, the New Year's Dinner Dance, at which the 1980 officers will be installed.

chapter pulse

tulare county

Year-end Schedule
Tulare County JACL will have its final meeting of the

From Nobuyuki Nakajima

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. I have pointed out that Japan has a need to build massive communities because family living patterns in Japan have changed and the older generation—a large segment in Japan—are being ignored.

The Japanese, being meticulous planners, are capable of designing an entirely new community which combines the "good, ole Japan" in a most modern facility. The United States is still new land, where people welcome something new and on a big scale. Therefore, it is most logical and economical to build retirement communities in the U.S. for the Japanese.

It may require legislation both in Japan and the U.S. For example, such a community would be "segregated"; Japanese retirees would not be entitled to American welfare. Instead, the entire package of Japanese medical and welfare care and support personnel must be a part of the retirement community.

Constructive changes are necessary for society to provide opportunity to all. New opportunity invites people to participate and contribute their best. This rejuvenates the whole society. There has not been 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 Japanese retirees in the U.S.

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Lisa Takata of Mt. Whitney High School, Visalia, was announced as the chapter representative to the 1980 Presidential Classroom for Young Americans.

chapter pulse

santa barbara

JACL Staffers
Santa Barbara JACL board members met with two JACL staffers at their regular meeting Oct. 22, this time at Suishin Restaurant. John Saito, regional director, and J.D. Hokoyama, associate national director, discussed JACL plans, such as redress, "Operation '80s" and the convention, and responded to questions from the board.

"It was a mutually profitable meeting over a delicious dinner and we all enjoyed meeting the two gentlemen," commented board member Hatsume Kosakai.

REDRESS

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a paid cadre of Nikkei consultants be assigned to the commission "as a means of insuring vital information and input to the committee's final recommendation to Congress."

The campaign to raise \$120,000 for redress includes the current "dollar per chapter member" drive. To date, 30 chapters have responded for a total of \$6,604, Tateishi said.

KONOMI

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then and could not afford it. I had to read it in the public library. Neither could I write him a letter of congratulation, for I had lost contact with him.

Maybe I am biased, but *River Rat* compares favorably with *The Catcher in the Rye*, or *The Summer of 42*. The only thing they have and it lacks is raw sex.

Then Lundberg disappeared from the literary scene. With his brilliance and verve and youth did he find the road to fame too rugged? I often wonder.

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A Taste of Rice

You need no *apropos* for recalling old friends, but in recent weeks I had many occasions to remind me of a particular one. They were a sort of chain reaction to a Japanese column of mine for Hokubei Mainichi. I made the rash statement that California rice uses talc as a lubricant for refining, and that talc is considered a cancer-causing substance.

Immediately, the Nomura Co. who handles the *Kokuho* rice of Koda Farms was swamped by anxious tele-

phone calls from carcinophobic customers. Mr. Tsumori, manager of Nomura, called me to point out that the *Kokuho* is refined with glucose, and can be cooked without washing.

So I humbly wrote a correction for my categorical error, but added that maybe my error served to call the public's attention to the serious hazard being posed by talc-using brands of rice, although I myself am not too concerned, since I wash my rice thoroughly before cooking.

So, inevitably, I started thinking about this friend whose memory is inseparably associated with rice.

A few years before the war, I made the acquaintance of a young budding writer. Brash, brilliant and knowledgeable, he was an overwhelmingly eloquent talker, and I used to enjoy his company. Usually aspiring writers who talk about what they would like to write—and he did that—have more ideas than ability, but he had an ability of no mean order. His flippant, irreverent satire "Are You A Phony?" appeared in *Esquire*. His drama about a young couple, dispossessed of their farm and seeking a new life in Matnaska, was broadcast on the weekly drama hour on KHJ in Los Angeles.

But he wanted more than anything else to write his first novel. He wanted to go to a secret hideout in the upper reaches of the King River, there to pitch a tent, and write

his masterpiece. *Apropos* of the subject he asked me how he and his wife could live cheaply in his retreat. I was working for Rafu Shimpou then for what I considered a disgraceful pittance, and he knew it. But I don't think I cut too shabby a figure. Certainly I did not look undernourished, for Rafu Shimpou used to feed the staff with almost Lucullan generosity. But in order to give emphasis to my sense of injustice for my low pay, I never mentioned this fact. So he apparently thought that I had some secret trick for living cheaply.

Without thinking too carefully, I told him that he could live very cheaply on rice and fish. A 100 pound bag of rice cost \$5.00 at that time; mackerel, Spanish mackerel, and king fish could be bought for

15 cents a pound.

It was many months before I saw him again. I assumed he had gone to his retreat, wrote his novel, and returned to civilization. But before I could ask him about it, he greeted me with: "Why, you son of a gun! What a fine advice you gave me!"

As he had contemplated, he and his wife went to the secret hideout and he started to write. But life in the wilds was too rugged and lonesome for his wife. Mosquitos and other insects tormented them mercilessly. The day to day chore of existence was too distracting. And, above all, they could not stand the taste of rice! "Nothing tastes so god awful as rice! Oof!" and he shrewed up his face. I asked him how he cooked the rice. "Why, with water, of course! How else?"

On questioning him further I found out that they just poured water in the pan of rice and put it on the fire. I almost died laughing.

Shortly after this episode, I lost my job and went to New York. One Sunday, in the *Book Review* magazine of the New York Times I saw a title: *River Rat*: by Dan Lundberg. I felt as though I was thumped on the back by his big hand. This time I exclaimed: "Why, you son of a gun! You done it!" For the sake of friendship I ought to have bought a copy of the book, but I was down and out

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I Might Have Been a South American

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 about Japanese immigrants who, like my parents, left their homelands many years ago.

While my parents were alive, mother related on many a rainy day that when she left Kin Mura 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 in the meantime 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.)

rica, whose parents had come in the early 1900s, struggling as pioneers, enduring abuses while scratching out a life in poverty with eternal hope for a better life tomorrow, while sadly witnessing the disintegration of the Japanese culture they knew, and making it "back home" only to return to a strange home. The Issei, as most of us know the term, 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 offsprings, have cultural events, but as with us the Sansei and Yonsei are part of it only in passing. Also, the immigration has trickled not necessarily by law but due to the economic well-being of Japan.

Intermarriages are common. Many Sansei and Yonsei do not understand or speak Japanese, forcing some to adjust to learning the native tongue. However, the positive effect is that the Sansei and

Yonsei 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 disintegration of the "old tradition" of cultural purity has saddened the leaders. But, as it is with all immigrant groups, they are reluctantly accepting the slip-page of "shikataganai".

Ruth and I had lunch with an Ige family (no relation) I found in the telephone book in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The father had migrated in the early thirties and passed on, and the mother who spoke both Japanese and Spanish was carrying on the dry cleaning business left by her husband. (Dry cleaning business is the way for Okinawa immigrants, I learned.) Her son, in his thir-

ties, 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 in Spanish, and his response was translated back to us in Japanese. It was indeed an interesting lunch! However, is it not similar with us too if a Nisei family from South America should visit us?

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