LOS ANGELES — On the heels of President Carter’s announcement that the importation of dates from Iran were being halted to counter the political game being played in Tehran, the Los Angeles Times commented Nov. 13 that the U.S. government’s list of Iranians are “running high”... “but the shameful bullying of a generation must not be repeated.”

The editorial recalled that “Jewish Japanese on the U.S. mainland, many of them American citizens were arbitrarily interned during World War II.”

That Americans have a right to be outraged by the events in Iran was understandable with the provocative demonstrations by Iranian students in the U.S. in support of Ayatollah Khomeini added to the already tense situation, but the Times urged “respect for legal rights, including the right to public support for unpopular causes.”

“America will gain nothing—and could lose much—if the people seek to express their patriotism in ways that compromise our own laws, our own traditions of liberty,” the Times concluded.

Central California JACL District Council, at its Nov. 17-18 convention in Fresno, added its strong support of the National JACL appeal to President Carter regarding the Iranian issue.

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Still, Matsuda says, his emotions are in conflict. He “hates” what the Iranian students are doing in Tehran. But he also says it troubles him to hear Americans here marching and shouting slogans against a country that has been friendly to the U.S. in the past and provided significant opportunities for countless foreign-born Americans.

Cries of deportation of Japanese Americans are not only drastic but “breathtaking.” Matsuda says. “As one who knows what it is to be discriminated against arbitrarily because of race, I would hope the government, having learned from this experience of Japanese Americans in the West, won’t turn on all Iranians in this country as a group.”

While it is difficult for the :ome JACL legislative director in the State of Washington, Dr. David Croxall, the acting director, said he told President Carter that the order he issued earlier in the day was the “wrong kind of question”... “Our president had come up with an analysis of the events in Iran. We knew the events in Iran were not going to be contained. It is in our interest for the Iranian government, power or the United States government, power or any other power to determine that”... “The situation in Iran is a situation that has progressed farther down the road of human rights.”

UCLA Asian American studies center gears up 30 program

LOS ANGELES—The UCLA Asian American Studies Center welcomed four new students to the fall quarter. They are the fourth class admitted to the program’s annual Self-Identification of Students as Asian-Americans program. Professor Marjorie Lee, Los Angeles, To- my Lee, Los Angeles, and Ling Hui, Taipei, Taiwan, have already been accepted as students.

The program is still new, it has attracted students from as far away as Japan. And, they believe, that is a good sign for the future of the program.

In politics, the next step forward is always in the dark.
PSW elects Wiley Higuchi dist. governor

LOS ANGELES—New officers and directors were elected for the coming two years as 32 chapters comprising the Pacific Southwest District Council held their fourth quarterly meeting Nov. 19 at Airport Marina Hotel.

The newly elected officers are:

PACIFIC SOUTHWEST DISTRICT Wally Hayasaka, president; Angelina Fujita, vp; Paul Suzuki, sec.-treas.; and directors were elected for the coming two years as 32 chapters comprising the Pacific Southwest District Council held their fourth quarterly meeting Nov. 19 at Airport Marina Hotel.

In Washington, the Immigration and Naturalization Service began Nov. 12 a new round of deportations of all 5,000 Iranian students in the U.S., though there is no precedent for this kind of action in a peace-time situation, one administration official noted.

President Carter had ordered the action Nov. 10 following nationwide demonstration the previous day by many claiming to be students supporting the U.S. embassy takeover in Teheran. Over 500 were arrested in Washington in protests.
By CHARLES KUBOKAWA

Several months ago, the Pacific Citizen editor provided names of Japanese American second generation who were on the front line in Mexico: a Vietnamese American who was familiar with the Niji no Iro or the Mexican Revolution and the Nisei from Los Angeles and Mr. Matsutani, a well-known flower grower.

The first contact was made in Texas and she claimed there was no such thing as a Japanese American community now.

An exhibit, "Crossing the Phantom River," featuring drawings and calligraphy by Alan Lau and Dale Kawasaki, was held Dec. 17 at Glover-Hayas, Pioneer Square. Pieces are based on James Masui's new book of the same title. A reception is set for Dec. 15.

-Salt Lake City

Nearly 20 youth gathered at the first Asian American youth conference held Aug. 8-5 at the Uintah National Forest Camp to hear from several speakers from the Asian American community: Jim Mitsugi, pres.; Asian Assn. of Utah, Dr. Ken Kido, Dr. Charles Myun Lee, Univ. of Utah prof. Dr. Geoffrey Lieu, Proc. admin.; St. Mark's Hospital. Shu Cheng, exer. dir. AAI, and Moi Mon, conf. coordinator. There were speakers from the local Chinese, Japanese, Kano, and Philadelphia communities.

The Asian Assn. of Utah was organized in November, 1977, with several major groups represented: Salt Lake JACL, Cambodian Assn. of Utah, Chinese of Commerce Community of Utah, Assn. of Californian American Societies of Utah, Assn. of Utah, and Cultural Awareness Foundation. Its major undertaking has been the annual Asian Pacific Festival with Society of Polynesian Utah at the Salt Palace.

JACL initiates contacts with Mexico Nikkei

JACL and Nikkei Nippon, the main political association in the Mexican Nikkei community, have begun contacts.

Mr. Kubokawa, the JACL editor, states he began contacts with the Nikkei community because of the lack of any interest displayed by the Nikkei toward the JACL.

An organization like JACL and that only a few Nikkei were scattered about Mexico. That being the case, any interest about seeking connections for our JACL in Mexico City was down Mr. Matsutani, while we were eating at one of the Five Japanese restaurants in Mexico City and carrying on a conversation in Japanese with the Nikkei cautions that he had passed away but also referred us to the former president national, who provided two more contacts: Carlos Kasuga and Enrique Ishimoto, both part-owners of the restaurant and members of an organization of Nikkei in Mexico City. Contact was finally made with Kasuga. I explained all in Nihongo: my objective was to initiate contacts with Mexico Nikkei for a national Nikkei convention to be held in Mexico City, with the Nikkei organizing an association of Nikkei in Mexico.

The Nikkei community was most interested in maintaining contact with the JACL and that the interest could be mutual. Miss Ishimoto, her wife, referred me to the NikkeiExacta Association, which she explained was a national association of Nikkei and had not been active for some time.

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We have been queried what seemed out decision to accept JACL's position on some major questions. Oeigislative enactment of implement recommendations, if possible misconception that solve by ourselves. mending a member for such an number of been been the Sansei. Apart from a number of pro­ decisions that had to be made. The new policy. American problems . while Chinese from .the area is considered as a minor Ebb for wartime treatment is accompanied by the Mexican government with Japanese fast foodstuff. Japanese fast foodstuff (e.g., shabu, suki, tonkatsu) as the new gain (goals) you can bring to them. (26) Most Mexican Nikkei, when they travel to the States or Japan, get back loaded with Japanese fast foodstuff. (27) Most Mexican Nikkei cannot hold any high ranking government position but Sansei and Issei aliens of Mexican origin. (28) It is not proper to be active members in any of the JA organizations. It is true that there exist many different groups and philosophy of government funding. It does not require a great deal of imagination to realize that a group which can place a representative in a funding agency in bound to get some money from that agency. Some—and not all—of the actions by the JACL is not necessarily the parallel of the JACL's non-anti-Japanese government funds. It is too easy that there are networks among scholars, and there is a great deal of politics in academic circles. Obviously those who control a given funding mechanism, hire representatives from a group which they can not easily influence. It is a prestigious and important organization in the United States. It is proper for a JACL to seek a fellowship in order that they may reach the membership in the Japanese-American relations. It is also highly proper for a JACL to try to be accepted in the representative in the Japanese membership of the JACL. (29) AKIRA KUBOTA Windsor, Ontario, Canada

35 Years Ago

Dec. 1—National JACL biennial convention in Salt Lake City featured lively and wartime and postwar Japanese American programs. The Army casualty list from Vosges mountains, France, shows some Japanese coming in from WRA camps. WRA reports 262 cases of new membership in Nov. 22.

Invitation to Participate

Cleveland, Ohio

When I joined a chemical industry in 1968, Asian employees were rare. Some large corporations had none. Others had only a few. Twenty years later, Asian faces are very common. As an Asian, I can understand the bittersweet feeling in my boss's office recently that said we were so oriental nowadays that I couldn't tell one from another. My boss almost fell off his chair.

Most large companies (even those in Silicon Valley) have their own scientists or engineers, but some are in such fields as accounting. They can be Chinese from the mainland, Taiwanese, Koreans, Filipinos, and some from Vietnam. President and CEO of the company who is from Japan. One of our vice-presidents who is from India. There are many directors and many managers. Then, there are scientific staffs of the highest rank.

There will be more discussion on this come.

The JACL members continue to complain that the public has di­ ficulty seeing the difference between Japanese Americans and other minorities, but at some time we continue to perpetu­ ate the misunderstanding. When we talk about reparations, (payments for damages during WWII), then we sure the public knows the difference.

SAM HONDA, Redress Chairman Twin Cities JACL.

In the cause of freedom we want to fight for the rights of people with whom we do not agree; and, in many cases, we do not like them. We do not fight for the rights of people, we endanger our own.

HARRY S. THUMAN

KUBOKAWA

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3. The Japanese cultural educative process is handled by the government. The Japanese school, taught and spoken only by the first grade, then the other activities such as the sumo, the kendo, the karate, and the day, and language, inclusive of the Japanese language. Because the Japanese school is accompanied by the Mexican government, the students are taught as an elective along with the Jewish Mexican school. The language is not the same. English, the other language. (11) A Nikkei production was held in 1969 and another is planned to be held in 1971. JACL membership is required. (12) Only two Nikkei persons at the convention from the U.S. Japanese are very rare. Is this telling us something? Maybe Japanese Americans found their niche somehow.

Just in case some young Japanese Americans are interested in pursuing a career in industry, I would like to say that industry today demands more than ever. A high degree of initiative in the form of a formative action has created an atmosphere that makes qualified individuals particularly welcome. The future is very bright; there are already two division vice-presidents in large chemical companies; both are Japanese originally from the mainland. There is one corporate vice-president who is from India. There are directors and many managers. Then, there are scientific staffs of the highest rank.

We are asked what it is that we are seeking. Our answer—our recommendations—are seeking the establishment of a commission to investigate the Evacuation. The question of compensation will be dealt with, in so far as it is possible, but that is not the main purpose of this report.

The other major issue raised at JACL was whether the JACL would advocate the inclusion of Nikkei on the selection of commission members. The membership has included such individuals as an executive from the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, an attorney, the president of an ad­ vocacy group, and a member of the American Jewish Committee. It is not rare for a JACL to be a member of the JACL, if not less qualified than these individuals.

Finally, it is not particularly limited to the State of Hawaii, but to the aspect of government funding. It does not require a great deal of imagination to realize that a group which can place a representative in a funding agency in order that they may receive some money from that agency. Some—and not all—of the actions by the JACL is not necessarily the parallel of the JACL's non-anti-Japanese government funds. It is too easy that there are networks among scholars, and there is a great deal of politics in academic circles. Obviously those who control a given funding mechanism, hire representatives from a group which they can not easily influence.

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Launching 3-step strategy

1. Legislative enactment, i.e. lobbying of 1867 and HR S499.
2. Work involved in selection of commission members as once the hills become law, and lobbying for the commission hear­ themselves.
3. Lobbying effort of passage of legislation which will im­ ple feature legislation, if the commission recommends, to including pushing for amendments of the recommen­ nations if that is the need of society.

Apart from a number of pro­ cedural decisions that can be dealt with, the primary in­ tent of the meeting was to es­ tablish a clear definition of the JACL's position on several major questions.

The first is to define what we are seeking as our ultimate goal in the current first phase (legislative phase) of the campaign: compensation or the establishment of the commission? We can define this as a one-time decision to accept the recom­ mendation that our current official position would be one which seeks only the establish­ ment of the commission and return to regard compensation.

It was felt necessary to define our official position on this particular point because there seemed to be some confusion. We have always felt that the response should be when...
FROM THE FRYING PAN: Bill Hosokawa

Important and Interesting Individuals

Denver, Colo.

When this column began to list Japanese Americans whose accomplishments were both large and interesting, the criterion was national significance.

Not all the people listed below may meet that requirement, but all have done or are doing important and interesting things. So here, in no particular order, are some nominations for consideration:

BILL KAJIKAWA, who retired this year ending a 46-year career at Arizona State University as student, athlete, professor and basketball and baseball coach. Arizona State's football brochurc this year is dedicated to Kajikawa.

CHERRY Y. TSUTSUMIDA, director of the Office of Congressional Affairs in the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, and probably the highest ranking Asian-American woman in federal service.

DR. KYO TOMIYASI, microwave scientist for General Electric.

HISAYE YAMAMOTO DESOTO of Los Angeles whose stories have appeared in such publications as the New Yorker, Antioch Review and Kenyon Review.

WAKO YAMAMOTO, actress and playwright, whose "And the Soul Shall Dance" was selected as one of the 10 best Off-Broadway plays for 1976-77.

CAPT. ELLISON ONIZUKA, astronaut trainee.

DR. JIM KINUGASA, chief of the laboratory of vision research at the National Eye Institute in Washington.

F. ROBERT NASH, chief scientist, office of the Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force.

COL. GLEN MURASE, president of the Physical Evaluation Board, Department of the Army.

JAMES Y. NISHIMURA of Greenlawn, N.Y. president of the Huntington TV Cable Corp.

FROM HAPPY VALLEY: Sachi Seko

Nicholas and Our Iranian Neighbor

Salt Lake City

Every morning, I call the weather station for the recorded conditions and forecast.

The accuracy of this service is almost predictable, but I go through the routine to satisfy Nicholas. He doesn't trust my statement, "It's too cold to go outside yet." Placing the phone receiver to his ear, he repeats, "At 8:00 a.m., temperature is 27 degrees."

By early afternoon, sun reaches most of the upper level and the thermometer climbs to the lower 40s. I wear two heavy sweaters and Nicholas his thick fur coat when we go outside. For our customary afternoon game, Nicholas lies on the floor, watching me as I pick up the leaves and he has been slow to drop. This time, last year, the trees were already bone sculptures. But today in mid-November, maples blaze in a brown and bloody display. Aspen shower gold pieces while fruit trees hound their currency green.

Each afternoon I fill a sack with leaves, a scant collection considering the time and effort it involves. But it is difficult to complete the simplest chore quickly or efficiently with Nicholas around. Being outdoors encourages the beast in him. He tears around the yard, runs up and down the hill. He investigatcs, sniffs and tastes the yard's abundant variety. Later, he throws up from such forbidden fruit. But no matter, he lives only for the moment, the pursuit of puppy pleasure.

Sometimes, in exasperation, I threaten to give him away. Painting to a house across the street, I say, "You can get a job as a guard dog over there."

Our neighbor is Iranian. He has a doctorate from a European university and is employed as chief chemist for a large industrial firm. We met him when construction began two years ago on the condominium across the street. He used to come by to inspect the progress on his unit. He is a suave and stylish bachelor approaching mid-life. During the summer, he could be seen on his balcony entertaining guests, often wearing native Iranian garments.

Before the Shah was toppled, rumbles of Iranian discord reached Happy Valley. Anti-Shah sentiments were strongly expressed by some Iranian students in Utah. Once, I made a small reference about it to our friend. He pretended not to comprehend my idiomatic English, although I knew he understood me perfectly but chose to ignore my statement. He considered himself a wealthy, educated and traveled family. I can only speculate his political sympathies. But I am certain that he harbored an unarticulated fear this summer when he inquired twice about Nicholas. He said his family used to own a German shepherd in Iran. He wanted to purchase a guard dog.

This week, anti-Iranian demonstrations have extended to several Utah campuses. Americans are concerned for the safety of hostages in the American embassy in Tehran. Yesterday, the local paper published a letter suggesting that all Iranians living in this country be rounded up for "protective custody."

Thirty-eight years ago, about this time in California, autumn leaves had fallen. I remember walking through them, the smell and sight and feel of leaves. It was my last California November. The last autumn of my aborted adolescence. By the time I left, "protective custody," and realized my first true autumn, I had grown older before my time.

The 38th anniversary of December 7th is almost here. There is no political similarity to the controversy in the American embassy in Tehran. I feel a familiar anxiety as I watch for the lights to go on each night in my neighborhood restaurant.

I hope that the United Nations will ever remain the supreme court of peace and justice, the authentic seat of freedom of peoples and individuals in their longing for a better future.

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Tina Adachi is a board member of the Nisei Week Committee. The following is the first of a two part article edited from the text of an address before the annual meeting of the Chicago JACL...—J.T.

An Address Delivered by Miss Adachi

The “invisible woman” comes from an article called “Invisibility is an Unnatural Disaster—Reflections of an Asian American Woman” written by Mitsuye Yamada. Ms. Yamada uses the concept of “invisible woman” to describe herself and other Asian American women. It’s a play on Raphael Ellison’s book “The Invisible Man,” which is about the Black experience in America.

“Invisibility is a Femi­nist” refers to the changes taking place in Japanese American women; in our role, in our identity, in our image, and in our society at large.

We are both visible and invisible at the same time. On the one hand, in this world, we are highly visible. We are highly visible on the other hand, we are invisible. We are one-half of the “quiet American.” We work hard, stay in the background, and don’t make trouble. We have been shaped by the traditional Japanese American values of hard work, stoicism, and a mystique that surrounds us, which is actually not visible.

But, to us, the gray standing one, we are invisible. We are invisible to the next generation. It is our responsibility to pass on our knowledge and experience to the next generation. It is our responsibility to be proactive, to be a change agent, to be the voice of our community.

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Random Musings: Robert H. Kone

Sansei, Yonsei ni Yakibakuru

To the sansei, yonsei must be concerned with the question of whether or not there is a special bond between them. To the sansei, there must be a special bond. But to the yonsei, it is not so clear. Does it exist or not? It is a question of opinion.

Sakata, Okura.

Now that I am on this track, it seems that I am really diverging. Such is not the case. I will get back to the cultural scene in due time. But I thought I'd explore the question of the hideki identity and status a little further.

“Yakibakuru” is a word the Japanese use. It means “call out, appeal, address.” “Ni” is the preposition “to.” So it thought I’d add realty supplies to the sansei, my own generation, and the yonsei who are just growing up.

First, we’ve got to be ourselves. Although we might like Japan Today Skyhigh travel costs in Japan are discouraging foreign visitors more and more; notes the Japan National Tourist Organization, which reported sightseers declined 17.8 percent during the January-July 1979 period as compared with the same period in 1978.

The Pacific Sun and Stripes observed its 48th year on Oct. 1, first published in Tokyo in a new ambassador.

New ambassador...

Second, we must help each other. Nobody else will—which has been demonstrated over and over again. Help is not really help unless it constitutes an opportunity to expand ourselves and our neighbors. We share what we learn. That means we are ourselves and find ourselves, we cannot lead or help others. The stereotyped mold this society superimposes on us is rigid, brittle, and dangerously fragile.

We must help each other render that more flexible and expand our possibilities. First, opened in 1964 between Tokyo and Shizu-Osaka, the line now extends to Hakata—nearly 676 miles away. A riding side: the "nostalgia" train appears to gain popularity.

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