

## IN&S called on harassing Asian aged

WASHINGTON — Responding to reports (Jan 18 PC) that elderly Asian Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients are being subjected to unnecessary harassment by Immigration and Naturalization Service officers, Rep. Robert T. Matsui (D-Ca) of Sacramento has asked for a full investigation of the matter.

In a strongly worded letter

to Acting INS Commissioner David Crosland, Matsui cited specific allegations made by the San Francisco Neighborhood Legal Assistance Foundation.

According to reports, the problem focuses on the harassment of elderly Asian SSI recipients who have traveled abroad recently. At present, INS officers are under strict

Federal mandate to review fully each case following stringent protective guidelines. However, it has been reported that some officers, in violation of these guidelines, are intimidating Asian senior citizens to the point where they are forfeiting their SSI benefits for fear of losing their permanent residency status.

"Given my concern that all

citizens and permanent residents of the United States are entitled to fair and equal treatment under our immigration and naturalization laws," said Matsui, "I request a timely investigation by your Washington office into these allegations." He added, "Any delay will exasperate an already intolerable situation, especially given the sensitive age of the population subjected to the harassment." #

## Supervisor Yoshikawa facing 8 in primaries



Richard Yoshikawa

STOCKTON, Ca. — Richard Yoshikawa will seek reelection this year to the First Supervisorial District post he has held on the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors since his appointment in December, 1974.

His candidacy brings to eight the number of people now in the race to represent the district that extends from Central Stockton to Lathrop.

Yoshikawa, 59, was appointed to the county board in December, 1974, by Gov. Ronald Reagan. He replaced Carmen Perino, who had been elected to the State Assembly.

Yoshikawa won election to the board in November, 1976, after outpolling White, 6,397 to 5,088, in a runoff election. In the June primaries, there were nine candidates for the First Supervisorial District seat.

A professional photographer and longtime JACLER, Yoshikawa is a native Stocktonian who attended Stockton College and later the Art Center School of Photography in Los Angeles.

He served on the Delta College Board of Trustees for 11 years immediately before being appointed to the county board. #

## Buddhists raise \$17,000 for relief

SAN FRANCISCO — First totals of the donations to appeals by the Buddhist Churches of America for Cambodian relief came to almost \$17,000 as of Jan. 13, it was announced by the Rev. Ryo Imamura, chairman of the BCA social welfare committee. Over 14,000 appeals were mailed, some 1,500 returned.

"It's not the amount given that is important," Imamura said. "Even one dollar from an elderly Issei on fixed income shows genuine concern and compassion." #

## Affirmative action hiring by State of Calif. upheld

SAN FRANCISCO — The California Supreme Court this past week (Jan. 25) upheld the use of racial quotas in affirmative action plans for hiring public employees. The 4-3 decision to correct racial imbalance due to past discrimination for the majority was written by Justice Mathew O. Tobriner, who declared:

"Such remedial affirmative action measures promote, rather than thwart, the attainment of the ultimate constitutional and legislative objective, a society in which equal

employment opportunity is a reality rather than an elusive dream."

The minority opinion, by Justice Stanley Mosk, condemned racial quotas as reflective of the "new racism" and "per se unequal and discriminatory". He observed: "For every person quota-ed in, another is quota-ed out."

Tobriner was joined by Chief Justice Rose Elizabeth Bird, Justices Wiley Manuel and Frank C. Newman (all Gov. Brown appointees, incidentally). Joining Mosk were Justices William P. Clark and Frank Richardson.

It was recalled that in 1976 Mosk had written the majority

6-1 decision with Tobriner the lone dissenter in the case of Allan Bakke, who contended he had been denied admission to UC Davis medical school in favor of less qualified minorities. The U.S. Supreme Court two years later upheld the Bakke decision.

The Jan. 25 decision stems from the Sacramento County civil service commission, which had found there was only one minority among the 65 lawyers in the county district attorney's office—and "disproportionately low" to the 19½% minority population of the county.

In Sacramento, the district attorney's office will decide

what steps to take after it studies the opinion. Office spokesman Jim Morris, asst. chief deputy, said of the 89 lawyers on staff, three are minorities. Three other minorities had recently resigned.

"Unfortunately, we've lost some minority lawyers... but it's not from a lack of trying," Morris added.

Those in support of the decision called it a "terrific victory". Margaret C. Crosby of the ACLU of Northern California said, "It clears the way for programs where there has been a substantial racial imbalance due to an employer's own practices." #

## EXECOM called for Feb. 1-3

SAN FRANCISCO—JACL's Executive Committee will meet Feb. 1-3 at Headquarters with Dr. Clifford Uyeda, National JACL president, presiding. Sessions open at 7 p.m. Friday and conclude by Sunday noon.

Listed as unfinished business from the previous session of Nov. 10 are:

Preliminary 1980-82 budget, National support fund, A-bomb survivors, Constitutional revisions, Redress, JARP, Personnel, 1000 Club and Legal summary.

The usual EXECOM agenda expects reports from all standing National JACL committees, plus:

TV Project update, 1980 Convention, Washington Office, Operations '80s, Youth Director's report, chapter/district visitations, PNW District Office and regional directors' reports.

## Overflowing Cal. prisons spur expansion plans

SACRAMENTO, Ca.—Jerry Enomoto, state director of corrections who runs California's 12 prisons, will present to the State Legislature a long-range plan to rebuild and expand the system that will include 11 new prisons, each with a capacity of 400 inmates.

The package may be closer to \$1-billion in the long run, he said recently.

The 22,000 prisoners, at the present time, overflow the facilities, he continued. By the mid-1980s, he foresees a shortage of 6,000 to 8,000 beds in the system without new construction because of the high

er rate of commitment of persons convicted of felonies.

Enomoto said he would like to build 10 of the new prisons for men preferably in Southern California—over half of the new felons come that part of the state. There has never been a men's prison south of Tehachapi for reasons deep in state politics. It was explained that in the days when the north dominated state politics, having a prison built in one's district helped the economy.

But siting a prison isn't easy, Enomoto adds. Almost nobody wants a penitentiary in the neighborhood today. #



Richard T. Doi of Columbia Basin JACL is the new Pacific Northwest District governor. A resident of Ellensburg, Wa., he is associate professor of arts at Central Washington University.



**WITH THE FIRST LADY**—Mrs. Rosalynn Carter and Washington JACL Representative Ronald K. Ikejiri meet at a recent White House Briefing on the Mental Health Systems Act (MHSA). JACL supports passage of the MHSA since provisions of the bill (S. 1177), specifically address Asian/Pacific American and minority mental health concerns. Internationally noted mental health administrator, K. Patrick Okura and Dr. Minoru Masuda, national chairperson of JACL's Committee on Aging and Nisei retirement, will discuss mental health care and the MHSA as it relates to the Japanese American community in the Pacific Citizen.

## Kosai heads major transit agency in Tacoma metro area

TACOMA, Wa. — Yoshio Kosai, former Tacoma Transit general manager, was named the executive director of the Pierce County Public Transit Benefit Area Authority.

Kosai had been serving the authority as its acting executive director since the transit system was approved by the voters in November. The new system will expand transit service from Tacoma to many outlying areas. The authority will employ 350 persons when fully complemented.

There had been reports that Tacoma Mayor Mike Parker was holding out to get another

executive to run the system, but Parker spoke no ill of Kosai during the consideration of his appointment Jan. 21.

Kosai is currently serving as the president of the Tacoma Buddhist Church. He was also the president of the Puyallup Valley Chapter of JACL in 1968 and 1969. #

## Washington

**Citing the success** of the first Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week last year, Rep. Robert Matsui (D-Ca) has asked President Carter to issue an executive proclamation declaring another celebration (in May) this year.



## items

### ● Reunions

**San Jose Zebras**, a respected name in Nisei athletics, celebrates its 50th anniversary over the 1980 Memorial Day weekend, culminating with a gala banquet at the Hyatt House featuring onetime Zebra basketball player, Hon. Norman Mineta, ex-mayor and now congressman. All players on the original YBA Zebra basketball team in the 1930s will be present and honored, except for one member, the late Dave Sakamoto. Also expected are the many who cavorted with the Zebra teams through the decades, including the distaff counterpart.

**Graduates of Crowley** (Colo.) High School from 1946-57 will hold a 1980 reunion during the Crowley County Days celebration in late July. Mrs. Jean Frey Nelson, 88 Watson Blvd., Colorado Springs, Colo. 80911, is seeking the whereabouts of three 1946 graduates now believed to be in California: Gilbert Suzuki, Shigeo Araumi and Yoshiharu Taira.

### ● Hawaii

**Over objections of its owners**, 52-year-old Royal Hawaiian Hotel was placed on the Hawaii Register of Historic Places in January. The famed pink landmark on Waikiki is owned by Kyoya Co., Ltd.; while Bishop Estates owns the land under the hotel. Buildings on the state list may not be changed without prior notice to the HRHC review board.

**Okinawans on Hawaii** observed the 80th anniversary of their arrival Jan. 20 at Iolani Palace with other events planned for the remainder of the year.

### ● Los Angeles

**Oriental Builders Assn.** holds its ninth annual installation dinner Feb. 16, 6:30 p.m., at International Club, World Trade Center, 350 S. Figueroa.

**A benefit variety show**, "An Evening with Johnny Yune", the Korean comic, will be held Feb. 16, 8 p.m. at Scottish Rite Auditorium for Korean Youth Center (939-0383), 932 S. Crenshaw Blvd., a project of the Asian American Drug Abuse Program (AADAP). Other guest artists include singer Tony Silva, Gloria Bang, Jazz Co. dancers, and Lloyd Cooper's orchestra with Annie Cho as emcee.

**Los Angeles'** own bicentennial in 1981 was ushered last month with 21 walking tours downtown, including one covering Little Tokyo, City Hall Mall and Olvera St., so that residents might know the city better.

### ● San Diego

**Will Hippen**, honorary consul general of Japan at San Diego, spoke on the proposed Japanese Garden for Balboa Park at the 16th annual dinner of the House of Japan held Jan. 15 at Tom Ham's Lighthouse. Paul Hoshi, president, presided with a capacity crowd of 175 attending. Program chair Tom Yanagihara introduced the 1980 House of Japan queen, Nami Nishihara. Awards were presented to Akiko Bourland, Ohara School of Ikebana president here, and Akira Shima for their cultural efforts.

### ● San Francisco

**Asian American Dance Collective** presents a benefit dance, "Sushi Stomp", Feb. 15, 8 p.m., at Christ United Church with music spanning the decades from the 1950s. For Stomp tickets: Paper Tree, JAM Workshop or Kearny St. Workshop. For AADC info: Sachiko Nakamura, artistic director, 552-0467.

## PSW regional office burglarized

LOS ANGELES—The Pacific Southwest JACL Regional Office, 125 N. Central Ave., was burglarized over the Jan. 19-20 weekend. Losses were estimated in excess of \$5,000 as four IBM Selectric typewriters, answer phone equipment (but the tape cassette was removed and left on the secretary's desk), dictaphone and a desk calculator were reported stolen.

John Saito, regional director, said it was "a very professional job" as the machines, which had been bolted to typewriter desks, were neatly lifted out, leaving behind only screws and the bolts. The few coins and dollar bill by the coffee maker, expensive cameras and an old TV set were untouched.

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## Henry Tanaka's dad dies at 92

CLEVELAND, Ohio — Frank T. Tanaka, 92, died Jan. 4 after suffering a heart attack at an Oberlin nursing home where he had lived for the past five

## Deaths

**Kenneth R. Dyke**, 81, of New York City, former advertising executive who served with Gen. MacArthur at SCAP as the chief of civilian information and educational section in occupied Japan, died Jan. 17. He is credited with helping to democratize Japan.

**Rev. Kiyoshi Ishikawa**, 84, of Chicago died in his sleep at home Jan. 5. Surviving are w Tomoe, s Sam (New York) and d Nancy Kurozuchi.

**Lucille Fumiko Iwago**, 54, Twin Cities JACLer active with the youth group and Buddhist Church in Minneapolis, died Jan. 3. Surviving are h Steve, s Dennis, m Chika Urushi (San Francisco), br Mas, Frank Ishikawa, sis Katherine Ohtaki (all of S.F.), Irene Ikeda (Phoenix), Tomiko Fukuda (Denver) and Fujiko Nishikado (Sac'to).

**Judge Tamao Monden (ret)**, 69, of Hilo, Hawaii died Dec. 30. He was a jurist from 1959-1967, a law graduate from Univ. of Washington prewar, and former president of the County of Hawaii Bar Assn.

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**Tule Lake Committee's** book on the WW2 concentration camps, "Kinenhi: Reflections on Tule Lake", is expected to be available in March. Unpublished photos inside Tule Lake, interviews and pilgrimage experiences are featured, according to TLC, 1858 Sutter St., S.F. 94115.

**Group counseling** on "Getting Along in Marriage" for Japanese Americans is scheduled to meet for eight sessions from Mar. 4 at Berkeley. Group will be limited to five couples, the fee to be a sliding scale. For information, call Ryo Imamura (M.S. in counseling), 415-522-5243 or Patti Shirakawa (M.Ed., counseling), 549-2303.

### ● Sacramento

**Japanese culture** classes are beginning a new season in the Sacramento area: (1) Sandpainting, Feb. 4, American River College, 484-8643; Feb. 7, 7 p.m., City College, 449-7443; (2) Conversation, beg., Feb. 4, intern., Feb. 5, American River College, 484-8643; (3)

Ikebana, Feb. 5, American River College; Feb. 6, 9:30 a.m., Sutterville School (call Sac'to City Coll 449-7443); Feb. 6, 7 p.m., Miller Middle School (call 449-7443); Feb. 4, 9:30 a.m., Davis Art Center.

### ● Midwest

**Asian American Alliance** of Oberlin College hosts a symposium, "38 Years Later: Legacy of the Internment Camps", Feb. 9 at Wilder Hall, starting at 10 a.m. with workshops and ending in the evening with cultural presentations. Speakers include Lawson Inada from Oregon, Yuri Kochiyama from New York and Toyo Kawakami from Columbus. A Cleveland JACLer is to speak on redress. For information, call Grant Din, coordinator, (216) 775-8467, 774-1700.

**JFC International**, distributors of Oriental foods, leased a new 70,000 sq. ft. office-warehouse for its Midwest headquarters at 1370 Thorndale, Elk Grove Village, Ill., from Trammell Crow Co., developer.

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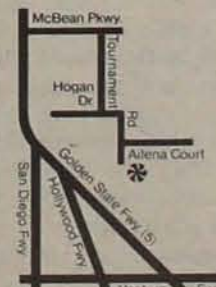


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## Min Yasui to keynote Orange County inaugural

ANAHEIM — Minoru Yasui, executive director, Denver Commission on Community Relations, will be keynote speaker at the Orange County JACL installation dinner Feb. 16, 6:30 p.m., at the Sheraton Anaheim Motor Hotel. He will also address the Pacific Southwest JACL District Council, which meets the following day at the same locale.

Active in the current national JACL redress campaign, Yasui was one of the first Nisei to challenge the constitutionality of the curfew law against Japanese Americans in World War II and fought his case through the U.S. Supreme Court. Then a Portland resident, he was incarcerated in solitary confinement at the Multnomah County jail for

over nine months for his stand.

Dr. Luis Kobashi, a native of Peru and now a practicing urologist here, will be installed as 1980 chapter president. Butch Kasahara will entertain at the dinner. Tickets are \$15 per person and obtainable from:

Betty Oka (714/835-5330), Ben Shimazu (541-2271) or Ken Hayaishi (213/733-0366).

For the DC meeting Sunday, the JACL Office (626-4471) is accepting registrations at \$8.50 per person. Fee includes a continental breakfast and the luncheon. Orange County JACL is hosting the first PSW quarterly session.



Minoru Yasui

### PC People

#### ● Agriculture

Coachella Valley JACL president **Cherry Ishimatsu** of Indio was installed local president of the California Women for Agriculture, a statewide group of some 5,000 members. She was a founding member of the CWA and was its first statewide president.

#### ● Business

**Jack T. Nakawatase** and **Marvin H. Taniguchi** have been promoted to associates at the San Diego landscape architectural and land planning firm of **Wimmer, Yamada and Associates**.

Downtown L.A. JACLer **Frank Hirata**, assistant vice president at California First Bank has been named manager of Japanese media relations. Before he joined the bank in 1975, Hirata worked for two years as vice president and manager at Nakano Warehouse and Transportation in Compton, and for many years was secretary of the So. Calif. Japanese Chamber of Commerce. A native of Washington, he earned his B.A. from UCLA and law degree from Kyoto University in Japan.

**Nobuyuki Enokido** has been promoted to executive vice president and general manager of Kikkoman International, Inc., San Francisco. Previously with the parent Kikkoman Shoyu Co., Ltd., in Tokyo, Enokido succeeds **Shimichi Suzuki**, who has held the position for the past nine years. Suzuki returns to Japan for corporate reassignment.

Pan Asian JACLer **Dennis Kuni-saki** has joined California First Bank's trust department at Los Angeles as a business development officer. He was a field underwriter for Mutual of New York Life Insurance Company in Los Angeles, a native of Los Angeles and a graduate of SCU-Los Angeles.

#### ● Education

**George M. Wakiji**, 50, a public information officer with ACTION, the federal volunteer agency, was granted an administrative leave to serve as instructor for "A Presidential Classroom for Young Americans" program for 1980. He is the first Nikkei instructor appointed. (According to the Washington, D. C. JACL Office, there were 31 Japanese Americans sponsored by JACL chapters last year.)

## JAL increases air fare to Japan

SAN FRANCISCO—Japan Air Lines Jan. 21 scrapped group affinity tour (GA-100) fares which made JACL's travel program between U.S. and Japan attractive over the past decade. The JACL travel committee is scheduled to meet later this month to reassess its 1980 procedures.

As noted in the JACL Travel Program ad revised this week in the Pacific Citizen, the so-called JACL group fare schedule coincides with the APEX (advance purchase excursion) fares, which have been available for some time: \$655 basic and \$719 peak season, round-trip individual fare to Japan from the west coast.

Group inclusive tour (GIT)

fares remain with a 10% increase to \$761 basic and \$845 peak season for round-trip travel to Tokyo.

A new special economy class fare of \$487 one-way from the U.S. west coast to Tokyo without free stopover privileges is now effective. Regular economy and first class fares went up 10% to \$552 and \$893, respectively, one-way.

New group own-use and incentive fares for 40 people have also been instituted. However, individual inclusive and 21-day excursion fares have been dropped. The APEX fare is least costly round-trip individual fare to Japan.

### ● Government

**Buddy T. Iwata**, 61, longtime Livingston-Merced JACLer and recently retired as manager of the Livingston Farmers Assn., was named by Gov. Brown to the California Employment and Training Act Council, which advises the Secretary of Health and Welfare Agency on state manpower programs. A Republican, he had served on the Merced College board of trustees for 15 years, and taught Japanese at the Univ. of Colorado Navy Language School and at Northwestern during WW2.



James Y. Iso

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture **Bob Bergland** appointed **James Y. Iso** as agricultural trade officer in Singapore, one of six regional trade offices opened this year under the Agricultural Trade Act of 1978. He joined the agency in 1975 after a 10-year career in Tokyo as far east director with the National Renderers Assn. A native of San Jose, Ca., Iso has specialized in foreign market development.

San Francisco Mayor **Feinstein** named **Anne Saito Howden** to the fire commission. A board member of International Institute for the past seven years and now retired, she is active in the Democratic party.

## JACL credit union declares 7% again

SALT LAKE CITY—The National JACL Credit Union continued to declare a 7% dividend per annum but a 2% bonus dividend for the 1979 fourth quarter, according to **Ichiro Doi**, treasurer.

Earnings will be credited to member accounts as of Jan. 1.

Two seats are up for election on the credit union board as the two out-going directors are **Shake Ushio**, president, and **Saige Aramaki**, nominations chairman. **Nobuo Iwamoto** announced. Election will be held later this month.

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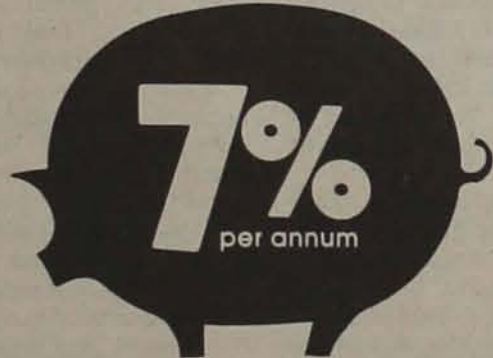
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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER: Clifford Uyeda



## Eyeglasses

It was the second day in Kwangchow (Canton). Those who think Tokyo streets are overcrowded should visit China. A mass of humanity, all in identical attire, filled the sidewalks and half the streets.

"Do you notice," said my wife, "that hardly anyone wears glasses?" This became a topic of conversation among many.

"Probably they need glasses but can't afford them," said one. Medical care is available to all the people at no extra charge. A clinic visit is five fen (3¢).

As one went from one area to the next, it was the same. Seeing eyeglasses was a rarity, even among university students.

In Changsha (Hunan Province) we visited an embroidery factory. Workmanship was unusually fine and delicate. Women were bent over silk cloths in lights which we considered not ideal. Again, no eyeglasses!

"They must last at the most a couple of years," commented someone. Workers ranged from teenagers to over 50 years of age. Some had worked here for over 20 years.

Upon questioning we learned about the eye exercises done for 15 minutes at periodic intervals. It is a combination of extraocular muscle massage, relaxation and a change in focus exercises.

These exercises are a routine part of the schools as well, beginning with elementary schools.

I don't know about the "scientific proofs" of the results of such eye exercises, but the concept is fascinating. #

YE EDITOR'S DESK: Harry Honda

## Leave 'em Laughing



By some noble-yukking logic, the Pan Asian JACL reasoned that no one would come to honor Karl but many might to bury him with tomfoolery and pranks. The Pan Asians hit the bull's-eye. About 300 turned out for the "Karl-Yaki" last Saturday at Holiday Inn in Torrance. They shelled forth a double sawbuck to experience the laugh extravaganza.

The chefs who roasted Karl Nobuyuki, National JACL executive director about to complete his third year at the post, spared no love nor care for the spree.

Judge Bob Takasugi, who was hedging about participating in any kind of roast until this one was dubbed "Karl-Yaki", was in rare form. His whammy even had co-emcee Yuki Shimoda flopping off his chair from laughter. As the lead-off roaster, the judge had the audience in a yipping mood.

Ron Wakabayashi, co-emcee and buddy from kindergarten days, all the while was assuring Karl he would be protected from unkind cuts but as the evening merrily fermented away, Ron's yeasty gags kept the mirth forever popping.

Dr. Kiyoshi Sonoda admitted it was too slick a pace to be following the judge's piercing repartees but offered Karl the first of many gag gifts of the night—a rubber chicken topped with a breezy remark.

For John Saito, introduced as the most powerful man on the JACL staff (by virtue of his high ranking in Aikido), his cuts representing regional directors (he read George Konodo's doggerel about Karl's divot digging plus adding his own gentle digs) were quick and over. If the chefs had a time limit, I'm sure John was the only one to observe the recipe.

A co-worker during their years in Gardena, Kerry Doi might have been the most convincing chef had he dished the cream pie at the honoree. Many in the audience, including Karl's wife, were relieved after the frothy launch was defused when Karl grabbed the pie pan away. Holiday Inn towels were conspicuously available if needed.

George Kodama, who tried to clear the haze of horseplay by praising the national executive director's forte and administrative skills, nevertheless continued the caper by relating a slim slice of Karl's life and admonishing him with his home-made maxim: If you want to back out, put first your gear in reverse.

Mike Ishikawa proceeded to poke fun at Karl's oshiri. As if to grandstand Mike's reference, Karl rose gracefully from his chair (he was seated out front for the occasion) and turned to the rostrum, smartly bowing (as he was taught at kendo school).

As one who urged Karl to seek the JACL position, Helen Kawagoe was the lone woman chef but also introduced as one who hates to cook. (Husband Tak seemed to nod in agreement.) It was that kind of evening—the roasters got bent at times, too. Karl was dubbed a "super-hog" as Helen crowned him with an fierce-looking red cap that Arkansas Razorback sports-fans wear.

Assemblyman Paul Bannai seldom fails to come with a resolution in hand—and this one for Karl (if it hangs at Headquarters, read it) ranks as one of the bonniest banterers we've heard. The Great Seal at the lower left corner is a seal all right—bearing the face of a California seal (the genuine aquatic specie).

Final roaster & city councilman Mas Fukai milked his

## COMMENTS & LETTERS

### Chapter Presidents

Editor:  
I note that you have me listed as a chapter president in 1934...The actual year was 1933.

I remember this specifically, because my older brother and I, with a group of youngsters from Hood River went to the 1930 Nat'l JACL convention in Seattle, and we were so fired up that we came back and in 1931 formed the Hood River JACL chapter...

I remember well that George Kinoshita was our first chapter president, and that Kumeo "Koon" Yoshinari was our 2nd president...I was the 3rd president of the Hood River chapter, in 1933.

Kazuo Kanemasu was the 4th president, and he followed me as chapter president.

MIN YASUI  
Denver, Colo.

Editor's Note: Other corrections are invited. Some have been called to our attention, which we appreciated. At some future date, we hope to publish an updated list as corrected.

### HI Cover Photo

Editor:  
Here's a \$10 check for a year's subscription to the PC to include the 1979 Holiday Issue. I am interested since I am in the 1930 convention photo. I also attended the 1932 convention at Los Angeles, representing the Puyallup Valley JACL. My maiden name was Ayako Ohashi, married Rokuro Okubo who died in 1977 and since remarried.

AYAKO O. HURD  
Bothell, Wa.

Editor's Note: Ayako's letter should encourage others in the same picture to bring our JACLers and PC readers up-to-date.

Frank Ishida (of Seattle), now retired, spent an afternoon at the PC office recently bringing us to up-to-date—little realizing that my bowling buddy of 20 years ago had attended the first JACL convention.

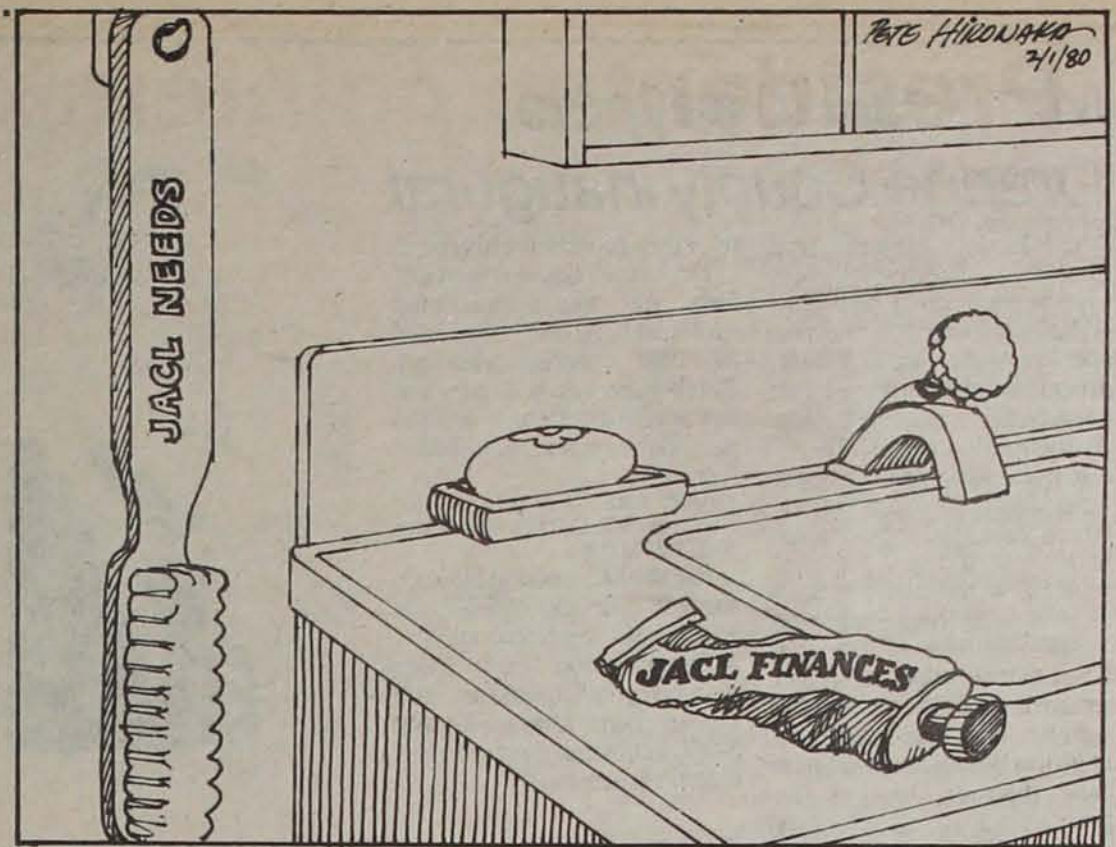
share of laughs despite the eight cooks which preceded him. The Gardena resolution, he said, was too embarrassing to present as he kept it wrapped. But to prove what he was saying, Mas unwrapped it and found it difficult to read as the whereases were either left blank or incomplete: "Even the mayor and the city council were too embarrassed by this because this resolution for Karl is unsigned."

Hollywood, Pasadena and Pan Asian chapters also amused with their gifts.

But the audience was most delighted by the dessert—the response by a fast-cracking Karl who by this time was fired up for his snappiest and rompish role. The 1000 Club whining dings stand on slapstick, but Karl's hoary-headed humor and hilarity stand up as well. He wanted to see Mike Ishikawa, the L.A. county director of affirmative action, shipped to Tehran to work out the problem caused by the return of only blacks and women from the U.S. embassy...

About dentists, he observed they put metal in your mouth and extract more coins from the pocket... Since Helen became city clerk, Carson seems to have had more than its share of elections, recalls, etc. Councilman Mas must be running for something higher since his pictures appear in the papers more frequently of late... Karl had quips for them all—but we were laughing too hard to jot them all for this report.

It's not like us to write a long column in face of a production deadline, but we wanted to cover this first Karl-Yaki for we know too well the world suffers from the lack of laughter. #



FROM HAPPY VALLEY: Sachi Seko

## Jinxes Run in Threes

Salt Lake City

Last month, we experienced two household disasters. The hot water tank leaked, spreading water through the library, bedroom and utility room downstairs. My immediate complaint was that I could not wash clothes. As we were sponging up the water, I grieved that I could not function without laundry facilities. I am a compulsive laundress, whose sense of order is secured by operating the washer and dryer daily.

Later that day, the kitchen sink backed up, sending water through the dishwasher and onto the floor upstairs. We could not even wash dishes in the sink with boiled water. I lamented that the house resembled a disaster site. "Dirty dishes are the absolute end," I moaned. My husband, who was trying to unclog the sink by executing various acrobatic postures, asked me to contain my dramatic oration on how much my life depended on the washer, the dryer, the kitchen sink. Instead of being chastized, I retorted that he was lucky to have a wife with simple, practical needs.

We had accepted a dinner invitation for that night, ignorant of the impending catastrophes. We had to be boiled for bathing, an annoying task for those accustomed to merely turning a faucet. After two days of inconvenience, this occurring on a weekend, a new hot water tank was delivered and installed and the kitchen sink was unclogged. I was back in business, turning the various knobs and listening to the reassuring hum of appliances.

"Satisfied?" my husband

asked, as I ran hot water for bathing.

"Satisfied with what?" I asked, forgetting that I was the woman who declared her life and mental well-being depended on the washer, the dryer, the kitchen sink and hot water.

"What's your problem, now?" he asked.

"The next calamity," I replied.

"What is it?" he prompted.

"That's what bothers me," I said. "I don't know. But bad luck always runs in streaks, mostly in three's. We've had two already with the hot water tank and the kitchen sink. We have one more to go."

My husband thought for a moment and suggested, "The Christmas cards were two weeks late in delivery."

"Not bad enough," I said.

"Then what about the check for buying gift certificates that I misplaced?" "That was your own stupidity, so it doesn't count," I said, brushing aside his helpful offer.

It was the wrong thing to say because he immediately countered, "Okay, if you're so smart do you know any way to break the jinx?"

A long time ago, when I was a child, I observed it being done by my Japanese grandmother. She used to cook a flat fish, sweet and small, in a sauce of strange-tasting ingre-

dients. Not a disagreeable flavor, but different, indescribable. She mouthed a mumble of words over the fish, then using chopsticks, deftly lifted the eyes from the fish. These she poked into my mouth, urging me to chew before swallowing the morsels. As I performed her bidding, she smiled ecstatically saying, "Now, good luck." I do not know whether it was a custom of her province, or a clever scheme of my grandmother's to divert bad luck, but it always seemed to work.

My husband has little faith in the powers my grandmother possessed. My story of sweet, flat fish fails to impress him since I have never been able to find any as proof. They are probably now an extinct species, but I would recognize the taste of their eyes.

Without the aid of fish, I knew we were jinxed. The suspense was killing. I found myself foolishly walking on tiptoe, looking backward over my shoulder. I didn't have long to wait. The dog suffered a nervous breakdown and developed a fear of the stairs, refusing to ascend or descend them. I am considering making a potion of lion's heart to restore his courage. I think that's what my grandmother said she used. Or was it tiger's heart? #

### ● Nobuyuki Nakajima

#### Industrial Challenge

Cleveland

Most Americans of European descent assume racial discrimination no longer faces the Asian, especially an American of Asian descent. Here lies a danger because they are ignoring the fact that anti-Asian discrimination continues.

After 200 years of having Euro-Americans as president, if an Asian American still does not become a president, what is good about democracy?

This argument applies not only in U.S. politics but also in the corporate world and other avenues where leadership can be exercised. What can we do?

In this regard, I am particularly anxious to see young Japanese Americans pursue careers in leadership. I believe both opportunities are unlimited and barriers surmountable. That is the challenge. For this reason I have been urging young JAs to have a higher education.

Now I am inviting them to join industry, because industry is ready to offer positions of leadership to Asian Americans. #

## 35 Years Ago

Jan. 27, 1945

Jan. 17—L.A. wholesale market official denies deal with Teamsters to freeze out Nisei workers.

Jan. 19—Anti-evacuee group (Monterey Bay Council on Japanese Relations) formed in Salinas.

Jan. 20—Nat'l American Legion commander (Ed Scheiberling) urges Hood River Post to restore Nisei names erased Nov. 28 from honor roll.

Jan. 22—UC president Dr. Sproul assures Nisei of welcome as students, UCLA has 5 evacuee applications.

Jan. 22—Placer County Nisei (Sumio Doi) vows to stay on farm despite night-riders' threats and violence; family given 24-hour police protection after his packing

in the Pacific Citizen

shed burned down Jan. 18.

Jan. 22—Anti-Japanese League (of Placer County) renamed Calif. Preservation Assn.

Jan. 23—Newly-elected Gov. Wallgren of Washington continues to oppose return of evacuees to state, as U.S. senator he also opposed return.

Jan. 23—First Japanese alien (Tono Sakai) gets Calif. business license (from city of Sacramento to run hotel).

Jan. 25—Ogden Nisei (George Sugihara) to file test case on city's business license ban of persons of Japanese ancestry.

Jan. 26—JACL Reporter bows as monthly paper for members only; Joe Grant Masaoka of Denver, editor.



# Presidential pointers on JACL Constitution

## ● Raymond S. Uno

National President, 1970-72

The need for an organization such as JACL exists today as much as the need existed in the past and will exist in the future.

Although my key role in JACL today is as a dues-paying member, I feel today as I did in the past and will feel in the future, such a role is essential to the continued existence of the organization. The fact we are a national organization, consisting of chapters and members throughout the United States reinforces my conviction that the presence of the Asian American community and particularly the Asians of Japanese ancestry is not totally neglected, abused with impunity, or represented without voice.

Without relating the triumphs and failures of JACL, it is enough to say we have had them. But each of us through our efforts or lack thereof, have contributed to both. We have been critics and apologists of JACL. Regardless, most participants have tried to aim high to raise the level of consciousness of all concerned. That, in itself, is a great accomplishment.

The miniscule role we play in the whole of life's activities becomes more accentuated when we view, with our extremely limited perspective, what has transpired in the last five years, or even the last three years and better yet, the last year. The fall of the Shah of Iran, the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty, the fighting in Southern Asia, Africa, and South America, the energy crisis, inflation, poverty, environmental pollution, multinational corporations, ad infinitum, ad nauseam.

How can we, as one isolated individual, impact what impacts us. Moreover, as the population of the world approaches the five billion mark, we all become like ants and bees, fulfilling our division of labor for the chosen few. However, there must be and there is hope, and we must tenaciously cling to it.

In the governance of men, rules, regulations, laws and even constitutions are vital, if not absolutely essential. Without them, we would have anarchy, civil strife, wars and destruction of life as we know it today. Therefore, the coming Constitutional Convention for JACL serves an important function for us.

Although I perceive no drastic changes in the JACL constitution, it is sometimes necessary to have a major tune-up to determine if all of the working parts are performing as well as they should. Occasionally, it avoids major breakdowns or costly repairs down the road apiece. In addition, we gain the added security and comfort of knowing we are making the safest journey possible. We can concentrate our major efforts toward reaching our goals in the quickest and most efficient manner.

Whatever changes are made should be made in an effort to strengthen the organization. As pointed out, as the influence of the individual diminishes, increasing the influence of the group will have geometrically corresponding results.

The structure should leave room for dissent, discussion, debate, deliberation and, finally, decision. Even though I have not always agreed with every policy and decision of JACL, when the decision was made and I was in the minority, I tried my very best to swallow my pride, my ego and my bitterness to acquiesce in the majority will. For I well expected, when I sided with the majority, the minority would do the same; but not always so, which, of course, is the right of each individual to do as his or her conscience dictates.

Powerlessness is a feeling of frustration. Complete powerlessness is complete frustration. Whether it is economic, political, institutional or social power, influence or decision making, those who have the power, influence or decision making are becoming concentrated into fewer and fewer numbers. As the disparity increases, commensurately the frustration increases.

Unfortunately or fortunately, the compartmentalized mentality of human be-

ings has been punctured by exposure through the medium of mass communication to what is and what can be. Thus, people everywhere are ventilating their individual frustrations through the continuum of the ballot box on to revolution.

In order to preserve our form of democratic government and society, it is my feeling we must have an avenue to express our frustrations, wants, desires and opinions. As imperfect an organization as JACL is, in my opinion, it is still the best we have to advance the cause of people of Japanese ancestry.

Although JACL cannot and possibly should not represent all the people of Japanese ancestry, it certainly should have every right to represent those who belong to it. Likewise, those people who may advocate other causes and other organizations have the same right; but they should, on the other hand, not pretend to represent JACL or those of differing points of view unless there is consent or mutual agreement.

Any changes for JACL should provide for coalitions with Asian as well as non-Asian groups, development of youth-ori-

ented services, development of services for older members and nonmembers, rapid and accurate transmission of ingroup and intergroup information, recruiting of members from every state, keeping pace with the highly mobile society of today, accelerate job opportunity information and follow through—be it occupational, trade, professional or private entrepreneurship, immigrant and related assistance, a mature and realistic policy vis-a-vis Japan, fostering of political aspirants and political education, organizing national interest groups and providing a forum for same (lawyers, doctors, writers, sportsmen, farmers, businessmen, government workers, etc.)

Although most of my time and energy are directed toward my family, I still realize the importance of paying some attention to the world about me. I have placed a considerable amount of trust in the local, district and national JACL organization to carry on the multitude of critical chores that needs to be tended to by someone. So far, I have no serious misgivings, in spite of the fact I don't agree with what they do all of the time. #

## ● K. Patrick Okura

National President, 1962-64

The resolution passed at the 1978 Biennial Convention held in Salt Lake calling for a Constitutional Convention prior to the 1980 National Convention provides a unique opportunity for the membership of the Organization to express their pros and cons about our National Organization. How often does the membership of any National Organization have such a rare chance at overhauling the basic document that spells out the boundaries and the functions of our national league.

During the past five or six years the National Organization, Board, and National Staff have undergone some turbulent ses-

sions, partly due to the vagueness and broad interpretation of various parts of the Constitution. So, not only is there a need for updating, but also perhaps a clearer enunciation of the policy, program and goals of the organization. Perhaps we need to enlarge our scope of activities to include all Asians.

I encourage every Chapter to give some serious consideration to becoming involved in making JACL a viable, meaningful and relevant, up-to-date national organization concerned with the welfare and well-being of Americans of Japanese ancestry. Now is the time.

### Notice

Because of the importance we attach to the revision of the JACL Constitution, chapter commentaries are invited for this page. Individual comments will be reserved for the Letterbox on the opposite page.

Bill Hosokawa will be returning here next week. — Ed.

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## REDRESS PHASE 2: John Tateishi



# 'Military Necessity'

There are many obscure and/or little known facts about the Evacuation which are important for each of us to know about and to understand as we begin to take our case to the American public.

We know, for example, that the rationale for the Evacuation was based on "military necessity" — i.e., the security of the West Coast in the event of an invasion by Japan. According to this rationale, which was the basic premise for our forced removal from the West Coast and our subsequent incarceration, it was the belief of the military that all persons of Japanese ancestry residing in the Pacific states presented a threat to the security of the United States.

It was on this basis that we lost our rights as American citizens and that the United States Supreme Court accepted the justification for the Evacuation.

However, it is not one of those well-known or widely publicized facts that the U.S. military headquarters was opposed to the removal of American citizens from the West Coast. And even General John DeWitt, commanding general of the Western Defense Command, was initially opposed to the removal of citizens.

"An American citizen, after all, is an American citizen," DeWitt stated to the War Department's Provost Marshal on December 26. He continued, "And while they all may not be loyal, I think we can weed the disloyal out of the loyal and lock them up if necessary."

And while it's true that DeWitt later defended the Evacuation ("A Jap's a Jap"), his recommendation as late as February 17 for an evacuation plan called for wholesale removal of all persons of Japanese ancestry as well as aliens of German and Italian ancestry. That the latter portion of this plan was never carried out is evidence of the racism of the Evacuation.

Moreover, an extremely significant fact sheds a questionable light on the "military necessity" rationale: On February 19, the date of EO 9066, Army General Headquarters decided *not* to concur with DeWitt's plan to evacuate American citizens and instead recommended that *only enemy alien leaders* be arrested and interned.

And yet we know that on February 11, President Roosevelt already had authorized the removal of American citizens from the West Coast. In short, it was the War Department and the President himself who made the ultimate decision for the Evacuation, regardless of the thinking of the military leadership whose recommendation should have been paramount in the decision.

"Military necessity?" We were truly innocent victims.

## Mrs. Kato adds to scholarship fund

SAN FRANCISCO—National JACL youth director Bruce K. Shimizu acknowledged another \$1,000 donation from Mrs. Shizuko Kato of Los Angeles toward the Magoichi Kato Memorial Scholarship, which JACL administers.

Brochures for the 1980 scholarship program are now available by writing to: National JACL Headquarters, 1765 Sutter St., San Francisco, Ca 94115; (415) 921-5225.

## Calendar

\* non-JACL event

- FEB. 1 (Friday)  
Nat'l JACL-EXECOM mtg (3da)  
JACL Hq.
- FEB. 2 (Saturday)  
Alameda—Inst dnr, Neptune's Gal-  
leon, 6:30pm; Chuck Kubokawa, spkr.  
Cleveland—Inst dnr, Diamond's Res-  
taurant, 6:30pm; MDC Gov Kaz Maye-  
da, spkr.  
Marysville—Potluck dnr, bingo.
- FEB. 3 (Sunday)  
COCOC/Tulare County—Qtrly sess,  
Marco Polo Restaurant, Visalia, 12n.  
Pasadena—Boy's Club testimonial dnr for  
Dave Nakagawa, Brookside Clubhouse  
Restaurant, 5pm.
- FEB. 4 (Monday)  
Puyallup Valley—Mtg, Tacoma Bud-  
dhist Church, 7:30pm; Pro football ref  
Jack Thompson, spkr.  
Gardena Valley—Gen mtg, JCI,  
7:30pm. Every first Tuesday.
- FEB. 8 (Friday)  
Contra Costa—CARP mtg, East Bay  
Free Methodist Church, 8pm.
- FEB. 9 (Saturday)  
Riverside—Inst dnr, UCR Faculty  
Club, 6:30pm; John Tateishi, spkr.  
Oberlin, O—Symposium: Legacy of  
Internment, Oberlin College Wilder  
Hall, 9:30am.
- FEB. 10 (Sunday)  
San Fernando Valley—Inst luncheon,  
Odyssey Restaurant, Granada Hills,  
11:30am.
- NC-WNDC/Livingston-Merced—Qtr-  
ly sess, Divine Gardens, Turlock, 9am-  
4pm.
- FEB. 12 (Tuesday)  
Stockton—Mtg, Cal 1st Bank, 8pm.  
Every 2d Tuesday.
- FEB. 15 (Friday)  
San Francisco—Asn Amer Dance  
Coll benefit dance, Christ United  
Church, 1700 Sutter St, 8pm.
- FEB. 16 (Saturday)  
Santa Barbara—Inst dnr, Montecito  
Country Club  
Orange County—Inst dnr, Sheraton  
Anaheim Motor Hotel, 6:30pm; Min Ya-  
sui, spkr.  
Alameda—Noodle Night, Buddhist  
Church.  
Los Angeles—Korean Youth Ctr  
show: Evening with Johnny Yune, Scot-  
tish Rite Aud, 8pm.
- FEB. 17 (Sunday)  
PSWDC/Orange County—Qtrly sess,  
Sheraton Anaheim Motor Hotel, 8:30am-  
4pm.  
Dayton—Gen mtg, Japan flt reunion,  
Citizens Fed Bank Bldg, 2pm.  
Milwaukee—Inst dnr, Country Gar-  
dens Restaurant, 4pm.  
West Los Angeles—Travel mtg, Fel-  
cia Mahood Ctr, 11338 Sta Monica Blvd,  
1pm.
- FEB. 18 (Monday)  
Stockton—March Fong Eu exhibit:  
Japanese American Experience in Calif,  
(thru Mar 7), Univ of Pacific.
- FEB. 20 (Wednesday)  
San Mateo—Board mtg, Sturge Pres-  
byterian Ch, 8pm.
- FEB. 22 (Friday)  
Chicago—Meet Karl Nobuyuki, JACL  
Office.
- FEB. 23 (Saturday)  
Detroit—Inst dnr-dance, Fairlane  
Manor, Dearborn.

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## Chapter Pulse

### ● Contra Costa

Due to additional work respon-  
sibilities, Elizabeth Oishi resigned  
as Contra Costa JACL 2nd vice  
president (membership). Natsuko  
Irei (5961 Arlington Blvd, Rich-  
mond 94805) assumed the mem-  
bership chair while Masako Sato  
will be chapter delegate with Na-  
tsuko and Elizabeth as alternates.

Contra Costa's deadline for  
scholarship applications is Feb. 15  
through:

Howard Yamamoto, 2284 Del  
Monte Ave., San Pablo 94806 (758-  
5828).

Chapter awards totalling \$800 will  
be available in addition to the national  
awards.

On the aging retirement scene,  
its central committee chaired by  
Tom Arima selected CARP (car-  
ing, action, retirement program)  
as their title, "appropriate because  
in Japan, the koi is highly honored  
and respected for its longevity, vi-  
tality, perseverance". The group  
meets on the second Fridays, 8  
p.m., at East Bay Methodist  
Church, 5395 Potrero, El Cerrito.  
As an action project, a CARP  
finance pilot program involving  
pooling of funds to secure U.S.  
Treasury bills was decided.

### ● Dayton

Dayton JACL's new youth group  
for youth between the ages of 13  
and 18, led by Mike Yoshida as  
adviser, is back in the swing of  
things. The recent manju-sushi  
fund-raiser was successful. A skat-  
ing party was planned for Jan. 31.

Chapter scholarship chairman  
Darryl Sakada (298-1252) is ac-  
cepting applications until Mar. 15  
for any of the JACL national  
awards.

Chapter will meet Feb. 17, 2  
p.m., Citizens Federal Bank, to act  
on the dollar increase in chapter  
dues to \$20 single, \$35 couple, it  
was announced by May Kimura  
(293-2282), membership chair.

### ● Fresno

Karen Tokunaga of Hanford  
High was announced as the Fresno  
JACL representative at the Presi-  
dential Classroom for Young  
Americans this month in Washing-  
ton.

Tetsuo Shigyo is handling 1980  
memberships. Dues are un-  
changed at \$19 singles, \$36  
couples. Nob Mori, chairing the  
1000 Club campaign, pointed out  
the chapter gets a \$10 rebate for  
each \$50 contribution and hopes to

## 1000 Club

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### CENTURY CLUB\*

2-Dr Eji Suyama (Bos), 2-Akito Ma-  
saki (Sac), 6-Kawaguchi Travel Service  
Inc (Set), 10-Ogden Travel Center (SLC),  
8-Henry J Ishida (Gar), 2-Dr Roy Oka-  
moto (Son), 7-Arthur N Oji (Mar), 9-  
James F Murakami (Son), 1-Jarvinen  
Travel Centers (SD).

### CORPORATE CLUB\*\*

d-Diamond, g-Gold, s-Silver  
2s-East West Development Corp  
(Nat), 2d-Sumitomo Bank of Calif (SF),  
9s-Japan Travel Bureau Intl (Ber).

### JAN. 1-18, 1980

ALAMEDA: 11-Don Yoshisato.  
ARIZONA: 15-Dr Richard K Matsui.  
BERKELEY: 9-Japan Travel Bureau  
Intl\*, 18-Beatrice K Kono, 4-Edwin

increase the local roster to more  
than the current 40 members.

### ● Pasadena

Pasadena JACL board, with Jim  
Ishii presiding, met Jan. 16 at the  
Tom Yusa home to make addition-  
al appointments:

Jim Tanaka, Miyo Senzaki, del;  
Massie Yusa, memb (290 W Mon-  
tana, Pasadena 91103, 797-5422).

### ● Riverside

A red star on the current Riv-  
erside JACL Newsletter address  
label reminds the subscriber has  
not renewed membership for  
1980, it was pointed out by Dr.  
Junji Kumamoto, membership  
chair. Dues have increased a dol-  
lar to \$18.50 single, \$37 couple.

Two events upcoming are the in-  
stallation dinner Feb. 9 at UC Riv-  
erside Faculty Club with John Ta-  
teishi as main speaker and a pot-  
luck dinner Mar. 22 hosting a team  
from Meiji University in connec-  
tion with the UCR spring baseball  
tournament.

### ● Stockton

Karl Nobuyuki, National JACL  
executive director, will keynote  
the Stockton JACL installation din-  
ner Feb. 10, 5 p.m. at Gong Lee's  
Minnies Restaurant. Ruby Dobana  
will be the 1980 president.

Caryn Shimada, daughter of the  
Cary Shimadas, of Stagg High and  
Shari Kurita, daughter of the Rob-  
ert Kuritas, of Edison High are  
representing the chapter at the  
PCYA in Washington.

Chapter deadline for National  
JACL scholarship applications  
was announced for Mar. 15 by Bill  
Shima (931-2401).

Monthly meetings are being  
called for the second Tuesdays  
from 8 p.m. at the local Calif. First  
Bank.

## NC-WN budget at \$10,000

TURLOCK, Ca. — The Northern California-Western Nevada  
JACL District Council will meet here Sunday, Feb. 10, 9 a.m., at  
Divine Gardens for its first quarterly session of 1980, it was  
announced George Kondo, regional director. Livingston-Merced  
JACL is hosting the session.

In addition to introduction of 1980 chapter presidents, DC Gov.  
Ben Takeshita noted the agenda includes:

Committee reports on constitutional revisions, Dr Yosh Nakashima;  
youth, Margaret Morodomi; state track meet, Jay Sasagawa; cultural  
heritage, Hiroshi Morodomi; nat'l nomin, Wilson Makabe; 1980 budget,  
Beatrice Kono.

The DC budget, adopted by the executive board Jan. 6, is about  
the same as last year at \$10,000. A sum of \$7,576.06 was actually  
expended in 1979, Kondo revealed, while revenue came to  
\$11,297.10.

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# For one George Shima, there're 1,000 Issei hands

San Francisco  
People have a narrow view of Japanese American history, thinking that it begins and ends with our internment. Actually, a whole half-century preceded it. This comes from Yuji Ichioka of UCLA's Asian American Studies Center.

From 1885-1908 (the Sojourner period), "the Japanese who came to this country overwhelmingly had no intention of settling down. Rather, they intended to return to Japan after making money or gaining new knowledge," said Ichioka.

From 1908-1924 (the Permanent Settler period), the Japanese met "all kinds of obstacles. They fought exclusion, but their efforts came to naught with the passage of the 1924 Exclusion Act," a racist measure prohibiting (solely on the basis of race) the Japanese from migrating to this country. This act was repealed June 27, 1952.

## Slap in the Face...

Following passage of the Exclusion Act in 1924, I recall even as a child a very dark period of depression and anxiety. I remember Issei in Sacramento talked about the need of sending their Nisei children to Japanese school just in case things became worse and be forced to return to Japan. Japan saw the Exclusion Act as a slap in the face.

Those who first came in the 1880s were mostly students with little private resources and who had to work their way through school. Ichioka said, "Many turned to houseboy jobs, known to the Japanese as 'gakubo'. The Issei man did not take to housework, 'gijo', which was identified as work of lower class women. (Rather), their aim was to acquire facility in the English language with the hope that upon their return to Japan, they would achieve success."

In a previous lecture, another speaker discovered in his research that many of the Japanese students of that period also came from well-to-do families. On the east coast, students attending Ivy League colleges were mostly from the upper classes.

## 'Danna' means Master...

To Yone Noguchi, the poet-father of sculptor Isamu, who went to work as a houseboy, "Even a stove was a mystery.

He would burn kindling wood in the oven, blow out the gas lights and remove his shoes and trousers to scrub the floor. American clothes were considered a luxury," Ichioka related.

"The Issei received patronizing names like 'Charlie'. (Incidentally, I remember my own father being called just that, although his name was Katsuji and happened to have an American name of Joe.)

Seeing a notice posted in a Japanese mission, one Issei took a houseboy job, Ichioka continued. "When he was asked his first name, he replied, 'Danna (master)', because he was talking to the master of the house. After that the employers referred to him as 'Danna'. When his friends came to visit him, they couldn't contain themselves. So as not to be rude, they ran into another room and laughed. The master-servant relationship was reversed."

To my surprise, Ichioka said that according to the U.S. Census at the turn of the century, more than half of the 985 Japanese women in this country were (sojourners) prostitutes. Not really surprising, I guess, in view of the fact that Issei men were not free to bring in wives. Ichioka said, "Thugs preyed parasitically on the women. These men were called 'buraikon', 'pimpu', 'Amegoro' or thugs."

I would have been happy if Ichioka could have related at least one story about one Japanese prostitute who saves money to send back to a destitute family in Japan and buys her way out of prostitution.

## Japan

With eating habits in Japan changing, the Japanese government doesn't know what to do with its 7-million ton of surplus rice, just under the record 7.2 million surplus of 1970. Japan produces 11.8 million tons a year, consumes about 11.3 million tons, exports what it can to food-short Third World nations and sell it food processors to develop new products. A suggestion that surplus be used to produce alcohol for gasohol was opposed by farmers.

Nearly 3.8 million vending machines are operating in Japan, second to the 4.9 million in use in the U.S. On a per-capita basis, one machine for every 30 person, Japan is already the world's largest vending machine society.

In this respect, Japanese films usually portray prostitutes with sympathy as victims of circumstance or bad karma. The word 'prostitute' in Japanese does not have the sting that it has in English. To the Japanese, a person is not totally good or totally bad. They are a combination of both good and bad. Even the former president, Mr. Nixon.

## Nikkei Roots...

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road (in the west), in the mining industry and in the coal fields," Ichioka continued.

Here is a vast amount of untapped material for the Nikkei writer that is disappearing fast with most of the Issei passing on.

"This phase of history is the history of working people. Most of the workers worked under a labor contract business. Students preceded the workers. Many students became labor contractors under a very exploitative system. They earned their income through fees and commissions of finding jobs for workers, taking 10% off the top. The Issei workers started using the term, Boss ("bossu"), in a

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