IN&S called on 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 Office, Field Office, Immigration Service officers, Rep. Robert T. Matsui (D-CA) of San Francisco 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 immigration and naturalization laws,” said Matsui, “I request a timely investigation by your Washington office into these allegations. He added, “Any delay will exacerbate an intolerable situation, especially given the sensitive age of the population subjected to harassment.”

Buddhists raise $17,000 for relief

SAN FRANCISCO — First total of 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 Inumura, chairman of the BCA social welfare committee. Over 14,000 appeals were mailed, some 1,200 returned.

“IT’s not the amount given that is important. Inumura 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 Matthew O. Tobriner, who declared: “Such remedial affirmative action measures promote, rather than stewart, the attainment of the ultimate constitutional and legislative objectives, a society in which equal employment opportunity is a reality rather than an elusive dream.”

The minority opinion, written by Justice Stanley Mosk, condemned racial quotas as reflective of “the ‘necromancer’s “prevail or perish” and discrimination.” He observed: “For every person quoted in, another is quota-ed out.”

Tobriner was joined by Justices Virginia R. Wilson and Frank C. Newman (all appointed under a previous constitutional measure). 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 Balko, who contended he had been denied admission to UC Davis medical school in favor of less qualified minorities. The U.S. Supreme Court’s two year later upheld the decision.

Tobriner noted the Jan. 25 decision stems from the Sacramento County civil service commission, Justice Mosk on the other hand, only one minority among the 65 lawyers in the county districts attorney’s office — and “disproportionately low” to the 19% minority population of the county.

In Sacramento, the district attorney’s office will decide what steps to take after it studies the opinion. Office spokesmen said the 69 lawyers on staff, three are minorities. Three others have 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 “clears the vocation”. Margaret C. Crosby of the ACLU of Northern California and signatories to the ACLU’s 15 programs where there has been a substantial racial imbalance due to an employment by an employer’s practices.”

WITH THE FIRST LADY — Mrs. Rosalyln Carter and Washington JACL Representative Ronald K. Rolen meet at a recent White House briefing on the Mental Health Systems Act (MHSA). JACL supports passage of the MHSA since provision 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 chairman 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.

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EXECOM called for Feb. 1-3

SAN FRANCISCO—JACL’s Executive Committee will meet Feb. 1-3 at Headquarters with Mr. 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. 12 are: Preliminary 1980 budget, National support fund, A bomb survivors, Constitutional revisions, Redress, JABO Personnel, 100 Club and Legal summary.

The usual EXECOM agenda expects reports from all standing National JACL committees, plus: Project update, 1980 Convention, Washington Office, Operation 96, Youth Director’s report, chapter/district visitations, member擢al, area district officer and regional directors’ reports.

Overflying Cal. prisons spur expansion plans

SACRAMENTO, CA. — Jerry Enomoto, state director of corrections who runs California’s 12 prisons, is 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-1990s, he foresees a shortage of 6,000 to 8,000 beds in the state’s prison system due to an overcrowding because of the high 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 facilities could be part of the state. There has never been a serious attempt to diversify for the special needs of Japanese for reasons deep in state politics. It was explained that the State Department of Corrections, responsible for state parks, has a prison built in one of its districts that would not have been possible.

But stitching isn’t easy, Enomoto adds. Almost nobody wants to be foreman of an area district or neighborhood today.

Kosai heads major transit agency in Tacoma metro area

TACOMA, WA. — Yoshi Kosei, former Tacoma Transit general manager, was named the executive director of the Pierce County Public Transit Authority.

Kosai had been serving the agency 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 completed.

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 Puget Sound 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.

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Friday, February 1, 1980

**Items**

- **Awards**
  - Suzuki, of son
  - Tanaka, of temple
  - Scott, of nursing

- **Sports**
  - CCSA's, a respected name in NBC athletics, celebrated its 90th anniversary over the 1980 Memorial Day weekend. At the Navajo Basketball Hall of Fame, the Navajo basketball team in the 1980s will be present and honored, except for the year 1980, but the late Coach Peter Brewer, noted as the man who co-founded the National Basketball Association in the late 1940s, is also expected. The Navajo basketball community through the decades, including the Diné Basketball League.

- **Grades**
  - Graduates of the College (Crow, Hiukels School, Higley, and Stark School) have held a 1980 reunion during the Crow Fair, Dine County Days celebration in late July. Mrs. Alberta Nlomakh, of Dakotah School, Colorado, was honored in 1980 as the high school principal. She was succeeded by three 1986 graduates now believed to be in California: Gilbert Sanfil, Shopee Awan, and Yolihari Tarra.

- **Sculpture**
  - Sculptures of the famous pink landmarks of Wadi, owned by the Navajo Nation, are located in the Colorado Bishop Estates. The land under the hotel buildings on the state last may not be charged without prior notice to the Navajo Nation, who owns the land.

- **Los Angeles**
  - Oriental Builders Assn. holds its ninth annual installation dinner Feb. 16, 6:30 p.m., at International Club, World Trade Center, 330 S. Figueroa.

  - A benefit show, "An Evening with Johnny Yune," will be held Feb. 8 at 8 p.m. at Sciences Auditorium for Korean Youth Center (Harbor, 1500 3rd St., 539-0621). This is a project of the Asian American Drug Abuse Program (AADAP). Other guest artists include singer Arlene Chi, Vanessa Bang, and dancers, and Lloyd Cooper's orchestra with gongu Choi as he emcees.

- **Death**
  - Kzenon B. Deleh, 35, of New York City, former advertising executive who worked for Len. Schropp on and ABC West Coast, was killed Jan. 17 in a helicopter crash. His credits included helping to promote American democracy.

  - Rev. Kiyoto Inaba, 60, of Chicago, was killed in a plane crash Jan. 17 in a small plane.

  - Lucille Jordan Negri, 50, of Los Angeles, was killed in a car crash Jan. 17. She was the wife of John Negri, who worked for NBC News in New York.

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Min Yasui to keynote Orange County inaugural

ANAHEIM — Minory 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 redistrict campaign, Yasui was one of the first Nine to challenge the constitutionality of the curfew law against Japanese Americans in World War II and fought through the U.S. Supreme Court. Then a Portland resident, he was incarcerated in solitary confinement at the Mule Creek Camp for four months.

JACL credit union declares 7% again

SALT LAKE CITY — The National JACL Credit Union announced that it is declaring a 7% dividend per annum for the 1979 dividend year. The credit union has been declared for the past five years by the National Credit Union Agency of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board, and for many years was a national credit union. At the time it was a member of the Co-op Federal Credit Union. In 1969, it was named to the membership of the National Credit Union System. It has been declared for the past five years.

Agriculture

On March 14 and 15, the JACL from its home in San Diego, along with the San Diego Symphony Orchestra, will perform a symphony concert at the University of California, Berkeley. The program will include works by Aaron Copland, Samuel Barber, and Leonard Bernstein. The concert will be conducted by Kent Nagano, music director of the San Diego Symphony Orchestra. The performance will be broadcast live on KQED-FM and heard via satellite in the United States and Canada.

Business

Nobuyuki Endo has been appointed as the new president and chief executive officer of the Wall Street Journal, replacing Richard L. Breckenridge, who has been with the company since 1972.

Endo, a native of Japan, graduated from the University of Tokyo with a degree in economics. He joined the Wall Street Journal in 1965, rising to the position of managing editor. In 1972, he was appointed as the first president and chief executive officer of the company.

Endo has been a member of the board of directors of several Japanese companies, including Sony, Fujitsu, and Toshiba. He has also served as a member of the board of governors of the Japan Institute of International Affairs.

Religious

On March 1, the JACL and the Anti-Defamation League will host a symposium on “Religious Freedom and the Media.” The event will take place at the Beverly Hills Hotel in Beverly Hills, Calif.

JAL increases airfare to Japan

SAN FRANCISCO — Japan Air Lines, Inc., increased its airfare to Japan for the March 1-31 period. The new fare is $650 round trip for Peak season, $550 round trip for off-peak season, and $450 round trip for off-peak season travel. The new fare is valid for travel from March 1 to 31.

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Eyeglasses

It was the second day in Kwan-"hong (Canton). Those who think the Peking streets are overcrowded should visit the automobile-dealer district in Kwan-"hong in the same fashion people visit streets in" - "employed in an office."

"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 (4¢).

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

In Chingshaa (Hunan Province) we visited an embroiler factory. Workmanship was unusually fine and delicate. Women were observed stitching what we considered to be too thin, but 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 at 15 minute periods. It is a combination of extraocular muscle massage, relaxation, and a change in focus exercises.

These exercises are a routine part of the dinner time, but very interesting and fun, I don't know about the "scientific proofs" of the results of such eye exercises, but the concept is fascinating.

YE EDITOR'S DESK: Harriy Honda

Leave 'em Laughing

By some noble-yielding logic, the Pan Asian JACL reasoned that no one would come to honors Karl Kamei if they "hears" him, but they are anyway burning him with tomfoolery and pranks. The Pan Asians hit the bed and the JACL was turned out for the "Kari-Yaki" last Saturday at Holiday Inn in Tornrance. They shuffled forth a double swabkorn to experience the lang夸张 performance.

The chosen of the "carnival" was Karl Nobsuyuki, National JACL executive director about to complete his three years in office. He was spared no love nor care for the. "

Judge Bob Takeda, who was hedging about participating in any kind of event until this one was dubbed "Kari-Yaki," was in rare form. His whiny even had covered Yuki Shimoto flipping off his chair from laughter. As the lead-off tail, the judge had the audience in a yipping mood.

Ron Watakushe, co- owner and buddy from kindergarten days, all the while was assured Karl's "hears" was protected from unkind cuts but as the evening merely fermented away, Ron Watakushe kept the mirth forever flowing.

Dr. Kiyoshi Sonoda admitted it was too slick a pace to be following the tailing of the party of the US congressmen, but as if to grandstand Mike's reference, Karl rose gracefully from the table and pew (he was seated front out for the occasion) and turned to the rooster, smartly bowing as he was taught to do.

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Presidential pointers on JACL Constitution

• Raymond S. Uno

National President, 1978-72

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, combining 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 accepting 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 Southeast 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 struggle and destruction of life as we know it today. Therefore, the coming Constitutional Convention for JACL serves an important function for...)

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 apace. 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.

What 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 final 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 best to swallow my pride, my ego and my bitterness to acquiesce in the majority will. For it is 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 beings has been penetrated by exposure through the medium of mass communication to what is and what can be. Thus, people everywhere are venting 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 grievances. As long as 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 I cannot and possibly should not represent all the people of Japanese ancestry, I certainly should have the right to represent this 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, 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-oriented services, development of services for older members and nonmembers, rapid and accurate transmission of information, recruiting of members from every state, keeping pace with the highly mobile society of today, accelerating job opportunity information, providing a forum for sale, lease or exchange of goods and services, professional or private entrepreneurship, immigrant and related assis- tance, and nature and realistic policy vis-a-vis Japan, fostering of political aspirations and political education, organizing national interest groups and providing a forum for. JACL, and others, to forward to the organizing. (emphasis added)

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 activities that need 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 City, 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 sesions, partly due to the vagueness and broad interpretation of various parts of the Constitution. So, not only is there a need to update, but also perhaps a clearer enunciation of the policy, programs and goals of the organization. Perhaps we need to change the scope of activities to include all Asians.

I encourage every Chapter to give some serious consideration to becoming involved in making JACL a viable, membership and relevan- nt, 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 commentaries will be selected for the Letterbox on the opposite page.

Bill Hikokawa will be returning here next week. —END

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For one, George Shima, there are 1,000 issei hands

San Francisco People have a narrow view of Japanese American history, thinking that it levyly and ends with our internment. Actually, a whole half-century preceded the evacuation and internment. Yuji Ichioka of UCLA's Asian American Studies Center. From 1902-1906 (the Permanent Settler period), the Japanese who came to this country overwhelmingly had no intention of settling down. Rather, they intended to return to Japan after making a profit and then to send for their families.

The immigrants were mostly well-to-do, mostly upper class Japanese from Hawaii, people from the cities, the rice farmers, and well-to-do houseboys. Some of them were rich

Chief

"From a household in Hawaii," Ichioka said. "Some of them were rich enough to have a maid or two, and they were able to make a profit here and then return home to Japan."

A Nobleman

"The last in a long line of a noble family," one man in the issei generation said. "My father was a nobleman, and he was able to make a profit here and then return home to Japan."

A Houseboy

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