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HAPPY BIRTHDAY—Japan's first quintuplet—two boys and three girls—who were born to NHK reporter Yorimitsu Yamashita and his wife, are on their way to kindergarten, accompanied by their mother in Tokyo. The five children, who were born prematurely, celebrated their fourth birthday Jan. 30.

Japantown ponders survival and growth

SAN JOSE, Ca.—The Issei-Nisei old-timers here have called their community, "Sannoze" (rhymes with Jose), which is being revitalized as Japantown.

For the past six months, the city planning commission and a task force of area residents and merchants have been working on an overall renewal of the downtown area to include an upbeat Japantown, plenty of parking and interesting cultural attractions.

Taking active roles in this effort are two past San Jose JACL presidents, Mike Honda, a member of the city planning commission and Jan Kurahara Jr., with the task force.

A planning commission report, heavily quoted in a recent San Jose News story, noted "a new face for Japantown may not have a lot to say about whether the neighborhood can continue as a

distinctly ethnic community with the passing of the older generation of merchants.

"If Japantown does not adapt to serve the needs of these new groups (of businessmen and tourists), it will wither away, but if it can adapt it will survive and prosper," the report stated.

Reminiscent of other cities that have a Japanese shopping area in need of a symbolic drawing power, the San Jose planners are considering a large torii gate spanning Jackson St. at North 4th St. as the entrance to a mall filled with Japanese restaurants and shops.

Financing still is a question, however, said Aki Toyoshima, president of the Jackson-Taylor Business Association. Just how much money will be needed is not clear because of uncertainty about the overall size of the project.

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50th anniversary medals

SAN FRANCISCO—The Franklin Mint notified JACL National Headquarters this past week that the order for the 50th Anniversary Medallions will be minted and delivered to JACL by the end of February. Those who have placed their orders should receive their medallions at the beginning of March.

A few medallions, commemorating JACL, and pressed from 24k electroplated gold sterling silver, are still available at \$35. To place an order, send check or money order to:

JACL 50th Anniversary Medallions, 1765 Sutter Street, San Francisco, CA., 94115. (Allow six weeks for delivery.)

Voter registrar ousted under pressure of Chinese American protest on racist slur

SAN FRANCISCO — Thomas P. Kearney, 52, the registrar of voters, was removed from his office this past week by pressure from Chinese American community leaders who had met with Roger Boas, chief administrative officer, Feb. 3. Kearney was shifted to the city's sewer system office.

Kearney's removal came despite a letter to Boas that he regretted a remark he allegedly made last year referring to the Chinese as "goddam Chinks". With the federal courts telling him to come up with Chinese-speaking precinct workers for an upcoming election, he was against it.

"If they're going to vote, they should know English," Kearney was heard to say

more than once. During a special training class held for Chinese-speaking poll workers, an aide heard him mutter, "Goddam Chinks." The remark came to light during a contempt hearing in the U.S. district court last Nov. 24.

Henry Der, director, Chinese for Affirmative Action, said "It was a very progressive action by people who were saying they are not going to tolerate any kind of second-class treatment in this city."

Harold Yee of Asians, Inc., said the system was such that "you were viewed as a subversive if you participated in the political process...and particularly bad in our community because that (suppressive) feeling has been passed on from generation to generation".

Chinese, most of them concentrated in the historic Chinatown area and in the western parts of the city. Old anti-Mongolian and anti-coolie laws, the alien land law and the anti-Chinese ban to naturalization until 1944 had effectively minimized their participation as voters.

Gordon Lew, editor of East West Journal, noted that the local community had been long interested in politics but of the struggles between the Nationalists and the People's Republic of China. "Now a lot of people are finding out their place where they are living."

The Chinese community had presented Boas with a petition signed by 5,000 persons demanding Kearney's ouster. The outrage over the racist re-

mark crossed ideological and cultural lines. "A common link among all of us was our collective opposition to the racism against Chinese Americans," Der added. "...It showed that regardless of political beliefs and whatever difference, people can work together on common issues that affect all Chinese Americans in the city."

In 1877, Denis Kearney—no relation to the ousted registrar—built the Workingmen's Party of California with anti-Chinese diatribes.

In 1942, another San Francisco registrar of voter was challenged by the Native Sons of the Golden West to remove Japanese American voters from the rolls. The right of Nisei voters was upheld in a 1943 ruling.

Utah Sen. Hatch backing S 1647

WASHINGTON—Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) has joined the coalition of the U.S. senators and congressmen pushing S 1647 and HR 5499 for a commission to investigate the relocation and internment of Americans during World War II.

"No official inquiry has ever been made into this matter," Hatch explained. "We need answers to the tough questions of civil rights and national defense that would be rightfully raised in the investigation of this affair, both for the enhancement of civil rights and the enhancement of our national security in the future."

"There are serious questions involving the civil rights of citizens during times of national crisis. Utah members of the Japanese American Citizens League asked me to sponsor the bill, and after studying the proposal I've joined the sponsors," Hatch said.

The Senate bill has 18 cosponsors and a companion House bill has attracted 135 cosponsors.

Ex-Supervisor Gordon Lau, the city's first-elected Chinese American who lost his seat on the county board last November, remarked, "If this happened even five years ago, Kearney probably would still be there."

Mayor Feinstein's press secretary Mel Wax said the Chinese have become considerably "more sophisticated in the use of their (political) power". Some observers have said they may be the most organized political interest group in the city: more than 10% of the estimated 650,000 population in San Francisco is

Nichibei Kai center dedicated

SAN FRANCISCO — Nichibei Kai dedicated its new \$474,000 community center Feb. 2 with Eddie Moriguchi as emcee. Adjacent to National JACL headquarters, first floor is being used for cultural classes, the second floor as an office and library, the top third as a Japanese tea room, which is yet to be completed.

Yukio Sekino, Nichibei Kai president, noted contributions from Japan played a big role in meeting building costs. #

Sen. Inouye: ranking Nikkei legislator

LOS ANGELES—Sen. Daniel K. Inouye of Hawaii will be among the five Nikkei members of Congress to be honored during the "American Testimonial" benefit dinner March 22 at the Bonaventure Hotel.

Inouye is the only person who has held a major statewide office for the full 20 years of Hawaii's statehood. He is considered by many to

Another Gardena Nisei in first try for city council seat

GARDENA, Ca.—A fund raising dinner Feb. 28 for the election campaign of Dr. Paul Y. Tsukahara, candidate for city council, has been announced by co-chairpersons Ryo Komae and Hideko Bannai at \$100 a plate at the Gung Hay Restaurant. Bruce Kaji will be master of ceremonies.

Dr. Tsukahara, has been active in the community through organizations such as:

Japanese Cultural Institute, Gardena Chamber of Commerce, JACL, and the Boy Scouts of America.

In his first attempt for public office, Tsukahara faces a field of 6 for two open seats.

For tickets, call campaign headquarters 770-0990.

Voters in the Gardena city elections April 8 will also find two incumbent Gardena Valley JACLers running unopposed: Mayor **Edmond J. Russ** and City Treasurer **George Kobayashi**. Russ has been mayor since being elected to the office in 1972. Kobayashi won his first race in 1976.



Dr Paul Tsukahara

May Doi, an elementary school teacher on leave and member of the Gardena Planning and Environmental Quality Control Commission, is challenging longtime city clerk Doris Diamond.



Sen. Daniel Inouye



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JACL 1980 Travel Program rules amended

SAN FRANCISCO — The 1980 JACL travel program, despite the recent elimination of Group Affinity fares, will continue to be offered as planned, it was decided at the travel committee meeting here Feb. 10. The JACL has seats reserved on the flight dates as noted in its schedule (see announcement on page 8) at APEX fares, which are the

lowest available.

While individuals can apply on their own for APEX fare seats on non-JACL flights, the JACL seats are confirmed and being made available to JACLers and family. The travel committee, in the meantime, has amended the flight eligibility rules by (a) waiving the six month membership requirement, and (b) only one

adult member of the household, husband or wife, need to be JACL members.

Passengers should apply through one of the authorized JACL travel agents as early as possible to assure seat confirmation, advised Henry Sakai, committee chair. Travel program information is also available from the local chapter administrator or National

JACL travel coordinator.

"This may be the last year of scheduled JACL flights to Japan. Therefore, for those who have been thinking of going, this is the year to go," Sakai said. "The dollar is approximately 240 yen, higher than it has been since the 180-yen rate in 1978.

"Fare prices will continue to increase, as well, not only next year but possibly this year. If tickets are purchased earlier, these will be honored even if the fare increases. However, there may be a penalty if you cancel the ticket," Sakai added.

● Education



Margaret Kohama (above) who is conducting research on influenza viruses, is one of 80 minority students at Cal State L.A. engaged in a unique project involving significant biomedical research. She lives in Pasadena. Program began in 1973 with funds from National Institutes of Health with \$2 million more granted recently to continue the project another three years.

Elizabeth Yamashita, professor of journalism at Northwestern University, was appointed the first woman chairperson of the School of Journalism at Michigan State University, effective July 1. The Australian-born reporter who has been associated since 1976 with the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern was married to her Hawaiian-born husband Don, a mechanical engineer, 10 years ago.

cooperation and goodwill between the U.S. and Japan."

Members of the selection committee include:

Dr. Terry Hayashi and Dr. Yoshiye Togasaki, co-chairs; Jack Kusaba, sr. v.p., Sumitomo Bank; Ben Matsui, sr. v.p., California First Bank, and Mrs. Margaret Murakami, wife of former JACL National President, Jim Murakami, and Masaoka, ex-officio member.

Nominations for the Award are to be made through local JACL Chapters and District Councils. Nominations should include a narrative statement not to exceed two pages, and a biographical summary of the nominee. Deadline is April 30, 1980. The selection will be made by the Distinguished Public Service Award Committee.

The award will be presented at a testimonial banquet scheduled during the JACL's Golden Anniversary Convention at the Jack Tar Hotel, San Francisco, July 28 to August 1, 1980.

To obtain nomination forms and further information, write to:

Distinguished Public Service Award Committee, c/o JACL National Headquarters, 1765 Sutter Street, San Francisco, Ca 94115.

JACL helps defend good taste of Seattle's Japanese eateries

SEATTLE—Harry Honda received a letter from an old friend in Japan last year about the front page article appearing in Sept. 5 issue of Tokyo Shimbun. The copy of the letter was received by Cherry Kinoshita. The letter from Japan said in part:

"The main reason I am writing to you today is in reference to an enclosed Japanese article that my wife was really upset about and brought to my attention. I agree with my wife one thousand percent that the article is degrading and insulting not only to JA people in Seattle but all Nikkei in the entire States. The article was obviously written by a narrow minded Japanese who brags about a Japanese elite group of businessmen stationed in Seattle. He stated that Japanese food in Japanese restaurants there are so poorly prepared that they are not suited for the Japanese elite group of businessmen. I would like to ask you to either file complaints or protests against his misleading statement which ridiculed Japanese restaurants and Japanese Americans and all other people in Seattle. I don't think I am unnecessarily sensitive about the whole thing."

Ken Nakano became the contact man, assisted by PC

district representative Cherry Kinoshita. Nakano translated the article, which is in file in the JACL office. Excerpt from the article reads:

"There are several Japanese restaurants in Seattle. They serve only *inaka* (country style) dishes. The miso-shiru soup is so salty that one's tongue becomes shriveled, and residue miso remains in the bowl. I think most of these Seattle Japanese restaurants were originated and managed by the descendants of farm oriented immigrants. These Seattle restaurants are not suitable for elite Japanese *shosha-men* who are college graduates and belong to first class business companies (upper class)." The article was written by Tadami Nasu.

The Seattle Chapter led by liaison Nakano, Kinoshita and president Mich Matsudaira, made contacts with president of Shunju Club (Japan businessmen group stationed in Seattle), and the Consulate General in Seattle.

The Shunju Club as business representatives of Japan, was instrumental in getting the corrective article being published in the Tokyo Shimbun. Atsushi Katagiri of the Marubeni America Corp. and president of Seattle Shunju Club, was credited for using tactful diplomacy. Seattle Chapter wrote a letter of thanks to Katagiri, and also acknowledged the special role of Nakano.

JAYS summer confab at Sac'to State campus set

SACRAMENTO, Ca.—The Japanese American Youth (JAYS) will host their National Youth Conference on July 22-27 here on the grounds of the Sacramento State University campus and is expected to attract approximately 250-300 youth from across the nation.

Many professional and non-professional people will join a

● Sports

Santa Rosa Jr. College swim coach Bob Miyashiro was selected Community College Women's Swimming Coach of the Year (1980) by the Calif. Coaches Assn. His team enjoyed an undefeated season and beat perennial swim power Diablo Valley college for the state title.

number of JACLers to present a series of workshops dealing with the "Japanese American Experience", from the first immigration, up to the present, and into the future in an attempt to provide the Japanese American youth an insight into their heritage.

The total conference cost will be approximately \$100, which will include lodging, meals, transportation costs to and from event sites, and all workshop fees.

For more information, contact:

Bruce K. Shimizu / National Youth Director, JACL Headquarters, 1765 Sutter St. San Francisco, CA 94115.

JACL youth tour to Japan detailed, set Aug. 6-22

By BRUCE K. SHIMIZU
(National JACL Youth Director)

San Francisco

In August of this year JACL will launch its first Youth Tour to Japan. This tour is open to all JACL members and their children interested in seeing Japan on what should be a most unique and interesting sixteen day tour. This tour, the first of its kind for JACL, has been given the utmost attention by Kosakura Travel and Ms. Yuki Fuchigami (JACL's Travel Coordinator). As the National Youth Director, in charge of this program, I shall be accompanying this group through Japan.

The tour cost will be \$1,500 (due to fluctuation in dollar: yen exchange this total price is subject to change), and will include roundtrip air fare, lodging, some meals, and all ground transportation.

The itinerary for this trip will cover the cities of Tokyo, Kamakura, Hakone, Kyoto, Hiroshima, Matsuyama, Takamatsu, Osaka, and Mishima.

Highlights of the trip include: a visit to the N.H.K. Broadcasting Center, cruise on Lake Hakone, tram ride up Mt. Komagatake, trip through the Owakudani Valley (famous for the hot sulfur geysers), rides on the "Bullet Train" to Kyoto, Hiroshima, and Mishima, visit to the "Daibutsu" (Great Image of Buddha), the many temples shrines near Kyoto and Nara, tour of the Toei Movie Studio, visit to the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park, Hydrofoil ride across the Inland Sea to Matsuyama, visit to the Matsuyama Castle (one of the most preserved castles in Japan), steamer cruise to Osaka, see the Osaka Castle, climb Mt. Fuji, stay in traditional Japanese farm houses, plus many other tours and adventures.

Since this tour is available to only 30 individuals it is very important reservations are made early. As the maiden voyage for the JACL Youth Tours those who participate can expect a trip they will long remember. All efforts have been made to make this tour enjoyable to both those who have never been to Japan and to the veteran traveler.

Those interested in participating in this "once in a lifetime tour", should contact us at JACL National Headquarters.

Nominations due from chapters for Masaoka Distinguished Service Award

SAN FRANCISCO—The Mike M. Masaoka Distinguished Public Service Award will be presented marking its 10th anniversary at the upcoming national convention of the Japanese American Citizens League.

The award was first established in 1970 to honor Masaoka's 30 years of service to the JACL and the Japanese community in the United States as its fulltime national secretary and subsequently the JACL's Washington Representative.

This award is one of the highest honors that the Japanese American Citizens League can confer to an individual or organization in this country that has contributed most to (a) improve the quality of life for all Americans and especially Japanese Americans and/or (b) promoting and improving United States-Japan relations.

The first honoree of the Distinguished Public Service Award was former U.S. Ambassador to Japan, Edwin

Reischauer, noted author and Harvard professor.

In 1972, the recipient was the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, Washington, D.C.-based coalition of over 150 national organizations dedicated to civil and human rights legislation, litigation and administration.

In 1974, it was former U.S. Ambassador to Japan, and former Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs, U. Alexis Johnson.

In 1976, the Award was presented to then Senate Majority Leader and presently Ambassador to Japan, Mike Mansfield.

In 1978, Nobuhiko Ushida, Japan's Minister of State for External Economic Affairs, was selected to receive the Award and was cited, "for his years of dedicated and inspired service, first as an official of the Foreign Ministry, then as Japan's Ambassador to the U.S. and more recently as Minister for External Economic Affairs promoting trade,

Chicago popular with industries from Japan

CHICAGO — Mitsubishi Heavy Industries recently announced the opening of its wholly-owned subsidiary head office, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries America, in Chicago. The Japanese firm chose Chicago because of the city's central location and superior transportation facilities.

This is but another example of Chicago's growing popularity with firms from Japan. Lured by the city's thriving business community, central location and vast transportation network, more and more Japanese firms are opening offices in the Chicago area.

● Awards

Scott S. Shimamoto, graduate of Schurr High School, Montebello, Ca., was awarded the \$500 Joseph T. DeSilva Scholarship. He is a business student at USC. Award is named for the founding president of Local 770, Retail Clerks Union, now part of the United Food and Commercial Workers Union, AFL-CIO. Awardee is the son of Local 770 member Kinuko Shimamoto.

Salt Lake City Fifth Circuit Judge Raymond Uno was honored with a life membership by the Utah State Conference on Human Services in recognition of "his leadership and contributions to social work and community projects". He exemplifies the finest of the three professions—social work, law and teaching—all of which he had studied and graduated.

● Military

Dr. Matthew Masuoka of Portland was elected to head the Oregon Nisei Veterans to start the '80. Dr. Toshi Kuge is the outgoing commander.

A telling barometer of the rapid growth of Japanese investment in this region is the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry. When this organization began 12 years ago, it had 64 members. Today, there are well over 200.

As the chamber has grown both the composition and location of its membership have changed dramatically. Initially, over 80% of its members were located in the downtown area. By 1979, however, less than 30% were residing within the city limits. Furthermore, as total membership has grown to more than three times its original number, city membership has increased by 10, while suburban membership grew from 13 to well over 130 over the same period.

Concurrent with a major shift to the suburbs is a change in the composition of the chamber. Early members were comprised primarily of banks, insurance companies, government and economic organizations, small retail stores and restaurants. Today, however, over 60% of the members are manufacturing concerns.

The center of the greatest growth has been the area surrounding O'Hare Airport. It is the home today of over 60 members. Twelve years ago, it was the home of only two. Remembering that the majority of newcomers are manufacturers, this is not surprising.

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SAN JOSE YJA (Young Japanese Adults) hear their adviser, Rep. Norman Mineta, at recent installation dinner at a Los Gatos restaurant. Officers include (from left): Jerry Kinoshita, Taka Makiyama, Stan Tomita (pres), Mineta, Ellie Satow, Eileen Moriya.

SAN JOSE

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The planning report noted that Community Development Block Grant money may be available, as well as financing through the Small Business Administration or local banks.

The Pacific Square Mall in Gardena was built by Japanese money from Japan," the report noted. "The possibility of a similar funding source for the San Jose Japantown should be explored."

Merchants also met with Rep. Norman Y. Mineta, to discuss funding possibilities. Mineta, the former San Jose mayor, owns an insurance agency on Jackson Street.

The gate would cost \$30,000-\$40,000, said Tomoo Inouye, owner of Fourth Street Pharmacy.

The planning report recommends that merchants should begin making plans to upgrade and improve their stores, and to recruit new stores and businesses to the area.

"Consideration should be given to recruiting new businesses with a Japanese accent from Japan as well as from the local economy," the report said.

Census estimates fewer illegal aliens

WASHINGTON—A new Census Bureau estimate places the number of illegal aliens in the U.S. at 5 million—well below the earlier count between eight and 12 million.

The President's Select Commission on Immigration and Refugee Policy, for whom the report was prepared, called it probably the best available analysis to date.

The city council unanimously endorsed extending the study another six months. A series of recommendations to change the general plan to reflect existing land uses, transportation (making 3rd and 4th Sts. one-way) and rezoning (parts of Empire St. to single family residential will be studied further.

The task force is also trying to locate a site for a Japanese community center. Meanwhile, the media has been a closer look at Japantown as of now. The Mercury News, in a full-page Sunday spread (Feb. 10), noted Japantown was hopeful of the future as the city is seeking to retain its character.

Other changes suggested in the report were landscaping planters and Japanese street lanterns in place of the existing street lighting.

The report said that the neighborhood should take advantage of its location near the civic center, the nearby industrial area and professional offices along First Street, whose employees need a place for lunch and noontime shopping.

Several merchants told the San Jose News that the success of the project will have a lot to say about whether San Jose can continue to claim one of the few distinctly Japanese areas in this country and the heart of the city's Japanese community since the early part of the century.

The residential streets around the commercial district have lost some of their ethnic identity over the years, although city planner Jim Williams said that the neighborhood still has more of the city's approximately 12,000 people of Japanese heritage than any

other section of the city.

Wherever Japanese live in the Santa Clara Valley, Williams said, they return often to Japantown.

But shop owners—primarily Nisei (second generation) who took over the businesses from their immigrant parents—are having problems keeping their sons involved, merchants said.

"We can't seem to attract the new blood," said Inouye.

Toyoshima said, "These changes could make a difference. We need the younger generation coming in."

The planning report noted the passing of the basic purpose of Japantown—to provide a place for the area's Japanese to meet, shop, worship and socialize. #

PC People

Government

Tom Owan, Washington, DC JACLER and a contributor to the PC Holiday Issue several years ago, was appointed by NIMH to chief, services for minorities, Division of Mental Health Services. His paper, "Asian Americans: A Case of Benighted Neglect", appeared in the 1975 Holiday Issue. A sequel appeared in the 1976 HI.

News Briefs

So. Calif.

California First Bank opened its 10th office in the state Jan. 23 at Fallbrook with Randy Jones as manager. Bank president Toshio Nagamura was present for the ribbon-cutting ceremony witnessed by some 600 people.

To meet increasing needs of the Asian/Pacific communities, the Asian American Voluntary Action Center (AVAC), 1891 S. Westmoreland Ave., Los Angeles 90006 (213-744-3441), named a new board president in Fred Hoshiyama and an executive director in Lucy Fried, former coordinator for Coalition for Economic Survival. Hoshiyama (active Venice-Culver JACLER) is director of the YMCA national youth project using mini-bikes.

Equivest Associates, an El Monte-based business development group, received a state grant providing cost-free business transfer assistance, it was announced by Teresa Iizuka, project director (213-448-9803).

Hawaii

Circuit Judge Arthur Fong ruled 1978 candidate Wayne Nishiki for lieutenant governor had libelled his opponent, Billie Beamer, by claiming she was "controlled" by former state land board member Larry Mehau and union official David Trask. Judge said a person running for public office "cannot be the target of vicious, unfounded attacks in the name of free speech".

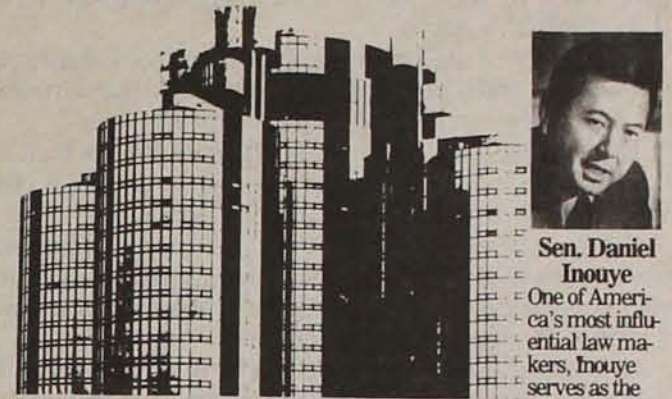
A supreme court rule permitting out-of-state attorneys to practice on a given case only within the discretion of the presiding judge, mainland attorneys are being barred from arguing or even sitting at the counsel table in the current asbestos damage suits in Hawaii state courts. A South Carolina attorney was disqualified in Circuit Judge Fong's court Jan. 30.

First students coming to Hawaii from the People's Republic of China to study at East West Center are middle-aged men involved with the travel industry who have come to learn more about tourism.

Jerry Wong of Los Angeles is a Census Bureau district manager for the downtown L.A. area, covering an area roughly bounded by Los Angeles St., Beverly Blvd., Robertson Blvd. and Pico Blvd. District office is located at 419 S. Spring St. (485-8121). To prepare for the area census April 1, his office has requested translators of various nationalities over age 16 to apply for positions at \$4.50 per hour. Test will be administered in English. Call for an appointment immediately. In north San Francisco, **Richard Takei** is district office manager, based at 30 Van Ness St., S.F. 94102 (556-8108).

Cora Amburn Lijek was among six American embassy employees escaping from Tehran through Canadian assistance Jan. 31. Her mother, Setsuko Amburn, who now lives in Oceanport, N.J., was in Tehran from 1972-1975 while her husband, Joseph, worked for an Iranian company.

Mrs. Shimeji Kanazawa, of Hawaii, has been appointed to the Federal Council on Aging by President Jimmy Carter. As chairman of the Hawaii State Commission on Aging, she played a leading role in the development of the Hawaii State Master Plan for the Elderly, which is recognized as one of the most outstanding in the nation. She was recommended by Sen. Matsunaga.

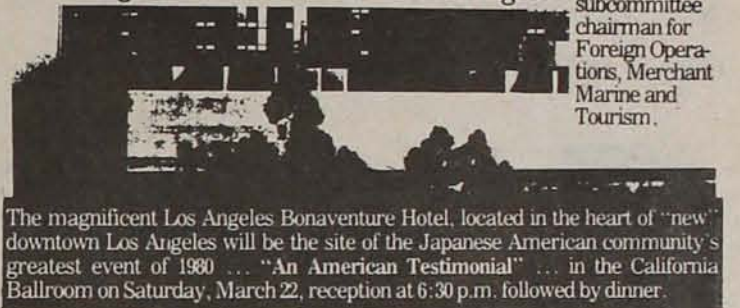


Sen. Daniel Inouye

One of America's most influential law makers, Inouye serves as the fifth ranking member of the prestigious Senate Appropriations Committee. He is also subcommittee chairman for Foreign Operations, Merchant Marine and Tourism.

An American Testimonial:

To Members of Congress of Japanese Ancestry, the Japanese American Experience, and the Challenges Ahead in Human and Civil Rights.



The magnificent Los Angeles Bonaventure Hotel, located in the heart of "new" downtown Los Angeles will be the site of the Japanese American community's greatest event of 1980... "An American Testimonial" ... in the California Ballroom on Saturday, March 22, reception at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner.

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Great Wall

It was a two-hour train ride north from Beijing. From the train station a hike of about half a mile brought us to the wall. This was a restored section of the wall that extended 500 yards to both East and West. Several of us selected the western climb which was steeper and therefore less crowded.

We climbed to successive battlements and viewed the terrain below us. The barren, rock-strewn mountains presented in themselves a formidable barrier to anything from the North.

About six of us from the group reached the highest battlement and some of us went beyond to the unrestored section of the wall. The footing was precarious.

Built along the ridges for 3,000 miles, it took centuries to complete. It is said to be the only man-made object visible to the astronauts during earth orbit.

Viewed from the highest battlement the undulating wall twisted and turned over the rugged landscape. It was surprising to note hairpin turns that presented walls running parallel to each other.

One could not help wondering how effective the wall was after the tremendous efforts used for its construction. History shows that the wall became obsolete as an effective barrier against determined invaders.

Hundreds of thousands of workers labored at the wall for centuries. It seemed like wasted manpower. It may be, however, that manpower not used is a true waste.

REDRESS PHASE 2: John Tateishi



New Committee

Although the process has taken some time, I have finally completed the selection of representatives from each of the JACL districts to serve on the newly restructured National Committee for Redress.

The object of restructuring the Committee was to find people who could take responsibility for developing the Redress campaign in each of their districts. These people were selected with this in mind, and each was highly recommended.

The new Redress Committee consists of the following JACLers:

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| PNW—Dr. George Hara | MPDC—Minoru Yasui |
| NCWN—Chuck Kubokawa | IDC—John Tameno |
| CCDC—Tom Shimasaki | MDC—Ross Harano |
| PSW—Ron Wakabayashi | EDC—Cherry Tsutsumida |
| | Southeast Liaison—George Sakaguchi |

The Committee will hold its first meeting at JACL Headquarters in San Francisco on Feb. 29 - March 1, to discuss the overall strategy for the educational portion of the campaign and develop a timetable for the strategy.

Specifically, our task at this meeting will be to develop the specifics of chapter activities and the plans for a concerted campaign to develop grassroots support within our communities. And this will be the beginning of the broader campaign to educate the American public about our WWII experiences.

We will also be discussing further plans for fund raising in the districts to help finance the campaign. Although we have already embarked on major fund raising projects, we will require additional funding for the long range goals of the campaign.

Many chapters, I realize, have been anxious to begin the educational campaign in their communities and have been waiting for some direction from the National Committee. Thus far, our efforts have been focused on S1647 and HR 5499 with direction being given by our Washington JACL Office.

But now that the Committee has been restructured with representatives from each of the JACL districts, we can better facilitate developing the working relationship between the Committee and individual chapters.

The members of the reconstituted National Committee are all outstanding individuals who are well known in their districts and well respected. With such an excellent group, we all look forward to a successful campaign.

35 Years Ago

in the Pacific Citizen

- Feb. 17, 1945
- Feb. 7—Yakima valley farmers post "No Jap" stickers on fences.
- Feb. 8—U.S. Employment Office reveals Nisei placed in defense plants in Los Angeles area.
- Feb. 9—Calif. State Personnel Board will accept applications of returning Nisei; exception made of 87 Nisei discharged after Pearl Harbor.
- Feb. 9—Native Sons of Golden West asks State Legislature to (a) ban Nisei from fishing in coastal waters, (b) strengthen alien land law which allows ownership of land by Nisei, (c) enforce escheat provisions of alien land law, and (d) keep Japanese language schools closed.
- Feb. 10—Nisei nurse (Masako Takayoshi) decides to quit Harborview Hospital post after protest; had been welcomed back by Univ. of Washington and

- hospital Feb. 2 to prewar supervisory position.
 - Feb. 10—Fresno sheriff investigates three shotgun blasts fired into home of Nisei evacuee (Frank Osaki, Fowler), back from Arizona camp; WRA notes over 100 evacuees back in Fresno area.
 - Feb. 12—U.S. Supreme Court denies appeal to rehear Fred Korematsu case.
 - Feb. 13—UC Berkeley's campus daily poll shows 65.7% of students would welcome return of Nisei students.
 - Feb. 16—Army reports Hood River Nisei (Sgt Frank Hachiya) killed in action Jan. 3 during action on Leyte.
- Those who are dull and unteachable are as abnormal as prodigious births and monstrosities, and are but few in number.* —QUINTILIAN



YE EDITOR'S DESK: Harry Honda



JACL Int'l / Jup' Pluvius Combination

Delineation of the geographic boundaries of our JACL district council areas is not cited as among the major changes in the proposed national constitution and by-laws. But we well remember the lengthy discussion on these at the 1948 convention when the number of five districts then governing the chapters was expanded to eight.

The old five (make that read—the "first five") covered the Northwest District (States of Washington, Oregon and adjacent parts of Idaho), Northern California District (all counties north of and including Monterey, Kern and Inyo), Southern District (remainder of California and Arizona), Intermountain District (Utah and Idaho), and the Tri-State District (Colorado, Wyoming and Nebraska).

At the 1948 convention, Northern California lost 10 chapters which made up the new Central California District. Midwest and Eastern districts were also established. Intermountain picked up southeastern Oregon (that part which observes Mountain Time). Tri-State was renamed Mountain Plains and included new areas such as Montana, New Mexico and Texas.

The 1980 draft stays with eight districts but geographic boundaries continue to expand. And note the additions!

Alaska becomes a part of the Pacific Northwest. Southwestern Nevada (Las Vegas) is attached to the Pacific Southwest District. Mountain Plains will include the rest of the states heretofore unnamed in our JACL constitution—the Dakotas, Kansas, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Louisiana. Midwest, expanding southward to the Gulf, will list Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi and Alabama. And Eastern District has the remainder of the states on the east coast from Maine to Florida.

Conspicuous by its absence in the JACL roster of states is the 50th State of Hawaii which is being provided for in the section dealing with new district councils, established upon petition of three or more chartered chapters and approved by the National Council. Hawaii is in the process of organizing a chapter, according to a recent column by President Clifford Uyeda. While Hawaii will need two more chapters to operate its own district, we envision no problem constitutionally to welcome a chapter based in Hawaii for it can be administered provisionally by the nearest district council—which would be the Pacific Southwest. But it could be prudent politics to anticipate Hawaii as another district council with a parenthetical advisory (upon establishment).

No doubt, at the outset the Pacific Northwest might look after the district needs of the Tokyo (Japan) chapter upon activation because of proximity. But it'll be a pretty expensive proposition.

But the real tickler of this week's column is this: It may be that JACL might envision itself as "JACL International" in the coming decades since membership is really open now, irrespective of residency, to all who would subscribe to the JACL constitution. Bringing in a Tokyo chapter (Barry Saiki: we're counting on you) should legitimize JACL being "international", constitution or no!

Southern California was drenched by rain, which visiting Min Yasui from Denver found easier to take than the still-wintery blasts that buffeted the Mile-Hi city he had left to speak before the Orange County JACL installation dinner last Saturday at the Sheraton Anaheim. The rain had let up by evening but the storm did affect attendance somewhat. About 90 people finally came through (hell or high water?) to:

- 1—Hear Yasui recollect his personal experiences of 1942, laud the long history of the chapter (it was founded in 1934) and expound the importance of JACL's redress campaign.
- 2—Realize JACL has another articulate spokesperson in its National Youth Director, Bruce Shimizu, who reminded the long-range Operations 80s is an action with pieces for all to share.
- 3—Understand some of the membership needs as voiced by Pacific Southwest District Governor Wiley Higuchi, Esq. (Dues

will likely rise, but he prefers it be stayed and memberships be pushed harder.)

4—Applaud the efforts of Ken Hayashi, outgoing chapter president (a JACLer whose membership goes back to prewar Tacoma and wartime New York).

5—Demonstrate their trust in Dr. Luis Kobashi, incoming president (and the first JACL president who hails from Lima, Peru).

6—And enormously enjoy the style and songs of James "Butch" Kasahara, accompanied by Betti Vincent (who made the hotel piano sound better than it was with five or ten sticky keys).

One can appreciate the appearance of "Esq." in the dinner program in Orange County as Jim Okazaki (chapter president in 1969 and the attorney) and Jim Okazaki (newly-installed vice president, long associated with Nisei Relays and the JACL state track & field meet, and a petroleum engineer) need to be distinguished as simply as possible. As an engineer in search of oil, Jim No. 2 could well sport G.O. (gas & oil), but which better describes his dedication to youth work.

Not enough praise can be showered upon Butch Kasahara, whose rich voice adds a memorable touch to any evening—be it at a nightclub when he's in contract or at a community function for the sheer of love of entertaining. His repertoire is Asian-Pacific, an elegance enriched by the classics and polish gilded with Hawaiian wit... If the Convention Board is reading this, one of Butch's favorites (and ours, too) is his rendering of "San Francisco". And we've never heard the JACL Hymn sung as solemnly as he sings it.

All night long we kept wondering if John Saito made it to Santa Barbara because of flooded freeways north and west of Los Angeles. Read his column in this week's issue. #

DINNER

Continued from the Front Page

vice career represents over 25 years in the state and national legislature.

As a senior senator from Hawaii, his tenure in office has placed him in a vital position as one of America's most influential law makers. Presently, Senator Inouye serves as the fifth ranking member of the prestigious Senate Ap-

Wilshire JACL plan helps Mar. 22 dinner

LOS ANGELES—The Wilshire JACL Chapter Board last week developed a special plan to aid chapter attendees of the March 22nd Testimonial Dinner honoring Senators S.I. Hayakawa, Daniel Inouye and Spark Matsunaga, and Congressmen Norman Mineta and Robert Matsui.

Chapter aid will be extended on a first-come first-serve basis to the first 20 applicants. Funds raised by the dinner will be given to the JACL Redress Committee. For information, call:

Alyce Takami 294-4536, or Roy Nishikawa 384-7400.

COMMENTS & LETTERS

● **P.S.: Karl-Yaki**

Editor,
This may be a small matter to some but it hurts me very deeply. In the article by our wonderful National Executive Director Karl K. Nobuyuki it was inferred in a small way that I had "dropped out" of JACL and was making a comeback??

May I say to our Director and JACLers old Man Mack IS NOT a Prodigal Son of the JACL Movement. He has been in the thick and thin of JACL activities all the way. Of course with his traditional "Red Vest" 60th birthday party over, these weary old bones are slowed down a wee bit.

How can you not like the fellowship and fun with beautiful people like Karl and his beautiful wife. Few JACLers fall by the wayside like seeds planted on a rocky surface because they will not let a majority vote rule. Someone said, "when you're ready to quit and to give up the fight, and the skies all above you are black as the night. Then lift up your hand through the owly night air, there is power and triumph in a confident prayer".

MACK YAMAGUCHI
Pasadena, Ca.

propriations Committee, and is known as a strong supporter of the federal programs related to both the foreign and domestic problems of the nation. His interest is shown in his position as a ranking member:

On the Commerce Committee and his chairmanship of both the subcommittee on Foreign Operation and the subcommittee on Merchant Marine and Tourism. The scope of his influence is reflected in his diversified participation on the subcommittee on Defense; Labor; HEW and Related Agencies; Military Construction; State, Justice, Commerce, the Judiciary and Related Agencies; and the Subcommittee on Aviation; and the Subcommittee on Communications.

Inouye was a distinguished member of the group of Japanese Americans who fought in the 42d Infantry Regimental Combat Team, the most decorated and casualty-ridden American military unit in World War II. He is a graduate of the Univ. of Hawaii and received his Juris Doctorate degree from George Washington University. The Senator and his wife Margaret have one son, Daniel K. Inouye, Jr. #

FROM THE FRYING PAN: Bill Hosokawa



Our Issei May Well Remember

New York, N.Y.

During a 24-hour business trip to New York City there was just enough free time to visit the photographic exhibit at the Japan House Gallery on East 47th Street. The exhibit was of photographs taken in Japan between 1854, the year Commodore Perry and representatives of the Shogunate signed the Treaty of Kanagawa, and 1905.

Since many Issei came to the United States before 1905, the exhibit depicts much of the Japan that they left behind when they set out for the New World. In this sense the exhibit should be of particular interest to their second, third and fourth generational descendants.

The names of the photographers — Felix Beato, an Italian; and A. Le Bas, French; Baron von Stillfried, Austrian; and Kusakabe Kimbei (who probably learned the business from von Stillfried) — don't mean a great deal to the casual observer. But their documentary pictures are fascinating.

There are scowling samurai, character and dignity written on their faces, as well as remarkably slight and youthful lesser warriors. There are pictures of sumo

wrestlers, painted women, child acrobats, kabuki actors and women musicians.

There are more mundane subjects — an umbrella maker, a peddler of bamboo baskets, two men drinking sake purchased from a sake seller on a street, a farmer in winter costume, a vegetable vendor in straw rain cape with huge baskets of produce suspended from a carrying pole balanced on one shoulder, a vendor of picked vegetables, bare-legged men carrying samurai across a river.

There are street and village scenes, landscapes, shrines and temples which probably would evoke nostalgic memories of childhood among the handful of Issei who are still with us. And these photographs offer a sense of ethnic and family roots missing in pictures of contemporary Japan with the bullet train racing in front of Mount Fuji, traffic jams in Tokyo, skyscrapers in Shinjuku, giant steel mills and shipyards, automobile assembly lines and girls in white smocks assembling color television sets.

Few of the photographs illustrate the enormous forces that were modernizing Japan during this period when, within a few decades, a hermit nation leaped from feudalism into the role of Asia's only industrial power. Japan did a lot of silly things in seeking instant Westernization,

such as building dark, stifling English-style homes and dressing their ladies in bustles. But there is one picture in the collection that characterizes the foolish efforts some Japanese were making to put their culture behind them. It shows a Japanese in what looks like a Charley Chaplin suit, hat and all, sitting at a table with a waiter in tailcoat serving.

Of course, the photographers were more interested in the quaint old Japan than the railroads she was building and the factories that were rising. So, unfortunately, these glimpses of a rapidly disappearing Japan were preserved for us to see.

The photographs were assembled by the Japan House (Japan Society) Gallery and the American Federation of Arts with support from the Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission and the National Endowment for the Arts. Unfortunately the New York exhibit has ended, but the photographs will be sent to museums in various parts of the United States. If it comes to your city, make an effort to see it. The pictures show what life was like in 19th century Japan, the years when the Issei were being born and growing up, and it's a fascinating experience to go visiting back to those times.

A 152-page catalogue of the exhibit, with suitable commentary, has been published. I'm not sure of the price, but it can be ordered from the Japan House Gallery, 333 E. 47th St., New York, N.Y. 10017. #

EL PIMENTERO: Frank Fukazawa



Japanese economy shrinking to '45 level

bleak! Maybe, we might have to get along with less and eat the crumbs of the pie as it continues to shrink.

Tokyo

Only a few years ago, 114 million people in Japan were eating a BIG pie, even being affluent enough to afford some left-overs. Today, the picture has completely changed. \$8 billion in the red (no criticism nor controversy from American politicians anymore and no sympathy either); forced to import hiked priced oil as usual to maintain the industrial production; electricity, gas and postage prices going up; inflation ready to burst at its seam; a foreseeable slow-down in economic growth is settling in.

Japan's outlook for 1980 is

On the political and international scene... Ohira's cabinet is being tossed around by Carter, Breznev and Khoumeni. Still undecided what to do about Iran and Afghanistan, Ohira is hesitating. To co-operate with Carter's economic sanctions would cut 15% of the oil pipe line from Iran contracting the pie even smaller, bringing horrendous consequences to the entire island. But to appease Carter's wrath, Ohira has reluctantly decided, in his sole peculiar manner, to not (?) participate in the Moscow Olympics. The REAL decision will be taken, however, in May and until then,

"all subjective and objective circumstances will be duly examined whether it merits to go to Moscow or not!"

While flirting with such words, Ohira's government was bomb blasted from right under their seats by a spy-bomb... A general in the Japanese Army, a Sovietologist fluent in Russian and director of counter-espionage, has been feeding the Soviets with classified military secrets for 25 years! Such an unbelievable betrayal had never occurred in Japan's history. Caught red-handed and investigated, he was no simple amateur but a cool dedicated Russian spy receiving direct orders from Moscow over the waves in ciphered codes... This happened one month ago. Yet Ohira is STILL cautiously

thinking how to lodge his complaints to the Soviet Embassy, while the key Russian military attache' had quickly slipped out of Japan, the following day the Japanese general was arrested.

On the economic scene,... concern over energy comes first over all else. Japan has only 90 days of reserved oil, paying more than \$35 billion a year, all imported! Unlike, America, close to 86% of this oil goes to industrial use and a marginal quantity for car consumption, with gasoline prices being hiked up 15% monthly.

The Americans complain about high gas prices and scramble to buy small cars. But if they knew gas costs \$2.50 per gallon in Tokyo, they should be thankful that their

price is still one of the cheapest in the world except those of the OPEC countries. Cars are busily running around nose to nose on Ginza Street but one fine day, they will abruptly stop if the present prices still climb higher. That is, gas will not be bought anymore.

Just like they stopped flat to buy "Kazunoko" (herring eggs), a speciality for New Year dishes and a must in Japan. Hokucho Company specializing in this item had bought up the majority off the market intending to scoop a big profit by labelling high prices. Although an indispensable item, scared stiff with the prices, the public just didn't buy it.

Conclusion: Only one week ago, Hokucho Co. went bankrupt with \$20 million in debt. Victory for the consumers and perhaps the same thing might happen to the gas profiteers.

Seven percent conservation in energy is this year's goal indicated by the government.

... All government officials except directors and up, are prohibited to commute with private or official cars. Use the trains or walk to work is their orders. All neon-signs, TV will be off at midnight sharp. Thermostat during daytime must be fixed at 63 degrees and after 5 o'clock, heating is turned off. For overtime work? Use an extra sweater or overcoat, if you feel cold. ... Consequently, ingenious devices are popping up all around the country.

In Asakusa, a "Sentoh" (public bath) operates on solar heat. If it rains, what happens? Regrettably, not yet solved.

Hokkaido boasts for self-generated electricity by wind propellers. Cement factories burns thousands of used old tires conserving 4% oil. Coast

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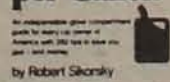
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