

● JACL Position Statement

'Bargaining chips' for U.S. hostages in Tehran

The recent articles carried by the press regarding California Senator S.I. Hayakawa's proposal to "...round-up all non-citizen Iranians and put them in relocation centers" in the United States, "...the way the Japanese were interned in World War II," comes as a shock.

Such a radical suggestion is in direct contradiction to his sponsorship of S. 1647, legislation that calls for the fact-finding investigation of possible wrong-doings of "Executive Order 9066 and other related acts of government", the former and the latter lead to the expulsion and incarceration of American civilians during the Second World War. It does appear that the Senator's frustration over the recent events in Iran have caused him to react irrationally. While the latter is understandable by most Americans, his suggestion is not a viable alternative.

It is generally acceptable that the Senator wishes to be identified as a man of action. It is a good and honorable label for one who is new to the Halls of Congress.

On the other hand, it is ironic that at times, the Senator's action and wisdom do not go hand-in-hand. For the United States government or representatives thereof to sanction actions similar to that of Iran would be tragic. Further, such an act on the part of the United States does not insure the safe return of our fellow American held hostage, which is our foremost concern.

In regard to Senator Hayakawa's proposal for legislation to authorize the incarceration of Iranian nationals as "bargaining chips", solely on the basis of ancestry and race is wrong, and least of all a waste of tax dollars.

The Japanese American Citizens League would vigorously fight against such legislation. As an organization which represents victims of government expulsion and internment of its own citizens, JACL pledged following that bleak period of American history, "that it would never happen again", to any group protected under the Constitution of the United States. We stand by this pledge.

● JACL's Opening Statement

Here is the text of a telegram sent President Carter Nov. 14 regarding the Iranian crisis.

Dear Mr. President:

For the record, the Japanese American Citizens League, long known for its efforts in advocating civil rights, deplors the acts of tyranny and violations of human rights perpetrated on this country's diplomatic corps in Iran. Further, we have called for the immediate release of Americans being held hostage. We consider the incident in Tehran outrageous, deplorable, and least of all, an outright violation of diplomatic relations.

As we rally to support our President, JACL implores the American public to maintain a peaceful vigil in this terrifying moment of crisis. As a nation of law, it is imperative that the actions of the United States, its government and

people uphold the spirit of our Constitution.

In respect to the Iranian students in the United States, who attend our universities and who may choose to abuse the privileges of the United States by disruptive activity, JACL supports the position that such individuals be handled on an individual basis as prescribed by law.

As an organization of American citizens who were at one time subject to the suspension of civil liberties as a group, solely on the basis of ancestry, JACL cautions the American public to only address those individuals who are violators of the laws of this nation.

Respectfully Yours,
KARL K. NOBUYUKI
National Executive Director JACL

● The White House Reply

Dear Mr. Nobuyuki:

On behalf of the President, I am writing to thank you for your comments in regard to the Iranian situation. The support of the Japanese American Citizens League is greatly appreciated.

The President shares your concern about actions based solely on ancestry. It is this Administration's policy to handle each case on an individual basis and only as provided by law. It is not our policy to deport naturalized Iranian citizens or Iranians legally residing in the U.S. The President expressed these assurances to a group of governors on November 16 when he said:

This (the holding of American hostages in Iran) is a serious matter, as you know... We do not want to be guilty of the same sort of improper action which we are condemning in Iran. And, to repeat myself, it is not a cause for us to abuse any Iranian citizen who is in our country. If there are those here who act improperly, the laws are adequate to care for them. If they are here illegally, our deportation processes will be carried out in a completely proper and predictable way.

Thank you for expressing a concern which we hope will be shared by all Americans.

The White House
Washington, D.C.

ANNE WEXLER
Assistant to the President

Hayakawa proposes interning Iranians

LOS ANGELES — Nothing for JACL comes easy, so say many longtime members, and the rumblings by California's junior senator about retaliating against the militants in Tehran holding U.S. hostages this past week seemed to fit the classic pattern.

Sen. S.I. Hayakawa's remarks of March 11 about interning Iranian aliens in the U.S. shook some Japanese Americans rudely enough to think about skipping the "\$100-a-plate" American Testimonial banquet at the Bonaventure Hotel on Mar. 22 in honor of the five Japanese American legislators in the U.S. Congress. (Ironically, Hayakawa's office the same day had confirmed his attendance at the JACL fete.)

In Washington, the other four Japanese American members of Congress in a joint statement March 14, reiterated the purpose of the dinner — to raise funds to work for legislation to create a Presidential Commission to study the wartime evacuation and internment of civilians during World War II and insure against its repetition.

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JOINT STATEMENT:

Re: Mar. 22 Testimonial

WASHINGTON — U.S. Senators Daniel Inouye, Spark Matsunaga of Hawaii, and Representatives Norman Mineta and Robert Matsui of California issued the following joint statement Mar. 14 in wake of Sen. S.I. Hayakawa's proposal to declare Iranian nationals in the U.S. enemy aliens and be interned in camps:

"It has come to our attention that comments made earlier this week (Mar. 11) by the junior senator from California may deter some individuals from attending the JACL dinner scheduled for March 22 in Los Angeles.

"We would like to reiterate the dinner is being held to raise money for the JACL's efforts in anticipation of the passage of the bill to create a presidential commission to study the wartime evacuation and internment of civilians.

"We introduced this legislation in the House and the Senate to examine the relocation and internment of 120,000 persons of Japanese ancestry during World War II, and to resolve the civil and constitutional questions involved. Our personal hope is that a study of this past incident will insure that it will never be repeated.

"Although we disagree with Sen. Hayakawa's remarks about Iranian nationals, we would like to remind our friends that the five Nikkei congressmen are working together on the legislation and hope that all of you will assist us in our efforts by attending the dinner." #

legislation (S1647 and HR 5499) and hope that all of you (those who might be deterred by the remarks) will assist us in our efforts by attending the dinner," the statement declared.

The comments, which drew outrage from Republicans, Democrats as well as Nisei who said they had voted for Hayakawa, were related to his so-called American Sovereignty Protection Act to provide the President additional choices in dealing with the Iranian hostage situation, including authority for the Pres-

ident to declare all Iranian nationals in the United States enemy aliens "so they can be interned the way we did the Japanese during World War II".

While his office was noting public support of the amendment, Hayakawa explained to Dwight Chuman of the Rafu Shimpo here that his measure is based on an 1798 law which only lasted two years, authorizing the President to expel any alien he deemed dangerous.

Hayakawa also felt the President should have discretion in determining the loyalty

of all Iranians in the U.S., citizens or no. "Holding of our diplomatic representatives is a predatory act and we should respond," Hayakawa said, but at the same time critical of Jimmy Carter as being a "do-nothing" President.

While commenting it was time military action be contemplated to free the hostages, "the element of surprise is important and we should never discuss it," he continued.

Asked whether his bill contradicted his co-sponsoring the JACL bill, he flatly said, "No!", repeating that he never said "incarceration of citizens of Japanese ancestry was right". He added, "The only condition I made the other four members of Congress to agree to was that no monetary reparations would ever be asked. If they had not agreed to that, I would not have endorsed that bill."

The fury to Hayakawa's remark arose immediately, especially in California. The reactions by Nikkei in public life and from JACL were all tinged with disbelief or disappointment to what the 73-year-old solon had been quoted as saying:

"After what's happened (in Tehran), we have every reason to declare a state of belligerency and round up all non-citizen Iranians and put them in relocation centers... the way we interned 110,000

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Matsunaga, Matsui honorees at JACL testimonial

LOS ANGELES — Hawaii's "freshman" senator, Spark Matsunaga, and America's first Sansei member of Congress, Rep. Robert Matsui, will join with their Japanese American colleagues of the United States Congress at the "American Testimonial" March 22, at the Bonaventure Hotel. They will pay tribute to the Japanese American experience and the Challenges Ahead in Human and Civil Rights.

Senator Matsunaga, while technically a "freshman" senator is no rookie to the activities of our nation's capitol. Matsunaga served in the House of Representatives for 14 years prior to his election to the U. S. Senate in 1976.

His leadership in the House earned him the title "rule maker" as he served on the vital rules committee as well as the powerful steering and policy committee.

Matsunaga's reputation as a rule maker was nurtured in the Hawaiian legislature where he served as the House Majority Leader. This, bolstered by his long-standing reputation in the house, led to his selection as the Deputy Whip of the House.

Spark Matsunaga's transition to the U.S. Senate came with relative ease. Quickly recognized by his peers, he was given major responsibility not common to most freshman senators of Congress.

Most notable is his convening of over 100 sessions of the Senate, a record unprecedented in the history of the United States Congress. His advice is consistently sought on matters of policy and procedure.

Matsunaga's military career is rooted in his service with the famed 442nd regimental combat team.

He holds the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart from his service as an original member of the 100th infantry battalion and later the first battalion 442nd regimental combat team.

He is a graduate of the University of Hawaii with post-graduate studies at Northwestern University. He received his juris doctorate degree from Harvard University in 1951.

Senator Matsunaga and his wife Helene have five children,

Mrs. Karen Hardman, Keene, Diane, Merle and Matt.

Rep. Robert Matsui is the newest arrival of the five federal legislators who are of Japanese descent. Elected in 1978, he was one of 12 freshman Representatives from California. After his first year in Congress, Matsui earned the identification as being an astute legislator. He has earned a reputation as being a "team player" and of having an unusually keen ability in identifying problems.

Matsui is also noted for his effectiveness in working with his constituents. The latter has been a key focal point for Matsui as he has been praised for his responsiveness to constituent request. In his first year, he played a key role in the development of a new radar system for Sacramento's airport, funds for the county history museum and the Shilo Arms housing project.

Matsui's first assignment in Congress was with the Judiciary Committee, where he served on the Subcommittee on the Courts, Civil Liberties and the Administration of Justice. His performance on the Subcommittee earned him the admiration and respect of the full Committee chair, Peter Rodino (D-NY), who then began to work closely with Matsui during his first year.

His reputation has earned him a seat on the favored Government Operations Committee, Subcommittee on Commerce, Consumer and Monetary Affairs. His major challenge in his first year came with his role as part of the one-vote margin that approved the new Department of Education.

Matsui also serves in the Judiciary Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights; Monopolies and Commercial Law and the Government Operations Subcommittee on Manpower and Housing and Government Activities and Transportation.

Matsui and his wife have a son Brian.

In San Francisco, the California First Bank contributed \$5,000 toward the American Testimonial to insure Issei attendance at the community-wide dinner. Announcement was recently made during a meeting of Masao Tsuyama, chairman of the Calif. First Bank board; Dr. Clifford Uyeda and George Kondo of JACL.

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JACLER of Biennium Oda dies



SANTA ROSA, Ca. — Frank K. Oda, 60, long-time active JACLER and leader in the affairs of the Japanese commu-

Deaths

Bishop Yoshimune Abe, 93, last bishop of the Methodist Church in Japan, died Mar. 1 in Tokyo. A graduate of Drew Theological Seminary in New Jersey, he returned to Japan in 1915, headed the Aoyama Gakuin and elected bishop in 1939. He helped organize the Kyodan, the United Church of Christ in Japan.

Tadashi 'Tib' Kamayatsu, 68, of Tokyo died of cancer Mar. 10. One of Japan's pioneer jazz musicians, the Los Angeles-born Nisei went to Japan in 1935 with a dance band, founded a jazz school post-war to develop some of Japan's top jazz singers and musicians. Among the survivors is his elder brother Charles (Los Angeles).

nity of Sonoma County, died of a heart attack in a Santa Rosa hospital March 3. Funeral was held Mar. 6 at the Enmanji Memorial Hall.

A native of Sebastopol, Oda returned to Sonoma County after the war and served as the president of Sonoma County JACL chapter during the years 1958, 1966, 1973 and 1977. He was also Northern California chairperson for the Japanese History Project and served on the Executive Board of the District. The esteemed "JACLER of the Biennium" award was bestowed on him in 1962 in recognition of his work and outstanding leadership in the organization.

At the time of his death, Oda was Chief of Marine Documents, U.S. Coast Guard.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth, Santa Rosa; daughters, Susan Oda, Santa Rosa, Kathleen Higa, Los Angeles; brother, Tomika Imura, Sacramento; sister, Mary Matsuoka, Tracy; and two grandchildren.

In accordance with the wishes of the family, memorial contributions may be made to the JACL Scholarship Fund, JACL, 1200 So. Gravenstein Highway, Sebastopol, Ca. 95472.

East L.A. festival set April 19-21

LOS ANGELES—The annual Cherry Blossom Festival, sponsored by the ELA-Monterey Park VFW Post 9902, will be held on April 19-21 at the East Los Angeles College campus.

Ron Ikejiri probes census undercount

BOSTON, Ma.—Money and services lost by minority communities as a result of an inaccurate census count is the focus of the WBGH/Boston Production, "Effects of an Undercount".

Washington JACL Representative Ron Ikejiri of the Asian Pacific Advisory Committee to the Census will join Rep. Robert Garcia, chairman of the House Subcommittee on Census and Population, and Doris Saunders, chairman of the Black Advisory Committee to the Census, in the half-hour show scheduled to air on PBS stations prior to April 1, census day.

New York

Japanese American Help for the Aging, Inc., received a \$30,000 grant from New York Community Trust to continue its outreach program among the New York Japanese elderly, it was announced by George Yuzawa, JAHFA board chairman. Sato Iwamoto is director with office at 7 W. 44th St., NYC 10036 (212-840-6899).

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Hayakawa Comment

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Japanese during World War II, and we managed all right." Hayakawa's bill would give the President power to close down the Iranian embassy in Washington if appropriate and/or hold Iranian diplomatic personnel if it would help release American hostages in Tehran, it was explained.

Sen. Inouye was one of the first to react:

"As a U.S. senator, Sen. Hayakawa has every right to introduce legislation for consideration

Los Angeles

The fifth annual Cherry Blossom Invitational Nisei jr. golf tournament will be held April 4, 6 a.m., at Montebello Golf Course. Entry deadline is Mar. 21 with forms obtainable at L.A. Sporting Goods, 200 S. San Pedro St. Event is open to boys and girls age 17 and under.

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by the Senate. However, I doubt very much that this measure will be given any serious consideration."

Rep. Mineta regarded relocation camps for Iranians "ludicrous".

Rep. Matsui was disappointed over what he felt was an "absurd and ridiculous" proposal. Hayakawa has to realize "he is a senator and should be more responsible in what he says," Matsui added.

In Sacramento, Assemblyman Paul Bannai found fault with Hayakawa's characterization that Japanese Americans were interned as "guilty parties" in the WW2 camps and making similar blanket accusations of the Iranians in the U.S. Bannai also feels Hayakawa's staff ought to be more sensitive to the Japanese American population's attitude toward the camp experience.

Assemblyman S. Floyd Mori said he was irritated: "(His remarks) should be ignored but we cannot sit back and ignore basic attacks on the rights each law-abiding person is supposed to have in this country—citizen or not."

In Gardena, city councilman Mas Fukai wondered "if the senator doesn't know what the Constitution is about...". Councilman Vincent Okamoto said it was "a sad commentary that a U.S. senator, sworn to uphold and defend the Constitution, so blatantly proclaims his intention to violate it".

In San Francisco, national president Dr. Clifford Uyeda recalled JAACL had urged caution when the hostage issue surfaced last November, and

added:

"With the collapse of the U.N. commission's effort, JAACL shares in the frustration and anger of the American public... (but) individual civil and human rights, including those of foreign visitors, must not be suspended." (His statement appears in full in his Page 4 column this week.)

National executive director Karl Nobuyuki (in Los Angeles working out details for the Mar. 22 American Testimonial) pointed to three basic JAACL positions:

(1) The Senator is acting out of frustration. (2) Such acts would not insure return of the hostages, hence it is no viable alternative. (3) JAACL is committed to fight his proposal "tooth and nail" and any legislation along this line "with everything we could muster".

Northern California regional director George Kondo told the United Press International Hayakawa's statement was "ludicrous" and shows no understanding of "the principles of Democracy".

Sen. Alan Cranston, California's senior senator who has called for severing diplomatic relations with Iran, disagreed with Hayakawa. Cranston's aide believed it would cost \$1.3 billion annually to set up internment camps for Iranians, estimated to be around 100,000 at the present time.

State Senator William Camp-

bell (R-Hacienda Heights) said adopting the same tactics as Iran is like stepping into the same pigsty. Lt. Gov. Mike Curb (R) called the proposal "unfortunate" and disagreed with it.

There was no immediate comment from the White House.

An L.A. Times editorial said Hayakawa "who should know better" is acting "as though one way to deal with barba-

rism is to behave like barbarians. Paul Conrad's cartoon shows a man wearing a tam o'shanter, the robe bearing the name, "Ayatollah Hayakawa", with the line: "Let's take all the

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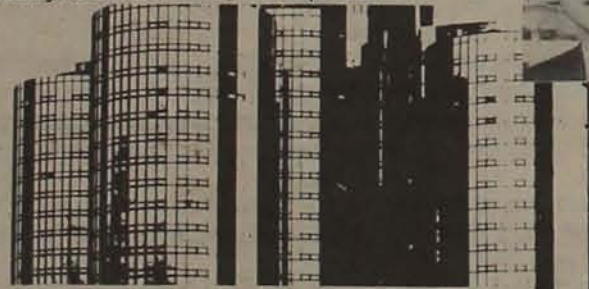


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Japanese Americans were shocked recently by the statement that we seriously consider imprisoning as hostages innocent residents in the United States who happen to be of Iranian ancestry. To Japanese Americans, in particular, this brought back memories of 1942.

We have now been hearing for 35 years, "it can never happen again". Now we suddenly realize that it can, indeed, happen again — unless the citizens, this time, refuse to let it happen.

After our experience, nearly 40 years ago, Japanese Americans have vowed that we will not let it happen again in America. Individual civil and human rights, including those of foreign visitors, are protected by our Constitution. National origin or ancestry should never be a criterion for action against individuals.

What can be more devastating to our nation than our mimicking the very act which we protest as evil and outrageous? It does nothing to strengthen our bargaining position, and it does demolish the very concept which has kept our nation great.

We hope that the careless statement made in Washington was only an expression of utter frustration which, on second thought, is discarded promptly as misjudgment and a regrettable outburst of fallacy.

Japanese Americans have only one option. We are both ready and willing to fight any legislative efforts to imprison en masse residents of the United States solely on the basis of ancestry.



U-NO BAR: Raymond S. Uno

Change of Life

Salt Lake City

The other day, as I lounged around the house, I picked up a past issue of the PC and read it from the front page to back page. The venture rekindled memories of by gone days.

The difficulty of capsulizing in print one's daily experiences is comparable to riding a glider over a scenic area and recapturing amidst the shutter of one's mind eye all the panoramic beauty unfolding before nature's wonders. Certain significant aspects remain dominant and unforgettable, but excepting some sweeping general impressions, infinite details are inundated in the crushing quantity of minutiae.

Unfortunately, reminiscing and documenting the tragic and fascinating episodes of life capable of societal communion, and the kindred paucity of time to journalize creates a gnawing feeling of what life is all about.

Life is so precious we want to squeeze every last drop from it, leaving little time for sharing it with others, yet, mired in admiration of it compels partaking it with others. Ultimately, we know eternity exists only in the mind and not in the body and the end awaits all as night follows day leaving little time to squander seconds needlessly. Hopefully, our cup of life will flow to the brim and can be shared with our fellow beings.

Validating the claim that the Japanese are the most neurotic people in the ethnological museum, in the past, I compulsively did today what could be done tomorrow. Except for my work, I have degenerated to a less compelling philosophy. Getting things done today, tomorrow or whenever doesn't bother me as much as previously. Moreover, for better or worse, I am enjoying it.

Since my JAACL presidency, by radical surgery of my life style, my outside commitments have gradually been reduced to a minimum; somewhat akin to an incubating period to retreat, reflect, restore, regenerate, reactivate and re everything. Mostly, to renew my interaction with my family. During the interim, the universe, in a slightly different perspective, surfaced before me. Some activities were revisiting, but others were entirely new experiences and challenges. Skiing, soccer, football, basketball, tennis, pingpong, swimming, cub scouts, fishing, roller skating, ice skating, motorcycling, skate boarding, bicycling, fish and aquariums, gerbils, a dog, vacations, delivering newspapers, piano lessons, and the hardest, trying to help kids with homework, among other things.

No one has to remind me motherhood is a full time job. You can just ask me about shopping, especially grocery or for clothes, and I can tell you how four hours are lost without being able to account for it.

This house-husband role has exposed me to stories within stories within stories. However, several weeks ago, I told my wife I was afflicted with the househusband syndrome and departed to Idaho on a ski vacation accompanied by a consoling and motley group of 60 great people. Upon my return, my wife mentioned her co-workers jokingly inquired how I would have reacted if she decided she needed a vacation and took off on me. After prompt and brief reflection, she was advised, next year we are absolutely going to Idaho together. #



EAST WIND: Bill Marutani



Votes, Money and Labor

Philadelphia TO THIS AMATEUR'S view, there are three leverage points available to influencing the political process: first, producing votes; but if you don't have the votes, then supplying the all-essential finances necessary to run any campaign; and the third is labor, volunteer labor, people who are prepared to diligently work at the many mundane tasks that are the inescapable ingredients of any political movement. Combine any two, and particularly provide all three - and you've a winner.

I'VE NEVER SEEN statistics on Nisei voter registration, and I doubt that such defined statistics are readily available. My hope, however, would be that it is close to 100% of the voting age. I began to wonder about all this upon seeing a recent report on national voter registration.

THERE ARE STATES - alas, only eight - where the registration is 85% or better: Idaho 93%, Maine 94%, Minnesota 94%, Montana 88%, Oregon 86%, South Dakota 90%, Utah 90%, and Vermont 85%.

AT THE OTHER end the survey, there are

listed fifteen states (including District of Columbia) which have less than 70% of their eligible voters registered, including: Arizona 64%, California 65%, District of Columbia 53%, Hawaii 60%, Maryland 68%, Ohio 63%, New York 64%, Nevada 59%, alas Pennsylvania 64%, and Virginia 60%. The national average is 71%.

NOW BEFORE ANY of you prematurely react, either proudly or dejectedly, to these statistics, stop: remember these percentages are for the entire eligible voter population in your state, not necessarily Nisei. Thus, for example, any eligible voter who is registered (and votes, of course) in a state with a low overall registration has greater leverage than, say, in Minnesota where the overall percentage registration is one of the two highest. While all votes are important, those Nisei who reside in one of those fifteen states with low registration percentages, carry a proportionately greater leverage.

SO IF ONE can mount a campaign combining all three—votes, money and volunteer labor—anything is possible.

* Percentages for other states in which a JAACL chapter is located: Colorado 75%, Illinois 80%, Indiana 82%, Michigan 84%, Nebraska 78%, New Jersey 73%, and Washington 81%.

Without commitment, Nisei may be 'invisible'

By ROBERT T. MATSUI



(Many Central California JAACLers who heard Rep. Bob Matsui address their district council convention in Fresno Nov. 18 urged his keynote speech be reprinted—even in sections if necessary.—Ed.)

Fresno, Ca.

NEVER HAS THIS nation looked ahead to a new decade with more uncertainty, with more apprehension and with more doubt than it does now with the coming of the 1980s.

Emerging from the 1970s is a nation aware of its painful limits on natural resources, aware of its decline in global security, and its failure, thus far, to solve the great problems of seemingly rampant inflation and energy shortages, social conflicts at home, and mounting questions about this nation's leadership abroad.

We leave the 1970s with wounds inflicted on our national morale. The failure in Vietnam, the revelation of the United States' vulnerability to Middle East oil producers, Watergate scandals, and most recently, the utter humiliation of this country's apparent impotence with a country like Iran, played out before a stunned world audience.

What lies before us is a decade unlike any in this century: challenging in its opportunities for constructive change and immense progress, but also a decade lacking the promise of clear answers to the nation's basic concerns.

What lie before us in the 1980s are not problems, but challenges. I reject the prophets of doom who wag their heads, warning of Armageddon, dying seas and the end of the world.

We must stop luxuriating in our conviction of public impotence. What we need today is not sanctimonious exhortation but detailed investigation, hard thought and sacrifices.

Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote, "Great men and great nations have not been boaster, but perceivers of the terrors of life, and have manned themselves to fact it."

And despite warnings of a national malaise, the vast majority of America's 221 million people seem convinced that there are workable solutions somewhere — if only this country's leaders would man themselves to face these challenges.

THE NATION'S AGENDA for the 1980s will be long, difficult and detailed. The headline issues of the 1970s — inflation, ener-

gy resources, and international relations — will remain the headline issues of the 1980s.

Inflation has been with us, tormenting and bedeviling us for the past 10 years. Inflation has gripped the economy to become, without a doubt, the most stubborn problem in this century. No amount of economic medicine seems able to cure this chronic disease.

Richard Nixon tried mandatory wage and price controls. Gerald Ford tried "WIN" buttons. Jimmy Carter tried voluntary guidelines.

Nevertheless, inflation has persisted. The price of necessities — food, fuel, housing and medical care — are rising even faster than prices generally, which means that inflation is hitting hardest at the poor. The prices of these necessities of life rose at an annual rate of 17.6 percent over the last quarter, while other consumer prices rose at a 6.6 annual percentage rate.

In the process, runaway inflation has angered consumers, frightened the business community, endangered the nation's social fabric, threatened the political life of a president, and shaken the psychological well-being of people who are afraid to retire or to save money to put their children through school.

Energy, or rather the crucial lack of energy, will continue to dominate the nation's agenda for the 1980s.

Especially in recent days with the unfolding of events in Iran, it has become painfully clear that this nation is dangerously dependent on foreign oil. Dangerous to its economic and political, stability, and dangerous to its physical well-being.

Our situation has actually worsened seriously since the first oil shock of the Arab embargo. Our imports have doubled since 1972. Almost half of our oil today is imported. Almost 30 percent of those imports come from nations, including Khomani's regime, that have positioned themselves as decided antagonists of the United States.

Our nation's development and progress have been based on the assumption that we have unlimited supplies of cheap energy. But those days are over. And that painful realization will demand of us painful changes in our energy policies, economy, and more basically in our life styles and habits.

35 Years Ago

in The Pacific Citizen

MARCH 24, 1945

Jan 18—Home Missions Council of Churches recommends integration of Japanese into Caucasian congregations; separate Japanese churches on very exceptional basis suggested.

Feb 24—Nat'l American Legion leadership condemns anti-Nisei activity, Hood River stand cited.

Feb 26—Honolulu Star Bulletin editorial calls for Hawaii statehood, notes major objection regarding Nisei loyalty now answered by their war record.

Mar 6—Nisei artist Mine Okubo's drawings of camp life on exhibit in New York City.

Mar 14—Oregon legislature defeats House resolution demanding evacuees be excluded for duration.

Mar 16—Cal Attorney General Kenny raps economic opposition to return of evacuees to West Coast, tells state convention of sheriffs to maintain order.

Mar 16—British Columbia to screen all Japanese Canadians in province; Canadian government urges Nisei to resettle eastward.

Mar 17—War Dept announces 17,600 Japanese Americans in service, including alien Japanese volunteers.

Mar 17—Interior Sec Ickes reveals Department policy "discouraging" evacuees to return to west coast.

HAYAKAWA

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Iranians in this country and lock 'em up at Manzanar!"

A Manzanar Committee member, Warren Furutani, said,

"Of the many statements (Hayakawa) has made to raise the ire of different segments of the population, this one is the most dangerous (by) appealing to people's negative feelings of racism. He is using frustration around the Iran situation to whip up hysteria such as we witnessed on the news when demonstrating Iranian students were beat and kicked by a mob in Beverly Hills last year.

"The same hysteria was also present when the Japanese were incarcerated in concentration camps during WW2 without any due process of law, without any regard for their constitutional rights, and without any empathy for the human suffering they would have to endure . . .

"In the wake of Senator Hayakawa's absurd and irresponsible statement, a positive response as surfaced. That response is the general outrage expressed by the public toward the Senator's proposal." #

FROM THE FRYING PAN: Bill Hosokawa



Hopping (Around) in Houston

Houston, Texas

Wherever they may be, the founders of the JACL movement, bless their souls, would be astounded to learn that a chapter is alive and well here deep in the heart of Texas. If it isn't quite thriving, at least it is active and vigorous enough to host a district council meeting, which it did a few weeks ago.

Despite the energy shortage the meeting drew a few of the faithful from as far away as Denver, a two-hour flight by jetliner; Omaha, Albuquerque, Colorado's Arkansas Valley and of course San Francisco headquarters. Take a look on your map. That's covering a heap of territory.

The Nisei-Sansei-Yonsei community here is pretty much a postwar phenomenon although it is something of a mystery how those who wandered to these parts ever found each other, considering the size of this sprawling city. Although I didn't check the odometer of Tosh Matsumoto's car, the distance from the airport to downtown Houston must be substantially greater than the mileage from downtown Los Angeles to L.A. International.

There is, of course, no "typical" Houston Japanese American. They came here for various reasons, many of them to join the city's distinguished medical community. Matsumoto is an engineer, heading a team that designs electric generating plants for utilities. His firm transferred him from Los Angeles some years ago and he has

made a happy adjustment to Texas, thank you.

There are also youngsters like Paul Shinkawa, a Sansei with roots reaching back to Hawaii. His recent stops are an indication of the mobility of Japanese Americans these days. Shinkawa's parents live in Temple, Texas. Paul, until recently, was an attorney with a firm in Harlingen, which is not far from Brownsville, which is about as far south as you can go in Texas and about 250 or so miles from Houston. That didn't stop Paul from being an active leader of the Houston JACL chapter. But then Paul recently left his job in Harlingen to take a government post in Austin, the capital, which is some hundreds of miles off in another direction. Chances are he'll still be active in the Houston chapter.

One of the genuine old-timers (and that word is used in its nicest sense) is Jean Kurosaka Sano, formerly of Seattle. She moved to Houston just before World War II, going to Japan during the war with her husband Masaru, a member of the Japanese consular service. They returned to Houston when diplomatic relations were restored. Sano retired in Houston and died there last year. Jean is a sort of mother figure to Sansei and Yonsei as well as to the lost and lonely among the hundreds of Japanese businessmen and their families stationed in Houston.

One friend I never expected to see in Houston was Lee Chia, the Tokyo bureau chief of Central News of China. Lee is on sabbatical from Central News and is running

being organized across the country. Its sweeping impact will be felt in terms of Asian-Americans' political clout in the next 10 years, in terms of federal dollars Asian-Americans need for programs, in terms of our stake in local, state and federal government, in terms of reapportionment of school districts, local, state and national political offices. For these and other reasons, an accurate count of Asian-Americans in the up-coming census is important. And it is crucial that we in our communities play an active role in taking charge of census district offices, when asked to do so, and in cooperating at every level of the census effort.

To Be Concluded

MATSUI

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On the international stage, Americans now believe that our role of leadership and primacy around the world has diminished. Iran, again, is the tormenting reminder of that diminution. A backward nation, led by a religious fanatic, mobbed a U.S. embassy, took 65 Americans hostage and has displayed to the world a nation, our own, that is at once a military superpower and an impotent giant.

It is on this theme of humiliation inflicted on the United States that the 1970s will close on, a decade that a national magazine recently called the 10 years that shook America.

BUT IMPORTANT AS these headline issues for the 80s will be to us in shaping our lives — the economy, energy and international relations — they merely signal a more fundamental and basic issue — the spiritual values that will shape our society.

We in the Japanese-American community, of course, must share in the nation's agenda for the 80s. But we also have our own agenda, which we must be aware of if we are to have an impact on this nation.

Our agenda may not be global in scope, or as lofty in its goals, but it is every bit as important because its impact will be felt not only by us, but by our children and our children's children.

Of immediate concern is the upcoming Census count that is

the information department of the Houston office of the Coordination Council of North American Affairs. That's what the consular office of the Republic of China is called since we quit recognizing Taiwan.

Lee Chia is well known in Tokyo where everyone understands his family name is Lee. But to keep the record straight for Texans, he transposed his name to Chia Lee on his business cards. Somewhat to his consternation he found himself being called Charley.

Lee Chia and his wife, Topaz, haven't been in Houston very long, but long enough to have located an excellent sushi-bar, which they introduced to me. It's the Tokyo Gardens on Westheimer street. The Gondo family took a cavernous auto repair garage and with a touch of genius converted it into an attractive and fairly authentic Japanese restaurant.

Clever, these Texans.

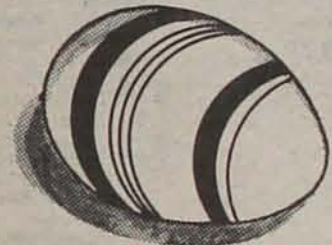
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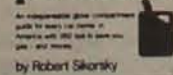
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Chapter Pulse

San Jose

San Jose JACL will sponsor its sixth annual bridge party on Saturday evening March 29, 7:30 p.m. at the Wesley Methodist Church social hall, 566 No. 5th St.

The \$3.50 entry fee will include social bridge for fun as well as duplicate sections for intermediate and advanced players and prizes in all three categories. Players may come in pairs or partners can be provided.

On the committee are Swanne McKay, Amy Higuchi, Hiroko Masunaga, Dianne Kawamura, Sachi Miki and Aiko Nakahara (258-7874).

Santa Barbara

Santa Barbara JACL held its in-

stallation dinner Feb. 16 at the Montecito Country Club but unfortunately the main speaker, Karl Nobuyuki, and regional director John Saito were stranded by stormy weather enroute from Los Angeles and unable to proceed to Santa Barbara nor return to Los Angeles.

Fortunately, Santa Barbara Mayor David Shiffman was present and pressed into service as speaker, stressing the importance of each individual vote in government and the need for everyone to be an active participant. The good mayor also installed the officers, led by Mike Hide, chairman.

Special music was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Creiger and Kirk Whitman. Orchid corsages, made by Amy Kakimoto, were presented to the ladies. Frank

Mori was emcee. The Rev. Dan Hodgson of Bethany Congregational Church gave the invocation; the Rev. Nobuo Miyaji of the Buddhist Church the benediction.

Sonoma County

Sonoma County JACL mourned the death of its longtime executive administrator Frank Oda, who died March 3 at Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital. He spent many hours on JACL matters and had regarded JACL his "second love".

The deadline is March 31 for high school students applying for the chapter memorial scholarship, Petaluma Japanese Sunday School scholarship and National JACL scholarships, it was reminded by Edwin Ohki.

Stockton

Karl Nobuyuki, National JACL executive director, was keynote speaker at the Stockton JACL installation dinner held recently at Gong Lee Minnie Restaurant.

In his perennial duties Superior Court Judge Bill Dozier installed the newly elected cabinet headed by president Ruby Dobana. Emcee for the evening was Dr. James Tanaka.

Honored guests were Mr. and Mrs. George Kondo, NC-WN regional director; Mr. and Mrs. Hiroshi Shinmoto, French Camp, JACL president; Mr. and Mrs. David Morimoto, Lodi JACL president.

Out-going president George Baba was presented with a gift of appreciation and a past president pin by Ruby Dobana in her first official duties.

An evening highlight was the surprise presentation of the Silver Pins to three chapter members: Henry Kusama, Bill Shima, and Mabel Okubo.

Tri-Valley

Tri-Valley JACLers and their family members rise early this Sunday, Mar. 23, for a pancake breakfast at the Cliff Yokomizo home in Dublin and follow it with two hours of bowling at Amador Valley Lanes. Ed Morimoto is chairing the Sunday family event.

Tickets are also out for the annual Tri-Valley JACL teriyaki box lunch sale April 13. Proceeds go toward community service projects and three student scholarships. Henry Kitajima and Aki Kuramoto are in charge. For tickets, call (415) 837-1301, 828-6972 or 829-4523.

A successful progressive dinner brought members and guests of the Tri-Valley Chapter together recently. Appetizers, salads, main courses, and desserts were enjoyed at several members homes in the Livermore, Amador, and Diablo Valleys. The highlight of the evening revealed a humorous white elephant gift exchange; also, a special prize was awarded to

'Jr. Olympics' interest high

SAN FRANCISCO—Interest is high for the 1980 JACL Jr. Olympics scheduled June 1 with winners traveling to Los Angeles for the state JACL championships June 15 at Santa Ana Jr. College.

With the No. Calif.-Western Nevada JACL District Council picking up sponsorship of San Francisco JACL Jr. Olympics, wider support for the popular event is expected, according to Jay Sasagawa, general chairman, and Steve Okamoto, Jr. Olympics chairman. Chapters should start forming teams. Individuals (unattached) may obtain forms from:

Jay Sasagawa, 2268 Oberlin St., Palo Alto, Ca 94306 (415) 321-0384.

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Snake River: 16-Bob S Uru.
Sonoma County: 18-Martin Shumtzu.
South Bay: 7-Mas Odoi.
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Stockton: 26-Harry S Hayashino, 19-Dr John I Morozumi.
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Washington, D.C.: 29-K Patrick Okura, 27-Lily Okura.

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5-Dr Yoshiyue Togasaki (CNC), 1-Tohru Yamanaka (Sac).

SUMMARY (Since Dec. 31, 1979)
Active (Prev total) 512
Total this report 73
Current total 585

Calendar

* non-JACL event

- MAR. 21 (Friday)**
San Francisco—S.F. Ctr for JA Studies mtg, Pine United Methodist Church, 8pm.
- MAR. 22 (Saturday)**
Nat'l JACL / PSWDC—An American Testimonial' bank, Bonaventure Hotel, Los Angeles, 6:30pm; Sens Inouye, Matsunaga, Hayakawa, Reys Mineta, Matsui, honorees.
Riverside—Potluck supper, Meiji Univ. baseball tm guests.
Stockton—Shimizu Choir concert.
- MAR. 23 (Sunday)**
Tri-Valley—BKJst bowling.
Berkeley—EBIH crab-spaghetti feed, Numano Sake Co., 8-9pm.
- MAR. 29 (Saturday)**
Philadelphia—Inst dnr-dance, Sheraton Valley Forge, King of Prussia, 6pm; Mike Masaoka, spkr.
San Jose—Bride party, Wesley United Methodist Church, 7:30pm.
Palm Beach, Fla—Japan Festival, Morikawa Museum, 2:30pm.
- APRIL 1 (Census Tuesday)**
East Los Angeles—AADAP workshop series: Japanese American Family (6 Tuesday sessions, free), Sage United Methodist Church, Monterey Park, 7:30-9:30pm.
- APRIL 4 (Friday)**
MEDYO/Cleveland—Spring workshop (3da), Harley Hotel, Bagley Rd, 1-7:15 Sat dnr, 6pm.
Cleveland—Bd mtg.
Seattle—Cherry Blossom Festival (3da), Seattle Ctr.
Seattle—A/PA Children's Literature conf, U Wash campus, 8:30-5pm.
- APRIL 5 (Saturday)**
East Los Angeles—Emerald Ball, Luminarias Restaurant, Monterey Park.

- APRIL 7 (Monday)**
Fresno—Bd mtg, Cal 1st Bank, 7pm.
- APRIL 8 (Tuesday)**
Stockton—Mtg, Cal 1st Bank, 8pm; Topic: Social Security.
- APRIL 10 (Thursday)**
Hoosier—Bd mtg, Joyce Yamaguchi res, 7:30pm.
Cincinnati—Japan in America (3da), Univ of Cincy Central Library; Sat lunch, Mt Auburn Presbyterian Church, 12n.
Portland—Mtg, JACL Office, 7:30pm.
- APRIL 11 (Friday)**
Tulare County—45th anny dnr, Dinuba Mem Hall.
Contra Costa—CARP mtg, East Bay Free Methodist Church, 8pm.
- APRIL 12 (Saturday)**
Berkeley—SFCJAS prod: 'Mondai wa Akira'.
Tri-Valley—Teriyaki box lunch sale.
Cincinnati—Bd mtg, Sato res.
Dayton—Bd mtg.
- APRIL 14 (Monday)**
West Los Angeles—Gen mtg.
Alameda—Bd mtg, Buena Vista United Methodist Church, 7:30pm.
- APRIL 16 (Wednesday)**
San Mateo—Bd mtg, Sturge Presbyterian Church, 8pm.
- APRIL 19 (Saturday)**
Alameda—One-day Reno trips.
Milwaukee—1000 Club whing ding, Country Garden.
East Los Angeles—Cherry Blossom Festival (2da), ELA College.
- APRIL 20 (Sunday)**
Arizona—Issei Appr dnr, China Doll Restaurant.
Portland—Japanese movies, Moreland Theater.

Convention Schedule Deadlines

Following deadlines relate to the 26th biennial National JACL Convention in San Francisco, July 28 - Aug. 1, 1980

- April 4**—Application form for Japanese American of the Biennium. TO: Cheryl Kinoshita, ch, JA of the Biennium Comm, 3520 S Thistle St, Seattle, Wa 98118. (See Jan. 4-11 PC for rules.)
- April 25**—Application form for Nominations for National Officers. TO: Grayce Ueyehara, ch, Nat'l Nomin Comm, 1535 Marlboro, West Chester, Pa 19380.
- April 30**—Application form for Masao-ka Distinguished Service Award. TO: DSA Comm, c/o JACL Nat'l Hq, 1765 Sutter St, San Francisco, Ca 94115.
- May 1**—Convention resolutions. TO: Margaret Hasegawa, ch, Res Comm, 3562 Crawford, Idaho Falls, Id 83401.
- May 1**—JACLer of the Biennium award from District Councils. TO: Edward Yamamoto, ch, JACLer of Biennium comm, 4502 Fairchild Loop, Moses Lake, Wa 98837.
- May 15**—Application for George J Inagaki Chapter Citizenship Award. TO: George Sakaguchi, ch, Inagaki Awd Comm, 9109 Rustic Wood Trail, St Louis, Mo 63126.
- May 19**—Chapter Nat'l Dues 1980. TO: Helen Kawagoe, ch, Credentials Comm, 21111 Dolores St #66, Carson, Ca 90745.
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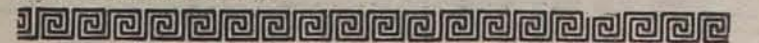
Initial local overtures were made last October when Dr. Walter Hashimoto, past JACL chapter president, visited Japan and extended letters from

Fremont Mayor Gene Rhodes. George Kato and Aileen Tsujimoto, JACLers, are on the local Sister City Committee. Yoko Young, another JACLer, is vice president of the Friends of the Sister City, financial arm of the Sister City committee.

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