

Anti-Iranian passion reminiscent of Pearl Harbor era

LOS ANGELES — On the heels of President Carter's announcement that oil imports from Iran were being halted to counter the political game being played in Tehran, the Los Angeles Times commented Nov. 13 on the passions against Iranians are "running high" ... "but the shameful bullying of a generation ago must not be repeated."

The editorial recalled that "ethnic Japanese on the U.S. mainland, many of them American citizens were arbitrarily interned by the government."

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 adding to the effrontery, but the Times urged "respect for legal rights, including the right to show public support for unpopular causes."

"America will gain nothing—and could lose much—if its people seek to express their opprobrium in ways that compromise our own laws, our own traditions or our honor," 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.

Chicago and Seattle JACL this past week (Nov. 14) were among the first chapter boards to publicly utter their indignation over the Iranian issue.

In Seattle, Martin Matsudaira, JACL president writing to President Carter, said he

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Washington Post Photo

Anti-Iranian demonstrators hold signs and wave flags at Washington Islamic Center.

JACL health plan benefits improved

SAN FRANCISCO — As a result of the high level of claims during this past year, the JACL Blue Shield Health Plan administrative committee this week announced several changes and improvements effective Jan. 1, 1980.

Blue Shield again paid over

Jr. high school named for pioneer

BELLEVUE, Wa.— The new junior high school here in the Newport Hills area is named in memory of Borghild Rigdall, a Norwegian American woman who was cited as a distinguished Washingtonian in 1970 by Gov. Dan Evans and commended for "exceptional service to others" by President Nixon. She died in Seattle July 30 at the age of 76.

As a Highland School board member (1932-42) and a farmer's wife, she was among the few speaking out about the injustices being inflicted on farm neighbors when the government began sending Japanese residents to relocation camps in World War II.

Library project

FRESNO, Ca.— Under a grant from National Endowment for the Humanities, the San Joaquin Valley Library System and Fresno County Public Library project, with Yoshino Hasegawa as director, will promote library services to the Japanese community and making others aware of the Japanese contributions to the history and culture of San Joaquin Valley.

\$2 million in claims to JACL subscriber/families, according to John Yasumoto, JACL administrative committee chair. The committee also reported the following improved benefits have been negotiated with Calif. Blue Shield as follows:

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Ex-Stockton Nisei soil expert becomes Fellow in two groups

FT. COLLINS, Colo.—Dr. Joe Kubota, a research soil scientist, Soil Conservation Service, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, and professor in agronomy at Cornell University, was elected a Fellow of the American Society of Agronomy and the Soil Science Society of America at the annual meetings of the Societies held recently in Fort Collins. The honors recognized his research on trace elements in soils and plants and their relation to nutritional deficiencies and toxicities in farm animals.

Kubota, a native of Stockton, Ca., received his B.S. degree from UC Berkeley; a M.S. degree in agronomy-soils from the Univ. of Nebraska; and his Ph.D. degree in soils from the Univ. of Wisconsin, Madison.

Dr. Kubota has developed a research program national in scope that has led to the identification of the low cobalt areas associated with cobalt deficiency in grazing animals in the eastern U.S. and the naturally occurring areas of molybdenum toxicity in grazing animals in the West. He was a member of the research group that developed a map of selenium in crops in the U.S., a map widely used to relate incidence of "White Muscle disease" in farm animals. He has established concentration levels of cobalt, molybdenum, selenium and other trace elements in U.S. soils and plants, adapting several chemical and spectrographic methods for their analysis.

WASHINGTON—Among personal perspectives on the Iranian crisis added to a Washington Post Sunday feature (Nov. 18), "Our Resilient Superpower Hunts a New World Role", that reviews some of America's frustrating post-WW2 history, was one from Mike Masaoka.

The onetime evacuee and two blacks—an oilman and a preacher—saw painful reminders of their own private struggles against racism in the new hostility toward Iranians in America.

When Masaoka heard Americans shouting, "Go home!" in front of the Iranian embassy, he thought, "Damn it, this is just the kind of thing that caused us to go to concentration camps—unreasoning people shouting slogans and epithets just because they're mad."

While anti-Iranian anger of today has some definite distinctions from the anti-Nisei hostility of World War 2 that led to detention, Masaoka said the American counter-demonstrations brought back "too many melancholy memories". It resurrects the old question: "Can what happened in California happen again here to another group?"

While it is difficult for the onetime National JACL legislative director in the context of these times to see another in-

ternment program, he added, "But it was difficult for us at that time (1942) to believe what was happening to us. We thought we had these constitutional liberties."

During WW2, Masaoka recalled the camps as a wartime necessity. Only Japanese Americans were confined, though U.S. was also at war with Germany and Italy. Something similar, he warns, "might happen again in another guise ... But I do believe America has progressed farther down the road of human rights."

Still, Masaoka 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 Iranians here marching and shouting slogans against a country, in spite of the WW2 concentration camps, has provided significant opportunities for countless foreigners.

Cries of deportation of Iranians are not only drastic but frightening, Masaoka says. "As one who knows what it is to be discriminated against arbitrarily because of race, I would hope the government, having learned from his experience of World War II, would not treat all Iranians in this country as a single group," Masaoka concluded.

Shades of WRA questions 27 and 28 ...

WASHINGTON — The acting head of immigration service last week (Nov. 14) admitted one of his officials had erred in issuing a directive that Iranians entering the U.S. be questioned as to whether they supported the U.S. government or had ever participated in anti-U.S. demonstrations.

David Crosland, the acting director, said he had told Kellog H. Whittick, director of the Washington office, that the order he issued earlier in the day was the "wrong kind of question". A lawyer representing Iranians had com-

plained about the order.

(During World War II, Japanese Americans over age 17 had been asked on the "Application for Leave Clearance". 27—Are you willing to serve in the armed forces of the United States on combat duty, wherever ordered? 28—Will you swear unqualified allegiance to the United States of America and faithfully defend the United States from any or all attack by foreign or domestic forces, and forswear any form of allegiance or obedience to the Japanese emperor, or any other foreign government, power or organization? Questionnaire was intended to determine "loyalty" though the confusion and anger that followed in the camps were enormous.)

UCLA Asian American studies center gears for '80 program

LOS ANGELES—The UCLA graduate program in Asian American Studies welcomed four new students to the fall quarter. They are the fourth class to be admitted since the program's approval in the Spring of 1976. They are:

Marjorie Lee, Los Angeles; Tomiye Takeda, Los Angeles; Eugene Tashima, Livingston; and Jui Ling Tsai, Taipei, Taiwan.

"Although the program is still very new, it has attracted students from as far away as Japan and Taiwan," Professor Lucie Hirata, director of UCLA's

Asian American Studies Center, noted. The M.A. program is the first two-year curriculum of its kind in the United States.

Hirata added that students admitted to the Program in the Fall of 1980 will be eligible for over \$18,000 in financial aid.

Further information may also be obtained by writing to: UCLA-Asian American Studies Center, 3232 Campbell Hall, Los Angeles, Ca. 90024.

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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. 10 at Airport Marina Hotel.

The newly elected officers: **PACIFIC SOUTHWEST DISTRICT**—Wiley Higuchi (Hol), gov; Dennis Kunisaki (Pan), vg; Toshiko Yoshida (Prog W), sec; Kathy Chono (Pan), treas; new bd dir—Ken Hayashi (Ora), Harry Kawahara (GPA), Mike Mitoma (ELA), Chester Sugimoto (Gar), Ron Wakabayashi (MSO), Gary Yano (New Age).

Meeting was hosted by the newly chartered Marina South, which already boasts a membership of 125, according to Paul Suzuki, president. Marina South was sponsored by the Venice-Culver JACL. Luncheon speaker Kerry Doi, exec. dir., Pacific Asian Consortium for Employment, related the plight of Southeast Asian refugees, their problem in finding employment and adjusting to life in the U.S.

J.D. Hokoyama, associate national director, gave a brief overview of Operation '80s—the program planned by JACL for the coming decade.

Washington Representative Ron Ikejiri reported on the redress bill now in the committee stage in both houses of Congress.

Las Vegas JACL, recently transferred from Northern California-Western Nevada District, and the New Age JACL, sponsored by West Los Angeles JACL, were admitted into the PSWDC, bringing the total to 32 chapters. #

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was disturbed by the government checking the legal status of "all Iranians in our country for possible deportation", which resounds with "emotional racism".

The Chicago JACL chapter board, in supporting individual rights of all people including Iranians residing legally in the U.S., defended the rights of Iranian students not to be harassed by government agencies.

In Sacramento, JACL president Dave Takashima condemned the violence against Iranians in the U.S. and now expects the state legislature to pass the Lehman resolution and bill (ACA 20 and AB 262) placing restriction on foreign ownership of agricultural farmlands in the state in view of anti-foreign feelings — although Takashima says there is no logical connection. Most foreign purchasers hail from Western Europe rather than OPEC nations, he noted in a recent GAO study.

In Washington, the Immigration and Naturalization Service began Nov. 12 to compile a detailed file of all 50,000 Iranian students in the U.S., "though there is no precedent for this kind of action in a peacetime 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 Tehran. Hecklers in Washington were shouting, "Deportation, deportation".

Immigration lawyer David Carliner of Washington also compared the action to the internment of Japanese Americans and Japanese nationals during World War II. "It's reaching people who are legally here and illegally. It's singling out one nationality because of a specific foreign policy concern..."

In Greenville, South Carolina, the local technical college board of regents told Iranian students they could not return until the American hostages in Tehran were released.

"This is a punitive action and it's intended that way," said Robert C. Crawford, vice chairman of the state supported Greenville Technical College board of regents. "Some innocent people (Iranian students) will suffer. But there are

some innocent people in the U.S. Embassy, too."

Crawford said he proposed the suspension Nov. 16 following numerous complaints from local residents angered by the appearance on local television of two Iranian students who said they supported the embassy takeover.

"They weren't interested in having their taxes subsidize the education of these people," Crawford said.

A state attorney general's opinion, meanwhile, said the action appears to violate the due-process and equal-protection clauses of the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

The opinion, which does not have the force of law, also cited violation of rights under the Civil Rights Act of 1964 "to the extent that federally funded programs or activities are affected."

Crawford said he disagreed with the civil rights arguments because "my opinion is that when someone sticks a gun to your head they lose their civil rights."

Reaction to the board's decision has been largely favorable, Crawford said. "From doctors to laborers, they all tell me 'Way to go!'" he said. The few negative comments he has personally received have come from Iranian students at the college. "They say, 'We need your technology.' I said, 'That's true.' Then they say, 'It's not the students who are doing this in Iran, it's Khomeini. Please don't do this.' But we've made up our minds."

Tamaki ends 31-yr. career with L.A. city utility

Los Angeles

Carl M. Tamaki, 59, assistant general manager and chief engineer, has retired from the Los Angeles Dept. of Water and Power, ending a 31-year 10-month career.

Tamaki served as interim DWP General Manager from April 1, 1975 to Feb. 2, 1976 while a search was made to fill the top management post on a permanent basis. (The interim GM position reportedly paid in excess of \$70,000 a year—much more than what the Mayor received.)

Joining the Department in 1947 as a mechanical engineering assistant, he later was involved in the design of Valley, Scattergood and Haynes Generating Stations.

In 1964, Tamaki was appointed engineer of steam generation and then engineer of generation in 1966. He was

appointed executive assistant to the general manager in May 1972.

Following his 10 months as interim general manager, he became the DWP's assistant general manager and chief engineer.

A Calexico, Calif. native, Tamaki attended UC Berkeley and also the Univ. of Missouri, where he received his bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering.

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Kyoko Hayashi Morris

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — Kyoko Hayashi Morris appeared as a featured speaker on Asian literature in a symposium on "A Multicultural Look at the English Classroom", presented for some 400 secondary English teachers of the Milwaukee public schools.

The symposium, held at Alexander Hamilton High School, focused on U.S. literary heritage of the Afro-American, Latino-American, Native American, Jewish-American and Asian-American.

Mrs. Morris stated that Asian literature embodies vast and rich cultural heritages, the principal traditions being the Arabic, Persian, Indian, Chinese and Japanese in novels, short stories, essays, poetry, drama, and religious and philosophical writings. While no one person can be an expert in all of these diverse fields of literature, she explained, the nature of the symposium format necessitated treating Asian

literature as a whole.

In dealing with Japanese literature, she discussed poetry, novels, and drama, giving examples both in Japanese and in English translations of Waka and Haiku for poetry, and descriptive characteristics of Noh, Kabuki, Bunraku, and Shingeki plays, for drama.

A number of excellent anthologies in English translation are available, she indicated, which provide favorable entry points into appreciation of Asian literature. She believes that a desirable approach would be to introduce the students directly to high-interest examples of the literature—such as adventure stories with plenty of action, or beautiful examples of lyric poetry—rather than attempting a survey approach, historical or otherwise.

After completing her bachelor's degree in English Literature at Kobe Jo-Gakuin (Kobe College) in Nishinomiya, Mrs. Morris has majored in English and Education for her master's degree at Northeast Missouri State University at Kirksville, and her specialist degree at George Peabody College, Nashville, Tn.

Two Nisei teachers in the Los Angeles Unified School District are using their personal handicap of blindness to become more effective, sensitive instructors. Marilyn Murata communicates through the universal language of music with as many as 400 students at her Pacoima school. Kengo Sakamoto teaches English as a second language and Braille to students in the adult education program. The district has employed 18 legally or totally blind teachers during the past year and a half, it was reported.

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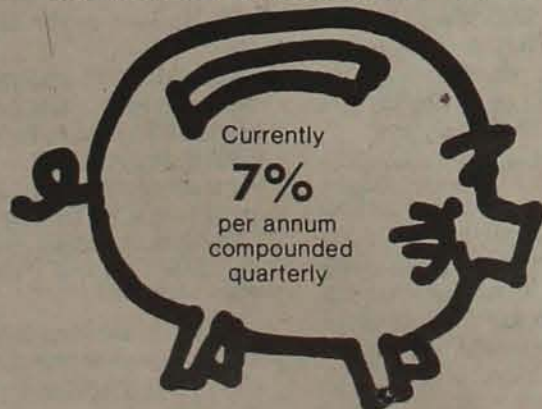
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Los Angeles

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Some 400 people attended the UCLA 50th anniversary dinner in support of the Endowed Chair in Japanese American Studies Nov. 15 at the Biltmore Bowl. Keynoters were Tria Toyota, KNBC-TV news anchorperson, and Dr. Harry Kitano, professor of sociology and social welfare at UCLA. Also present were two Univ. of California regents: Yori Wada and William Coblentz.

Second issue of "Echoes from Gold Mountain" (\$4) is out. Featuring works of aspiring Asian-Pacific American writers, checks should be sent to "Asian American Journal", CSU-Long Beach, 1250 Bellflower, Long Beach, Ca., 90840.

Southern California

Union of Pan Asian Communities of San Diego, 2459 Market St., San Diego 92102 (714-232-6454) is accepting clothing, food and financial help to assist victims of the Oct. 28 rain disaster hitting American Samoa where four villages were destroyed.

Equivest Associates, a business development organization under contract with the State of California to provide advisory business transfer services in Southern California, may be reached by writing to Teresa Iizuka or Toot Uchida, 9550 Flair Dr. Suite 409, El Monte, Ca 91731 (213-448-9803).

San Francisco

Second annual series of the Stanford University's Takahashi Lectures will feature Yasuo Sakata Nov. 28 and Yuji Ichioka Dec. 5 at the Christ United Presbyterian Church, San Francisco. Both lecturers are Asian American studies are based in Los Angeles; Sakata is with the USC-UCLA Joint East Asian Studies Center; Ichioka, with UCLA Asian American Studies Center. Co-sponsoring the series are JACL, Japan Society and S.F. Center for Japanese American Studies.

San Francisco State University's Asian American studies program will be hiring a full-time assistant professor in Japanese American studies. A Ph.D. equivalent is required, according to Dr. Jeffery Chan, AAS chair. Resumes are due Dec. 31.

Northern California

Rev. Dr. Donald Toriumi, pastor emeritus of Altadena First Presbyterian Church, returned to his hometown to address a fellowship Nov. 25 at the Sacramento United Methodist Church.

Asian State Employees Assn. is holding a Christmas disco party Dec. 15 at the Sacramento Buddhist Church as a fund-raiser for its year round activities, such as forums and community workshops.

Seattle

"Wintermelon", a group of Asian American teachers and writers in the Seattle area, will present a reading of a new book, "Got Me a Story to Tell: Asian American Stories for Children" at the Wing Luke Memorial Museum, 414-8th Ave. So, on Dec. 8, 2 p.m. Co-authors Kat Wong, Valerie Ooka Pang and Lily Woo will read selections from their book.

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JACL initiate contacts with Mexico Nikkei

By CHARLES KUBOKAWA
Palo Alto, Ca.

Several months ago, the Pacific Citizen editor provided names of persons who once resided in Mexico: a Caucasian woman who was familiar with the Nikkei in Mexico and a Mr. Matsumoto, a well-known flower grower.

The first contact was made in Texas and she claimed there was no such thing as a Japanese Mexican community nor

An exhibit, "Crossing the Phantom River", featuring drawings and calligraphy by Alan Lau and Dale Kaneko, will be shown Dec. 12 - Jan. 7 at Glover-Hayes, Pioneer Square. Pieces are based on James Masao Mitsui's book of the same title. A reception is set for Dec. 15, 7:30 p.m.

Salt Lake City

Nearly 20 youth gathered at the first Asian American youth leadership conference held Aug. 4-5 at the Uinta National Forest Camp to hear from several speakers from the Asian American community: Jimi Mitsunaga, pres., Asian Assn. of Utah; Dr. Wen Kuo, Dr. Cheng Myun Lee, Univ. of Utah professors; Dr. Geoffrey Lieu, asst. admin., St. Mark's Hospital; Shu Cheng, exec. dir., AAU; and Moon Won Ji, conf. coordinator. There were youth leaders from the local Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Filipino and Vietnamese communities. The Asian Assn. of Utah was organized in November, 1977, with seven major Asian groups represented: Salt Lake JACL, Cambodian Assn. of Utah, Chinese for Community Action, Korean American Society of Utah, Filipino American Society of Utah, Laotian Community Assn., and Vietnamese Friendship Assn. Its major undertaking has been the annual Asian/Pacific Festival with Society of Polynesia of Utah at the Salt Palace.

an organization like JACL and that only a few Nikkei were scattered about Mexico. That nearly doused any interest about seeking such connections for our JACL in Mexico City. To track down Mr. Matsumoto, while we were eating at one of the five Japanese restaurants in Mexico City and carrying on a conversation in Japanese with the Nikkei cashier (she happened to be a second generation Japanese Mexican), she said the well-known Mr. Matsumoto had passed away but also referred us to the manager, a Japanese national, who provided two more contacts: Carlos Kasuga and Enrique Ishimoto, both part-owners of the restaurant and members of an organization comparable to the JACL.

Contact was finally made with Kasuga. I explained (all in Nihongo) my objec-

Active Sequoia JACLers Charles Kubokawa and his wife Beth recently vacationed in Mexico to not only enjoy its culture and history but also seek out the Nisei-Sansei in that country because of his ties as chairperson of the National JACL International Relations Committee, which seeks to develop understanding of other Nikkei on the western hemisphere.—Ed.



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tive as chairperson of JACL's International Relations Committee. But he was busy and asked us to his huge Japanese-style home. Since we were picked up at our hotel, I would not know how to get to his place the next time if I had to

do it over again. His home is next to his large toy manufacturing plant operating 24-hours a day and employing nearly 350 workers.

Our conversation lasted four hours with so much data regarding the Nikkei in Mexi-

co, it wore me out and I am still thinking of all the things that were left unsaid. Carlos stated these facts:

(1) Mexico City has a Nikkei population of over 10,000.

(2) The JACL-type organization meets at their Center once a month to socialize, see Japanese movies, hold business sessions and promote youth activities.

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It is a well known fact that generally Issei men married relatively late in life. As an immigrant population they first had to find jobs in a strange and hostile society, then eventually save enough before beginning families.

The Issei brought their primarily Meiji rural culture to this country. Nisei were raised as Americans.

The so-called generation gap between Issei and Nisei was extremely wide, both by age and by culture. The chasm frequently seemed ominous.

The gap between Nisei and Sansei is much narrower. Yet we seem to hear much more about their generation gap, as if almost unbridgeable.

Much more continuity than gap exists between Nisei and Sansei. How much does their thinking really clash, how much is simultaneous change? Youth and adults would like to think themselves different. Sometimes they would like to deny and disown each other. Youth of today are different. So are adults.

Some prominent JACLers are predicting the demise of JACL as a Nisei organization, a sort of nostalgic adieu to their anguished and finally triumphant lives.

I can hear the Sansei saying, "Come on, Dad and Mom. You still have some life left in you. Don't be a drop out from JACL when you're needed. Youthful idealism and energy we have in abundance. However, we haven't lived long enough to pick up some of the experiences and judgments you picked up along your lifelong struggle. Let's work together, not separately. Maybe together we can solve some of the problems neither of us have been able to solve by ourselves."



REDRESS PHASE 2: John Tateishi

3-Step Strategy

we are asked what it is that we are seeking. Our answer—our official position—is that we are seeking the establishment of a commission to investigate the Evacuation. The question of compensation will be dealt with at the commission hearings and when the commission presents its recommendation to Congress.

The other major issue raised at EXECOM was whether the JACL would advocate the inclusion of Nikkei on the selection of commission members. This was a question which was discussed at length, the discussion having encompassed a number of options. It was finally decided that we would recommend that members of minority groups, including Nikkei, are picked to the commission and the commission staff.

In addition, we shall recommend that a paid cadre of Nikkei consultants be appointed to the work of the commission in order that we will have vital input to the final recommendation presented to the Congress.

These decisions were necessary because we are attempting to get committee hearings in the Senate and the House. Hopefully, these hearings will come about sometime early next year, and before we appear at the congressional hearings, we have a lot of work to get done. And we need to make sure that we have a cohesive position, and one that is solidified.

The work is in progress, and in the meantime, we continue to ask JACLers to make contact with their congressional representatives for support of our bills. As Ron Ikejiri has explained, this is a most important part of the current campaign. So let's go for it!

Freedom in general may be defined as the absence of obstacles to the realization of desires.

—BERTRAND RUSSELL

FAMILIAR VOICES OUT OF THE WOOD-WORK...



Japan U.S. Friendship Commission

Editor:

Permit me to offer a few comments on Bill Hosokawa's article "Translation Service Center's Role", (Oct. 26, PC). There are a few more dimensions to the problem, and these need to be fully explored.

There is nothing wrong in using ethnicity as a basis for recommending a member for such an organization as the Japan-United States Friendship Commission. It is not particularly abnormal for a cultural exchange commission to include those members whose ancestry can be traced to the nations involved in exchange. I know, for example, a commission administering a German-Japanese exchange program in Tokyo whose membership includes local resident Germans as well as Japanese citizens. Not all the members of this body are experts in German or Japanese studies.

It is incorrect to assume that academic expertise is the sole or most important criterion in choosing the members of the Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission. The membership has included such individuals as an executive from the TIME magazine, U.S. senators and congressmen, an executive from the Dow Chemical Company, an attorney, the president of an advertisement company, etc. There is no reason to argue that an official representative of JACL is less qualified than these members.

It is true that there exist many visible top Caucasian American Orientalists, and that they know a

great deal about Asia. They are, however, not as perfect as many of us tend to assume. First, their visibility often vastly outstrips their true academic stature. There is an unfortunate assumption in America that Asians can or should never become first rate Asian specialists. Although there are a large number of Nisei, Kibei, and Issei who have contributed a great deal to Japanese studies in America, they have never become as visible as Reischauer or Scalapino. (A variety of directories are available for this purpose if one wants to identify them.) Being largely invisible—which is a common problem for minority groups—Asian scholars of Asian descent are generally ignored in the process of appointing officials for such organizations as the Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission.

Another problem about these top white Orientalists is that a fairly large number of them do not command Asian languages with sufficient fluency. Yet they are rarely criticized for this basic deficiency. Many—not all—Japanologists can not read Japanese fast enough to conduct research on their own, and they have to depend upon exchange scholars and students for this purpose. The funds to hire these scholars and students are provided from a variety of sources including the Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission.

Finally, it is not particularly objective to overlook the political 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 is bound to get some money from that agency. Some—and not all—of the academic funding processes are not completely unlike the processes of dispersing non-academic government funds.

It is no secret that there are networks among scholars, and there is a great deal of politics in academic societies. Obviously those who control a given funding mechanism are not most eager to receive a representative from a group which they can not easily influence.

JACL is a prestigious and important organization in the United States. It is quite proper for a JACL to seek a greater role in Japanese-American relations. It is also highly proper for a JACL to try to place its representative in the Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission.

AKIRA KUBOTA
Windsor, Ontario, Canada

35 Years Ago

DEC. 2, 1944

Nov. 20—WRA reports 29,740 evacuees relocated in 47 states of Union; Illinois leads with 8,805, Colorado follows at 3,352. No evacuee reported in South Carolina.

Nov. 20—Native Sons of Golden West urge President Roosevelt to keep evacuees away from Coast. Merced county supervisors and Soledad County service and vet groups oppose return of evacuees.

Nov. 24—Non-citizen Japanese may volunteer for U.S. Army; Tokyo-born Henry Ebihara, 24, of Cleveland reported first enlistee under new policy.

Nov. 25—Absentee ballots from military show 3-1 oppose Amendment 3 on Nov. 7 ballot: anti-Japanese alien land law; civilian vote was 166,000 Yes—177,500 No.

From Nobuyuki Nakajima

Invitation to Participate

Cleveland, Ohio

When I joined a chemical industry in 1960, Asian employees were rare. Some large corporations had one or two. Others had none. I was a first in my company. Twenty years later, Asian faces are very common.

While I was shooting the breeze in my boss's office recently I said that there were so many orientals nowadays that I couldn't tell one from another. My boss almost fell off his chair.

Most Asian employees (men and women) are either 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. Practically all are foreign-born.

Japanese Americans are very, very rare. Is this telling us something? Maybe Japanese Americans found their niche somewhere else.

Just in case some young Japanese Americans are interested in pursuing a career in industry, I would like to say that industry today welcomes anybody of any background; moreover, affirmative action has created an atmosphere that makes qualified minorities particularly welcome. The future is very bright; indeed, the opportunities are unlimited. There are already two division vice-presidents in large chemical companies; both are Chinese originally from the mainland. There is one corporate vice-president who is from India. There are some directors and many managers. Then, there are scientific staffs of the highest rank.

There will be more discussion on this to come.

COMMENTS & LETTERS

5 Citizen Membership

Editor:

On the proposal for dropping the citizenship requirement for JACL membership, I realize non-citizen will be active members and share our concerns, but until we have accomplished our objectives on reparation, we should retain the citizenship requirement.

I have no doubt that the Redress Commission Bill will pass and a 15-member commission will be formed. It is nice to think the Commission will be on our side, but in reality they may ask former evacuees questions like "Did you have fun in camp?" Or, "Why did you live near airports, railroad tracks, bridges, etc.?" The commission may call survivors of the Bataan March and ex-prisoners of war of Japan. Along these line of questioning, they may call a member of JACL, a Japanese national (may be a chapter president), and ask, "Did your government bomb Pearl Harbor?"

How about this question: Is your Redress program financed by Japanese owned companies? The reporter covering the commission's findings may think the nation that bombed Pearl Harbor has one of its agents demanding reparation. It will never happen? Don't bet your life on it!

JACL members continue to complain that the public has difficulty identifying the difference between Japanese Americans and Japanese Nationals, but at the same time we continue to perpetuate this kind of thinking. When we talk about reparation, (payments for damages during WW2), then we better make sure the public knows the difference.

SAM HONDA
Redress Chairman
Twin Cities JACL

In the cause of freedom we have to battle for the rights of people with whom we do not agree; and whom, in many cases, we may not like... if we do not defend their rights, we endanger our own.

—HARRY S. TRUMAN

in the Pacific Citizen

Nov. 25—New anti-evacuee club, "Live and Let Live Legion", formed at Bainbridge Island, Seattle; face opposition from local residents arguing for Nisei to return. ACLU founded Roger Baldwin in San Francisco feels anti-Oriental hostility on West Coast ebbing.

Nov. 28—Rep. Leroy Johnson (R-Cal.) will introduce bill to deport "disloyal" Nisei and Issei aliens after war to Japan.

Dec. 1—National JACL biennial convention at Salt Lake City airs wartime and postwar Japanese American problems.

Dec. 2—Army casualty lists from Vosges mountains, France, show many Nisei enlisting from WRA camps. WRA reports 262 casualties as of Nov. 22.



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 more nominations by readers:

BILL KAJIKAWA, who retired this year ending a 46-year career at Arizona State University as student, athlete, professor and football, basketball and baseball coach. Arizona State's football brochure 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. KIYO TOMIYASU, 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.

WAKAKO YAMAUCHI of Gardena, writer 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. JIN KINOSHITA, chief of the laboratory of vision research at the National Eye Institute in Washington.

FRANK S. SATO, former deputy assistant secretary, Department of Defense; and more recently appointed Inspector General, Dept. of Transportation.

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

COL. GLEN MATSUMOTO, 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 accurate temperature 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, I repeat, "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 venture out for our customary autumn chore of raking and collecting leaves that have fallen the previous night. Fall was late arriving and the leaves have been slow to drop. This time, last year, the trees were already bare sculptures. But today in mid-November, maples blaze in a brazen and bloody display. Aspens shower gold pieces while fruit trees hoard 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 investigates, smells 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. Pointing 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 condominiums 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 comes from 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 their own "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 free autumn, I had grown old before my time.

The 38th anniversary of December 7th is almost here. There is no political similarity between the Iranian crisis and Pearl Harbor. But I feel a familiar anxiety as I watch for the lights to go on each night in my Iranian neighbor's house.

DR. THOMAS K. MIWA, who recently retired from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to join Jojoba Plantation Products, Inc., to develop industrial and consumer products from jojoba oil. Jojoba oil, which replaces sperm whale oil in highly specialized products, is produced from the seeds of a small shrub that grows in the desert Southwest.

GEORGE NISHINAKA, honored last spring with a Distinguished Service Award by the National Conference on Social Welfare.

Among the Japan-born who have made their mark in the United States is **ROCKY AOKI**, founder of the Benihana restaurant chain.

Then there are any number of Japanese Americans from Hawaii in addition to Senators **DAN INOUE** and **SPARK MATSUNAGA** and former Congresswoman **PATSY TAKEMOTO MINK**. The list could begin with Gov. **GEORGE ARIYOSHI**, President **FUJIO MATSUDA** of the University of Hawaii, Justice **MASAJI MARUMOTO** of the Hawaiian Supreme Court, Federal Judge **BEN TASHIRO** and a host of others.

And here are a couple more distinguished individuals: **MAMARO WAKASUGI** of Weiser, Ore., nominated for a Winthrop Rockefeller Award for Distinguished Rural Service stemming from his activities as an agricultural industry leader in the Idaho-Oregon area.

JIRO MURASE of New York City, partner with the law firm of Wender, Murase and White, legal counsel for some 200 leading U.S., European and Japanese multi-national corporations engaged in international trade, banking, finance, manufacturing, shipping and other activities. Among his other posts, he is a member of the State Department's Advisory Committee on Transnational Enterprises and International Investment, a regent of Georgetown University where he received his doctorate, and recently was named a trustee of the prestigious Asia Foundation.

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

—POPE JOHN PAUL II



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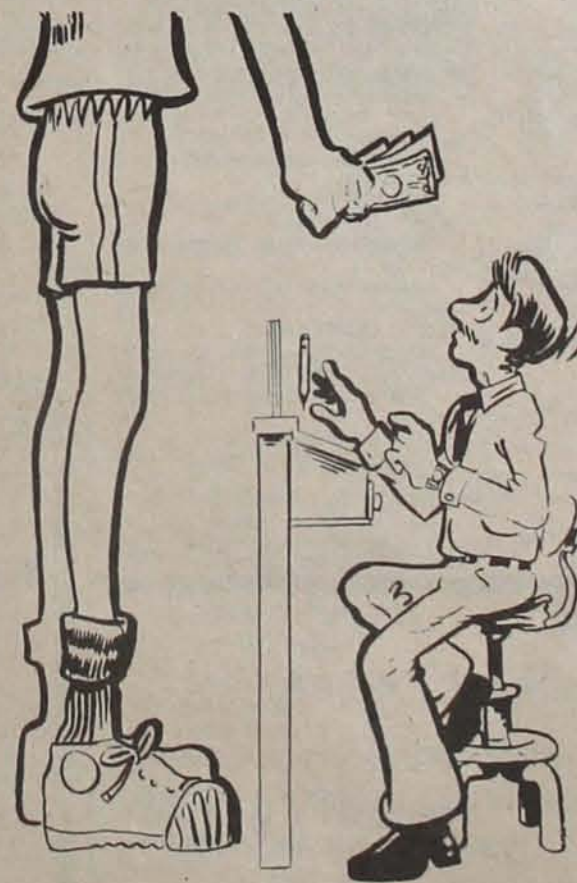


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Keep on going and the chances are you will stumble on something, perhaps when you are least expecting it. I have never heard of anyone stumbling on something sitting down.

—CHARLES F. KETTERING



FROM PACIFIC SOUTHWEST: John J. Saito

Proactive Retirement Complex

remember events that took place a month ago.

Many years ago when I was enrolled in Freshman English and had to write a 250-word composition every week, I struggled every weekend trying to put the words together to be turned in at 8 a.m. Monday.

The quality of my writing probably has not improved that greatly but the quantity has increased merely from added years of living and exposure.

In general I am speaking about the Nisei experience. We

Nisei are approaching, if not already, retirement.

It seems to me that there is a wealth of talents and resources that can be harnessed by the productive use of the Nisei experiences.

I am not saying that the Issei experience was not valuable for the Nisei but the majority of the Nisei / Issei contacts were hampered by language.

If we can transcend values that might separate the Sansei / Nisei contacts, maybe we can

impart some valuable experiences to the next generation.

Retirement has often been synonymous with idleness. But to me, it means a different level of challenge: a challenge that is "proactive".

The many faceted programs of Operations '80s under the aegis of education calls for a proactive retirement complex.

Hopefully, this program will allow us to spend many of the talents stored in our experience bank.

FROM THE MIDWEST: Bill Yoshino

The Invisible Woman: from Geisha to Feminist

Tina Adachi is a board member of the Chicago JACL. 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.—B.Y.

An Address Delivered By Christina Adachi

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

"From Geisha Girl to Feminist" refers to the changes taking place in Japanese American women; in our role, in our identity, in our image, and in our self-concept.

We are both visible at the same time. On the one hand, in this highly race-conscious, highly sex-conscious society,

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 values of hard work, academic achievement, respect for authority, family loyalty, maintaining appearances, neatness, cleanliness, and politeness. Of course Japanese men have been affected by these values, too, but Japanese women, even more so.

We Asian women have a special stereotype we have to contend with, which is actually not a stereotype of a woman at all, but rather of a "China Doll" or "Japanese Geisha", something quaint and exotic, to be shown off like a decoration or a possession. And while there is a mystique that surrounds us, we also sometimes agonize over not being able to meet the white standard of beauty. Some of us have operations on our eyelids and bleach our hair; we wish we were taller

and our legs longer, as in the new movie that's out—on a scale of 1 to 10, we suspect that we are not the 10's of the world.

Most of my generation, the Sansei, grew up in families that were not overtly sexist. Boys were not considered more important than girls, but traditional values in terms of sex roles were important. In

chapter pulse

contra costa

Year-end Affairs

Contra Costa JACL hosts a holiday potluck supper and family fun night Dec. 8, 5:30-7:30 p.m., at El Cerrito Community Center. Families have their menu assignment by referring to their surname initial:

A-H—main dish, I-M—salad, N-R—rice dish, S-Z—dessert.

Chapter will co-host the New Year's Eve party Dec. 31, 9 p.m.-1:30 a.m., at El Cerrito Community Center with Berkeley JACL and Oakland Buddhist Church. Reservations are being accepted at \$15 per person by John Shinagawa (222-0141).

It was also announced \$16,000 was raised at the recent East Bay Issei Housing benefit bazaar at the Oakland Buddhist Church. Chapter ran a beverage booth which raised \$640.

chapter pulse

eden township

Chicken Teriyaki

Eden Township JACL/AAYS will sponsor its annual chicken teriyaki sale on Saturday, Dec. 8, 3-5 p.m., at Eden Japanese community center at \$3.50 per order. Call Lisa Mari Tsuchiya (351-8373) for tickets.

my family, for example, my brothers were not given privileges that my sister and I did not have, nor was more expected of them because they were male. Academic success was considered to be important for all of us. We were treated equally—but not the same.

(To Be Continued)

chapter pulse

garden valley

Installation Dinner

Gardena Valley JACL's installation dinner Dec. 1 at Helen Yue's Cantonese Restaurant, Gardena, will feature PSW regional director John Saito as guest speaker while Ron Shiozaki, longtime JACL'er and a past PSW district governor, will be installing officer. Also expected in attendance will be Nisei Week Queen Jeanne Nakagawa of Gardena, local dignitaries and nearby JACL chapter presidents.

Lou Tomita is dinner chairman. Reservations at \$10 per person are being handled by D. Dohi, 323-0845. Dinner will be served from 7 p.m. The 1980 officers are:

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las vegas

Mochitsuki

Las Vegas JACL will have its annual mochitsuki on Dec.

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● NOV. 30 (Friday)

Cincinnati—Int'l Folk Festival (2da), Conv Ctr.

San Francisco—Schol bnft dnr-dance, Sons of Italy Hall, 5051 Mission St, 6:30pm

● DEC. 1 (Saturday)

Chicago—35th Inaugural dnr, Orrington Hotel, Evanston; Bill Kurts, spkr.

Marina South—Inst dnr, Rep. Norman Mineta, spkr. (place to be set).

Hoosier—Inst dnr, Carefree Catering, Riley Tower, Indianapolis, 6:30pm.

New York—Fund-raiser.

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 Seaside, 7pm; Assemblyman Floyd Mori, TV host Jani Yanehiro, spkrs.

Cleveland—Bd mtg, Buddhist Church, 8pm.

● DEC. 8 (Saturday)

PNWDC/Seattle—Qtrly sess, elections (onite), NVC Clubhouse, Sat. 7:30pm; Sun 9am.

*Sebastopol—Rev G Abiko farewell/ testimonial dnr, Enmanji Hall, 2pm.

Eden Township—AAY chicken teriyaki take-out, Eden Comm Ctr, 3-5pm.

● DEC. 9 (Sunday)

Marin County—Inst dnr, Dominic's Harbor Restaurant, San Rafael, 7pm; Folk songs by Phil Gotanda.

Milwaukee—Christmas party, International Inst.

Philadelphia—Christmas party.

● DEC. 11 (Tuesday)

Milwaukee—Bd mtg, Ed Jonokuchi's res, 7:30pm.

Stockton—Gen mtg, Cal 1st Bank, 8pm.

● DEC. 12 (Wednesday)

Orange County—Annual mtg, Cal 1st Bank, 501 N Main, Santa Ana, 7:30pm.

Washington, DC—Bd mtg, G Yamada, res, 7:30pm.

● DEC. 14 (Friday)

Oakland—Bd mtg, Sumitomo Bank, 7:30pm.

● DEC. 15 (Saturday)

Contra Costa—Christmas party.

Stockton—Christmas party.

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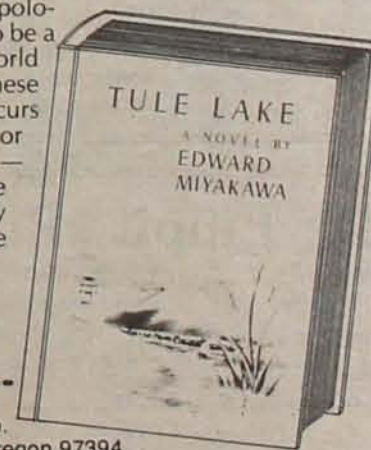
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san mateo

New Coordinator
San Mateo JACL announced Ms. Kaoru Saito has succeeded Mrs. Eureka Utsumi as senior citizens coordinator at the JACL Community Center, 502-2nd Ave., San Mateo (415) 343-2793. A part-time position, funded by the Area Agency on Aging, provides Japanese-English bilingual assistance. Chapter announced the San Mateo Gardeners Assn. Bonsai Club had donated \$500 towards repair of the Japanese tea garden in Central Park. The City park and recreation commission had sought \$500 in contributions. Chapter representative Marie Ochi to the San Mateo High School Dis-

Join the JACL

Puppet show

LOS ANGELES — East West Players will stage a puppet show, "Stories with Strings and Sticks and Shadows", from Dec. 17-31 with puppet-maker Michiko Tagawa as director. As a holiday treat, tickets are \$2 children, \$4 adults. For reservations, call 660-0366.

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trict citizen advisory committee reported one high school may be closed due to declining enrollment. Chapter member Tad Masaoka, candidate for the San Mateo College District trustee position, related his decision to run for office and the subsequent campaign at the September board meeting.

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washington, d.c.

Nihongo Classes
Washington, D.C. JACL sponsors Japanese language classes on Saturday mornings at Cedar Lane Unitarian Church. A continuing program aimed at adults and children, this semester began with six classes. Instructors are Harumi Arai Williams and Miyako Korper (from last year) and Kasumi Uchikawa, graduate students in linguistics at Georgetown University.

Chapter will decorate a live Christmas tree with origami at the Smithsonian Institution museum of history & technology. Sae Batchelder is heading the decorating committee. Chapter also has new cookbook, "Creative Cookery" which was published in time for the recent Aki-no-Ichi bazaar. Nancy Yamada was coordinator.

chapter pulse

watsonville

Benefits Held
Watsonville JACL scholarship fund added another \$514.50 from their recent benefit movie held at the Buddhist Church, according to Charles Yoshida. The chicken teriyaki booth at the Fourth of July celebration netted \$215.97 (27% of gross). Ben Umeda, chair-

man, was assisted by: Art Hayashi, purchasing; Frank Tsuji, cooking; Wally Osato, booth constr.

chapter pulse

west los angeles

Issei Appreciation
The West Los Angeles JACL and Auxiliary hosted the Issei in the community with an Issei Appreciation Day on Sept. 23, at the Felicia Mahood Center. An afternoon of entertainment, supper and gifts was in store for them.

Chapter-sponsored travel
tours for 1980 will feature: April—Circle Pacific tour (new): Australia, Bangkok, Hong Kong and Japan; two June tours to Japan; and an October tour to Japan.

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Sansei, Yonsei ni Yobikakeru

to, we can't be WASPish, born-and-bred, dyed-in-the-wool white. I don't think there are very many of us who would like to any more, anyway. Of course, we can't be Japanese, either, however much we might be drawn to Japan. That is no option. We might naturally be interested in things Japanese, but that is not the same as being a Japanese.

We've got to be ourselves, and that means we mine our resources as individuals and find a grounding within ourselves as enlightened individuals who are liberated and yet responsible.

Being ourselves means first of all placing primacy on our own importance—to ourselves—and to others, especially other Nikkei. Self-importance usually has a pejorative impact, but when you think about it, everything begins with self-importance. Self-importance

combined with a sense of responsibility which comes with maturity enables us to build beliefs and enter into commitments. It is the tempered qualities we seek in the development of our personality for the growth of enlightened individualism. Being ourselves implies recognizing ourselves as human beings full of all kinds of potential. It implies a heightened consciousness of our worth.

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 be ourselves. We share what we learn. That means unless 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 mold more flexible and ex-

pandable and, if necessary, we must help each other break that mold. That does not apply to aspects of our identity that serve the purpose of holding ourselves together. Those aspects, such as healthy ethnicity, should be nurtured and become part of the grounding within ourselves. What should be destroyed is the external imposition of unfair presumptions; what should be nurtured is the potential of growth and change that comes from within, for nothing worthwhile ever comes from without a person. If we ever looked outside of ourselves for change, we are looking in the wrong places. We are in a unique position. We are in the position of mining our resources as enlightened individuals. And we help each other to do this.

Third, we must deal with the issue of the camps, once and for all. They are not to be dismissed. But that does not mean we must fall victim to the "gun tower syndrome" I once mentioned in a PC article. Wouldn't the racists love that, though? It will take a healthy attitude—as free men and women—to confront the issue frontally, wrestle with it and come up proud and strong. I can't think of a more cosmically pleasing spectacle than a racist's chagrin at witnessing the birth and growth of a people walking tall and free.

And the camps did precisely that: they gave us the historical opportunity to prove ourselves, and prove ourselves we did. If anybody brings up the camps in an unfriendly fashion, we should tell them there are limits in the conduct of the personal, social and political affairs of this nation—this nation, particularly, if it is to survive—and that the racists of this society overstepped those limits grievously to

the point of unforgivability. That is all there is to it. They overstepped the limits, and restitution in some form or another is in store and expected. Forgiveness does not enter into the question at all. Justice is not cruel, only sometimes indifferent.

Fourth, we must take the initiative. We play second fiddle to none. Not if we know better and can perform better. We must make for greatness in leadership in all realms of endeavor.

This is our home. This is our society. It is up to us to make it a better place to live for ourselves, first of all, and for others as well. That is our task, and it is a welcomed task, for it takes us out of ourselves and makes us, in many ways, bigger than ourselves. This society needs our brains and guts. If we can provide them as free men and women, the world is all the better for it. But first we must have the consciousness of freedom, something that the symbol of the camps have worked against.

The task that lie before us are numerous and some very demanding and complicated, but if we are worth our salt, we will not shirk from them but, rather, welcome them as a

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"Yobikakeru" is a word the Japanese use often. It means "call out, appeal to, address". "Ni" is the preposition "to". So I thought I'd address a few remarks to the Sansei, my own generation, and Yonsei who are fast 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 10% during the January-July 1979 period as compared with the same period in 1978.

The Pacific Stars and Stripes observed its 34th year on Oct. 3, first published in Tokyo in a make-

shift plant in 1945. Today, it circulates 40,000 a day throughout the U.S. armed forces in the Pacific theater in South Korea, Philippines, Hong Kong, Japan and a number of other countries.

Japanese audiences were being entertained by Britain's Royal Opera and the Peking Opera during the September-October period. For the British, it was their first tour of Japan.

Naomi Uemura, 38, the first man to reach the North Pole alone, says his next goal is to climb Mt. Everest alone—during the winter season. He has already conquered North America's highest peak, Mt. Kinly at 20,312 ft., alone.

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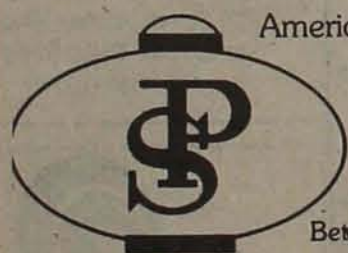
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